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CHAPTER XXII.

The general was greatly perplexed and quite at a loss what to do. At first he thought he would consult the duchess, who appeared to him to be a compendium of all worldly knowledge, but he soon dismissed that idea. It would be a betrayal of a secret that he had discovered himself only by chance. During the next few days he watched Leah covertly, and now that he had the key, he understood the enigma of her conduct better. He saw how completely engrossed she was in her love—that she seemed to have no thought, no interest, no care outside it. It would be in every respect a most eligible match, thought the general. The two estates would become one, and Sir Basil would make a name for himself. They were both young, handsome, gifted. What a pity that Sir Basil did not fall in love with the girl who was so devoted to him!

Leah came down one morning looking pale and tired; she had not slept during the night, and the dark eyes were languid and shaded. Sir Arthur grew alarmed and anxious about her. He wanted to take her out for a drive, but she declined going. She admitted that she was not well. He proposed that he should take her into the woods, or for a walk down to the sea, but the sun was hot—she would not venture. The general was greatly disturbed.

The duchess found him wandering uneasily up and down the terrace. "You are looking very grave this morning, Sir Arthur," she said. "May I venture to ask what occupies your thoughts?"

"I am thinking about subjects that I do not in the least understand," he answered. "It seems to me that even after so many years' experience, I know but little of life. Tell me, duchess—you understand matters—do girls ever really suffer and die from love?"

The duchess started. Had he, too, found out the secret that she had discovered?

"Yes," she answered, "I think they do sometimes die of love. Not often; there are exceptional cases, as there are exceptional natures." His face cleared a little.

"It is not the kind of thing you

would expect from a sensible girl?" he interrogated.

"No," replied the duchess; "it is the last thing that would happen to a sensible girl."

He gave a great sigh of relief. "And yet you think there are girls who would really die if they were what is called 'crossed in love'?"

"Yes," said the duchess, "I think so. If a girl is full of romance and poetry, and throws her heart and soul into her love, the consequences are likely to be serious if matters do not progress smoothly."

There was little comfort to be gained from this—for Leah, he knew, was visionary and romantic.

"It seems to me," he said gently, "that such love causes more pain than pleasure."

"I think it does," agreed the duchess.

Then she went away. She would say no more; it did not seem to her either fair or honorable that they should discuss the secret which both had discovered.

The general became more and more anxious. He was thinking always of his niece; he watched her face intently. If it is unclouded, if her eyes were bright and the red lips smiling, he was happy; but if she looked sad he was miserable. He had not known until now how dearly he loved her. He had thought money and position all-powerful; but they were not so. All his wealth could not buy for his niece that which she desired—could not give her love and happiness. It was late in life for him to make this unpleasant discovery. What could he do for her? Sir Basil liked her; he was quite sure of that. He seemed happy always when he was with her; he sought her society frequently—why should he not love her?

It struck him suddenly one morning that, if Sir Basil only knew how matters stood, he might, in all probability would, ask Leah to marry him.

"I spoke to Lady Bourgoyne at once," he said to himself, "when the major told me that she would never be a happy woman unless I married her. The chances are that in the same circumstances Sir Basil would follow my example."

He determined that, as he was Leah's guardian, uncle, and adopted father, he was the right person to give this delicate hint.

A favorable opportunity occurred a few days afterward. He overtook Sir Basil, who was strolling on the beach alone, smoking a cigar. The general reddened all over his honest bronzed face when he thought of the great interest at stake, and how much depended on the result of the conversation.

They first discussed the weather and matters of general interest. Then Sir Arthur began cautiously to feel his way. He always thought afterward that this conversation had been a masterpiece of diplomacy. He commenced to talk about Glen and its surroundings.

"You will want a mistress for that beautiful home of yours some day, Sir Basil," he said.

The young baronet laughed.

"I suppose so," he said.

"Have you begun to think of looking out, or settling down, or whatever it is called?" asked the general.

"No; I have not had time. I am in no hurry; I should like to make some position for myself before I think of marriage," said the young baronet.

"Quite right," cried the general, hastily. He must not show his hand too soon. "Are you ambitious?" he asked, suddenly.

