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## A PRECIOUS INHERITANCE.

CHAPTER XV.

Arthur Carrollton and Maggie.

After this manner he reasoned as he walked up and down his chamber, while Maggie, on her sleepless pillow, was thinking, too, of him, wondering if she hated him as much as she intended, and if Henry would be offended at her sitting up with him till after twelve o'clock.

It was near half-past nine when Maggie awoke next morning, and making a hasty toilet, she descended to the dining-room, where she found Mr. Carrollton awaiting her. He had been up a long time; but

she made a living, glowing picture, such as any man might delight to look upon. Breakfast being over, Mr. Carrollton proposed a ride, and as Anna Jeffrey at that moment entered the parlor, he invited her to accompany them. There was a shadow on Maggie's brow, as she left the room to dress, a shadow which had not wholly disappeared when she returned; and observing this, Mr. Carrollton said, 'Were I to consult my own wishes, Maggie, I should leave Miss Jeffrey at home; but she is a poor girl whose enjoyments are far less than ours, consequently I invited her for this once, knowing how fond she is of riding.'

"How thoughtful you are of other people's happiness!" said Maggie, the shadow leaving her brow at once. "I am glad that wrinkle is gone, at all events," returned Mr. Carrollton, laughing, and laying his hand upon her forehead. He continued: "Were you my sister Helen, I should probably abkiss you for having so soon got over your pet; but as you are Maggie Miller, I dare not," and he looked



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when Anna Jeffrey, blessed with an uncommon appetite, fretted at the delay of breakfast, and suggested calling Margaret, he objected, saying she needed rest, and must not be disturbed. So, in something of a pet, the young lady breakfasted alone with her aunt, Mr. Carrollton preferring to wait for Maggie.

"I am sorry I kept you waiting," said Maggie, seating herself at the table, and continuing to apologize for her tardiness.

But Mr. Carrollton felt more than repaid by having her alone with him and many were the admiring glances he cast toward her, as with her shining hair, her happy face, her tasteful morning gown of pink, and her beautiful white hands which handled so gracefully the silver coffee-urn,

earnestly at her, to see if he had spoken the truth.

Coloring crimson as it became the affianced bride of Henry Warner to do, Maggie turned away, thinking Helen must be a happy girl, and, half wishing she, too, were Arthur Carrollton's sister. It was a long, delightful excursion they took, and Maggie when she saw how Anna Jeffrey enjoyed it, did not altogether regret her presence. On their way home she proposed calling on Hagar, 'whom she had not seen for three whole days.'

"And who, pray is Hagar?" asked Mr. Carrollton; and Maggie replied, 'She is my 'old nurse—a strange, crazy creature, whom they say I somewhat resemble.'

By this time they were near the

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cottage in the door of which old Hagar was standing, with her white hair falling round her face.

"I see by your looks, you don't care to call, but I shall," said Maggie, and bounding from her saddle she ran up to Hagar, pressing her hand and whispering in her ear, that it would soon be time to hear from Henry."

"Kissed her, I do believe!" said Anna Jeffrey. "She must have admirable taste!"

Mr. Carrollton thought so, too, and with a half-comical, half-displeased expression, he watched the interview between that weird old woman and fair young girl, little suspecting how nearly they were allied.

"Why didn't you come and speak to her?" said Maggie, as he alighted to assist her in again mounting Griddy. "She used to see you in England, when you were a baby, and if you won't be angry, I'll tell you what she said; it was that you were the cross-t, ugliest young one she ever saw! There, there, don't set me down so hard!" and the saucy eyes looked mischievously at the proud Englishman, who, truth to say, did place her in the saddle with a little more force than was at all necessary.

Not that he was angry. He was only annoyed for what he considered Maggie's undue familiarity with a person like Hagar, but he wisely forbore making any comments in Anna Jeffrey's presence, except, indeed, to laugh heartily at Hagar's complimentary description of himself when a baby. Arrived at home, and alone with Maggie, he found her so very good-natured and agreeable, that he could not chide her for anything, and Hagar was for a time forgotten.

