The Broken Circle!

CHAPTER XXIV.

"My mother had a beautiful little hand," she said, "but the legend did not hold good in her case; her life was not a long or a happy one. My father died when she was quite young, and the terrific tragedy of my sister's death came soon after. She had a troubled life."

He took her hand and placed the ring upon her finger. It fitted her exactly, as though it had been made for her.

"Have those who wore this ring been happy wives, do you think, Basil?" she asked, tremblingly, looking up at her lover.

"I hope that all wives are happy. Why should they not be?" He was thinking of something else, and hardly knew what he was saying.

"I have seen many wives who were not happy. What wife could be happy if her husband did not love her?"

"But, my dearest Leah, we must presume that every husband does love his wife."

"Yes, at first," she said, slowly. "No honorable man would ask a woman to marry him unless he loved her."

She spoke very earnestly, her face slightly flushed, holding the old-fashioned wedding-ring in her hand. Something in her words struck him with pain; yet she did not doubt him. He thanked heaven at that moment that she would never know how her uncle's affection for her had caused him to interfere in her behalf.

"If this ring could speak," she said, "if it could tell the history of all the wives who have worn it—the happy and the unhappy, the loved and the unloved—it would fill a volume, Basil. And some day—it may be soon or many years may pass first—when I lie dead, it will be drawn from my finger. If you, Basil, should be the one to remove it, you will think of the hour when you first gave it to me."

She raised her face for him to caress her, and he kissed the beautiful lips. He drew her to his breast and said,—

"My darling, I hope it will be many long years before that time, and I hope I shall die first."

He knew how much she loved him then, for she clung to him with passionate words and bitter tears.

"Ah, no!" she cried. "If ever you offer up a prayer for me, Basil, let it be that, when Heaven calls you, I may go with you. I—ah me, you know, Basil, I could not live without you! I could not even try."

"Because you love me so, my Leah?" he asked, tenderly.

"Yes, because I love you so. Do you not feel so as regards myself? If I died, could you live? Would not the world become a dreary blank to you? Ah, Basil, I am sure that if you died I should never eat, never sleep, never smile again!"

He was greatly touched by her words.

"You love me so much?" he said again.

"Yes, I love you so dearly," she replied—"you will never know how dearly. There are times when I think that men never appreciate or never understand the great love of women."

"I will try to understand yours, Leah," he said, gently. "I hope," he added with genuine earnestness. "I shall make you happy, Leah."

"Happy," she repeated, as though the word surprised her—"happy. You love me, Basil, do you not?"

""Yes," he replied.

"Then how can I help being happy? I could not be anything else. Many people live with divided loves; they share their affections; they have mothers, brothers. I have only you. I mean that all my love is concentrated on you. The other lesser loves are absorbed by it, as the river absorbs the waters of its tributary brooklets. Ah, Basil, I shall always be so pleased that you brought this wedding-ring to me! It seems to have made it easier for me to talk to you about my love."

"Has it not always been so, Leah?" he asked.

She had half hidden her face against his breast. She raised it now, bright with unutterable tenderness.

"No, not always," she replied. "Sometimes my heart is quite full, and I try to tell you, but I cannot. Sometimes, when you are away from me, I thinkfl of all that I shall say when I see you next; a thousand thoughts come to me, a thousand words that I long to speak. And then, when you come, I am mute; my fancies leave me in the sweet reality of your presence. You know what Shakespeare says, Basil?—

"Oh, sweet love, I always write to you,
And you and love are still my argument!
So all my best is dressing old words new,
Spending again what is already spent;
For, as the sun is new and old,
So is my love still telling what is told!"

Are they not noble lines, Basil?"

"Yes, very. How well you understand all this wonderful science of love, Leah!"

"And you?" she said, looking up at him. "Do you not understand it, too?"

"I have had the sweetest teacher the world ever saw!" cried Sir Basil. "I can understand men losing the whole world for the love of one woman."

"Would you lose it, dear, for me?" she asked, putting her arms around his neck.

"Yes," he answered unthinkingly.

"I shall feel doubly married when I wear this," she said, still holding the little ring in her hand. "It will not only bind me to you, but to all the race of Caritons. Let me keep it, Basil, until our wedding-day."

"Certainly," he said. "I am glad it is in such safe, sweet keeping, Leah. If you like, it can be made to look just like a new ring."

"No," she replied, touching it with her lips, "I like it better as your mother wore it. All the new wedding-rings in the world would be nothing by the side of this."

"You must not wear it till we are married," he said; "that would be unlucky."

He watched her as, with a happy smile, she placed the ring in the case and then closed it.

A few days after that they were in London; and Leah's heart beat more quickly and lightly when she thought of the the treasure hidden in the jewel case.

CHAPTER XXV.

The season was a brilliant one. The news of Miss Hatton's engagement was received by some with pleasure, by others with annoyance. Those who had known her before saw a wonderful change in her; the restless expression had gone from her face, and in its place reigned perfect calm. No one could look at her and not know that she was happy beyond words. In time the crowd of "fashionables" grew accustomed to seeing Sir Basil always at her side; even her admirers accepted the situation and resignedly took the second place.

