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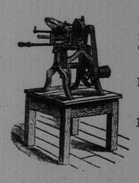

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CHAPTER I.

AT THE PLAY.

It was the occasion of the reappearance of a favorite French actress, and the theatre was already almost full when Richard Littleboy ushered his aunt and cousin into the first row of the balcony circle. At the moment they were about to take their places, a party of young men, evidently just risen from the dinner-table, began to file in from the other end of the tier, and Mrs. Craige, with the prescience of a strict chaperon, chose the farthest seat, leaving her step-daughter, Marion, to sit between herself and her nephew.

"How good of mamma!" said the young girl, looking up into Richard's face and laughing. "Now if I cannot understand you will be able to translate to me."

"You will understand. Bernhardt speaks a language which is universally intelligible: it addresses every sense at once," said Richard. "Aunt Rachel has found an acquaintance among those gilded youths. It is Walker Bellamy. He is bowing to you. Do you mean to say, Marion, that you already know Walker Bellamy?"

"He was at Mrs. Kenyon's last night," said Marion. "He took me out to dinner."

"Ah!" murmured Richard. "So that is it. I might have predicted it."

"Predicted what?" the girl asked, anxiously. "I do not understand what you mean."

"Of course you do not understand: my meaning is purely selfish, greedy, grasping," said Richard. "You have been in New York thirty-six days, and I should, like everything to go on forever as it has been going for thirty-six days. All your fashionable relations have been out of town. There were no invitations, no engagements, no Walker Bellamys. Now the old order changeth. Aunt Kenyon has come back. You will be wafted away into an exalted sphere whither I cannot follow you. I shall have to eat my heart out in vain aspirations and regrets. No more trips up the river and down the bay; no more lunches; no more cosey little dinners; no more rides on the 'Elevated.' 'Othello's occupation gone!'"

"Do you mean that you are going to give me up?"

"You have a lesson to learn, Marion," murmured Richard.

She looked up, and found that he was smiling at her with his eyes rather than with his lips.

"Teach it to me: you have taught me a good deal of late," she said.

"I am only beginning to have an intimation of it myself?," said Richard. "See, Bellamy has changed his place, and is sitting next to Aunt Rachel. He is trying to approach you, Marion. I ought to offer him my seat."

"I beg you will not," said Marion, her chin in the air.

"Not to-night at least. Still I have not a good conscience. I seem suddenly to see as in a mirror the folly of going on with tolerable satisfaction with a set of beggarly artists and authors who cheat themselves with the show of things. This afternoon I suddenly awoke to the fact that a man cannot live on the shows of things."

"Who has been tempting you with the kingdoms of the world and the glories of them?"

"Nobody has been so obliging. On the contrary, an old friend of mine, George Milgate, suddenly made it clear that the kingdoms of the world and the glories of them belong to men who have fifty times more a year than I am likely ever to possess."

"Why should Mr. George Milgate say such things to you?"

"We both left college nine years ago, and these nine years he has spent in making a fortune. I must introduce him to you, Marion. He is thirty years old, very good-looking, and rich. He got hold of some wonderful invention, and has turned it to great account. He is just home from Europe, and wants to make acquaintances in New York: in fact, his great desire is to find a wife. He told me he could offer her everything. Then he turned to me, and said, 'Dick, it is very odd you have never thought of marriage.' I asked him why he took it for granted I had never thought of marriage, and he replied, calmly, 'You just told me you had laid up nothing,—that you made only three or four thousand a year, and that you had no expectations of promotion on a paper like the Republic, already overcrowded with men who know how to seize every advantage. Certainly you don't mean to compel a woman to share such a fate?'" Richard had not been looking at Marion, but now glanced at her, and was startled by the glow on her face. "Milgate's words struck home," he pursued. "They have rung in my ears ever since."

"I don't like Mr. Milgate at all," said Marion, with conviction.

"You will be sure to like him," replied Richard. "He is rich as Walker Bellamy, who is the most eligible young man in New York in spite of his profile. See your mother smile upon him! There goes up the curtain."

