The New Man at Rossmere CHAPTER XI.

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CONTRASTS.

The Tievina family grouped about the gallery presented a cozy contrast to the home the major had just left, and about which he had been ruminating uncomfortably. Reclining luxuriously in the netted hammock, swung diagonally across one end of the gallery, was Mr. Southmead, his slightly bald head bared to the evening breeze, taking his ease and his evening smoke Southmead, handsome, indclent, urbane, sat near him, swaying a huge fan for their united benefit. Ursula was talking to Carl, whose curly head lay close against her cheek, as he leaned over her shoulder. Fred's flute, which was rather a melancholy instrument, sent its dolorous notes out through the opened parlor windows to complete with the brisk yoddling of a mocking-bird close by. The lighted lamp on the hall table gave the group to the major's leisurely inspection as he came up the dusky walk, seeing but unseen. often a marked characteristic in women

'One would think there was no such thing as levees, or booming rivers, or possible inundations, if one's impressions were to be gathered in this serene presence," he said, sending his cheer-ful voice ahead of him by a few steps then, mounting the steps, and waiving the ceremony of a general hand-shak-ing, he took a vacant chair by Mrs. Ralston's side.

These presence, more correctly !' says Mr. Southmead, assuming an un-easy sitting posture in the swaying hammock as a concession to his guest. "This is my hour, Denny. The the walk there, between this home and that one. You all loooked so cozy and united, and -- like a family in short. There we found the old man supremacy of the feminine element in asleep this househouse does not permit me to make very frequent use of that little which than his own features in slum possessive pronoun in the singular number. But, I repeat, this is my ber. The house was silent and dark, and presently, when Mrs. Thorn In it thou shalt do no manner did come out, she was so white and and still and grave that, without much of work, thou, nor thy wife, nor the niece, nor the stranger that is within effort of imagination, one could faney her slowly petrifying, to be in keeping thy gates. Have a cigar ! Carl, you rogue, bring the major a match. with the rigid condition of her life

"If the entire decalogue consulted human fallibility to the exent the comful piece of statuary," says Ursula, mand for rest does, we should approach nearer perfection than we are like to accepting his fancy and complimenting Mrs. Thorn through it. do at our present rate of progress," the major answers, scratching the match Carl has brought him on the floor, and can scarcely be two opinions about that. illuminating his face for a second as he applies it to his cigar. "You will let Carl take your hat and

whip, Major Denny, and remain to tea with us, I hope. I am quite sure Mr. Southmead desires it."

Mrs. Southmead's hospitality was ex tended in that voice of cool dignity she reserved especially for intercourse with the new man at Rossmere. She had not yet quite gained free absolution from herself for being on such appa-rently friendly terms with their mortal foe. She perferred reserving to herself the privilege of saying, "I told you so," in case he should suddenly develop any of those vicious tendencies which she was morally sure must be latent in every Yankee breast. She was prepared to say on a moment's notice : "You know I never did thoroughly in-dorse the man." And the major was humorously aware of her guileful atti-tude. But Sula did thoroughly "in dorse the man," so it was without any mental reservation that she touched over and warmed up this somewhat

languid invitation. "I hope you won't consider it a hardship to keep Uncle George in counten-

your friend. Can't say that I see any. Why didn't you fetch him along? The friends of our friends are our friends, you know. Hope he isn't mount than Roxy." "What's that about Roxy?" Mr. friends, you know. Hope he isn't waiting for a special invitation. Carl,

Southmead turns on him in warm go hurry up supper, you rogue." Mr. Southmead's habit of saying his defense of his pet animal, and the talk branches from that horse to horses in say out without any pause or reference to questions to be answered proved of general, which is a never-failing topic with a Southern man.

to questions to be answered proved of inestimable service in the present instance. The major's face flushed painfully. Fortunately, the darkness concealed that. He abhorred deceit in any and every one of its manifold manifestations. Manton had once been in imminent danger of going to "Sula," says Mrs. Southmead mysteriously as, soon after tea, the major takes his leave and Mr. Southmead walks down to the gate to see him off hospitably, "I hope some of these days to get a little credit for discrimination. Did you notice that man's embarrassthe penitentiary of New York state as a defaulter. He, Stirling, had im-poverished himself to ward off the disment in talking about his friend Craycraft?" Sula reluctantly admitted that she

grace and to send him to Europe. He had returned as Manton Craycraft, had noticed a slight hesitation about his reply. "But what then?" she asks, tartly, for her.

which was really his name with the Denny dropped. If Stirling could have have had his way, his brother would never have come back. As it "There is something wrong," Mrs Southmead says, exultingly — "a mystery somewhere. I've never felt quite sure of him. He is a Yankee" would never have come back. As it was, no good could come of stripping off his disguise, and much harm might accure. Mrs. Southmead, with that keenness of observation which is so which was quite as if she had said, no

good thing can abide therein. Sula turned away coldly. She had no patience with nor words for such an unreasoning and unreasonable spirit as this. It was not to be com-It was simply to be ignored. bated.

