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HER EARNEST TRUTH

CHAPTER VII.

Jealousy Cruel as the Grave.

"I met the doctor at Madame T's, where I called on some business, and as I knew he was a friend of yours, Miss Regan, I brought him on to make a fourth at our dinner-table. Don't look daggers at my dear Alice, I told him what a very modest repeat I invited him to."

"Come, now, Ben, that's quite too bad; you will make Dr. Pyne think I am not quite so glad to see him as I really am. I was only anxious as to whether our entertainment was worthy of our guest."

Dr. Pyne made a pretty reply and the incorrigible Ben continued:

"Nonsense, yet, I told him who he would meet and knew he would be entertained enough for him."

"Why not add for any man, to show how sincerely you at least appreciate the honor?"

"By Jove!" thought Ben, still more light creeping into his bald pate, "is it possible she's jealous?"

Dr. Pyne was sincerely glad to see Bethel, so glad that he had been finding such pleasure in her company, he could have ever left it.

Dinner over, the two guests found themselves alone. A volume of plays, so Ben was at liberty to question his young wife as to what she meant by sneering at him at dinner. Alice tried to put off the evil hour by saying:

"There, then, Ben, don't let us quarrel. I forgive you."

"Why, for admiring Miss Regan too much and making people talk about you?"

"Oh, people have been talking, have they? And, pray, what did they say? They were well employed, I must say, to try to make mischief between man and wife. Come, tell me all about it. You will feel better for the confidence."

Ben put his arm round his little wife's waist and drew her to his side. She patted his rough cheek as she said:

"Now, confess you were very wicked with pretty women before you married me."

"Confess, and that is the more reason you should trust me now, pet. A man must have his fling and he'd better have it before marriage than after, say I."

"Well, you see, Ben, I love you very dearly."

Ben kissed her gratefully, saying quietly:

"Perfect love casteth out fear."

"Well, my love is not perfect, because, you see, dear, I am such a poor delicate little misery I can't be all I would to you. Were I as strong as other women?"

"Darling, I love you best as you are; I would not change you for the world. But come to the point, what about the Regal Regan and your foolish Bottom, my pretty Titania?"

"Well, Ben, please, don't be cross, but I whispered about that you pay great attention to her, and I am sure that people say unpleasant things about you both, which are the more readily believed because of her previous history."

"You see, she makes no secret of her baby, I know she pretends to be her friend, Mrs. West's; but, of course, no one credits that."

"Come, Alice, this does not sound like my charitable, compassionate wife. How often you have said, sweetest, 'No woman should boast of her virtue until it has been tried.' Remember, it is rarely that opportunity, that has to be thanked in virtuous lives. No my queen, a bad woman is a blot upon creation, but one may have sinned once and be forgiven; if she truly repents of it and shows by her life that she lives in sin contrary to her nature. You said some pretty lines the other night. I'd rather you'd remember them now. They were, I think:

"Yes, for a spirit pure as hers
Is always pure even while it errs,
As sunshine broken by the rill,
Though turned away, is sunshine still."

"If you hold her so I shall think there is some cause for fear of you," observed the wife.

"Alice, 'tis rarely I am stern with the subject for which you will show me. Come, tell me, who have I to thank for putting such miserable thoughts into my darling's head? I had hoped, sweetest heart, that you loved me, and now I have an evil thought to disturb you and work for you alone, and now I am lost some of its sweetness since now I have not your entire trust."

"Who was it?"

"Miss Eston. Forgive my jealousy; but see, I am so much alone that I tell Rose I have told you, will you?"

"You see, I promised I would not repeat it, but do you know, she is dreadfully bitter against Miss Regan?"

"Jealous, again, pet; see what meanness it is. Here come our guests. By Jove! Pyne seems brightened up marvelously. Miss Regan is a clever girl. Well, Miss Regan, will you come where duty calls you?"

"Of course."

"Oh, I intend to come. I long to see Miss Regan as Portia. She tells me you are thinking of mounting 'The School for Scandal,' to replace 'The Merchant of Venice.' I am glad of it, for I believe Miss Regan will make a charming Lady Teazle. Mrs. Bonner, do you feel equal to sharing a box with me tonight? I will take care of you and the change will do you good. To keep up the health you must keep up spirits, the one has so much sympathy with the other."

