MISS HOBBS.

BY MRS. M. A. DENISON.

[*Continued.*]

Miss Hobbs shook out the folds of her heavy lustreless silk.

'I said, you know, that perhaps I should be rich some day, but of course I never dreamed that it would really happen. What a splendid looking old gentleman—the one who sat next to your mother!' she added.

'You mean the General,' said Winifred, looking just a little conscious—'General Templeton.'

'He has a grand face,' said Miss Hobbs. 'I've seen one like it in the art gallery—so handsome! and such beautiful white hair! The younger man is his nephew—I think you told me.'

'Yes, said Winifred, her heart sinking a little. 'Do you think him handsome?'

'Not very; a little self-conceited, if I read him aright.' And Miss Hobbs languidly unfolded her satin fan. 'Of course he despises strong-minded women, authors, doctors, lecturers, and the like; he looks as if he did. Well, I've been nearly through the catalogue—a sort of Dead-sea-apple experience. When one has to work like a slave for daily bread, one's opinions undergo great changes. But really, who are they? and what do they do for a living?'

'Mr. Robert is a lawyer,' said Winifred. 'The General is rich. They belong to an old Southern family. Oh, dear! here comes Aunt Eunice.'

'I'm not a bit afraid of her, my dear. You know we used to hate each other; at least she hated me, and I saw by her face at dinner that she was dying to say something disagreeable.'

'You won't mind, will you?' said Winifred, almost imploringly.

'My dear, I'm a perfect stoic,' was her friend's reply, as the little sharp-voiced sharp-faced spinster stopped short as she entered.

"Aunt Eunice,' said Winifred, 'this is Miss Hobbs; you remember her?'

'Hobbs! Hobbs! I should think I ought to. The Hobbses of Barton, my old home, were all tailors or peddlers,' said the woman. 'It's a name one couldn't easily forget. Oh, yes! I remember perfectly. You are Cinderalla that was; came into your fortune, I hear.

All this time she was scanning her from head to foot, with a coolness that amused the heiress.

'Oh, no!' I came into somebody else's fortune; somebody was obliging enough to die,' was the answer.

'Ah! keen as ever, I see. I suppose you have given up teaching?'

'Oh yes! and shop-tending, and dish-washing, and everything of that sort.'

'And I don't suppose you ever think of economizing now.'

'Oh, dear me, no!' was the answer.

'Well, I hope I shall never get above that,' said Miss Clipps. 'I suppose you would object to wearing a ten-cent print. Now, I don't; I'm not going to spend all my money on dress or jewels.'

'No; that is evident at a glance," said Miss Hobbs, quietly, looking complacently at the costly diamond on her finger. 'You still practice consistency, I see, Miss Clipps.'

'A virtue that you never possessed, if I remember aright,' said Miss Clipps, with more than usual acidity, bringing into array her small weapons, ready for onslaught.

'Oh, aunt!' said Winifred crimsoning 'Please remember that Miss Hobbs is my guest.'

'Pray don't apologize for your aunt, dear,' said Miss Hobbs, sweetly.

'Apologize for me!' retorted the spinster. 'For *me!*' I should like to see it tried. Some people, Miss Hobbs, who make less pretensions, are able to buy and sell you, my dear.'

'Oh, but I'm not in the market!' laughed Miss Hobbs with imperturbable good nature.

'That's very odd;' and the little woman scanned her from head to foot. 'I really seemed to see little labels all over that magnificent dress of yours, '*On private exhibition*,' '*For sale*,' '*Splendid bargains*,' '*No more of the same kind left*.' You are used to that sort of thing, you know,' she added, maliciously.

Winifred's look of real distress amused Miss Hobbs, whom the lash of Miss Clipps's tongue failed to irritate.

"What good eyes you must have, Miss Clipps' she said, vivaciously, all smiles and dimples—'at your age, too! But pray excuse me. I really forgot in this pleasant warfare of sallies that I must write two letters to night, in order to post them in the morning.' And she moved quietly towards the door, victor of the field.

'Aunt Clipps!' began Winifred, as Miss Hobbs disappeared, and then quailed as usual before the spiteful fire in her aunt's eyes.

'Very pretty of her, indeed—at *my* age!' said Miss Clipps, doubly angry at the insinuation, and that her opponent had had the last word. 'So that is Miss Hobbs! Mark my word; that girl is going to do you harm. You might as well give up all hopes of Rob Templeton while she is here. So I advise you to conciliate the General while there is time.'

Winifred turned away impatiently. There was genuine misery in her face, but she did not choose that her aunt should see it.

'You know, my love, you are growing older every day.'