CHAPTER XII.

A HIT IN THE DARK.

gentleman seemed really in of assistance this afternoon, Squire Thorn's prediction that it would likely blow "big guns" that night seemed destined to fiteral fulfilland asked Craycraft to stay. I was d.awing a contrast," he contin-ued, rather hurriedly, "as I came up ment, and, as they sat around the sup per-table, which, out of compliment to "wite folks company," Aunt Luc had sadly overloaded with badly cooke Aunt Lucy and indigestible dishes, with bady cooked whistling in through the unceiled weather-boards, setting the lamp flame all a-flutter, Manton Craycraft complion an iron lounge, seemed scarcely more rigid mented him on his weather wisdom.

"All the more reason," says the squire, hospitably piling a poached egg on top of the heap of fried Irish potatoes he had rather autocratically helped his guest to, "why you should fortify yourself well before facing the blizzard. We've got to do sentinel duty at the big ditch by my gin to-night. The levee 'crost it is pretty well soaked now. Them devils on t'other side of the lake are just as like as not to pick out to-night for cuttin the levee.

A sudden inspiration seized upon Major Denny. Why should he not "I should think it would take an unusually fearless person to venture across the lake in a skiff to-night. make this sweet woman by his side, to whom his own heart went out with The waves are white-capped and furimere tender appreciation every time ous," Agnes says, studiously glancing they came in contact, an unconscious away from Manton's plate after having coadjutor in his self-constituted guardcaught his look of amused dismay at ianship of the squire's wife from a nameless vague danger? There was the task set him by the squire.

"I s'poss it does look sort of scary to a chivalric determination in his heart woman, but if I had a ill turn to to ward off from that lonely woman at serve any body I'd as soon, and a little Thorndale the possibility of more trouble. In spite of him Manton had sooner, cross the lake now as any other The squire finished his coffee established himself at Thorndale. audibly, and turned his attention There Stirling was quite sure he would paternally upon Manton. cling. The gossiping proclivities of a

"Make out your supper, man, don't eat like a bird. You've got a jolly rough night ahead of you. I think after this experience you're likely to small country neighborhood were some-thing to be dreaded and warded off vigorously. He turned to 'Sula with the eagerness of a suddenly conceived beg off. But you are in for it this time.

"She is also a very lonely woman "Thanks," said Manton, "I feel fully equal to the night. With Mrs. Thorn's permission I will smoke a cigar It would be in keeping with your reputation for charity, Mrs. Ralston, if you would bestow as much time and before we start," and he pushed his chair back from the table. Agnes it becomes the duty of the sponsors to attention on her as possible. I am sure she is appreciative. She speaks gratewatched the two men making their he efforts you and Mrs. Southpreparations for the night with a feelmead have already made in her being of helpless resentment at the cool insolence of this man who had forced the knowledge of religion. The his presence upon her, and yet, by his Church forbids to take as sponsors any his presence upon her, and yet, by his seeming absorption in her husband and his affairs, left her powerless to banish him. She seemed but the merest domestic adjunct to the squire in her guest's apprehension. The men got into their mackintoshes and rubber overalls, took each a lantern and a box of matches and were equipped for the night. The squire filled his short brierwood pipe with strong plung tobacco and complacently the other side. puffed it in company with Manton's fragrant Havana. As they opened the front door a fierce gust of wind swept in upon them, accompanied by a blind-ing dash of rain. The squire's laning dash of rain. tern was extinguished by it. Manton knelt on the gallery floor to relight it. holding his hat between the wind and the flickering match. "How beautiful his head is," Agne thought, standing by her husband's side and looking down upon the close clinging brown waves of hair that surmounted the young man's head. With sudden remorseful impulse she laid her hand upon the squire's shoulder. "This is a fearful night for you to be out. Can not you delegate your duties to Mr. Craycraft and to Jim Doakes? You can trust Jim." 'Jim's got his work laid out closter o home." the old man said in a voice made unusually mild by this unexpected display of wifely interest. "I ain't a'goin' to forget that I've got a roing, Bieco wife to look after as well as a levee. Jim's better than a dozen watch dogs. I've give him orders not to leave the house to-night except for a turn on the levee in front out yonder, from the old sycamore tree down to the chain gate. The levee's all right as a trivit long my front, Craycraft, but there's niggers on the Rowan place, just across the lake, that would think they was a doin' the Lord a good service by

horse now and Uncle George keeps him constantly under the saddle." "I think I can give you a better bim constantly under the saddle." "I think I can give you a better steps of the saddle." my levee to night. Rowan ain't none too good to do it himself, only he'd be afeared of ketchin' cold, so he'd send some of his folks."

