

FATED TO LOVE HER

And when James was no longer a bridegroom, when that year of indulgence which he had allotted himself, was over; then Gabrielle, hungry and thirsting for some demonstration of his love, delighted to remember how abundant, once, such demonstration had been. How gentle, how tender, had been his manner, what interest he had taken in all that interested her; how kindly he had taken in all that interested her; how kindly he had entered into any little fears or scruples, such as Gabrielle was prone to—sympathizing, consoling, soothing away, never contemptuous, never unbecomingly, never bored.

He started again to his feet, like a restles spirit. "No," he thought; "not even to escape the evil which I feared—nay, fear, which has indeed come upon us; not even to escape that, would I untie one thousandth part of the knot that binds us here to me, me to her." Then, suddenly, standing once more before her: "Gabrielle," said he, "do you know what I should have been, what would have become of me, if, as you have suggested, you had come to Farnley, loving him? Your marriage has been a blow to him, a disappointment; but he will get over it. I have watched him more closely than you suppose; and I believe I have formed a tolerably accurate estimate of his affection for you. There was much of friendship, much of the brotherly element in it; it was deep, so far as his affection for you was concerned. Beside mine, it was a torch beside a fire. Don't interrupt me, Gabrielle; I have not finished. He is now trying hard to forget you; or, rather, those vain hopes concerning you. And he will succeed. In a year or two—perhaps sooner—the brotherly element will have absorbed the rest; he will be happy again; in all probability, will marry. Whereas, I—Gabrielle, only God knows what I should have done, if you had disappointed me. I might—don't think so tall so powerful-looking, if I might—have made way with myself altogether. Or, if not that, I should have sunk into such depths as you, in your innocence, cannot even picture. I should not have cared for anything, present or future; or for any one, human or divine; or have been good for anything, in this world or in the next; any more."

His first appearance, forgets, like me, to give himself a name. So his worthy hostess, after conversing with him for upward of half an hour, leaves the room, and sends in the servant, with her compliments, and she should be glad to know who he is. You look as if you doubted my veracity, Mrs. Gordon; but I assure you this is a fact. I heard my sister-in-law read the whole scene to my wife one day, when some unlucky accident—a rent in my glove—detained me for its repair in the drawing-room. By the bye, the very glove, and the very rent, I and the unknown contemplated his hand, while Gabrielle eyed him curiously.

"He hasn't told me his name, after all," she thought, "and I don't like to ask again. I suppose I must wait till James comes." "You were deeply engrossed when I crossed the lawn, I saw. Might I be allowed?" and he took in his hand the book which lay on the grass, "Friends in Council!" Mrs. Gordon, I congratulate you! Then as Gabrielle stared, "On your superior taste, I mean, it is not often that one sees so young a lady so much interested in a work of this kind. In the present day, the rage for light, or rather frothy reading, is terrible, especially among girls—young women. I must apologize to you, for using the term 'women.' It is meant to include all classes."

A MYSTERY.

SERIES OF ROBBERIES AT WINNIPEG POSTOFFICE.

Several Packages Containing Large Sums of Money Have Disappeared—Boy Suspected, But Thieving Continues After His Discharge.

Winnipeg, May 15.—The thief who has been operating in the registry department of the Winnipeg postoffice is still undetected, in spite of the most vigorous efforts by the Government detectives to apprehend him. The series of robberies has extended over several months, and the sums stolen aggregate a very large amount—it is believed not less than \$12,000. It is impossible to ascertain the correct figures, but the sum cannot be less than that stated. A number of packages containing from \$800 to \$2,000 have disappeared mysteriously, indicating that the thief is some person who has the handling of money entrusted to him, and that he is clever and systematic in his operations.

Suspicion at first rested upon a boy at the registry wicket, who received and checked off the money and then passed it on to the entry clerk. It was thought by the officials that sufficient circumstantial evidence had been obtained to connect the lad with the disappearance of a package containing \$800 mailed by the Merchants' Bank, although it was impossible to convict him. He was promptly discharged, however, and his father was compelled to reimburse the Postoffice Department to the extent of \$1,200. The discharged clerk left the county shortly afterwards, but the speculations still continued, large sums disappearing as before, a fact that plainly indicated that the wrong party had been discharged.

"Ah that was just as it happened. If you had come in the afternoon, I dare say I should have been reading a novel, 'Aurora Floyd'—or one of her crew?" "Well—no—perhaps not. But I am very fond of novels in a general way; only I don't read them in the morning. Good novels, I mean, you know; those that seem like a bit out of real life."

WAS DISCOURAGED.

FAMOUS FRENCH ARTIST DESTROYED HIS PAINTINGS.

Paris, May 15.—Pictures worth a market value of half a million francs and representing three years' constant labor were destroyed yesterday by Claude Monet, the French impressionist painter, because he had reached a conviction that they were unsatisfactory. The pictures destroyed had already been seen by friends of the artist and leading critics, who pronounced them among the best works the artist had ever accomplished.

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MOMENTOUS CHANGE.

Kaiser Has Altered Cut of His Warlike Moustache.

Berlin, May 15.—The Kaiser has altered his style of wearing his moustache. Thirty million loyal Germans, the estimated male population of the Empire, are directly affected, for to trim one's moustache in the martial manner immortalized by the Emperor has become an unwritten law of masculine patriotism throughout the Fatherland.

TWO LEGS AND ONE ARM.

Mr. McPhail, of Guelph, Run Over Near Smith's Falls. Smith's Falls, May 15.—An accident occurred this morning on the Prescott and Guelph Railway, when a workman named McPhail fell from a work train to the track and two cars passed over him. One leg was cut off at the hip and the other terribly mangled from the knee down, and one arm was crushed.

TWO MILES UNDER WATER.

The Route of Transcontinental May Be Changed. Montreal, May 15.—Owing to the high water in St. Maurice River the contractors who have charge of the building of the Transcontinental Railway will lose large sums of money, and the route for several miles near La Tuque may be changed. At present over two miles of the road is submerged under two feet of water, and the entire roadbed will be washed away.

FIRE DAMAGED SCHOOL.

Building at Mimico Institution Worth \$15,000 Destroyed. Toronto, May 16.—Fire from an unknown cause destroyed a large work building at the Victoria Industrial School, Mimico, last night. The boys were all in line preparatory to washing up for the evening meal, when flames were seen bursting through the roof, and the alarm was given.

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