

Ruled Destiny!

CHAPTER XXII.
LINKED WITH THE PAST.

"Well, I wrote and told her so, and asked for more particulars and references, of course. The references came, and I found them extremely satisfactory. I then gave her some few particulars respecting yourself, and, in short, I accepted the situation for you on condition of your agreement. The salary is not a large one, but there will be a comfortable home, and Florence is a beautiful place, I am told. Never was out of England myself, and don't want to be!" he jerked in; "but still, it's a beautiful place, and most ladies are fond of flowers, why—"

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"Yes," he said, huskily; "that is, if you like to take it. You shall look over the papers and decide. The work will not be hard; you will have to do some copying and write from dictation—I should buy a work on botany and study it on the journey, if I were you—and from what I hear, I think you would find Mrs. Sinclair a very nice lady. Now, don't say a word, but look over the letters while I take a cup of tea."

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CHAPTER XXIII.
A BITTER PUNISHMENT.

IT was an awful ride which Lady Blanche had undertaken, and for the remainder of her life she remembered that night journey.

They reached the house, and at the sound of their approach, Sir Joseph came to the door. He started as his eyes fell on Lady Blanche, and he looked beyond her as if he had expected to see some one else—Florin.

"Lady Blanche!" he said. "Have you come all this way—"

She fell rather than slipped from the saddle and caught his arm.

"Tell—tell me the truth!" she panted. "Is he—"

Her white face and suppressed emotion startled him.

"Lord Norman, thank Heaven, is alive!" he answered gravely.

Lady Blanche put her hands before her eyes and remained motionless for a moment, then she accepted Sir Joseph's arm and allowed him to lead her into the house.

"And you have ridden all this way in the dead of the night!" he said, scarcely yet realizing that it was really she who stood before him. "You must be wet through. Florin, is there no change of clothes; we have, unfortunately, no women-folk here."

She shook her head.

"It does not matter. No, I am not very wet. I do not care in the least. Sir Joseph, can I—can I see him? But of course, I can! I have come to nurse him!"

Sir Joseph stared.

If any one should have come, it should have been Florin—the girl to whom he was engaged. His thought found expression.

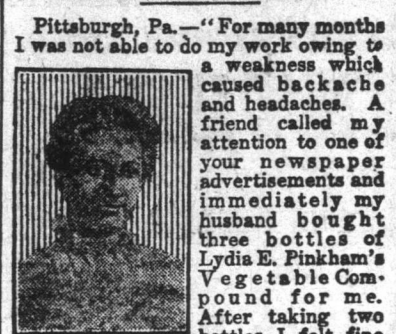
"Have you told—how is Miss Carlisle? I trust the sad news has not made her ill?" he said.

Lady Blanche looked up wildly. She had almost forgotten Florin.

"We—we did not tell her," she said, coldly and distinctly. "We thought it better not to do so until—until we know how Lord Norman really was. This is why I have come."

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patience had been the cause of the accident.

Dr. Greene looked up as she approached, and scanned her face critically.

"Is he asleep?" she whispered, huskily.

"No," he said, aloud; "you need not be afraid to speak. Lady Blanche; he is quite unconscious, and will remain so, I am afraid for some time."

"Is he much hurt?" she asked, her eyes riveted on the white face.

"Very much," he said, concisely. "The stag did not spare him, poor fellow!"

"Is it dead?" she ground out between her teeth, with a sudden savage flash of her eyes.

"Is it—the stag? I do not know." "Yes," murmured Lord Harry, miserably, from the other end of the room.

She did not hear him, but stood with her eyes fixed on the motionless face, while she drew off her gloves.

"Sir Joseph tells me you wish to help me, Lady Blanche," said Dr. Greene. "Do you not think you had better rest for a while? Your journey has been an extraordinary one for a lady to undergo."

he in the way, left them, and the two women confronted each other.

"The nurse has them," said Lady Betty, coldly.

"The nurse!" echoed Lady Blanche. "Where are the things you have brought?"

"Why did you bring one? I am the nurse, Lady Pendleton."