In spite of his tribute to the fascinations of the French actress, Richard's curiosity to-night did not cross the foot-lights, but kept his thoughts busy about the girl at his side. His aunt, Mrs. Craige, of Marcello, South Carolina, after twenty-seven years' absence from New York, had come North in September, and had depended on her nephew to settle her comfortably. For weeks now Richard had been thrown with his aunt's step-daughter, whom he called his cousin, in a way which brings a man easily under the charm. He had been called upon to decide upon all sorts of questions which concern a young and pretty girl,—had corrected her awkwardnesses and ignorances, given an opinion on the becomingness of her bonnets and gowns ordered her meals, and in every way, had shaped her to his liking as if she were a possession of his own. She was not yet twenty, but showed little immaturity, possessing the dignity and distinction which come from symmetry of body, simplicity, and directness of intention. She had bright chestnut hair, and her eyes were hazel, with all the sweetness and brilliance which belong only to hazel eyes. Her lips were exquisitely chiselled, and she seemed always to be smiling, but no two smiles were ever alike. When in repose, her complexion had a clear pallor which gave eloquence to the pink flush that almost invariably came to her face when she spoke or listened intently. If not absolutely beautiful, she was charming, if for nothing more than the spiritual attributes of her face, so tender and musing at times, then again full of noble courage which suggested a capacity for spirited action.

So much as this Richard had always seen, but to-night he seemed to see not only his little Southern cousin who had taken possession of his senses of late like a sweet tune which rings in one's ears, but the possible brilliant woman of the world she might soon have the chance to become. He already experienced a pang of loss, of separation, although they were sitting side by side.

It was usually no poor pleasure to watch Marion at a play; it had seemed sometimes to her companion as if her very heart-beats were audible. To-night, however, Richard observed that she did not kindle and glow as usual.

"You can follow the dialogue, I suppose?" he said, when the first act was over.

"Oh, yes."

"Of course you admire her subtle charm, her finesse?"

"Yes; but, Cousin Dick," she said, looking at him with peculiar eagerness "I cannot get your words out of my head. I wish you would not take that tone about yourself."

He met her gaze a moment in silence, then said, "I am not pretending I cannot alter facts. I only wish I could."

"You are very clever. Why do you not do something with your talents? Why do you not write a play, for example?"

"You want me to be successful,—to make more?"

"I want you to feel satisfied with your own career."

"I was satisfied with it," he replied. "It is you who are ambitious."

The curtain rose again, and when it descended Richard's hour was over. Mr. Thomas Walker Bellamy, having ingratiated himself with Mrs. Craige, confided to her in his ingenuous way, like a wheedling little boy, that he should like to speak to her daughter if she would change places with him. She acceded, and Bellamy, a chubby young man with a look of intense jollity and good humor now addressed Marion:

"Awfully finished sort of a woman, isn't she? She draws it milder in this play than in some others, but I always say to myself, 'I don't wish to marry you, madam!' She's a splendid show but I shouldn't enjoy being shut up, with a woman who looked at me out of the corners of her eyes as she can. And she walks like a tiger: don't you think so? I say, Littleboy, who is that with Ralph Atterbury?" And he directed Richard's attention to the lower box on the opposite side of the house.

"He happens to be a friend of mine,—George Milgate," replied Richard. He glanced at Marion and smiled. "He and Ralph Atterbury met in my office this afternoon."

"Good-looking fellow," said Bellamy. "Atterbury introduced me, but I did not catch the name. A stranger in New York, is he? From the West? Made his pile, has he? What a catch for Gussy! Mrs. De Lancey is laying herself out to captivate him, evidently. I say, Littleboy, Mrs. Craige has half invited me to take supper with you at Delmonico's after the play. I hope you don't object?"

"You do my little party very great honor," said Richard.

