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Vera's Love Affair

CHAPTER LVIII.

Thou troublest me; I am not in the vein.

"Yes, I know. It was because it was so bad that I felt I should come. I couldn't bear the thought of your spending such a day alone, with no company but the pitter-patter of that detestable rain upon the window-panes. I had a tussle for it, I can tell you. Tom and Grace threatened to tie me to the leg of the bed, but I dragged myself away, literally. Aren't you surprised to see me in this part of the world so soon again?"

"Oh, I am too glad to be surprised," says Vera fondly.

"You're an imprudent person," says Mrs. Peyton, beaming on her from out the masses of furs that clothe her dainty form. "Fancy wasting such a pretty speech on a woman! Well, Grace telegraphed for us, to help her with a dinner-party that is to come off tonight—so come we did. And being close to you, I felt I should see you or die."

"It's selfish, I know, but I'm so glad to have you. Let me take off your furs. What a delicious coat! You hadn't that when I was down with you, eh?"

"No, it's a new one. Tom gave it to me. He's absurd, but never. But I haven't braved the elements and the coachman's wrath to talk about him. It's about Seaton I want to tell you."

"Seaton? To come out such a rainy day as this to talk of Seaton? But why? It must be something very serious," says Vera, changing color perceptibly. She moves abruptly from one small table to another, ostensibly with the purpose of changing an ornament, though in reality such changes are needless. "Is—has anything happened to him?"

"No, no; nothing worse than what has already befallen. When I think of it, do you know, Vera, I cannot help regarding you—and me—as in help regarding him. Poor, dear fellow, it must have been a blow to him. And yet what more could we have done than what we did do? To the half of our kingdom we offered him, but as you were leading him a thousand times, surely you didn't place yourself in danger of death from drowning to go over it all again."

"Not exactly. I was merely leading up to my point, if you had only given me time," says Griselida, with charming audacity. "The fact is, however, leaving England for ever, and he has a desire, a longing he cannot subdue, and, I'm sure, a most natural one, to see his old home before he goes."

"Well," says Vera coldly.

"Well," in exactly the same tone, with a little mockery thrown in, "that's the whole of it. He wants to get a last look at the old place before leaving it for ever. At least, that is how he puts it. To get a last look at you would, perhaps, be nearer the truth. Can he come? That is the question. I really think it would be only decent if you were to drop him a line and ask him. It would be the most graceful thing, at all events."

"It is so entirely unnecessary. He knows he can always have his own rooms here. One would think I was a tyrant of the Middle Ages, myself, in my castle, to which no man dare make approach. He must know that I look on this house—as quiet as much his as mine. He certainly need not ask for a written invitation to come to it."

"It appears he does, nevertheless. Of course, you have heard he is off next week to the North Pole, or the moon, or somewhere equally rational, when he is certain to find his death. My word, Vera, I wouldn't have as much on my soul as you have for a little kingdom. It's a bad thing when one gives a man a distaste for life—that sweetest of all things. You should take pattern by me and reform your evil ways; see how I sacrificed myself, up took Tom simply and solely because—"

"You couldn't help yourself."

"Nothing of the kind because I saw he couldn't possibly pull on without me. Well," with a saucy little glance that only partially hides a good deal of earnestness, "can he come?"

"I have already said he could."

"Ah, yes; but that won't do. He

doesn't see it in that light; more's the pity. He makes the most foolish remarks about not liking to be rushed in you, and so on. Not to me—he knows I'd blow his head off—but to Tom, who is much safer."

"If he is determined to be so absurdly punctilious, impatiently, of course, he must get his formal invitation."

"Well, go on. Shall I send it, or will you? I mean, shall I write and tell him you will be charmed if he will come?"

"That letter would not bring him."

"No? What a conceited speech! You think him still so very devoted, then?"

"I think him proud," with a slight access of color. For the rest, I don't suppose he ever thinks of me, save as the person who usurped his rights here."

"He is looking a good deal older," says Griselida presently and rather inconsequently.

"We all get older," she says with a swift frown. "It is plain that Griselida's last words have been unpleasant to her. 'If I am to believe that Seaton ages in proportion to the many times I hear he is falling into the sea and yellow period of existence, he must now resemble Methusalem!' This is such an unusual burst of flippancy for her that involuntarily Griselida turns to look at her with a glance full of surprise."

