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"You have been engaged with your friend, no doubt. I was forgetting." She fluttered over the pages. "What a queer man he is, isn't he?" she said irrelevantly.

"George? Is he? I beg your pardon. I should say—do you think so?"

"Well, I do—I thought so directly. There is something so odd in his manner!" She laughed. "And yet, you know, I don't know what it is or why I think so. Certainly something seemed to amuse him amazingly."

"Did it? He must be blessed with an especially subtile sense of humour. Barrington pulled Jack's ear.

"Perhaps he is. He most decidedly wanted to laugh at something. But I rather like him, I think—that is, I should if I knew him. Alice tells me he is lame. Has he always been so?"

"Oh, no! Nor will he be so much longer, I hope. He had an accident some little time ago—was knocked down by a runaway horse and cab had his leg broken."

"Oh, I see! Poor fellow! Was it long ago?"

"Just before I came down here. It almost well now, but he can't discard his stick yet.'

"I don't wonder people get their legs broken. When I was in London—going through that horrid 'season,' you know"—the 'season' was another thing which she had "told him all about!"—"I used to be horribly scared of the traffic—the vehicles seemed to try to run each other down. Does Mr. George make a long stay?"

"Quite the contrary—it is practically over now. He goes back tonight."

"So soon as that?"

"He can spare no more time. Can I have the honour of doing any little commission for you? I am going back with him."

The book fell down. Whether he had expected to see the start and the blank, astonished change in her face he best knew. It may have been he had spoken thus abruptly to see what the result would be. It would not have been the first such change in her that he had watched for and secretly exulted over.

"You are going with him?" she ejaculated.

"Yes. A circumstance has arisen quite unexpectedly, since he came down in fact"—for a moment his face clouded darkly and ominously—"and it is imperative that I should go to town to attend to it."

"Yes?" She had been quick to notice the alteration in his face. "It—I trust it is no trouble?" she said timidly.

"You are very kind. I can't say that it is quite a pleasant matter—very far from it, on the other hand. it is nothing new. Can I have the pleasure of doing anything for you?"

"Nothing, thank you. You—you will be returning to Castle Marling, I suppose, Mr. Barrington?"

"Certainly—within a week. I can't speak quite definitely, because I don't at present know how long the business may take. But it shall take no longer than I can help."

A silence. Marjorie patted Jack.

"You will see Mr. Chadburn in town, Mr. Barrington?"

"I shall see him to-night. May I ask why you inquire?"

"I thought he might possibly tell you when it is his intention to come down here. I mean definitely—to take possession—to remain."

"I dare say he will do so. Indeed, I will make a point of asking him. Will you say 'Good-bye' to me now? I may not see you again."

"Yes." She gave him her hand. He only held it, and not over tightly, but fingers can say a good deal on occasion, as most of us know. His said so much, or appeared to say so much, that Marjorie pulled away in a flutter and was rosy to her hair. But, of course it was the memory of the Countess which inspired that blush, merely a memory of the Countess.

The London train, stopping at Upton Wafers, and true to time for a wonder, found Barrington and his friend waiting for it on the platform. They had made haste to get there, and haste without need, for the train remained obstinately stationary after they had taken their seats. Inquiry from a passing porter elicited the fact that they would remain where they were until the express for the North had passed, and it was not due for about another five minutes. Barrington had asked the question. He turned to his friend—

"Not worth getting out again, I suppose, George, particularly with that game leg of yours? Better stay where we are."

"Certainly, as far as I am concerned. Who is that ugly-looking animal over there glowering at you?"

Barrington turned his head. The "ugly-looking animal" was Mr. Tom Jocelyn, standing on the platform, glowering indeed, and just at that instant turning to say something to a fair slight man of gentlemanly exterior who stood at his side.

"That? A fellow of the name of Jocelyn. Belongs to the Holt, that fine place I pointed out to you as we drove by—will own it before long, I fancy; the elder brother is almost dying, they say. As to the glowering, I had a short time ago the extreme satisfaction of knocking him down. I don't know the man with him. They are both staring pretty well. Don't know him do you?"

"The bull-dag fellow? Never saw him before to my knowledge. Knocked him down, eh? What did you do that for?" He was a quick man, and the change in the other's face was a quite sufficient answer for him. "Oh, something to do with Lady Marorie, was it?"