"What, Ben," asked Mrs. Bonner, "do you think best for me?"

"To come, of course. I wish you would go out with me. I am sure you would be the better for it."

Mrs. Bonner consented, and on the way to the theater they called for the

little madame, and found her punishing Puck in a novel manner for stealing. She had tied his hands behind him and bound him tightly to the heavy dining-room table, which was heaped with every kind of delicacy he most longed for, and of which he was not able to touch a morsel. Madame sat, and saw his mouth watering, with great eyes, fondly imagining she was teaching him a lesson in self-denial.

She readily consented to join her friends, and before starting put a preliminary question to Puck's mouth and left him to the enjoyment of contemplation.

A week after this the same party were again gathered together to visit

YESTERDAY WAS FAVORITES' DAY AT THE JAMAICA TRACK

Five of Them Won Races—Sacharometer Won Williamsburg Handicap—General.

THE TURF.

MATCH RACE AT EMPIRE.

Bids for the \$10,000 match race between Major Delmar and Lord Derby, to be decided July 4, were opened Friday, but, owing to the fact that the two parties had reached an agreement, they will not be given out by the stakeholder until the track over which the race will be decided is agreed upon.

George Spear, who had just returned from Chicago, said yesterday that the place would be agreed upon in a day or two. According to his opinion, he thought it would be either the Empire City track or Readville, with the chances in favor of the Empire. It is understood that the officials of the Empire track have made the most liberal offer and the chances are that it will be decided there, although Mr. Spear said he had had some very good offers, which he had not yet discussed with the interested parties, and there might be some change at the last minute.

FAVORITES' DAY AT JAMAICA.

New York, May 5.—Sacharometer, at the prohibitive odds of 1 to 3, easily won the Williamsburg handicap at Jamaica today. Race King captured the Elmhurst stakes for 2-year-olds in easy fashion. Orloff, the winner of the first race, was bid up to \$2,600—an advance of \$300 over his entered selling price of \$2,300.

First race, 6 furlongs, selling—Orloff, 108 (Burns), 11 to 5 and even; 1, Star and Garter, 30 (McCaftery), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; 2, 1; 3, 1; 4, 1; 5, 1; 6, 1; 7, 1; 8, 1; 9, 1; 10, 1; 11, 1; 12, 1; 13, 1; 14, 1; 15, 1; 16, 1; 17, 1; 18, 1; 19, 1; 20, 1; 21, 1; 22, 1; 23, 1; 24, 1; 25, 1; 26, 1; 27, 1; 28, 1; 29, 1; 30, 1; 31, 1; 32, 1; 33, 1; 34, 1; 35, 1; 36, 1; 37, 1; 38, 1; 39, 1; 40, 1; 41, 1; 42, 1; 43, 1; 44, 1; 45, 1; 46, 1; 47, 1; 48, 1; 49, 1; 50, 1; 51, 1; 52, 1; 53, 1; 54, 1; 55, 1; 56, 1; 57, 1; 58, 1; 59, 1; 60, 1; 61, 1; 62, 1; 63, 1; 64, 1; 65, 1; 66, 1; 67, 1; 68, 1; 69, 1; 70, 1; 71, 1; 72, 1; 73, 1; 74, 1; 75, 1; 76, 1; 77, 1; 78, 1; 79, 1; 80, 1; 81, 1; 82, 1; 83, 1; 84, 1; 85, 1; 86, 1; 87, 1; 88, 1; 89, 1; 90, 1; 91, 1; 92, 1; 93, 1; 94, 1; 95, 1; 96, 1; 97, 1; 98, 1; 99, 1; 100, 1; 101, 1; 102, 1; 103, 1; 104, 1; 105, 1; 106, 1; 107, 1; 108, 1; 109, 1; 110, 1; 111, 1; 112, 1; 113, 1; 114, 1; 115, 1; 116, 1; 117, 1; 118, 1; 119, 1; 120, 1; 121, 1; 122, 1; 123, 1; 124, 1; 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