

# MAGIC BAKING POWDER



## The Broken Circle!

CHAPTER XL  
Leah's face softened and brightened.

"Did you really love me so much?" she asked. "I wish I had known you were so near to me, Hettie; I should have risked a great deal to speak to you. How strange we should be parted as we were! I could not have stayed. I could never have been what my father desired. Oh, Hettie, do as Sir Arthur wishes—come home with us! You must have suffered terribly. I will make it all up to you." She pressed the golden head that lay upon her breast, she kissed the flower-like face. "You are so fair, Hettie," she said, "so graceful, so sweet. I long to see you dressed in handsome silks and laces. You will be a queen of beauty. I know few women in London so fair as you."

"I do not care for that; I want only to be near you, Leah, where I can see you in the morning and at night, where I can listen to your voice and hear what people say of you. I could never live away from you again, now that I have found you, Leah."

"There is no need for it, Hettie, if you will but listen to reason," said Leah.

It was touching to see those two fair women, the lovely faces so near together, the slender arms entwined, the dark head bending over the fair one. Hettie looked up at Leah.

"I should not like," she said, "to interfere with your prospects, Leah. You are Sir Arthur's heiress, and it is quite right. I would much sooner have shared my father's poverty than my uncle's wealth. I had my choice, and it does not seem fair to me to interfere with you."

"Our uncle is rich enough, Hettie, darling, to adopt half a dozen nieces," her sister replied, tranquilly. "There can be no question of interference with me. I should be only too happy. You are more to me than any money, Hettie."



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"I have never repented mine," said Hettie.

"Nor have I mine," declared Leah. "But how the time has come when we may be happy together, if you are willing Hettie."

She prevailed at length, but it was after a long struggle. Hettie promised to make her home with Sir Arthur and her sister; and Leah knew that she would keep her word.

It was arranged that they should go first to London, where a fitting trousseau and mourning could be provided; and the two sisters left Southwood with their hearts full of love for each other, but each keeping her secret. Leah had not told Hettie of her passionate love, her approaching marriage, or the pain which weighed at times so heavily upon her; nor did Hettie tell Leah of that episode in her life which was to her like a fair sweet dream.

### CHAPTER XLII

There was a long animated discussion between the general and Hettie. She was so firmly resolved not to relinquish her name, and Sir Arthur was so fully determined that the name of Ray should never be heard in his house, it was Leah who decided the matter. She represented to Hettie that, if she lived in her uncle's house, she was bound in honor to accept it on his conditions. Again Hettie would have held out, and have left him; but Leah prevailed. Hettie could not resist her "for my sake." She could refuse nothing to the beloved sister from whom she had been parted so long.

There was nothing of obstinacy in the tender heart of Hettie, but there was always a quick loving sense that she must do nothing that would seem disloyal to the dead. Had she met the brave, simple old soldier elsewhere, had he been any one except her uncle, she would have liked him at once; but between her and Sir Arthur stood the memory of her father whom she had loved and he had denounced.

The more the general saw of Hettie the more he liked her. He thought she was possessed of an extraordinary combination of brilliant qualities. She was loving, gentle and tender of heart, without being weak and undecided. She was firm and self-reliant, without obstinacy. She lacked the touch of genius which Leah had, but she was the very ideal of true womanhood. Every hour the general grew more charmed with her. There was no restlessness, no passion in her fair, sweet face.

"Any one on seeing you would think my dear," said the general to her, "that you had gone through a great deal of trouble."

"Why?" she asked, with a smile—they were driving then from the station home to Brentwood.

"I should be puzzled, Hettie, to say why; but your eyes have a strangely calm expression."

Leah's dark eyes were fixed anxiously on her. Hettie's thoughts went back to the hour when, under the twinkling stars, she had bidden her lover goodbye—back to that pain which had been so great that it had stunned her. Now she would have time to realize it all.

The lovely face grew a shade paler as she answered:

"My life has been like all other lives, I suppose, uncle," she replied, evasively.

"All the happiness has come," interrupted Leah.

And the general, looking at the fair face, wondered whether, if Hettie had come to him first, he would have loved her best, at present he thought that he thought that he should never in this world care for any one as he did for his beautiful Leah.

They had been two days in London, and had been so incessantly occupied that there had been but few opportunities for conversation.

The general was strictly just. Leah was his heiress; for her there were rare jewels, Indian spoils, all that was most costly and magnificent. For Hettie there was position, and there was luxury, but her fortune would by no means be so extensive. Sir Arthur had soon made up his mind as to what he would be able to give Hettie for her dowry; and the interest on it was to be her own, to spend as she liked. All these arrangements were made in detail during their stay in London. It was evident to all who knew them that the general did not intend the two sisters to be on equal footing. Leah was to be mistress and heiress; Hettie, the newcomer, was to be subordinate to her. It was evident to all that he loved Leah best.

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