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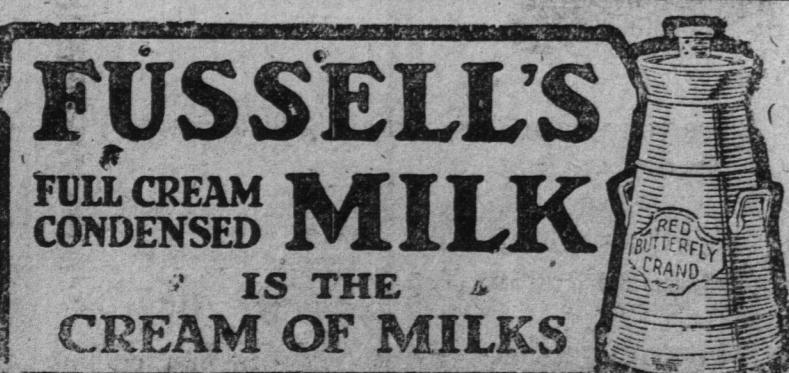
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WON AT LAST.

CHAPTER XVIII.

By and by, when we were back in the drawing-room, settled down to make the best of the evening that we could without Nat, she was taken with a fit of shivering—a fit so violent and so completely beyond control that madame, sitting reading on the other side of the fire, put down her book and looked up surprised.

"Dear me, what is it? Are you ill, mademoiselle?"

Mademoiselle did not answer; it was more than she could do to still her chattering teeth.

"Whatever can it be?" cried my mother, rising and approaching her. "It is like a fit! Ned, bring a glass of wine!"

I brought one, and mademoiselle, managing to steady her hand sufficiently to hold the glass, drank the wine. It had some effect, for in a minute or two the paroxysm passed; but she still looked ghastly pale and her hands were icy cold.

"Whatever can it be?" said my mother, anxiously.

"It is nothing—it will pass," mademoiselle murmured, faintly.

"My dear, nonsense! I am afraid you have taken a chill. And yet you have not been out to-day."

"I expect it was when you were out in the park before dinner, mademoiselle," I struck in. "I don't wonder you have taken a chill with nothing over your shoulders. It is very cold."

I suppose my speech was an unlucky one, for the governess shot me a wrathful look from her dark eyes as she replied to madame's surprised query, giving her the same explanation as she had given me. Her head ached; Miss Natalie's fall had alarmed her; she had gone out for air. Madam would be best for her. Would madame permit her to retire?"

"Poor thing! She seems to be quite ill," madame observed, commiseratingly, when we were alone.

"Yes. It must be through going out there in such a mad way. Fancy bare neck and arms for such a night as this!"

"Very foolish!" assented my mother. "But she has not been herself lately. I fancy—since that fainting fit of hers, you remember."

I remembered well enough.

"I almost think she is troubled in some way," pursued my mother.

"Troubled!" I echoed. "Why do you think so?"

"Partly because she has been dull and out of spirits, and partly because of something which occurred just

before dinner. She asked me to advance her the quarter's salary, which will not of course be due until the end of the year; she intimated that the money was wanted for some relative. She had letters this morning, and I fancy it may be some family trouble which is weighing upon her mind," continued madame.

"Did you let her have the money, mother?"

"Oh, yes, of course! It made no difference to me. I wish, if there is any trouble, that I could assist her; but she is always so determinedly reticent about her affairs."

The household went to bed early that night. The great drawing-room seemed a very wilderness without Nat's little figure and merry chatter. I was awfully sleepy too, when I laid my head upon the pillow, and fell asleep almost immediately, thinking that I should not awake until morning. But I did. Without any dream or any noise that I knew of, I awoke suddenly, and sat up, wondering what could have aroused me in such a fashion—for I usually slept soundly.

"What?" asked Nat—"mademoiselle?"

Oh, I don't think mademoiselle's sympathies are particularly active."

—this with a queer little curl of her lip, accompanied by an equally queer little elevation of her dark brows.

"Certainly they are not so for me."

"Eh?" I said, looking up at her, for I was still lounging on the hearth rug, with my elbow on the hassock.

"How's that?"

"Why, because she doesn't like me, of course!"

"Doesn't like you?" I echoed blankly.

"You silly boy, of course not!" returned Nat loftily. "Where are your eyes?"

"Wherever they are, they haven't seen that. What makes you think it?"

"I don't think it—I know it."

"Bad taste!" I said, laughing. "But why should she dislike you?"

"Well," said Nat, clasping her hands at the back of her curly head as she looked at me demurely, "there aren't very well be two mistresses to Holmesdale, can there?"

"Oh, I see!"—and I laughed again partly at the notion, and partly at the comical little grimace which was contorting her pretty face. "I rather thought she had dropped the game lately."

"Why should she?"

"Might see it was no good," I suggested. "And it isn't you know."

"I wish it were!" she cried, pettishly. "Fraser Froude is horrid, but he is quite nice enough for mademoiselle; and, if he married her, you see, Ned, he couldn't possibly tease me."

"You should send him about his business then."

"I wish I could. I snub him and contradict him whenever he says anything. What else can I do?"

I laughed at this literal truth, no other reply seeming necessary, and Nat, with a pout and a shrug, sunk back in her chair, and turning her eyes upon the fire, became mute and motionless.

I guessed pretty well about whom

I did not go into the village, a message having arrived during breakfast to the effect that the Reverend Titus had caught another cold, which was likely to keep him to gruel and mustard-plasters for the next week; and the morning was too windy, snowy, and cold to tempt me out without necessity.

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