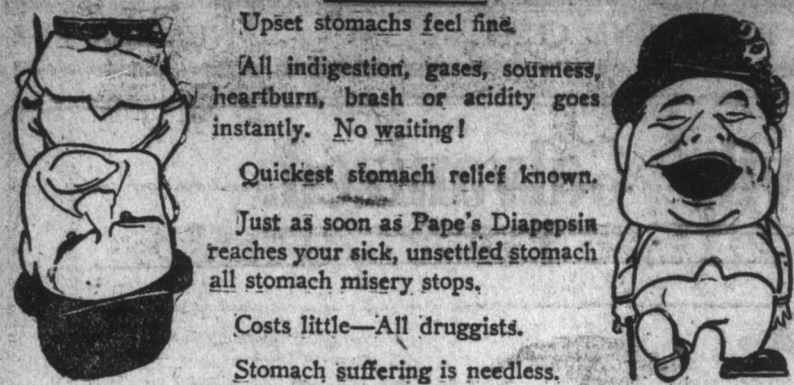


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CHAPTER XIII.
 EDNA COMES HOME.

So she strove to console herself, calling a woman's wounded pride to her aid, but it was of no avail; the handsome face still forced itself through her clasped fingers, and looked reproachfully at her.

"Oh, why—why—did we ever meet? Why did I ever see him, or he me? Why should all this misery come upon us, for he looked miserable as well as me that afternoon—miserable and wretched? Ah, perhaps he was deceiving me then! What did that woman say—that he could act like truth, that he was false—utterly false? Perhaps, while I am here torturing myself, he is amusing himself by deceiving some other poor, simple, trusting fool!"

At the bare thought, the crimson rushed to her pale face, and she sprang up, all aglow with indignation and maidenly pride.

"No! I did right. That was my name I wrote, for he gave it back to me; he took back his own. I am not his wife; he—he is not my husband! I am Edna Weston still! Perhaps, and she trembled and hid her face, "it was all a deceit; perhaps I was never, even for an hour, any other. Oh, why are men so cruel and so wicked?" and murmuring this once again, she burst into a flood of tears.

It is to be hoped that not everyone who comes into an unexpected fortune is so wretched on the day they learn the news as Edna Weston.

When Aunt Martha came to the door, knocking nervously, Edna was composed again, but very pale. Would she come down to dinner? Oh, yes. And she came down, but ate very little of the nicely arranged meal that was served in the best private room.

On that evening the two sat talking over the sudden stroke of fortune, and Aunt Martha, growing more courageous as the surprise lessened, glowed eloquently before the delight of riches, and with Edna, pale and thoughtful, beside her, promised great things.

"But it is all like a dream, my dear—a strange dream, and I feel as if I

And the Worst is Yet to Come—



she looked more beautiful this morning than yesterday, and while he sipped his coffee and chatted, he could not help gazing inwardly at the insanity of poor Sir Cyril.

"A picture in herself!" he declared to himself over and over again, as he watched her sweet, pensive face, and listened to the soft music of her voice, which gave to her words the slight clipping foreign accent which renders our English so subtly enticing.

"And now," said Mr. Burdon, "let me trouble you with a little business," and he produced a formidable black bag, and proceeded to explain what the French would call "the situation." He did it very well, and very clearly, and in half an hour he had given the young heiress some idea of her possessions. Edna sat speechless, with downcast eyes, Mr. Burdon enjoying, in a quiet way, her amazement.

"The extent of the fortune it is impossible to calculate, but you see it is immense," he concluded, rustling his papers.

"And all this, you say, is mine?" said Edna.

Mr. Burdon nodded.

"And would have been Sir Cyril More's"—she colored faintly at the name—"if it—"

"He had fulfilled the conditions—that is to say, half of it would have been his."

"The whole of it would have been his if I had refused to comply with the conditions," said Edna, raising her eyes and looking him straight in the face.

Mr. Burdon nodded. He did not quite see the use of going over all the ground again after the exhaustive explanation of yesterday.

There was a moment's silence, then Edna looked up with the same steadfast expression in her eyes.

"Mr. Burdon," she said in a low voice, "I feel that I have no right to all this money; it is not that I undervalue it or that I am careless and indifferent to my uncle's wishes, but because I feel that I am robbing—yes, robbing," she repeated emphatically, "—another person."

"My dear young lady," began Mr. Burdon, but Edna stopped him by going on a little more hurriedly:

"You know Sir Cyril More, he is a friend of yours; will you—I want you, Mr. Burdon—I want him to have half this money. I want you to offer it to him—to make sure that he takes it!"

In her earnestness her eyes filled with eager tears, the dainty, budlike lips trembled. Mr. Burdon stared aghast.

"My dear Miss Weston," he said, at last; "you said quite right that I knew Sir Cyril, you do not, or you would not suggest such a thing as this. I am afraid you have heard nothing but ill of him"—Edna looked down—"or have judged his character from the few words let slip by Mr. Edward More, who, who—well, who is no friend to his brother. But take it from me, that Sir Cyril More would rather starve—if such a ridiculous misfortune could happen to a British baronet—than take a penny of this money from your hand after declining to comply with the conditions. Yes, I know Sir Cyril More."

Edna's voice trembled.