He did not frown on the interloper, knowing well that Bellamy had never been frowned on in his life, being simply the most fortunate young fellow in New York. His mother had been the sole heiress of Thomas Walker, the great shipping-merchant, and at the age of forty she had married Vandervoort Bellamy of Vandervoort-on-the-Hudson. From the moment Thomas Walker was born he was watched and guarded like a precious mine. His father died when he was sixteen, and, although he was now twenty-five, he was still dependent on his mother, who felt the most intense solicitude concerning him. Naturally it was far from easy for an old lady of sixty-two to hold the leading-strings of a frisky young fellow who when he set out on any road liked to go on simply for the pleasure of seeing what would come next. Accordingly, Mrs. Bellamy had given over her powers of jurisdiction to a distant cousin, named Hartley Dare, who went everywhere with Bellamy, and great as was the latter's ingenuity in getting into scrapes, showed almost equal cleverness in extricating him from them.

"Shall I ask Dare to come with us, Bellamy?" inquired Richard as they rose.

"Please don't," said Bellamy. "I see so much of Hartley."

But when they reached Delmonico's there was the slim, dark-eyed young fellow hovering about.

"Call Dare and ask him to join us," said Richard.

"Not a bit of it," returned Bellamy, and, beckoning his cousin, he dismissed him summarily. "I don't want him shaking his gory locks at me. I'm not doing any harm: am I, Miss Craige?"

It was a piquant circumstance to Bellamy that Miss Craige was new to New York,—that she had never before, so to speak, been off her own plantation, while he had been everywhere in the world and had done all that was to be done. It was a characteristic trait of his always to be doing something; and the more effort expended in getting ready to do something which would turn out a mere fiasco, the better fun he found it. He had already recounted to Marion how, the previous winter he had set off for two days' tobogganning in Montreal, had been snowed up as they crossed the line, kept without fire or provision for forty-eight hours, and then, arriving at his destination, discovered that a thaw had set in; also how he had gone to New Orleans for the Mardi-Gras Carnival, and been twice smashed up on the journey, and reached the Crescent City on Ash Wednesday with a broken collar-bone and dislocated elbow. He declared that he always came to grief in whatever he undertook,—followed the wrong road, got on the wrong train, and backed the wrong horse; that is, when he followed his own instincts.

"That is why my mother sends Hartley around with me," he pursued, when his Mentor had vanished. "She knows I never think till after the thing has happened, and that I never think then unless I'm obliged to. Hartley does: he is like the parrot: you know why he is like the parrot, Miss Craige?"

"I confess I do not," said Marion finding the conversation perhaps amusing, but certainly desultory, and glancing at Richard, who was writing his order and did not glance back.

"Because he keeps up a devil of a thinking,—ha, ha, ha!" said Bellamy. "Hartley is nothing if not deep. If I am going to buy a horse which seems to me an out-and-out beauty without a flaw, Hartley will say, 'Look at his knees: bet you ten to one he stumbles!' and, by Jove, Miss Craige, he does stumble! If I fall in love with a girl and go on to Hartley about her good looks, Hartley will say, 'Bet you ten to one she is thirty, if she is a day;' and, by Jove, Miss Craige, it turns out she is thirty, if she is a day! He always knows. That is the reason—don't you see?—that they call me and Hartley Balaam and his Ass. I suppose you have heard that at the club those are the names we go by?"

"I never heard of it," said Marion. "It seems to me a very droll thing to say."

"Yes, ain't it? When Dick Littleboy heard it, he said, 'By the bye, which is Balaam and which is the—quadruped?' didn't you Littleboy? A little bird told me, you see. I know Hartley is a brighter-looking fellow than I am, but actually I am Balaam and Hartley is the quadruped. You know it is the quadruped who grows balky and speaks when his master is going to make a mess of it." Bellamy paused a moment to glance over Richard's memorandum and to add a few items on his own account.

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AN AUSTRIAN OPINION.
Of President Harrison's Recent Speech at Galveston.

VIENNA, April 22.—President Harrison's Galveston speech has caused unpleasant surprise in Austria, which has extensive commercial relations with Central and South America. The Neue Freie Presse, commenting on the speech, says Harrison must be either laboring under a great delusion in imagining the United States is able to wage commercial war against Europe, or he is playing for the elections.

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