"He has a hair or two left still," she says at length, "and a few front teeth I can vouch for. You must not believe all you hear."

Vera laughs unwillingly.

"It is not wisdom to give credit to all that one's mutual acquaintances have got to say," says Griselida, mildly.

"But as a mere fact, and as a sisterly account, believe this, he is three years older than he was last season. I feel that I should make it a point to tell you, but I'm nothing, if not a modern Washington."

"You speak as if you had seen him yesterday," says Vera.

"My dear girl, I hope not. I would at all risks act up to the character of the man which I have modeled myself, I saw him today."

"Today?" starting. "Why, where is he, then?"

"Starting with Grace. Perhaps he knew I was coming here, I don't know; but, cooingly, 'you will give me a little look to take back with me? You won't shut his own doors against him?'"

"Oh, Griselida, is that kind, is it generous?" cries Vera, cut to the heart. "I will write—yes—but I don't think you should put it so."

"I'm a beast," says Griselida, sweetly.

"This naturally put an end to all reproach. Having been assured that she isn't a beast or anything lower than the very dearest of girls, Mrs. Peyton returns on amors to the subject in hand. But first she finds something to say about Vera herself."

"Where's your color?" she asks, pinching Vera's pretty, pale cheek, with fond fingers. "You look altogether too-begone. I know an artist or two, and I'll tell them, if they want a really unimpeachable 'Mariana,' moated grange and all, there to come down and see what it's like. You look as if you were no longer hungry for the plain rice. And small blame to you, too! But what has taken away those spicy ingredients?"

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Best way to keep it small is not to call the doctor, but use Nervine instead. For minor ailments like colds, coughs, chills, cramps, headache and stomach trouble Nervine is just as good as any doctor. It breaks up a cold in one night, cures soreness in the chest, and for neuralgia, toothache and rheumatism you can't get anything half so good as Nervine. The fame of Nervine for cramps, colic and pain in the stomach extends far and wide. Good for everything a liniment can be good for and costs but 25c for a large bottle.

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Wonderly Wins Another Race at Benning's—Rode an Outsider—General Sporting.

The St. John's A. C. have decided that they will not enter a team in the C. L. A. this season. This will not, however, prevent the city from having a speedy aggregation independent of any provincial association.

It was decided after due consideration that it would not be advisable to enter the league at present, although there are enough good players in the city to form a good team. It is expected that a team will soon be organized which will work as "free lances" and accept and give challenges to outside teams. It is not thought that London will be the lower because of the decision to keep out of the C. L. A.

LACROSSE.

THE NEW TORONTO CLUB.

Toronto, March 30.—A new senior C. L. A. lacrosse club was organized here tonight, called the Queen City Club. They will probably play at the island. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, John A. McKee; president, Edith; vice-president, W. Wilson; treasurer, Thomas G. Soole; secretary, F. W. Thompson; C. L. A. delegates, F. W. Thompson and W. Wilson.

KINCARDINE ORGANIZED.

Kincardine, March 30.—The Bruce Boys' Lacrosse Club of Kincardine held their annual meeting, when the following officers were appointed: Honorary president, John Toimie, M. P.; vice-president, Hugh Clark, M. P. P.; president, W. D. Galt; secretary, W. J. Bruce; field captain, W. McIvor; managing committee, O. Jennings, J. D. Miller, F. Ross, and J. Galt.

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UNITED STATES IS STILL AHEAD.

Paris, March 30.—The United States leads in the first evening's play of billiards at 18-ball and 19-ball, two shots in. Wilson P. Foss, amateur billiard champion of the United States, having scored 400 points to 388 made by Lucien Rocelles, the French amateur champion. Foss led throughout, but his opponent made the best run with 120 points. Foss's best run was 72.

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GOOD WEATHER ASSURES FINE EASTER SHOOT

The second annual invitation club shoot of the Springwood Gun Club will be held tomorrow. Only good weather is needed to make the event far in advance of all others held by the club. Quite a number of shots from Brantford, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Leamington and other places will be in attendance. There are nine events on the list, and the first shot will be fired at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, so that no discomfort will be necessary.

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