"Is he so proud?"

"Proud!" repeated Mr. Burdon; "well, yes, all the Mores are and were, but Sir Cyril is something—he is simply indifferent to money—actual money, and he is quixotic in his way of looking at some things—such circumstances as these for instance. The fortune is yours, my dear young lady, and you must keep it, difficult as it may be;" and Mr. Burdon smiled.

Edna looked at him reproachfully.

"I see," she said in a low voice, "you think I am silly—one more question. Suppose"—and her voice trembled—"that there had been something which would have prevented me and made it impossible?"

Mr. Burdon was rather staggered for a moment; Aunt Martha had gone out of the room for something or other. Was this innocent, childlike girl going to make a confession—a confidence? His face grew pale.

"Had there been any such obstacle on your side, and Sir Cyril had professed himself willing to conform to the conditions, then the estate would have been his instead of yours."

Edna's hands clasped and unclasped themselves as they lay white and soft looking in her lap. Something, some revelation seemed trembling on her lip; but the impulse to speak passed away, and she leaned

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back with the air of languid weariness that follows an inner struggle, and Mr. Burdon went on, emphasizing each word:

"But the choice rested with Sir Cyril, and he distinctly and decisively refused to comply with the conditions on his part; therefore, such a question as you have now put is quite beside the issue. The estate is yours."

Edna smiled.

"You will not refuse to convey my offer to Sir Cyril," she said, almost imploringly. "I would do it myself—if I had courage—but you would do it so much better. Tell him—tell him anything, so that he will consent to accept it."

Mr. Burdon smiled.

"Very good. I receive this as your first instruction. I've been a lawyer all my life and been accustomed to do with people who were only too eager to get other people's money; now, here is the novel experience of two persons who seem obstinately bent upon refusing to accept their own. Plan of the estate in Berkshire," he went on, as if anxious to dispose of the subject. "It occurred to me that you would, of course, like a country seat, and might prefer one of your own—I mean already yours—there are several."

Edna put her hand to her head.

"Of course, they have been let during your minority. The lease of one has just expired—last Christmas—and if you fancied the place you could not do better—if I may advise—than keep it as your own residence. It is a beautiful place—it might say a magnificent one if it were not so thoroughly English, situated in the prettiest part of Berkshire. I can show it you on your own map," and he spread out a plan, upon a table, of the Weston estates in that county.

Edna leaned forward and regarded the map with something approaching a smile.

"What is all that red part?" she said.

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TO ROYAL NAVAL RESERVISTS:

It is notified for information that the Government has ordered that there be paid an additional amount of 20c. per day from the time of the commencement of the War, in cases where men were then serving, or otherwise, from the time when their services began up to the time of discharge, or of decease, or to Sept. 17th, 1917, inclusive. And the sum of 35c. per day from the 1st October, 1917, up to the time of discharge or decease.

TO SOLDIERS OF THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT—SERVING OR DISCHARGED—AND DEPENDENTS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is notified for information that the Government has ordered that the following Allowances, and additions to already existing Allowances, shall be paid:

1. A Clothing Allowance on the following scale:
 - For men discharged up to 1st April, 1917—\$35.00.
 - For men discharged between 1st April, 1917, and 1st April, 1918—\$45.00.
 - For men discharged on or after 1st April, 1918—\$60.00.
2. A War Service Gratuity, in place of Post Discharge Pay, to be graduated up to six months' Pay and Allowances, exclusive of subsistence or allowances in lieu of rations and quarters. For men who have served in an actual theatre of war, or were on the strength of some recognized overseas establishment on Nov. 11th, 1918, the Gratuity is graded as follows:—
 - For three years' service or over—183 days' pay and allowances.
 - For two years' service and under three years—153 days' pay and allowances.
 - For one year's service and under two years—122 days' pay and allowances.
 - For less than one year's service—92 days' pay and allowances.

For men who have served overseas, and were discharged prior to November 11th, 1918, without having been in actual theatre of war, and for men who have served in Newfoundland only, the Gratuity is graded as follows:—

- For three years' service or over—92 days' pay and allowances.
- For two years' service and under three years—61 days' pay and allowances.
- For one year's service and under two years—31 days' pay and allowances.

In the case of an Officer or man without dependents whose pay and allowances, as above described, are less than \$70.00 for a 31 day period, a consolidated rate of \$70.00 will be paid in lieu of every 31 or 30 days' pay and allowances to which he is entitled.

In the case of an Officer or man, with dependents who are entitled or who, before his retirement or discharge, were entitled to Separation Allowances, whose pay and allowances, including Separation Allowance, is less than \$100.00 for a 31-day period, a consolidated rate of \$100.00 will be laid in lieu of every 31 or 30 days' pay and allowances to which he is entitled.

If part of, or all the gratuity under Post Discharge Pay Regulations has been paid to an officer or man, the amount so paid will be deducted from the Gratuity provided for by "War Service Gratuity" Regulations.

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CHINA OBJECTS.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8. Chinese press to-day prints an attack on the policy of Japanese troops, as revealed by Yukikal Obata, Minister at Peking. A dispatch under Wednesday's date, from an official Chinese source, says that attempts were being made by the Japanese to induce the Chinese Government to disavow the evacuation of Vilna.

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