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CHAPTER XVI.

"No, I don't," Belle declares, shortly. "Why are you worried and perplexed when I can help you, if you will let me? If Mrs. Murray annoys you, why don't you get rid of her and her daughter? They haven't even the excuse of poverty to hang on here week after week as they are doing. They can live well on Miss Murray's money now."

"I should think so, indeed!" the viscount agrees, with a covetous glimmer in his eyes. "Why, it is close on seven hundred a year—I know the stock it's invested in; and she'll have her mother's three hundred a year, too, when she dies."

"A thousand a year, and a beauty," Belle says, quietly—ominously so. "A diabolical, capricious, flirting beauty who has litted half a score of young and handsome lovers—our dear cousin, handsome Dallas, among the number—and provoked you with her girl's insolence a hundred times! Oh, I see why you won't quarrel with Mrs. Murray. Viscount Glynn!"

"I don't want to quarrel with Lady Maria's relatives," mumbles the viscount, confusedly. "And now, at such a time as this, too, Belle, really, families ought to be united—"

"In holy matrimony when there's a good deal to be gained by it!" Belle finishes, with a dangerous glitter in her eyes, and a low, sibilant laugh, making his lordship look very uncomfortable. "You are over-greedy, my lord; you are grasping after the shadow as well as the substance," Miss Bella Glover declares, with cool audacity. "You want poor Lord Dunscombe's fifteen thousand pounds in your pocket, as well as poor old Dunscombe's fifty or sixty thousand, though you have made heaps of money in the city, and though you are going to step into an earldom and seven thousand a year. Of course, I know your private expenses are very large—such a good, generous, charitable, pious gentleman as Lord Glynn is!"

The viscount fairly quails beneath the scorn of her piercing black eyes, and her little laugh of mockery.

"But I won't aid you in your last scheme, my lord, and so it will never come to anything," she tells him, coolly. "Lady Maria shan't die these twenty years if I can keep her alive to spite you and Joyce Murray!"

"Miss—Miss Glover! I am shocked—absolutely shocked—at your speaking in such an improper manner about Miss Murray and me! Most improper! Most unwarrantable!" the viscount exclaims, with stern dignity, rather marred in effect by his mean, flustered countenance, his very forehead dyed an ugly red, and his eyelids blinking nervously. "What a suspicious, jealous laugh. 'Til tell

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you something I've discovered about you, my clever little lady!"

"Joyce Murray is much more likely to be Dallas Glynn's second wife than ever she is to be yours," interrupts his tormentor. "I see behind the scenes and read between the lines, as you know, Lord Glynn. Dallas Glynn is as madly in love with her as ever he was, and she is as much in love with him as she can be with any one but herself. His unfortunate little wife will die of a broken heart, maybe—he's treating her coldly and neglecting her shamefully already. I found that out, before they had been twenty-four hours in the house."

"He's a scoundrel, a good-for-nothing, heartless scoundrel!" the viscount declares, with sudden fury. "I am glad I have persuaded the earl to treat him as he deserves."

"To cut him off with a shilling?" Bella asks, smiling.

"No, without it!" snarls the viscount. "His name is not mentioned in my father's will—and most properly and justly"—with a fine Pecksniffian air of rigid virtue—"if what you say is true."

"Quite true," she says, coldly. "But if his wife, Yolande, dies without children, he inherits two-thirds of her property for his life. With that and Joyce Murray's fifteen thousand, he can afford to do without the five hundred a year you have kindly deprived him of, viscount. In any case," she adds, decisively, looking up steadily into his angry, unpleasant face. "Miss Murray will never be Countess of Pentreath, however much you or she may wish it."

"Bella, my dear," the viscount retorts, with the sweet smile and snarling tone he assumes when he is about to say something particularly displeasing. "I'll tell you what I have found out about you—the cause of your enmity to Joyce Murray."

"Well, what is it?"

"You want to be Countess of Pentreath yourself! he answers, with spiteful emphasis. But Bella laughs up at him as audaciously as ever.

"So I shall be, if I live long enough," she declares, slyly; and, kissing the tips of her fingers to him, she curtseys gracefully, and disappears through the narrow doorway.

Lord Glynn—pious and sedate gentleman—chuckles with half-angry admiration as he looks after her.

"What a plucky little demon it is!" he says.

CHAPTER XVII.