'You needn't tell me that,' was the quick reply.

'I know its not always pleasant to be twitted on one's age,' said her aunt; 'I always feel it, but then you are not quite past your youth; but I say again, Miss Hobbs is an exceptional person, very exceptional. There is vim enough in that small head of hers to capture whoever and whatever she pleases—not me! oh, no. She fails there, because I flatter myself I am just as exceptional in another way, and can't be captured. Any one can see that young Templeton has gone over head and ears. Even that poor dandy on the fifth floor, and *monsieur*, the French professor, are quite carried away with her. I can see how it will be.'

Winifred started—sprang from her chair, walked back and forth excitedly, then came back, flung herself into her seat, very pale now, and cried out that she wished she could die.

'Don't be a fool, Winifred De Witt,' said her aunt, tartly. 'I have noticed you sighing and moaning around, of late—everybody has. I tell you men hate lackadaisical, moping women. Laugh, girl! laugh. If your heart is breaking, laugh. Then if you must economize somewhere, cry in your bedroom, and don't let anybody know it but your pillow.'

'It's not so easy to laugh,' half sobbed Winifred, 'when one is unhappy'

'Nobody pretends that it is, but anything rather than wear your heart on your sleeve. How do you suppose I felt yesterday when I fell down stairs with the silver, and as luck would have it, burst open the door, and the parlor full of company. There was I, with knives and forks, and a great silver platter on my back; how they got there heaven only knows; but if you want a tableau, there you have it. I didn't cry, no; and when I lost ten thousand dollars at one swoop, I didn't cry.'

'Always my luck,' said Winifred; 'Miss Hobbs is handsome, rich, and accomplished. Of course there's no chance for me.'

'And he did seem to be getting sweet on you, a little, before she came, I thought,' said Miss Clipps, tapping the floor vehemently, with a very small foot. 'But then, why care? The General is the much finer catch of the two, and so your mother thinks. In fact, I believe she'd like to get him herself. I told her she was in love with him, and she went into such a fury. I believe it all the same, though, but he wouldn't look at her. There's no fool like an old fool.'

'Aunt Clipps,' said Winifred, drying her eyes furtively, 'you seem to enjoy tormenting people.'

'When people are silly, yes,' was the dry retort.

'Then I suppose you are delighted because you think I am in trouble.'

'Well, yes, if you are going to cry over it. You might as well look at the thing philosophically. Bob Templeton is a few years younger than you are, only a few; and you don't really look twenty, when you dress for it. However, I'm not going to let him fall in the web Miss Hobbs means to weave for him. He shan't walk into the spider's parlor if I can help it—the impertinent little upstart that she is—a rich nobody, in fact. I'll thwart her schemes!

'What can you do?' asked Winifred, her soft, blue eyes still tearful, her manner anxious.

'That's my secret,' replied her aunt; 'just leave yourself in my hands, only remember I tell you it would be better for you to take the General.'

CHAPTER III.

The days sped on, and Miss Hobbs was still an inmate of the De Witt mansion. So sweet, and gracious, and generous she was, that Winifred found it hard work to hate her, even though she monopolized the attention of all the marriageable young men in the house.

It was noticeable that now young Templeton spent all his evenings at home; that he followed Miss Hobbs with his eyes, and that the two, both genuine lovers of music, were often together at the piano, playing or singing duets, or talking in low tones under cover of chords and trills. Everybody said that Miss Hobbs had made a conquest.

And when she went up to her room of nights, she sat a long time before the fire, thinking, while Winifred watched her jealously.

One afternoon Miss Hobbs came in the parlor followed by young Templeton. Her cheeks were feverishly flushed, her eyes shone like diamonds—soft, floating eyes, and so rarely bright!

'You won't let me speak to you!" he said, impatiently.

"Well, there!" and she turned suddenly round, facing him. "Do speak?"

He was disconcerted—confused, and stammered:—

"I—I was going to say—that is—to ask you to ride. The day is so beautiful! I can have horses round in ten minutes."

"Indeed, Mr. Templeton," she said, "If you knew what an effort it was to dress! I have just come from my toilette; this suit came this morning. I was going to ask Winny if it was becoming; but you may give me your opinion instead, as you happen to be here."

She looked bewilderingly lovely as she stood there smiling.

"Everything you wear is both beautiful and becoming," he said, with an admiring glance.

She swept away to the sofa, and he following, sat down near her, but jumped up in dismay, as she gave a little cry.

"You careless fellow! you're on my flounces!" she said, laughing at his comical look.

"Was that all? Flounces be hanged!" he retorted, bluntly. "I beg your pardon, Miss Hobbs," he added, as he seated himself. "I ought to be hung for my rudeness."

