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CHAPTER XII.

"Are you as happy as you sound?" said some one close by, as she ceased singing; and she discovered that the rector, unseen, had been her audience.

"Well, I do believe I am," she answered, blinking the tell-tale moisture from her long lashes as she closed the organ and released the curly headed Peggs. "You don't think me utterly childish for it, do you?"

"Nay," he answered, very kindly, knowing though not from her, something of the Gate House doings. "You have every right to revel in the present, and what it is bringing you. Only, take an old man's counsel. Don't set your heart on it too much. Riches sometimes make themselves wings and fly away."

"Ah, but," she answered, "mine shall not. I mean to be a penurious old lynx, and never exceed my income."

"Good!" laughed Mr. Vaughan; "long may this wisdom last! But," lapsing into seriousness, "if ever this money of yours eludes your vigilance, if it melts away, let the record of its use leave a pleasant memory

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ed the old dame, she supposed. "Why should I go away? I don't want to."

"Ay, ay," chuckled the old body, "that's on'y like the lady should say, but there's them that won't fall in with it. 'A thief'—askin' pardon for the sayin'—'don't leave his sack behind,' now do he?" And then Mrs. Hills, who was afflicted with asthma, fell into such a fit of mirthful choking, in simple charity, her visitor nodded good-bye and departed—only, however, to encounter equally mysterious words before she had gone fifty yards further. For round the corner of the village street swept Lady Comyngham's low phaeton, herself, with the cockaded groom behind, driving the handsome cream cobs, which much against their will, were reined in at sight of Miss Alwyn.

"I have been at The Dale," said the countess, leaning forward most amiably, "and was so sorry to miss seeing you. But allow me to congratulate you now. I hope this event will bring you much happiness."

It was curious, thought Sydney, for her mother, who all too evidently grudged this division of income, to speak of it to strangers, but she must have done so. And taking this as an omen of pleasanter feeling between them, the girl thanked Lady Comyngham with warmth, and hoped she might use the change so that no one would have to repent it.

"Very, very becomingly said," approved the countess, giving Sydney's shoulders a coax with her whip. "I trust you'll prosper, I'm sure, though these matters are dreadful lotteries. As I've told my girls."

"When the earl came into his fortune, I suppose," thought Sydney, answering with such an air of unshakable security, "I hope there's not much of the lottery in my case!"

hat the countess, for all her fifty years' ups and downs, would not dishearten her with any more wisdom of experience.

"Oh, well, well," she said ("Stand still, Spit-fire!"), "I presume this has been looked forward to so long by all parties that you feel safe of each other, and sure of everything going light. Make my felicitations to—oh," she coughed violently, "these reatures won't let a woman speak! Good-bye, Miss Alwyn," as the pair departed. "Come to Oakleigh one Saturday—both of you."

"Leonora too," mused Sydney, and all wondering whether success could attend that lofty scheme of her mother's, which by now she understood, though no confidence on the subject was extended to her.

On that point Mrs. Alwyn's hopes were now in the zenith of hopefulness, for Mr. Duvesne had been among the first callers after their return. Ostensibly he came to thank her for certain weekly doles supplied

behind. For," half soliloquizing, bachelor fashion, "to have done your best with all you had, so long as you were able, there's always comfort in that. Though," as Sydney's features reflected his grave mood, "I ought not to dose my pupil with truisms to-day. I had been writing to that friend Drayton, and I spoke of and fell quoting my attempts at consolation. Now for something cheerfulness! Will and Ben" (the boys had got their scholarships and were away at school) "are doing famously. The impudent lads send word they'll coach you when they come home in July!"

"So they shall," said Sydney, gladly, though the dim by-fitting of that other sorrow-tried life had made her nerves vibrate sadly for a minute, "and they shall both have Geneva with backs that won't bend and crystals that won't break for their pains. Tell them so, please."

"I shall do nothing of the sort, penurious Miss Alwyn," returned the rector, "for fear you should change your mind."

"I change my mind!" reproachfully. "But, Mr. Vaughan," stopping short in the church porch, "is—is—Mr. Drayton ever coming to see you again?"

"He promised he would, but he writes that this property of his is in confusion. He may turn out worth much less or much more than he expected. I suppose he is busy over that."

"I wish he would come," said Sydney, and the rector looked puzzled.

"What, even now?" he asked.

"More now than ever," said Sydney; and then went off, leaving her old friend wondering what this wish for Richard Drayton betokened, and whether it sounded auspicious for that dark-mustached young man so often at The Dale, at whom his "ever now" had pointed—a hint, perhaps too indefinite to evoke response.

But, taking license from the innuendoes sowed by Mrs. Alwyn as part of her tactics, other tongues were more outspoken, and speeches, at first bewildering, clearer later on, greeted Sydney even as she went home that day.

"I'm wholly fearful we'll be a lossin' of ye now, miss," said old Mrs. Hills, her father's last attendant, to whom, in passing, she mostly stayed and spoke. "Tain't likely you'll be long here now."

"Why not?" asked Sydney, unsuspectingly. Some absurd version of her coming fortune must have reach-

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from The Dale to an old couple in his parish—Mrs. Alwyn's smallest light never wasted a ray for want of being set on a candlestick—but the delighted mother marked how he reported progress of his rectory, and lamented to Leonora that it was not half what he wished "for a lady." Would she look it through some day with Mrs. Alwyn and her sister? Would she tell him how it could be improved? "Of course," gazing about the handsome Dale drawing room, "it was nothing like this. The old building and Miss Villier's perfect taste"—Mrs. Alwyn credited Leonora with every suitable shape and shade on the premises—"had made this unmatchable. Honestly, The Dale ought to be part of the Oakleigh estate, but he supposed the absent owner would say 'no' to that."

Hereupon his hostess had returned that she in propria persona was proprietor of The Dale now; she had completed the purchase of her brother. And she hoped never to part from it except to her elder daughter, so, unluckily, the place must be burdened with her Leonora.

"And a great improvement the burden will be," said Mr. Duvesne, allantly. "Pray don't imagine I had my intention of robbing these parts when I made my selfish suggestion 'ust now.'"

With which the young clericus had glided from the topic Mrs. Alwyn fondly hoped he was approaching information of a recent domestic event, interesting, of course, to intimates only. His sister, Lady Avena Massey, was the happy mother of a little son, successor to four sisters, the first grandson of the family, a young man who had caused as much stir at Oakleigh Place as in his native Staffordshire home.

"My mother," said the Honorable Edward, laughing, "has been fussing over silver mugs, and the girls have been stitching at some white garment long enough for a grown-up ghost, and the people at Barnes have been sending up gifts most glaringly useless to a fortnight-old baby—"

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