JESSIE'S PARLOR.

An orchard, the branches heavy with golden apples, here and there a ruddy "windfall", half hidden in the long grass, and at the foot of the most richly laden trees, a young girl, half asleep, with an ill-used book flung carelessly down, and indolent white arms thrown above her pretty dark head.

'Jessie!'

She made a sleepy little movement indicative of annoyance at being interrupted in the middle of her sleep.

'Jessie, I say!'

Miss Jessie rose slowly, and picked up her book. She was a tall, slight girl, of about eighteen years of age, with a rather pale face, and gray eyes, fringed with long black lashes. These eyes were her greatest charm. A little white gate divided the orchard from the garden, and Jessie passed through it with exasperating slowness.

'Was there ever such a girl!' thought her sister, her elder by twenty years,—at least the daughter of her father's first wife.

Caroline had loved her young stepmother, and when she died had tried to take a mother's place to the tiny, dark-eyed baby she left behind; but Jessie had proved a very troublesome charge.

'Well,' said Jessie, interrogatively, looking at Caroline standing in the door way, with her sleeves tucked up, and her stout arms covered with flour. 'What is it Caroline?'

'Come and move your rubbish out of the front room.

'What for?' asked Jessie, in undisguised astonishment.

'Because father's going to let it to a young fellow from London.'

Jessie looked indignant. Her parlor with the piano in it, to be let to some horrid man, and all her pretty belongings to be banished to her little bedroom. Oh! it was too bad.

'Carrie,' she said, 'how could you advise father to do such a thing ? I never thought we should have to take in lodgers ; I'd rather run away.'

'Where to?' asked the rather matter-of-fact Caroline.

Jessie bit her lips, and went indoors to remove her books and needlework from the little parlor that had been regarded as her sanctum ever since she had entered her teens. It never occurred to Miss Jessie that money was rather scarce with her father just now, and that the lodger would bring grist to the mill. She regarded the whole thing as a conspiracy to make her uncomfortable.

They might have consulted her, she thought, forgetting that she never troubled herself in any way with the affairs of the household. How she wished she could have had her piano carried upstairs ; but that was impossible. It was the chief ornament of the room, and her father, she knew, would not allow her to take it away.

'I shall hate him ; I know I shall,' she told herself thinking of the lodger.

And for the first two or three days she kept carefully out of his way, and Mr. Leith remained unconscious of the fact that he was under the same roof with a pretty girl. But he made the discovery one afternoon. When wandering through the orchard, with his hands behind his back, he came suddenly upon a slight girlish figure, in brown holland, a wide hat shading her eyes from the sun. Wonderful eyes they were—so large and dark, and utterly bewitching. She was gone like a flash ; but her image lingered in Mr. Leith's memory. He was not a very talkative man ; but he began to cultivate Caroline Maybrick's acquaintance, and soon found that the girl in the brown holland dress was her sister. He grew so friendly that Caroline ventured to ask him to take tea with them in the kitchen one afternoon. The farmer was quite willing ; but Jessie objected most strongly and threatened not to come in to tea at all.

'Besides,' she said, 'what does a gentleman want in a farmhouse kitchen?'

However, Mr. Leith seemed very much at home there, and delighted Caroline and her father with his bright flashes of wit. He did his best to please that afternoon; but it was only for the benefit of the farmer and his elder daughter, or did his eyes wander in the direction of Jessie's slim figure ? He could not understand why it was that the girl always avoided him. If she had wished to arouse his interest she could not have devised a better way. Her reserve piqued his curiosity, and he found her pretty face coming between him and the rusty pages of his books.

Once he went for a long walk, and returned home in the twilight, heard her at the piano, and paused to listen ; but she caught sight of his figure outside the window, and the music ceased in an instant. When he entered the room he found it empty ; but a little bow of ribbon lay on the carpet. Mr. Leith whistled, walked to the door, closed it carefuly, and then picked up the ribbon bow with a shamefaced look and actually kissed it. Then with fingers that trembled in a most uncomfortable way, he placed it in his pocket-book.

'Your sister is shy,' he observed to Caroline, later on.

'It isn't that,' with a laugh, 'but she hasn't got over being turned out of her room. It was hers, you know, before you come, and she hates the idea of father taking a lodger.'

'Oh,' said Mr. Leath, considerably enlightened, and next evening, as Jessie was eating an apple in the orchard, the enemy bore down upon her before she could beat a retreat.

'Miss Jessie,' he said, taking off his hat, 'you must not run away. I want to speak to you.'

'What is it ?" asked Jessie, coldly, throwing her apple over the hedge.

She had no longer any appetite for it.

'I want to apologize for having unconsciously taken possession of your parlor, it makes me feel like an interloper.'

'Who told you it was my parlor ? asked Jessie, trying to steel her heart against him ; but thinking all the same, what a handsome man he was, with his what a handsome man he was, with his

'Never mind who told me,' said Gerald Leith, with a smile. 'I know I have unconsciously deprived you of your piano ever since I have been here, and I want you to forgive me.'