Mrs. Murray is gone; but the sting of her bland, obtrusive presence remains, to unhappy Yolande at least. Dallas was asking for her, seeking her, and could not find her. Dallas wished for her company on this long, delightful mountain excursion, repenting perhaps of his coldness and unkindness of the previous evening, and his frigidly careless question this morning whether she would join him or not. She half refused, hoping that he would urge her to put off her visit to Lady Maria, until Joyce Murray came to his side, and pressed her with much gracious and pretty condescension, to go with them.

"We are such a small party, we shall be quite dull if you don't give us the pleasure of your company," Joyce said, with a sweetly sarcastic smile, her sunny, blue eyes gleaming with amusement; for the British bride was looking very pale and grave. "Captain Glynn knows I have an engagement this morning, Miss Murray," Yolande replies, chillingly, and, without another word, turned away, leaving them talking together in low tones in the great, embayed window of the breakfast-room.

She hurried away, indeed, with a miserable, humiliated feeling of not being wanted in either their walks or their talks, gladly seeking the distraction of mademoiselle's society and the rather dreaded visit to Lady Maria in the endeavor to forget them—Dallas Glynn, her husband, and the girl he loves—to forget the sight of two fair heads side by side, and a pair of bright, blue eyes smiling into a pair of bright, gray-blue eyes, in mutual understanding and confidence.

And now, implicitly believing Mrs. Murray's false words, she thinks perhaps she was too hasty. Perhaps Dallas really wished her to go. Perhaps she has displeased and grieved him by not going; it is "bad form" to parade their wretched married estrangement so openly.

And then she thinks of the delights of a long, bright, breezy day out on the

mountains and in the green valleys and wooded glens, out among the heather and the trout streams and the waterfalls and the old-fashioned farm-houses.

Oh, that she had gone! she thinks, her heart swelling with an agony of childlike grief. Oh, if she could only repent now, at the eleventh hour, and hurry after them—for miles, if she might only overtake them—overtake Dallas! If she could but come up, panting, laughing, victorious, full of joy in being with him, and hear him chide her and tease her, and then ask her gravely why she had come! If she could but put her hand on his arm, and say earnestly and in simple truth, putting aside all false pride or false shame—"Because I thought it would please you if I came!"

Might he not be pleased to find her obedient and humble, and reward her with a smile and a whispered word of kindness, and draw her hand within his arm and press it softly, as he did last night, and say, "Can't we be better friends than we are, Yolande?" when she would whisper back, "Yes, Dallas, if you wish," and then—

Yolande's heart is throbbing madly at the scene her romantic fancy conjures up, at the wild hopes that rise before her in rainbow hues of promise, when Lady Maria's voice breaks the spell.

"Now, Mrs. Glynn," she says, with plaintive cheerfulness, "you shall see me go through my muscular exercise with the Duffer-Muller machine."

And Yolande is obliged to acquiesce as pleasantly as she can, with the hot tears starting to her eyes, and her heart aching with wild regret.

"One, two, three! One, two, three!" repeats Lady Maria, as she sits in her swaying wooden chair, pulling at dangling ropes and pressing down clicking bars like treadles. "This is my leg and arm exercise," she explains, Lady Maria goes on, smiling, has tugged and clicked for five minutes. "Now, these are the extension planes," Lady Maria goes on, smiling at Yolande's frightened face, and elevating her feet so that her heels fit into sockets from another swaying bar of the machine, while she, in her chair, is pulled backward and forward in a manner horribly suggestive of the holy office.