" Is Jim armed ?" Craycraft asked, pulling the collar of his rubber coat well up about his ears. "With nothin' but a good stout club.

I'd as soon think of armin' a mule with a pistol as Jim. He'd blow his own brains out by way of practicin' the use "Then he'd only be dangerous at

close range. Pretty dark out yonder, isn't it?

Manton laughed and boldly led the way out into the wet and blustering night. The squire, bracing himself against the plunge by pulling down the soft brim of his felt hat, and making sure of all the buttons on his mackintosh, followed with a step quite as determined, if not so springy. Agnes could hear them sloppily making their way through the rain drenched yard; could hear them speak to each other in voices raised high to suit the uproar of the storm and the dismal swish swash of the wind-lashed waves as they broke against the resisting levee. She knew when they reached the road by the glimmer of Manton's cigar as he turned to latch the gate behind them. Then her husband's voice came harshly back to her through the turbulent night.

"If you get scared while Jim's out o' sight, Agnes, there's a loaded pistol in the writin' desk drawer that may

sorter comfort you. TO BE CONTINUED.

True Love.

The true way to love our neighbors

is to love them in God and for God we must love the good things with which God has endowed them ; and we must, for His sake, submit to the priva tion of those things which He has denied them. When we love them with reference to self, our self-love makes us impatient, sensitive, jealous demanding much and deserving little. But the love of God, loving friends apart from self, knows how to love them patiently with all their faults, and does not insist upon finding in our friends what God has not placed there.

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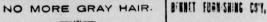
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your sympathy by pleading exhaus-tion," he said, "but I am afraid I can't conscientiously. I really enjoy the life of constant activity I am forced to I do not feel in the least fatigued, lead. and if it were not for the grave uncer-tainty of our situation I should even enjoy the *soupcon* of danger that flavors our daily experiences just at present.

sent." *Southornead* "Mrs. Southmead but she knows best why she married him." says, dolorously. "If the levee goes this time, I shall never understake to have a garden or raise poultry again. My past experience of raising spring chickens in a wagon-bed hoisted on high trestles, and of diving for submerged radishes and lettuce, is too agonizingly fresh in my memory as ter than he how to feel for one whose templatively, and if the boy were quite secondary to the radishes : "it keeps one person busy fishing him out of the water and drying him off. I do hope, Major Denny, you are keeping every body well up to the mark. I have always contended that supineness on that part of the white men and stupid ity on the part of the darkeys has had much more to do with our past misfortunes than Providence. It is all very well to fold one's hands and lay every

thing on Providence !" "Denny," says Mr. Southmead, with a laugh, "if you don't prove yourself more than a match for Provi dence and the Mississippi River combined, your reputation will be in tat ters. 'Supineness' and 'stupidity will be adjectives altogether inade quate to your deserts. You're a second Atlas, man, with only the difference between a solid and liquid world between your burdens. By the way where is your shadow this evening? your friend Craycraft? Do you know my women folks have discovered a marked resemblance between you and

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memory of that ride to Thorndale. "My back aches yet from it." Sula seemed strangely unresponsive

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whose minds never soar into the realm of abstract justice, took note of the un-

usual delay in the major's response and the constraint in his voice when it

"I left him at Squire Thorn's. The

"She would result in a very beauti-

"Yes; she is very handsome. There

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for her. He asked, bluntly : · Do you not like what you have seen of her?

"If you think I can be of any ser-vice to Mrs. Thorn, I will gladly exert myself in her behalf. You know she does not invite intimacy. Then, more warmly : "I would like her very warmly: "I would like her very much if she would let me. I confess her union with Squire Thorn has some-

But she knows best why she married

"At risk of being considered newsmonger, I will tell you what have heard." And the major told the story of Agnes' brother, his salvation tion by the squire on the condition of her mighty sacrifice. Who knew betentire life was warped by the ill doing

of a brother ? "It was nobly done," said Mr. South mead, as the major concluded his story ' By George, the spirit of self-abnega tion in women is marvelous.

"It was unselfishly done," says Sula, slowly, "but--"

"But what ?" the major asks, curi ous to know more of the ethics held by

this gentle, reticent woman. "Not well done," she concluded, adding eagerly, "I pity her very much

"Well, if she committed a crime in marrying the squire from such motives," says Mrs. Southmead decismotives," says Mrs. Southineau territories, " she is being punished mor promptly than criminals generally

are. There's the tea-bell at last. "Perhaps you will not mind riding" over to Thorndale with me to morrow, says the major, rather insistently, as walks by 'Sula's side toward the

dining-room. "I should quite like to," she answered, "only we have but one riding

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