

Sunshine After the Storm.

CHAPTER XIX.

"Clear Shining After Rain."
(continued)

It was a cruel accusation, and so cleverly based on its foundation of truth that Robert saw at once how difficult it would be to answer it. Besides, the world has no time to make judgments. It takes assertions and believes them until more plausible assertions are made. And it was a truth that he had dismissed St. Ange just when their long experiments were being brought to a successful close. For it is a general fact that an unfortunate thing is almost always forced to be done at an unfortunate time. It had been so in this case. But how could he explain circumstances resting upon an insult offered to his wife? Or how bring forward the part which Desha Madison and Adelaide Saltar had played in the wretched denouement?

He wrote answer after answer, and each one seemed tamer and more improbable than the other. He had really intended to give St. Ange all the credit he deserved. But who would not believe this? It was easy to authenticate his generosity to the man in money matters. But how many would take the trouble to satisfy themselves of the fact? He was actually in a position where even Truth might shrink from explanations and find it almost impossible to clear herself. And then came the interviewers, and all alike perceived that Doctor Carter did not tell the whole truth. Besides which, he lacked the suavity of St. Ange—the familiarities, the plausible affectations of wounded confidence, the scarcely restrained tears over his late employer's faithlessness.

Ambrosia did not appear in these interviews with the press magnates; but St. Ange's wife seconded ably her husband's accusations. She had no compunctions or reservations about a class of women from whom she had received nothing but insulting condescensions. She did not hesitate to blame Mrs. Carter, to insinuate, nay, to assert those imputations which sprang naturally from St. Ange's wounded vanity and wicked heart. For at that time St. Ange was playing the devoted husband and father, and Leaneore would have cheerfully sworn to anything he chose to assert.

So it mattered little that Doctor Carter crippled his own defence rather than to allude to his wife. His very reticence was a kind of confirmation of Madame St. Ange's assertions, and thus a guarded but still sufficiently clear association of Ambrosia in the quarrel was consequent. "A woman in it, of course," said the readers: "there is always a woman somewhere!" And then they recalled Doctor Carter's beautiful wife; how much younger she was than her husband, how gay and fashionable and how intimate the fascinating young St. Ange had been with the family. Every one had his own verdict, based upon his individual likes and dislikes, and there really appeared to be no use in resisting this tide of opinions.

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would not permit the slightest unusual public attention from her husband. She told Robert it would be a few days' talk only; that as soon as the newspapers let the affair alone, every one else would do the same. In some respects she was right. A few days' discussion of St. Ange's wrongs made them a phantom, a thing of pestilent vapor to the press, and the makers of news blew it out of their roofs and passed on to never events. But society, that is born of men and women full of suspicions and superstitious susceptibilities, was more implacable. Without absolutely cutting Ambrosia, it made her feel that she was something of an intrusion. It had its Easter festivities to contemplate, and could not have its tranquil sense of propriety invaded by people who had ever been touched by a doubtful assertion.

Every day Ambrosia received some reminder that she had been accused. Her guilt or innocence made no difference; she had no business to be accused. Other sinners were more careful of their ways. No one really believed anything wrong of Mrs. Carter, but nearly every one had some personal slight or dislike to pay off. And how perfectly women pay such debts when they get their opportunity! Satan himself must look on with admiration. In such circumstances, it is almost impossible for lukewarm friends or mere acquaintances to avoid giving their contribu-

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tion to the clearing-off. They may make faint suggestions of probable mistakes or faint reminders of the culprit's known good qualities, but all demurrers of this kind are smiled away into contemptuous oblivion. So at this time Ambrosia had few friends, for it is an almost impossible task to argue for a dog assailed by slander, how much more impossible to defend a woman in the same calamity!

Doctor Carter had his own full share of the public disapproval. The controversy, pushed out of the daily press, was renewed by St. Ange in the medical papers, and thus every week brought a fresh accusation and demanded a fresh rebuttal. He could not rid himself of the incubus. In addition, there was a more than wordy attack upon him professionally. St. Ange had secured the sympathy of some of Doctor Carter's patients, and had begun business on the promise of their support. His office was not far from Doctor Carter's office, and though he cared little for the financial loss, the name in the window made his eye flash and his heart burn whenever he passed it.

And a professional fraternity has all the smallness of a feminine set. The members of it made cutting jokes and said ill-natured things in a smiling way, and the familiarity of the offenders took away none of the intended sting. In their essence they were just as cruel as the vacant stares and polite cuts, the courteous chilliness or scornful recognitions of Ambrosia's friends and acquaintances.

