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**"ECHOES of the Past; OR, The Recompense of Love!"**

CHAPTER XVII.

Tibby looked up sharply from the fried sausages and potatoes which she was eating and said, as she set a portion of that savory dish before Mina:

"You're lookin' orf color, to-night, Mina. Too much practisin', too many lessons—and too much nursin'; I'm precious glad that's over at any rate. The nex' time I see a man downed in a row and I've anything to do with the business, he goes to the 'orspital, if I 'ave to drag 'im there by the 'air of 'is 'ead wiv my own 'ands. You don't want any sorsages? What are you goin' to 'ave, then? Would you like a little cold pheasant or a bit of salmon, or a slice of haspic jelly?" she inquired, waving her hand over the table, as if it were spread with the delicacies she had named.

"I've a headache," said Mina, "and I think I'll have a cup of tea. No; I'll get it, Tibby dear."

Elisha looked round rather sadly and regretfully. "Seems very dull to-night," he said. "I suppose we miss Mr. Clive—and so do you in your heart, Tibby, for all you're so rough on him, and your talk of 'orspitals."

"Oh, do I?" snorted Tibby, as she pushed Mina away from the loaf and cut some thin bread and butter for her. "You remind me of the gent at the music—all who sang 'Will You Miss Me?' and a man at the back called out: 'Give me a gun, and see if I miss ye!' I think 'is room is better than 'is company, and I think I told 'im so more than once, and pretty plainly."

"He's been a good friend to us, Tibby," said Elisha.

"And we've been a good friend to 'im," she retorted. "Mina, here saved his life at that silly 'all and nursed 'im, too."

"You forget that you helped me, Tibby," said Mina, in a low voice and with a faint color.

"Yes; that's because I'm juggins enough to let yer 'ave yer own way, an' to stand by you instead o' puttin' me foot down and slappin' the silly notions out o' yer 'ead. But there, thank goodness, it's all done with now. Father, if you wanted sorsage cold instead of 'ot, why didn't you say so instead of lettin' 'em freeze 'im to ice on yer plate? You're as bad as Mina. What's the matter with the bread and butter, that you can't eat it? It's the best fresh, let me tell you, not margarine." "Pears to me this family's got dainty since its rise in

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world. You don't mean to say you're goin' practisin' with a headache?" she demanded indignantly, as Mina went toward the piano.

"Only for a little while, Tibby, dear," said Mina pleadingly.

"Let 'er alone, Tibby," growled Elisha.

"Oh, I'll let 'er alone," retorted Tibby. "An' I 'ope to goodness other people 'ull do the same!"

Mina lay awake all that night, but she was neither anxious nor fearful. There was another day to live through as patiently as she could; and then—

It was a long day in all conscience, though she worked hard and left herself but little time for thought. She slept that night soundly, and woke with a swift, eager reflection: It is the day. He will be here. I shall see him, hear his voice; all will be well. She would remain at home all day, he might come at any moment. She was practising hard in the morning; but she heard a step on the stairs, and her heart leaped, but the step was Elisha's.

"Why, back already?" she said. "Is anything the matter?"

Elisha shook his head and did not look alarmed.

"No," he said, with a laugh; "but my pupils are going away. It seems that those sort of people, the aristocracy, leave London and go into the country at this time of the year. It's a kind of fashion. Funny, isn't it? You'd think they'd go directly the weather got 'ot and the country was nice and fresh, but they wait all through the 'ot weather and until London gets quite smelly, then they go, and I suppose stop away while it's cool and pleasant."

"Then you've lost your pupils?" said Mina, with dismay.

"Not a bit of it; at least only for a time," he said cheerfully and proudly. "It's only a 'oliday, and the best of it is I'm to take one, too. I dessey the swells 'as their faults, like other people, but I'm blessed if they can be as bad as some people try to make 'em out. Would you believe it, Mina, that nearly every one of 'em 'as given me a five-poun' note so that I can take a 'oliday like the rest of 'em! And I'm to carry on the lessons when they come back."

Mina's face flushed and her heart swelled, she knew who had prompted this piece of generosity, perhaps the money had come out of his own pocket.

"An' I'm thinkin'," continued Elisha, "that we might really take a 'oliday. What should you say to Margit, or Southend-on-Sea, or some similar swell place?" he demanded, his face beaming, his eyes twinkling roguishly, then his face fell and he scratched his head as he added: "Of course, that's allowin' that Tibby's agreeable. I think," with an air of simple cunning, "that you might 'int

to 'er, Mina. She'd take it better from you, and besides, she said herself that you're orf color. We needn't spend much," he went on reflectively.