'It is I who ought to ask your forgiveness,' returned Jessie. 'I have often stolen in to have an hour with my piano, when you have been out.'

She smiled and colored as she spoke, unable to resist the winning sweetness of his voice and manner.

They stood watching the moon above the tree tops, talking pleasantly, until Caroline came to the door and called her sister.

'Where on earth have you been, Jessie,' she asked.

'Talking to Mr. Leith,' returned Jessie, as she followed her into the room.

'Wonders will never cease,' exclaimed Caroline. 'I thought you hated him; but there, I think he would talk any one over with that pleasant voice of his.'

Jessie thought so to; but she did not give vent to her opinion in words. She was looking unusually well, a color became her, but it was not the rose flush upon her cheeks that made her look so lovely. There was a change in her tonight, and her sister was vaguely conscious of it, as the girl stood looking down into the glowing fire in the kitchen grate.

'Our Jessie is growing a regular beauy' observed Caroline to her father, when her sister had gone up to bed.

'Handsome is as handsome does,' returned Mr. Maybrick, puffing away at his pipe. Jessie's educations had cost him no end of money, while the more homely Caroline had put pounds in his pocket.

But Maybrick had no eye for beauty. He was not like his lodger, who could get very little sleep for thinking of a pair of bright eyes aad a slim girlish figure.

Next morning as Mr. Leith sat at breakfast, he caught sight of Jessie talking to a stoutly built, curly headed young fellow; and his heart gave a jealous throb.

Who was that rustic she seemed so interested in! He could not be her sweetheart—surely a girl like Jessie would not throw herself away on such an awkward cub.

Mr. Leith tried to read his newspaper, and forget the happy looking couple in the garden; but it was no use.

There they were, parading up and down in full view of the window, and now and then their voices were wafted to him on the breeze.

He felt he could stand it no longer, and slammed down the window in a rage. What was the use of coming to the country for quiet, if people would persist in making such a racket?

He took his hat, and went for a walk, and when he returned home, had the pleasure of seeing that rustic, through the kitchen window, dining with the family.

Mr. Leith closed the door of his room; but he could not shut out the sound of that fellow's noisy laughter.

'If he is a frequent guest, my stay here will not be of very long duration, he thought.

Presently, to his intense annoyance, he saw Jessie and the stranger out in the garden again, and after his own dinner had been served, he heard Miss Caroline calling them into tea; and found that the young man's name was Bob—detestable name! Mr. Leith had never felt more miserable than he did that evening, and his life had not been devoid of trouble.

Mr. Leith was sitting in the dark, and presently heard voices outside the door.

'I am sure he is out child,' said Caroline. 'The lamp is not lit; you can go in and play for a little while, and Mr. Leith will never be a bit the wiser.'

He did not hear Jessie answer—her voice was not so loud; but the door opened, and she came into the room going straight over to the piano.

Mr. Leith held his breath, lying back in the arm-chair, while Jessie played softly in the darkness.

He could see the dim outline of her form, as she sat at the piano; for what little light there was fell upon her. He was angry with her—most unreasonably angry, but he could not lose the chance of speaking to her alone.

'Miss Jessie,' he said, quietly.

Jessie gave a faint scream. He had frightened her so much, that she trembled like a leaf. She was going to run out of the room, when his voice arrested her movement.

'I shall be sorry that I revealed myself, if you are going to run away,' he went on. 'It is not often I have the chance of hearing you playing, Miss Jessie.'

Jessie sat down at the piano, but she did not play. Her little brown hands were trembling too much. Mr. Leith rose, and stood by her side.

'I shall be going back to London soon,' he said, 'and it will be pleasant to think of these few moments spent with you at the piano.'

'You are going away soon,' faltered Jessie, and something in her voice made George Leith's heart beat more quickly.

'I saw you with that young fellow today,' he said abruptly. "You seemed very happy.'

'Bob and I are always like [that,' observed Jessie, her eyes beginning to sparkle, and a little smile quivering on her sweet lips. But George Leith could not see these signs of merriment.

'I hope you will always be,' he said. —'May I wish you every happiness ?'

'You may it you like,' said Jessie with an odd little break in her voice, for she was trying hard to smother her laughter.

'When is it to be ?' asked Mr. Leith trying to speak lightiy, but not succeeding very well.

'When is what to be ?' asked Jessie with a little gasp.

Your marriage, of course,' returned Mr. Leith rather coldly, for he knew now that she was laughing at him.

'I think you are putting the cart before the horse,' observed Jessie, demurely.

'What do you mean?' he asked, impatiently.

'I mean,' said Jessie, suddenly growing dignified, 'that I have no lover, so it is rather premature to talk of my marriage.'

Then that young man? began Mr. Leith.

'Is the affianced husband of my dearest friend.' As she uttered these words Jessie rose from the piano to find herself clasped in the arms of her father's lodger.

'And to think,' said Miss Maybrick afterwards, 'that you should make all that fuss about Mr. Leith coming, and then marry him after all! I was never so surprised in my life!'

