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erty touches Wesmede north, south, and east. Of course it will be a wise marriage."

She was looking at me still, and the old light was within her eyes, and the gentle smile upon her lips; but oh, the whiteness of her face!

"I dare say, Miss Agnes," said I, bending over my fire, "that you never heard of it."

"Not—yet."

When she went away from the room so quietly, of course I wished I hadn't said a word; but still I'd done it with the fancy that it might be kinder to do it at once. Somehow it never seemed to enter the Squire's head that there could be danger to his plans in the close intimacy between his son and Miss Agnes; or in the charm to Mr. Will of such a sweet girl-companion in the home in which he'd never known a mother or sister. As for Mr. Will, I don't think he ever even tried to feel that Miss Agnes was like a sister to him, for from the first he had loved her as brothers don't love; and—yes, after all these years I can say it confidently as I said it then—firmly as Mr. Capleton's heart was set upon the projected marriage for his son, everything would have ended happily for Miss Agnes and Mr. Will if it had not been for Captain Warder. No; even yet I cannot tell how, but I feel as sure of it as I am that that's the wind, sobbing on its way across the heath.

When the day came for Mr. Will to leave home no one saw his parting with Miss Agnes, but two hours after I had watched the carriage out of sight, I found her standing at the window with her eyes fixed on the spot where it had disappeared; and though they were filled with tears, I never saw that trustful look upon her face so trustful as it was at that moment.

I think that Miss Agnes made a determination that, as far as she could, she would be both son and daughter to Mr. Capleton in his son's absence; and it was prettier than any picture to see them together—always together. She would walk with him round the estate, discussing alterations and improvements just as his son would have done; his arm in hers, and always the brightest interest in her face. She would drive him for hours among his tenants, remembering everything for him, and doing as much in her gentle, quiet way, to win their hearts as he could with all his wealth and power. She would ride beside him into Exeter on his weekly visits, and the two horses, by force of habit, kept so close together that it became a proverb there. She would go with him to the heavy county courts, leaning on his arm as his own

daughter would have done, and so grateful to him for her plain white dress (and making so much of it in her quiet way) that often when I've watched them off, my eyes have been too full to meet hers—the idea of it! Tears because she loved the old man so well.

But best of all was it to see them together through those long winter evenings at home, when she would sing to him, read to him, talk to him—ah, well, it is such a nature as hers, I think, that can make home for a man, in its highest and holiest sense.

For many weeks after Mr. Will left us, Captain Warder did not show himself at Wesmede, and when he came at last, walking quietly and undemonstratively through the little east door, it wasn't very wonderful that none of us could suspect, or be guarded against the misery he brought. After that first visit, others followed rapidly; and I understood very well how the Squire, having planned that marriage between Captain Warder and Miss Agnes, should be very willing to throw them together.

But still Miss Agnes avoided him whenever she could; and once when I asked her just for no purpose at all, which of her cousins she liked best, the rush of pink to her face, and the trembling of her lips when she said "one was all truth and honor"—and then failed for words—was proof enough that she had sounded Captain Warder's nature.

Gradually, during those visits of Captain Warder's to Wesmede, there came a consciousness of something being wrong. I don't suppose I can make you understand, for I couldn't understand it myself, but all the peaceful calm of the old house seemed ruffled, and not only did we see that the Squire had grown suspicious of his adopted daughter, but we noticed that in every word he uttered of his absent son his voice had a fretfulness which I had never heard in it before. Quite sure I felt that Captain Warder's influence was effecting this change, but I could never have fully comprehended if I had not chanced to over hear him speaking unrestrainedly. The master had sent for me to the library to check some bills for him, and while I did it Captain Warder came in, bringing two foreign letters which he had called for in Exeter; thinking—so he said—to please his cousin by anticipating next morning's post. The master's eyes brightened at the sight of his son's hand; but with a slow smile—I remember thinking it the ugliest smile I ever saw—Captain Warder laid upon the Squire's letter one addressed in the same hand to Miss Agnes.

"Well?" questioned Mr. Capleton.

To be continued.

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GOING EAST.	Accm. Daily.	Accm. T.T.S.			Exp. Daily.
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
Annapolis Leave		5 30		1 45	
14 Bridgetown "		6 25		2 25	
28 Middleton "		7 25		2 57	
42 Aylesford "		8 32		3 30	
47 Berwick "		8 55		3 43	
50 Waterville "		9 10		3 50	
59 Kentville d'pt	5 40	10 40		4 20	
64 Port Williams "	6 00	11 00		4 33	
66 Wolfville "	6 10	11 10		4 38	
69 Grand Pre "	6 25	11 22		4 46	
72 Avonport "	6 37	11 35		4 54	
77 Hantsport "	6 55	11 55		5 08	
84 Windsor "	7 45	12 45		5 30	
116 Windsor June "	10 00	3 10		6 50	
130 Halifax arrive	10 45	3 55		7 25	

GOING WEST.	Exp. Daily.	Accm. M.W.F.			Accm. daily.
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
Halifax leave	7 20			2 30	
14 Windsor Jun "	8 00		8 30	3 30	
46 Windsor "	9 15		11 00	5 35	
53 Hantsport "	9 35		11 30	6 03	
58 Avonport "	9 45		11 50	6 20	
61 Grand Pre "	9 56		12 06	6 33	
64 Wolfville "	10 05		12 24	6 46	
66 Port Williams "	10 10		12 36	6 55	
71 Kentville "	10 40		1 25	7 10	
80 Waterville "	10 58		2 02		
83 Berwick "	11 05		2 17		
88 Aylesford "	11 18		2 40		
102 Middleton "	11 48		3 47		
116 Bridgetown "	12 23		4 52		
130 Annapolis Arive	1 00		5 25		

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