"We shouldn't want to put up at the Grand 'otel—though, mind you, I believe the money would run to it! I do, indeed! We could take some cheap lodgings, and perhaps I could get an engagement at one of the 'alls by the sea or in one of the bands."

Mina looked alarmed, and her heart beat fast. Go away, away from London, away from him! But she forced a laugh. It seemed so unlikely that Tibby would agree to the extravagance Elisha meditated. She would want to put the money by, or to purchase some clothes for her, Mina.

"We'll talk it over," said Elisha; "an' so as we can 'ave all the arguments at our finger-ends, I'll step down to the railway office and inquire about the excursion fares."

Mina put her arm round him, keeping her face from his sight.

"You won't want—want to go for a day or two, dear?" she asked in a low voice.

"Eh? Oh, no," returned Elisha, rather puzzled by her tone; then he laughed and shook his head. "No; it will take a day or two to work Tibby round to the idea, but I'm keen on it—for your sake, Mina; an' I'll step down to the office."

Mina let him go—how could she stop him, without telling him everything? She returned to her practising, waiting through the notes for the step which was to bring her happiness. Tibby came home to the mid-day meal, but Elisha said nothing of his extravagant plans, but winked captiously at Mina; Tibby was always in a hurry to get back to her work, and never in the best of humors at dinner-time.

"We'll tackle her after supper," Mina said, with all the astuteness of the diplomat, when Tibby had departed in the usual whirlwind. Mina was left alone in the afternoon, and she got out her books and tried to concentrate her attention on them, but she was still waiting, listening. As the daylight began to wane and dusk came, her heart began to sink. He had not come. She tried to reassure herself by inventing all sorts of reasons, excuses for his non-appearance; he was a great man, a member of Parliament; he had not been able to get away, had been detained by business. Besides, why should she disquiet herself, seeing that he was sure to come in the evening? She waited and listened to the clock striking the hours; how fast they came now! Hope was beginning to die in her bosom. She listened all through supper-time, when she made a pretense of eating, but every morsel she put in her mouth threatened to choke her.

Not yet did she begin to doubt him, but her heart was heavy, it ached with longing. She was scarcely conscious of the presence of the other two, and she found herself absently listening to Elisha as he stammered and faltered over the proposed outing.

"Oh!" exclaimed Tibby, with fierce irony. "You only want to go to Margit or Southend; you're sure you don't want to go to Brighton or Scarborough or one of them places in France where the other swells go? What nonsense you're talkin', father! As if we wanted a change! And if we did, what's the matter with the Zoological Gardens or 'Amptstead 'Eath, Margit, indeed! An' jest becuz your swell friends 'ave give you a five-poun' note or two! 'Ow do you know they'll ever come back? I don't know much about 'em, an' I don't want to, but I've always 'eard that there's no dependence to be placed on 'em. Look at Mr. Wilkins, the cat's-meat man, as supplies ever so many of those fine 'ouses in the West End, an' the money 'e loses every year with bad debts; told me hisself that if he was to be paid all these swells owe him he'd be an independent gentleman and able to take a pub. I don't want no change—'ceptin' out of a sovereign—and if Mina does, why take her down to Grinidge for a blow on a penny steamer. I'm sure she'd agree with me that it would do her more good than making herself ill with shrimps at Margit or tramping on a pier at Southend, won't yer, Mina?"

"Yes, oh, yes," said Mina absently.

Elisha said no more; but he winked at Mina still hopefully.

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Mina remained up for some time after the others had gone to bed; but though she had urged her lessons as an excuse, she could not see the printed page, for her eyes were dim with unshed tears. She went to bed at last and lay beside Tibby, very still, almost quite motionless, choking back the sobs that threatened to burst from her lips, driving back the tears which swam in her eyes. She was very pale in the morning, but she assumed a cheerfulness which deceived Elisha, but the falsity of which did not pass unnoticed by Tibby. She made no remark, however, but put on her preposterous head-gear and marched off to her work.

She was in the midst of a tussle with some children on the stairs when a telegraph-boy came down the Rents at the proper pace, a mile an hour, and, halting at the door-way, eyed Tibby with marked disapproval and demanded to be informed if a person by the name of Mina Burrell resided in that house.

"Ere, give it 'ere," said Tibby, and she snatched the telegram from his hand.

The boy, after inquiring anxiously where she usually bought her hats and adroitly dodging a box on the ears, slouched off, and Tibby went up the stairs again. But half-way she stopped, pondered for a moment, then, thrusting the telegram in her pocket, went down again and into the street. When she had turned the corner, she opened the telegram and read it. It ran:

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