'It was the best thing that could have happened to her,' observed her father. 'She would never have been worth anything as a farmer's wife;' and indeed this is true, but Jessie never wanted to be a farmer's wife, and is quite content with the destiny that has made her Mrs. George Leith.

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Notice is hereby g ven that by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three and made between the said Donald Buckley, of Carleton, in the Parish of Rogersville, in the County of Northumberland, Merchant, of the first part, and the undersigned John McCall of London, England, John Sterling of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, and Joseph Sheehyn of Quebec, in the said Province of Quebec, of the second part, which mortgage was duly recorded in the Records of the County of Northumberland, on the nineteenth day of September, 1883, in Volume 62 of the County Records, pages 113 and 114 and is numbered 113 in said volume, there will in pursuance of the said power of sale and for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction on Thursday, the nineteenth day of March next in front of the Post Office in Chatham in said County at twelve o'clock, noon, the lands and premises in l Indenture, mentioned and described as follows, namely,—All and singular that certain lot, piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Parish of Chatham, in the said County of Northumberland, and bounded as follows—Commencing on the north side of Pleasant Street at the south-west corner of the piece of land deeded by one David Rogers to one James Elkin, thence westerly along the north side of Pleasant Street, thirty feet four inches, or to the easterly side of land now or lately owned by James Ahearn, thence northerly along the said James Ahearn's easterly side line seventy-three feet or to John Kirby's rear line, thence easterly along John Kirby's southerly side line thirty-four feet four inches or to the north-west angle of the said James Elkin's land thence southerly on a line parallel with the said James Ahearn's side line to the north side of Pleasant Street being the place of beginning—being the same piece of land conveyed to the said Donald Buckley by Deed bearing date the twelfth day of December A. D. 1870 and Registered in the County Records of the County of Northumberland in volume 54 of the County Records pages 403 and 404 and is numbered 288 in said volume—

Also, all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in Chatham aforesaid, being part or parcel of lots number 3 and(or)4 and being a part of the same conveyed to the said Donald Buckley by George Burchill and George A. Blair, executors of the last will and testament of George Parker, deceased, and being all of the said lands yet owned by the said Donald Buckley. Also all and singular that certain piece or parcel of land and premises, lying on the west side of Bay du Vin River in the Parish of Hardwicke, in the County of Northumberland, known as the two lots granted to Isaac Mace, containing two hundred acres more or less which piece of land was conveyed to the said Donald Buckley by Thomas Power by Deed bearing date the 18th day of September, A. D, 1868 and registered in the County Records of the County of Northumberland in volume 52 of the County Records pages 507 and 508 and is numbered 373 in said volume. Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon and the rights, members privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders and issues and profits thereof &c, of the said Donald Buckley of, in, to, out of or upon the said land and premises and every part thereof.

Dated the seventeenth day of December, A. D. 1884.

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Notice of Sale.

To Michael McLean, of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, laborer, and all others whom it may concern—

Take notice that there will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Engine House in Newcastle on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of March next, at 12 o'clock, noon,

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Newcastle, aforesaid, being part of lot number one and granted to the late William Davidson, bounded on the north by Mitchell street, west by lane leading to the Marsh, south by lands owned by the heirs of the late James Ryan, and east by lands owned by John Murray, being the same piece of land conveyed to the said Michael McLean by James O. Fish by deed dated the twenty-seventh day of September, A. D., 1877, as by reference thereto will more fully appear.—Together with the buildings, improvements and appurtenances,

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E. HUTCHISON.

Jan. 1st 1885.

NOTICE.

Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick, for an Act to Incorporate a Company for the construcand of a Railway, from a point on the Northern and Western Railway, at or near Cross Creek, in the Parish of Stanley, in the County of York, up the Valley of the Nashwaak River as near as may be, and through the Parishes of Stanley and Bright, in the County of York, and the Parishes of Brighton and Aberdeen, in the County of Carleton, to a point on the St. John River, in the County of Carleton, between Hartland and the County Line between Carleton and Victoria Counties.

Fredericton, D 1st 1884.

NOTICE.

Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick for an Act to incorporate a Company whose object it is to construct a line of Railway to connect with the Northern and Western Railway at or near Boiestown. running through the parishes of Ludlow in Northumberland, Stanley in York, and Brighton and Northampton in Carleton (or such other parishes as may be deemed advisable in said Counties) to or near Woodstock in the County of Carleton; also a line of Railway connecting with the Northern and Western Railway at or near its crossing of the Miramichi River in the Parish of Blackville and running through said parish and the parish of Southesk and thence through the Counties of Carleton and Victoria, or the said County of Victoria to or near Grand Falls in said County, with branches and connectinglines in the parishes [illegible] and Southesk in the County of Northumberland, and branches in the said Counties [illegible] York, Carleton and Victoria

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Notice is hereby given that a Bill will be presented to the Local Legislature at Fredericton at its next sitting, providing for the erection of a new parish in the County of Kent, taking for the purpose thereof portions of the Parishes of Richibucto and St. Louis.

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Richibucto, Kent County N. B.
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