"You are forgiven," she said, "if you are very sorry. I am woman enough not to wish to destroy a pretty dress; but after all, it is of not much account. A needleful of silk will repair all the damages. I used to think more of other things."

"I have heard so. You are an advocate for the elevation of woman. How comes it, then, that you think so much of dress?"

"Because, like many women, and some men, I am inconsistent, I suppose," she made flippant reply. "Besides, you have heard all about me, I see. Well, perhaps, too, because it is a novelty. In a year's time I may care nothing about it. To tell you the truth," she added, with the most charming frankness, "before my little fortune was left me, I never in all my life had but two absolutely new dresses."

Now, to the mind of a man, who orders a suit that will last him three or four months, the idea of two or three dresses may seem a superfluity, but young Templeton acted his astonishment well.

"Is it possible?" he said.

"Quite. You see my parents died when I was a little child, and an aunt was good enough to take me into her family, where were already six unruly children."

"Dear, dear!" he said, pityingly; "what a bedlam it must have been!"

"It was, I assure you. Well, I wore their dresses when they were discarded, and ate the bread of grief and humiliation. My only solace was to get by myself and study. An old bald-headed school-teacher who boarded there, took a fancy for the child, so lonely, so sad, and seeing that she thirsted for knowledge, he, after a fashion, educated her."

"Good fellow! I love that old, bald-headed man," said young Templeton, with enthusiasm.

"So do I. Well, amidst the clatter of dishes, and pots and kettles," continued Miss Hobbs, and her luminous eyes had a far-away look in their soft depths, "I did manage to feed my intellect—though with an intense love of the beautiful, I was denied all beauty—"

"Save what you saw in your mirror," interrupted her listener.

"Be sparing of your flattery," she said with a laugh. "I was just a sallow, big-eyed, sorrowful-faced child, as ugly as sin."

"You are bravely over it, then," he murmered in an undertone, playing with the tassel of her fan.

"Longing for adornment and refinement," continued Miss Hobbs, "I saw little of either. My only solace was in old-fashioned novels. Oh, how I did devour them! When my aunt died, I had my second new dress, a black cashmere."

"I detest black," said young Templeton, "and cashmere is my abhorrence."

"I don't believe you would know cashmere from canton-flannel," laughed Miss Hobbs, merrily. "However, I forgive you; is there anything else you hate?"

"Yes, that aunt and all her children. Was there an uncle? Because if there was, I shall feel in duty bound to hate him."

"Indeed, you shall hate none of them," said Miss Hobbs, seriously; "they all did the very best they could for me. After that came the fight—yes, the close, hand-to-hand fight with poverty. You cannot know what that means to a friendless woman. I stood behind shop counters and dealt in that which mocked my longing. Oh, how I did have to work, to keep soul and body together! Don't I know how to pity the great army of girls who go to their toil, while I am having my sweetest morning nap?"

Young Templeton was silent, but he looked with a glance that was half adoring, in Miss Hobbs's beautiful eyes.

"After that I found an easier situation, and I came to this house. Poor Winny! I always pity her, and laugh at myself when I think of the atrocious jargon I taught her for French. I hope she has forgotten it. She was so good to me! Don't you think her very lovely?"

She looked at him eagerly. She had a reason for asking.

"Pretty," he said, "—rather—I never fancied blonde beauty."

Her cheeks grew a thought redder, but she went on:—

"So now you see why I love dress, revel in color, exult in the splendor of fabric and luster. Perhaps it is only a passing fancy."

"Miss Hobbs," said young Templeton, and his tones grew deeper—then he drew a long breath and wondered at her silence. He did not dare to look at her, but he went on in an impetuous fashion—

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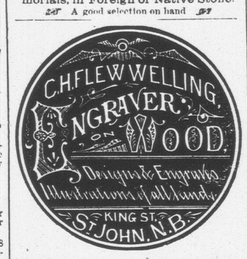

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E. HUTCHISON.

Douglas town, Jan. 10, 1885.

Assessor's Notice.

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" Contingencies	2,421 67
" Alms House,	640 50
For Chatham Firewards,	960 75
" Police,	1,281 00
Total	$7,680 71

hereby request all persons liable to be rated in said parish to bring to the Assessors within thirty days from date true statements of their property and income liable to be assessed.

The Assessors also require the Secretaries of School Districts in the said Parish to furnished them as required by law with a list of all persons liable to be assessed for District School purposes in their respective Districts.

The Valuation List when completed will be posted at the Post Office, Chatham.

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Chatham N B March 11, 1885.

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