Work after work St. Ange appeared to be steadily wasting away. Doctor Carter's reputation and business. For it is one of the most obvious characteristics of evil that at first it has the semblance of success. David fretted over "the man who brought wicked devices to pass" centuries ago; and in most lives of to-day there is a time when the wronged open the blessed book of the thirty-seventh psalm, and let their tears downfall on its earlier verses, and lift up their souls with gladness and confidence on its clos-

ing promises. Robert had not found out this old consolation. He had only Ambrosia, and sometimes she failed. One morning Ambrosia went to bid Will and Louisa good-bye. They were going to England; and, after all, Bessie and Jack were going with them. Louisa said she hated not to be friends with her relatives. Bessie had said she was "so sorry," and it was not right to be unforgiving. Besides, if they went to Ambleside and to-morrow without Bessie, it would not be at all like old times. Louisa had said these things frequently to Will, and she had also added, with a sigh:

"Amber is just a little impud nt, Will, and I do think the les on will be good for her. Married people ought to be sufficient for each other. We are, Will!"

And how could Will resist such reasonable arguments? So Will took his tone from Louisa; and when Ambrosia called, she felt this. At the bottom of his heart Louisa had put that faint disparaging and it chilled all they said. Ambrosia could not tell how they hurt her, how they disappointed her, how it was she was made to feel like a chidden child on probation. They were both affectionate in manner. Why, then, did she feel like flinging the words back from her? She felt their presence with a sense of injury and indignation, and her heart swelled, and she felt as if it would break.

As her carriage passed down the street near her old home, a little church set back in a corner struck her with a feeling of familiarity, and a strong desire arose in her to enter it. There hung the white image of the Crucified One, at whose feet she had fallen when she was wearied and terrified with the eternities and verities of the philosophers, and longing for a Heart to pity her failings and love her in spite of them.

She had been a girl then; she was a woman now—a woman wearing a crown of thorns, that every friend pressed tighter on her brow. She went swiftly towards the piteful, down-

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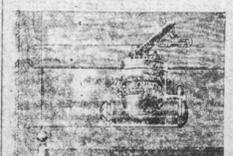
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LONDON, March 8. This evening the Foreign Office authorized the announcement that no instructions of any kind had been sent to Ambassador Bryce from London as to events in Mexico.

Special Evening Telegram. WASHINGTON, March 8. Several thousand more troops will be ordered to the Mexican frontier. The orders will be issued to-night.

Special Evening Telegram. LONDON, March 8. The Foreign Office have issued an official denial that British warships have been ordered to Mexican waters or that requests have been made for their presence there. No official communication has been received from Ambassador Bryce and no action taken by the Government.

Special Evening Telegram.

LONDON, March 8. The United States Government will co-operate with the Mexican Government in suppressing the insurrection in Mexico. According to a statement given out by the Mexican Minister here to-day, he characterized the Mexican rebels as bandits, whose aim is to prey upon property.

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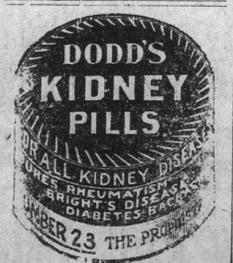
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The affirmative side was taken by A. Kean, Ira Curtis and B. Edgecombe. The negative was led by J. C. Pindar who was assisted by Messrs. A. Soper and E. V. Wylie. The arguments on both sides were keen and well thought out. On the vote being taken by Mr. A. W. Knight, who occupied the chair the affirmative side was found to have won by a fair majority. There was a large attendance including many of the seafarers.

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During the latter part of the ages the most common of the table was the salt cellar. It generally of silver, in the form of a shell. It was placed in the center of the table at which the householders dined, my lord and lady, their guests being at one end their retainers and servants at the other. So one's position in the table was a test of rank, the folks sitting "above the salt" yeomanry below it.

A thousand years ago, when was ready to be served in the hall of one of our Anglo-Saxon fathers, the first thing brought to the table. Movable trestle brought, and all were carried away the close of the meal. Upon it laid the tablecloth.

The food of the early Anglo was mainly bread, baked in flat cakes. Milk, butter and were also eaten. The principal was known as the acorn porridge then covered a large part of the supported numerous droves of sheep.

Each guest was furnished spoon, while his knife he carried in his belt. As for fork dreamed of them, when given man 10 fingers? Dinner was served on the table, which it was cooked, and the cut or tore off a piece to suit. Bofled meat was laid on the bread, or later on thick sliced bread, called trenchers, the Norman word meaning "the table." These were used to preserve the tablecloth from soiling.

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