"It was. Why?"

"Only that I'll give you a piece of advice," said George deliberately. "If you intend to get a certain piece of business over satisfactorily, hurry up about it. I fancy it is on the cards that if you don't you may find Mr. Jocelyn considerably in your way.

"What's that?" Barrington stared, then laughed. "You're away off for once, George," he said. "Why, it was for insulting her poor little thing, that I knocked the fellow down! And I tell you that she loathes the sight of him."

"I should think for the credit of Lady Marjorie's taste, that that's highly probable. Nevertheless," said George oracularly, "make your hay while the sun shines, my dear boy!. I don't know the Jocelyn man it is true, but I do the other fellow, and confound it, he knows me."

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When we are experiencing suffering of any kind most of us are passionate individualists who cannot think of any hurt but our own.

It is only after the pain has passed, it is only when we have come to see our trouble in retrospect instead of being engulfed by it, that we are able to realize that our experience has brought us closer to some of our fellow-men.

Of course there are some people who do not realize this even then, but I hope they are not very many. For I think they are the saddest failures in all the world. They prick their hearts on the thorns of life and will not pluck its roses. And the wisest and most blessed folks in all the world are those who can find in every experience a golden key to sympathy and understanding.

A young girl who undoubtedly belongs to this latter class was telling me the other day of the suffering she endured while waiting for a most important letter which was unaccountably tardy.

Did you ever wait for a letter? If you have you know that there are few more miserable experiences than the sickening suspense of such waiting. Well has the proverb maker said, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." I do not mean to be irrelevant, but it certainly seems as if he must have been waiting for a letter that did not come. It is like fighting ghosts. You are wild for action, but there is nothing that can be done, and so you must only stand and wait. At first you look forward eagerly to the postman's visits, but by and by you almost dread them, because you fear the miserable disappointment that you will probably receive.

This is the crucible through which my friend passed. And this is what she said about it. "I wouldn't live through that week again for a thousand dollars; but I've learned one thing, and that is to sympathize with people who have anything like that to bear. Do you know, last summer I actually used to laugh at one of my girl friends when she was anxious because her fiance did not write? It makes me shudder to think I could have been so cruel. I'll know better the rest of my life."

Thus out of the cruel crucible this girl brought with her a golden key.

Ruth Cameron

CAINSVILLE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The services on Sunday were largely attended. Mr. Hewittson of Sydenham St. Church, Brantford, preached a very practical sermon in the morning, taking as his text Psalm 8:4. Mr. Hewittson also delivered a fine address at the Sabbath school in the afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Morrow preached in the evening, his subject being "God Hearing and Seeing."

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jas. Clark. The music consisted of a solo by Miss Margaret Hoffman and selections on a gramaphone by Mrs. Smith. Mrs. N. H. Altenburg, who is sent out by Mr. Putnam, Superintendent of Women's Institutes, Toronto, was introduced to the ladies by Mrs. Brethour, Brantford. She then explained her system of dressmaking and organized a class in sewing, which will meet once every week for ten weeks.

The next meeting of the Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. Drury of Brantford visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewer on Sunday.

Mrs. C. Sherke of Hamilton spent Tuesday at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. Boulger.

The teachers, Misses Neelands and Phelan and Miss Ferguson have returned to resume their respective duties in the village and at Brant.

Miss Meta Duncan of Brantford is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs Clapsattle.

Miss Annie Hawley was the guest of Mrs. Laidlaw at the home of Mr. R. Zimmerman, Hamilton, on Sunday.

Mr. John Stewart left on Tuesday for Aberdeen, Sask.

Rev. Mr. Atkins of Kerr was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson a couple of days last week. Mr. Atkins left for Toronto, where he has secured a position in an office.

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Mr. Ransom Wood lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

Mr. Andrew Kenew, Mrs. Bonny and Mrs. E. Kelly took dinner at Mr James Hoggard's on Sunday.

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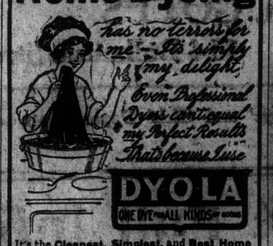

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