Sir Basil tried by the most assiduous attention to make up for any shortcomings there might be in his love. He was Leah's shadow. Each day brought her flowers, books, music, presents of every kind, from one who externally was the most devoted of lovers. There were times when he believed himself to be one of the happiest men living, when he was lost in wonder at the prize he had won, and tried to assure himself that there was nothing left for him to desire. Yet he knew that the depths of his heart had never been stirred, that he was capable of a deeper, far greater love than this; his heart had never yet known the quicker for any word of Leah's; he had a kindly affection for her—that was all. He would have given her the love of his mandhood if he could have done so; but she had failed to touch his heart. She would never know it. He would make her happy, he would crown her life, and she should never suspect that he had not loved her with his whole heart and of his own free will.

(To be continued.)

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Cod Oil—Trade has been quiet as a rule, but with supplies unusually small. The demand still continues, but only at a reasonable price. We would recommend any person, who has any oil, to make the best bargain he can and hurry shipments along.

Beef—Beef for fishery outfitting this spring is comparatively cheap, and there are no indications of any change in the direction of higher prices, notwithstanding the big drain on live stock to the British markets now going on. The imports to St. John's this week were 175 barrels by the S. S. Bornholm from Halifax, and 200 barrels by the S.S. Sable I., total 375 barrels. The prices in the local market range from $20.00 to $26.00, according to grade, viz: Bos. Flank $26.00; Bos Packet $20.00; Family Special $20.50, Boneless $21.00, $21,-75, and $20.25, according to brand.

Pork—The pork market is quite strong this week in Chicago where the quotation for May pork holds around $21.00. The importations since last issue were 195 barrels by the S. S. Bornholm, making the total 6,402 barrels as compared with 3,055 the same date last year. It will be seen from these figures that the market here is well supplied for spring fishery outfitting. The prices of the different brands sold here are as follows:—Mess and Boston Butt $30.00; Fat Back and S. Cut Clear $28.00; Ham Butt and Spare Ribs $31.00, and Family Mess $42.00.

Sugar—The imports this week were 500 sacks by the S.S. Bornholm. The prospects are for firmer prices, as the overplus of Cuban sugar that had been keeping the market depressed the past three months, has nearly all gone into consumption. The export trade from Cuba the past two months has been the heaviest since the war years. The quotation in New York is 5½ cents per lb. last week, and in Montreal $6.50 per 100 lbs., but this week the price advanced 50 cents per 100 lbs. The local quotation is still $10.65 per 100 lbs., but May importations will be higher.

Molasses—The latest news from Barbados shows a very strong market for Fancy Molasses. Large sales have been made to Canada and the United States, and no prospect of lower prices, but very probably an advance. The supply of Choice Molasses will be very limited, as there is very little demand for Brown sugar from which this molasses is produced. Buyers everywhere call for white sugar, and the improved machinery for this grade leaves nothing but "black strap" or a dark acid substance not fit for human food. This "black strap" or refuse sells for next to nothing in all the West Indian Islands except Barbados, and the reason is that Newfoundlanders insist on asking for the oldfashioned "honest molasses," which is not to be had. Two cargoes have arrived here this week. The "Czarina" and "Over the Top." We hear of no lower price than 75 cents for old molasses, and 80 cents for new molasses of the highest grade.

Potatoes—New potatoes from Florida and Bermuda are now plentiful in New York and Halifax, and a drop of $1.00 to $1.50 per barrel has taken place this week. The St. John's market is now well supplied with imported, Canadian potatoes, 200 barrels by the Sabel I. and 50 by the S.S. Mapledawn, having arrived this week. Home-grown, too, are now beginning to move into town from the adjacent outports, and are being sold at $3.00 to $3.20, as against $3.70 to $3.90 for imported.

Hay—A few more days and the grass will be getting green, and farmers will be able to let their cattle out to graze. The demand for hay, however, will continue unabated among the cabmen and truckmen. There was none imported this week. The S.S. Mapledawn coming direct from Montreal on the 24th inst., will bring some large consignments. The price is still keeping up to $20 to $30 in Montreal wholesale for No. 2 Timothy, while No. 3 and mixed clover are quoted at $26 minimum, on the railway track. The local price is $53 to $54 per ton for lots, and at the rate of three cents a pound for single bales.

Oats—The market is quite and sales are steady at last week's prices. The imports this week were nil, but the first boat down the St. Lawrence due next week, will bring some big consignments. The local quotations are still $3.70 for Mixed and $3.80 for White wholesale, per 4 bushel sacks, single sacks $3.90 and $4.00. The P. E.I. stock will be coming forward in a few days, and the lower freight rates will probably mean a cut in present prices during the next two months.

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Household Notes.

Keep a bottle of home-made chocolate syrup on hand. It can be used for making cocoa, pudding sauces and frosting.

Fresh young dandelion greens, sliced hard-boiled eggs, tomato and French dressing are a tempting salad combination for Spring.

A novel and interesting luncheon set is made of strips of white Indian head cotton, with bands of checked gingham, blue and white.

If you hang a luminous ball at the end of the chain on the electric light bulb in your guest room, you will save your guest fumbling.

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