



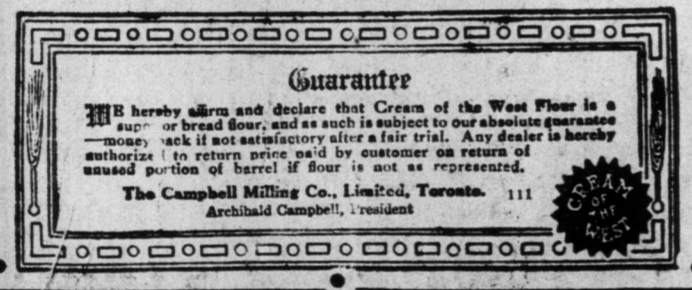
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## A Terrible Tangle.

CHAPTER XXIII.  
In the Darkness.

And while this was passing, two haggard-faced people sat watching Elizabeth as she lay unconscious on her pillows, her spirit vanquished at last by a physical breakdown.

David Barostan had seemed of the nearest to death when they had been found together that morning, but with food and warmth, and above all by the amazing joy of knowing that Elizabeth belonged to him absolutely, he conquered exhaustion, and gradually became himself again. Not that he would ever lose the traces of the terrible experience through which he had passed—it made Ellen Griffin shiver to listen to the agony of those hours in the water, of the mad despair before a chance vessel sighted him and brought him to land—his blanched hair and some look in his dark eyes would always be with him to remind him of the death that had been so near. But Beth's breakdown—and the news of Lil's death—seemed to strike her to the heart—called forth all his strength, made him live again, and in those dark hours when he and Ellen Griffin were praying for their dear one to be left with them, David Barostan proved himself a man whom to know was to love.

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born there were great rejoicings at the White Farm, and Mrs. Griffin was the godmother.

"Beth," she said, one day, when they were alone, baby-worshipping, "I have a favor to ask you. Will you let me send some one who is far, far away—some one who will, I fear, never gladden his mother's heart by returning to England—a word of forgiveness from you? You have your full happiness now—forgiveness should come easy."

Beth could not speak; her tears choked her, and the subject was never alluded to again by Mrs. Griffin.

But each time she goes to lay flowers on Lil's grave, Beth prays for the man who so nearly ruined her life, and who was expiating his sin in exile.

## WON AT LAST.

CHAPTER I.

It is certain that, if I am to write at all, it must be of Whittlesford folk—for the best of reasons—I know very little of any others. I was born in Whittlesford, and have lived there ever since; consequently my range of experience is more or less limited. But there is enough time for me to improve in that respect, for, although my mistake is far more promising than I can induce any one else to believe, I am not yet twenty-one.

I have heard it said often enough that country life is narrow and dull, but I have never been able to see it. I think that country life, or, to be more particular, village life, lived as it ought to be lived, is the pleasantest life conceivable.

Since the folk whom I shall mention presently played out the little drama I am going to write about almost entirely in Whittlesford, I suppose I had better begin by saying what Whittlesford is like, though, for several reasons, I am not going to state exactly where it is situated.

I do not know that, looked at with the eye of calm criticism, Whittlesford would strike the uninterested observer as being in any way remarkable. Perhaps it is not remarkable. I am by no means sure that it is, although I myself am prejudiced in its favor. No doubt it is like a score of other English villages; it is very pretty, very fresh, very bright, very clean. It is a nice place, a thriving, cheerful, busy, pleasant place, and there is always something stirring in it to amuse or interest one, from the first day of January to the last day of December.

Whittlesford is of rather a curious shape—as much like a huge overgrown pear as anything else. The large end answering for the village proper, and the narrowing portion, towards the stalk, for the High Street, where not only the shops, but the best houses are situated. Two roads branch away from the High Street, at the stalk of the pear had been split in halves. The one on the right leads to Market Waxford, a large and busy town some half a dozen miles distant; the one on the left keeps a straight course for a little way, and then, taking an abrupt turn still further to the left, opens out in front of Mount Chavasse.

Mount Chavasse is my home, and to me all that is beautiful; but I do not want to bore any one with raptures about its beauties. It is enough to say that it is big and old and gray.

Upon the morning of which I first want to speak I remember that I stood in the hall at Chavasse trying to make-up my mind as to whether the prospect of a stroll down to the river with my tackle was good enough beneath the bright July sun. I had had one walk to Whittlesford and back already, having gone there to read, as usual, with the Anglican parson of whom I spoke just now, the Rev. Titus Poinsett, who was supposed to be "coaching" me for college. But the parson was ill—had a sore throat, I suppose, for he was as hoarse as a raven, I remember; so I had had my labor for my pains.

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and stately, that the park and grounds surrounding it are simply splendid, and that there have been Chavasses of Chavasse for the last four hundred years. I do not and never did care much about birth; still I would rather be Edward Chavasse of Mount Chavasse than have any other title that was ever bought or given.

I may as well say here that we Chavasses have never been a prolific race; large families of girls and boys have never been known among us. I am an only son, as was my father before me. My father was killed by a fall from his horse when I was fourteen. A handsome man he was with the bright complexion, the rich brown hair and brown eyes of the Chavasses, and, of all the people whom I have ever known, the most free, jovial, good-tempered, and generous—a little reckless too, and careless, given to forget perhaps that he was Squire Chavasse of Mount Chavasse, the head of the oldest family in the county, but liked by every one from the grim-faced Anglican parson to the poorest man or woman in the village. I do not think there were a score of dry eyes in Whittlesford on the day that my father was buried.

As I said, I was at that time, fourteen, and, though of course Mount Chavasse really belonged to me then, it was impossible that I could have any hand in its management for the next few years. But I do not think that the estate missed its master. I know it did not. My mother had always done far more toward its practical management than had my father, and, when all the responsibilities suddenly developed upon her, she took the reins without any slackening. There was not a woman in the country or out of it so capable of managing whatever chance to fall in her way as was Madame Chavasse.

That title "madame" has been borne by the mistresses of Mount Chavasse for longer than I can tell. It belongs to them as entirely as the of "squire" belongs to their husbands. I doubt if my mother has been called "Mrs. Chavasse" a hundred times in her life. She was, and will be until I marry, as I suppose I shall one of these fine days, Madame of the Mount, and she is tenacious of the dignity. And through all the years during which it has been borne by the ladies of Chavasse I doubt if it has been held by any one who wore the title better. Handsome, proud and stately is this Madame of the Mount handsomer at fifty than she was at twenty—proud of every drop of her Chavasse blood, and stately as the grand old house that calls her mistress—a woman rather cold, but true as steel, and loving but two things in the world, I used to think, at the time about which I am going to write—the old name, which is hers by birth as well as marriage, and myself.

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I had just made up my mind that I really could not stand another such tramp, when a soft step came up behind me over the flagged hall, and a voice said gently: "If you please, sir, would you go to madame at once? She wishes to speak to you."

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