That evening, as the reader knows, they went together to the depot, where they waited four long hours, but not impatiently; for sitting there in the moonlight with the winding Chicopee full in view, and Margaret Miller at his side, Arthur Carrollton forgot the lapse of time, especially when Maggie thinking no harm, gave a most ludicrous description of her call upon Mrs. Douglas senior, and of her grandmother's distress at finding herself so nearly connected with what she termed "a low, vulgar family."

Arthur Carrollton was very proud, and had Theo been his sister, he might to some extent have shared in Madam Conway's chagrin; and so he said to Maggie, at the same time fully agreeing with her that George Douglas was a refined, agreeable gentleman, and as such entitled to respect.

Still, had Theo known of his parentage, he said, it would probably have made some difference; but now that it could not be helped, it was wise to make the best of it.

These words were little heeded then by Maggie, but with most painful distinctness they recurred to her in the after time, when, huddled in the very dust, she had no hope that the high-born, haughty Carrollton would stoop to a child of Hagar Warren! But no shadow of the dark future was over her now, and very eagerly she drank in every word and look of Arthur Carrollton, who, all unconsciously, was trampling on another's rights, and gradually weakening the fancied love she bore for Henry Warner.

The arrival of the train brought their pleasant conversation to a close, and for a day or two Maggie's time was wholly occupied with her grandmother, to whom she frankly acknowledged having told Mr. Carrollton of Mrs. Douglas and her daughter Betsy Jane. The fact that he knew of her disgrace and did not despise her was of great benefit to Madam Conway, and after a few days she resumed her usual spirits, and actually told of the remarks made by Mrs. Douglas concerning herself and the fight she had been in! As time passed on she became reconciled to the Douglases, having, as she thought, some well-founded reasons for believing that for Theo's disgrace, Maggie would make amends by marrying to Mrs. Douglas, whose attentions each day became more and more marked, and were not apparently altogether disagreeable to Maggie. On the contrary, his presence at Hilldale was productive of much pleasure to her, as well as of a little annoyance.

From the first he seemed to exercise over her an influence she could not well resist—a power to make her do whatever he willed that she should do; and though she sometimes rebelled, she was pretty sure in the end to yield the contest, and submit to what was evidently the ruling spirit. As yet nothing had been said of the hat ornament which, out of compliment to him, her grandmother wore every morning in her collar, but at least, one day Madam Conway spoke of it herself, asking "if it were, as she had supposed, his grandmother's hat?"

"Why, no," he answered, involuntarily; "it is a lock Maggie sent me in that wonderful daguerreotype!"

"The stupid thing!" thought Maggie, while her eyes fairly danced with merriment, as she anticipated the question she fancied was sure to follow, but did not.

One glance at her tell-tale face was sufficient for Madam Conway. In her

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whole household there was but one head with locks as white as that, and whatever her thoughts might have been, she said nothing, but from that day forth, Hagar's hair was never again seen ornamenting her person. That afternoon Mr. Carrollton and Maggie went out to ride, and in the course of their conversation he referred to the pin, asking whose hair it was, and seemed much amused when told that it was Hagar's.

"But why did you not tell her when it first came," he said; and Maggie answered, "Oh, it was such fun to see her sporting Hagar's hair, when she is so proud. It didn't hurt her, either, for Hagar is as good as anybody. I don't believe in making such a difference because one person chances to be richer than another."

"Neither do I," returned Mr. Carrollton; "I would not esteem a person for wealth alone, but there are points of difference which should receive consideration. For instance, this old Hagar may be well enough in her way, but suppose she were nearly as connected to you—your grandmother if you like—it would certainly make some difference in your position. You would not be Maggie Miller, and I—" "Wouldn't ride with me, I dare say," interrupted Maggie; to which he replied, "I presume not," adding as he saw slight indications of pouting, "and therefore I am glad you are Maggie Miller, and not Hagar's grandchild."

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## The Happiness

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—Stevenson.

Once upon a time there was a young woman who wished she were not needed so much.

"I wish I were free," she said, "to follow my own will. If my father and mother did not feel they would be too burdensome without me, and my little sister did not need my financial help, I would not be bound by any ties, but I should be at liberty to make and mould his life as he wished; but not sometimes I wish I were not needed so much."

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