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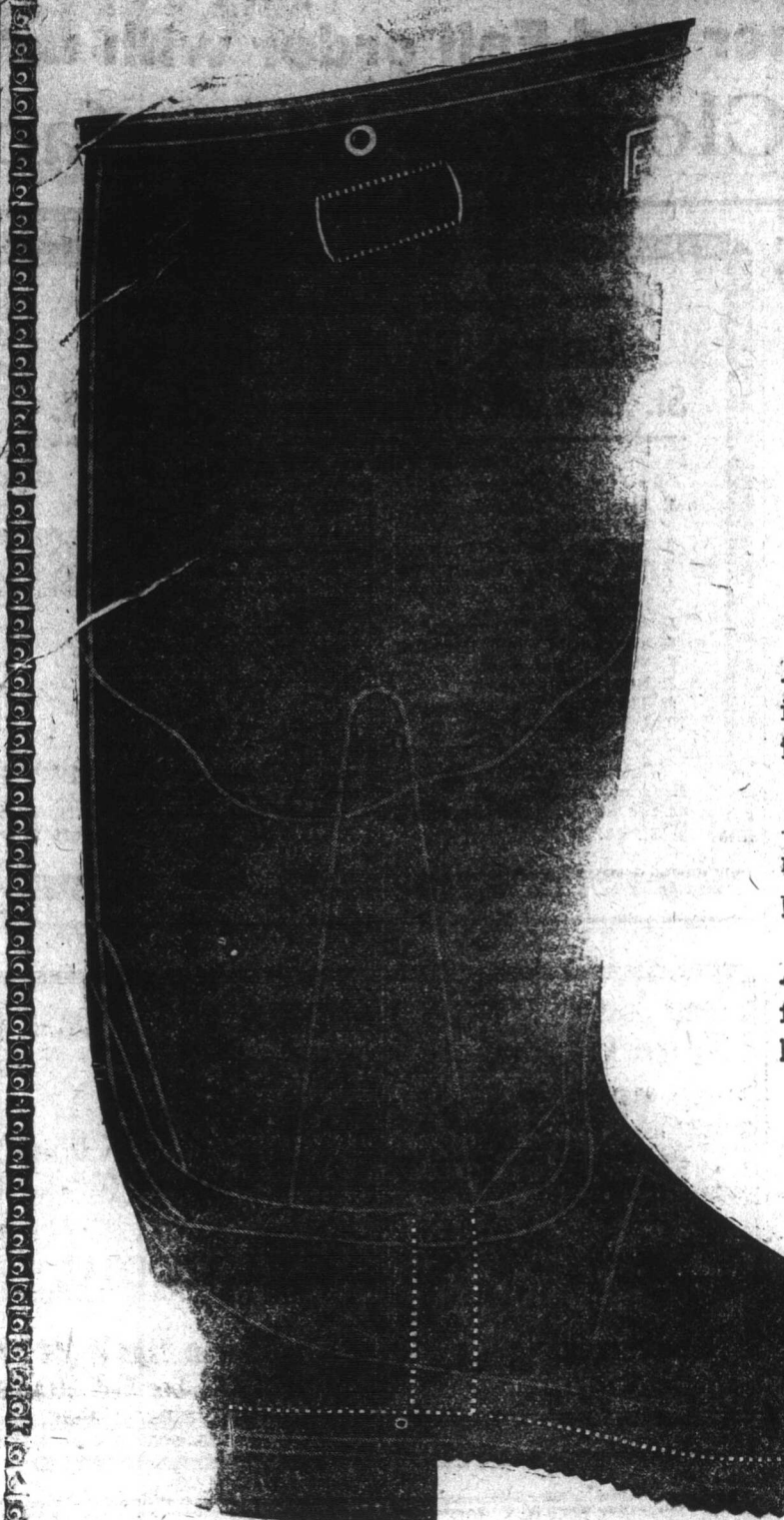
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British Expert
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LONDON, August 8.—Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice, who was Chief of Military Operations for Great Britain during the war, declares in an article on the increase in the air forces of France and Britain that "it is high time the question of limitation of armaments is taken up seriously." He says that the British Government's recent decision to nearly double England's present air equipment meant a return to competition in armaments and that such competition is not likely to lead to improved relations between the two countries.

General Maurice emphasizes Great Britain's willingness to enter into a conference on the reduction of air armaments similar to the Washington conference on naval armaments. But for the present, he says, Britain must, out of self-protection, bring her air strength up to that of France. "France," says he, "is the only country which within the next ten years is likely to be able to consider seriously an attack upon England from the air. To-day we are not in the most remote danger of invasion which comes by sea. Therefore, for the first time for centuries, the navy has ceased to be our 'first line of home defence, and that role has devolved upon the air force."

The Lighter Side.

Little Willie was of an inquiring turn of mind. He was always asking questions.

"Daddy," he said one day, "is to-day to-morrow?"

"No, my son, of course it isn't to-morrow," was the reply.

"But you said it was," murmured Willie.

"When did I say to-day was to-morrow?" asked father.

"Yesterday."

"Well, it was. To-day was to-morrow yesterday, but to-day is to-morrow, just as yesterday was to-day yesterday but is yesterday to-day, and to-morrow will be to-day to-morrow, which makes to-day yesterday and to-morrow all at once. Now, run along and play."

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