"What right have you here?" she demanded. "Do you think Florin will be pleased when she hears—"

"Florin, Florin! I am sick of the name!" said Lady Blanche, with a curl of the lips. "Listen to me!" and she came quite close to the agitated woman. "Florin Carlisle is not here, she will not come here. You know why, as well or better than I do. Do you think because she has jilted and deserted him, that I should do so, too? Wait! I have come down because I have something to say to you. Remember, please, that I am Lord Norman's relative; that I am nearer to him than any Florin, jilt or no jilt, and that it is I—and no one else—who will tell him how she has deserted him! I will brook no interference from any one but Miss Carlisle, and do not expect to meet with any from her!" and, with a wave of the white hand, she swept noiselessly from the room.

The days passed; the little stone house, which had been built for pleasure, had become like a hospital.

On the evening of the fifth day, as Dr. Greene stood beside the window, looking out on the wild scene with a grave and anxious face, he heard Lady Blanche whisper his name, and turned noiselessly to the bed.

Lord Norman had opened his eyes and was looking at Lady Blanche with an expression of consciousness in them.

"Florin!" he breathed. Even then she did not speak, but her hand stole along the bedclothes and enclosed his hot, wasted one.

"Florin! You here? What has happened? Ah! I remember"—he added, with a faint effort at a smile. "Is—the boy safe?"

"Lord Harry is all right," said Dr. Greene. "He has gone home."

"Poor boy! I am glad of that. I am very tired! How long have I been lying here? The whole day?"

Dr. Greene drew a silk handkerchief across the feverish eyes.

"Don't talk now, Norman," he said. "Try and sleep. We will tell you all about it in the morning."

With a gesture of obedience he turned his head on the pillow, his hand still on Blanche's.

All night Lady Blanche sat with his hand in hers—hers which he thought was Florin's!—and in the morning he awoke, with the fever left far behind.

"Why, Blanche," he said, feebly; "you here? Where is Florin? Has she gone to lie down?"

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Market Notes

CODFISH.—Exports of this staple for the past week totalled 9,000 quintals. A few lots of new cod arrived from the outports and sold at 10.00 quintal. Most of it being small, however, this figure should not be taken as a standard. Stocks of 1917 date, in the city, are now reduced to about 3,500 quintals. Foreign markets are healthy and the demand is good. The present outlook for prosperous cod fishery appears in prospect. Barriers marketing difficulties the price of fish is 1.00. Merchandise may go to 12.00.

COD OIL.—Present markets are quite dull it being the period between seasons. Common is quoted at 27.00 to 28.00 per ton, and refined at 22.50 to 23.00 per gallon. Most of the fishermen are receiving as high as 1.00 per gallon. Factory men are inclined to hold present products at higher price than now rules, and it is possible that \$3.00 will be paid for fish. But small shipments of new medicine oil have been, so far, made to St. John's.

HERRING.—The balance of the Scotch pack in Green Bay is gradually being sent out by schooners to Halifax and New York. Owing to the Cold Storage difficulty holders are glad to let go at \$15. The regular pack in Green Bay at present are less than 5,000 barrels. Spring pack splits are noted in good demand and are selling from \$7 to \$7.50. The West India market demand holds good, the quotation from there being \$14.

LOBSTERS.—A very small catch of 1918 will apparently be the outcome of this fishery, as there are but a few packers operating. Fair work has been done in St. George's and Bonny Bays. Altogether it is estimated that the pack will not be above one half of last year's. The price to-day is \$11 per case, pounds, fat.

PROVISIONS.—The Food Control Board viewing the possible shortage of Flour imports, have published regulations compelling the use of substitutes which regulations, we suggest, should be noted not only by dealers, but by householders as well. At present 10 per cent. of substitutes must be used in bread-making. After August 5th, 2 per cent. will be insisted upon, and heavy penalty is imposed on persons failing to comply. Notwithstanding the scarcity of "all white" flour, there is to cover carrying charges (this is a new one) and leading brands are now \$14.75. In a few weeks "Government Standard" will be the only flour available. The price remains \$12.50 whole sale as will have been noticed some days ago. The United States wheat crop has been estimated to be 40 million bushels short. Pork still on

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