"Yes," was the frank reply. "For my part, I do not believe in hereditary position; I believe that every man should carve out a name and fame for himself. I, for instance, would far rather be known as Basil Carlton, statesman, or skilful soldier, or able writer, than merely as Sir Basil Carlton, of Glen."

"I hope to Heaven," said the general, "that you are not a radical!"—and his thoughts flew back to Martin

Ray. "No, I am not a radical; but I think there are many fine and noble men in England to be found among the radicals."

"That may be," acknowledged Sir Arthur. "Politics," he continued, "are a fair game, at which every man can play. I respect the convictions of every honest man; but I loathe and detest men who trade upon others, make tools of them, and foster rebellion and murder."

"That is not radicalism," said Sir Basil, calmly.

But it was not politics that the general wished to discuss.

"I suppose you would like to go in to parliament, Sir Basil," he remarked.

"I have often thought of it," he said; "and I shall most certainly try for it. That is my ideal life—to serve my country in some way during part of the year, and to live on my estate during the remainder. One of my greatest ambitions is to have a model estate."

"A very noble ambition, too," remarked the general. "I approve of that. And you do not think of marrying yet? But you will want a wife to do the honors for you, if you carry out your plans."

"I had better make my mark first," he said.

The general looked at him keenly. "You are not one of those who despise marriage, or think it of little consequence?" he queried.

"No—far from it. I think it is the one step in life that makes or mars a man; his happiness or misery most certainly depends upon it; therefore, I hope to look before I leap."

"Quite right," said the general; "you could not do better. Men have such different tastes. Now, what is your idea of a wife?"

Sir Basil laughed. "I do not know that I have formed one yet."

The general looked relieved. If his heart was yet untouched, why could he not learn to love Leah?

"I should like to know," he said, thoughtfully, "what you would expect in a wife. What are the qualifications you deem necessary in a woman who would aspire to that position?"

"I have never thought about it; I suppose my ideas are not different from other people's," answered Sir Basil, laughing.

"Would you marry for beauty, money, or position?"

"No; I should marry for love," said Sir Basil. "I should never marry for beauty, though I should like the woman I love to have a fair face of her own. I do not care for money—I have quite enough; but I shall not be ill-pleased if my wife has some fortune." (To be continued.)

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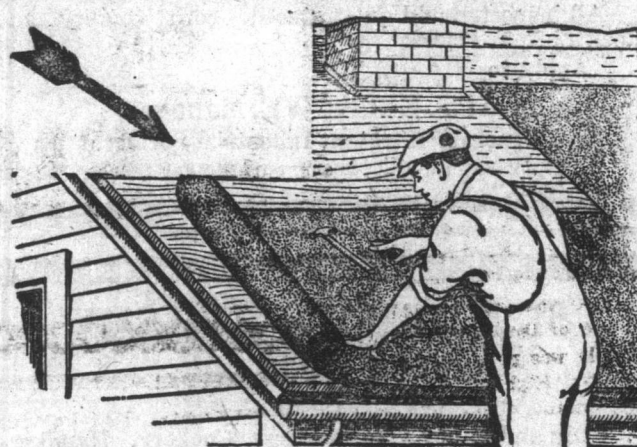
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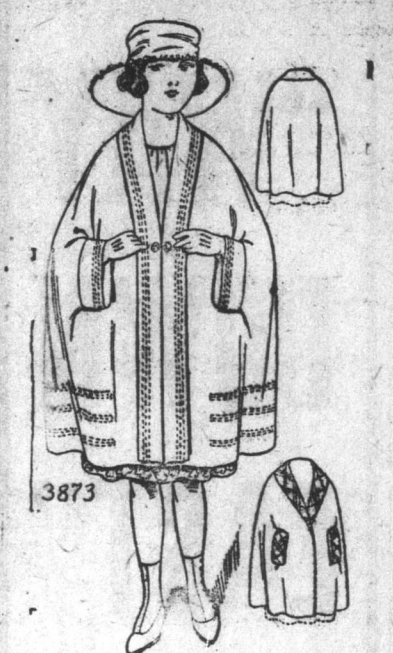
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