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' I cannot, Margarita. That you may know have something on my mind, I tell you rankly that the end of June will see me either happy as my brightest dreams foreshadow happiness, or as wretched as I hardly dare to imagine. Be patient with me, dear; I cannot help it. It will be all over when the last June roses blow; but how I shall live until then I cannot tell-I do not know.'

'But surely you can trust me further than this,' said Margarita.

'I cannot, dear. If the secret were my own, I would. We must say good-by to our quiet life very soon; Mr. Beale and Sir William Morton are coming, and we must do our best to entertain them.'

'Will you not tell me more of this strange story of yours?' inquired Margarita. 'I begin to feel as though I were in an atmosphere THROUGH Tickets via Intercolonial Railof mystery. Is there a mystery at Walton way and Grand Trunk for Quebec, Mon-Court?' treal, Ottawa, Toronto, and all other points

in Canada; also, to all principal points in the She asked the question with assumed gayety but she narrowly watched Miss Cameron's face the while. There was a slight tremble of her

> 'Mystery? No, none; but there are secret -every house, every home, every heart has ts secret. Even you, perhaps, Margarita, have yours.'

It was a home thrust, and Margarita could make no reply. Presently she smiled.

'I think,' she said, 'that you and I are like two cautious generals; we reconnoiter, advance and retire. If you will trust me with all your secrets, I will tell you mine.'

'I cannot,' replied Adelaide. 'I must be as a cautious general for some little time 'You are naturally frank,' observed Mar

'So are you,' returned Miss Cameron. Perhaps the time will come when we shall be frank with each other, but it seems to me that

it will not be just yet.' The last words that Miss Cameron said to her that night were said laughingly.

' Now, Margarita, away with all mysteryforget all about secrets, and make a conquest of Mr. Beale.'

'I should not do for a lawyer's wife, she

'Why not?' asked Adelaide.

'I should get interested in all his busines and weave romances out of it,' she answered And, if Margarita had married Mr. Beale, that would have really happened.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

THE month of blossoms was gone, leaving the sweet odor of May flowers behind. The first day of June dawned bright, warm, and beautiful. Heaven was smiling upon earth; the flowers looked their fairest and best. Lady Rylestone stood alone on the broad white terrace that overlooked the garden.

The morning sun fell upon her tall figure with its perfect harmony and subtle grace. upon the superb face with its exquisite coloring. It showed clearly the troubled look in the dark eyes; for a terrible fear on this bright June morning had fallen over her-a fear that had robbed the earth of its brightness, the sun of its light. What if her husband should be seriously angry with her, should think that she had done something, mean, dishonorable, unworthy-should fling her from him as one dis-

graced and ashamed? She had lived lately in an atmosphere o clear light. Adelaide Cameron was in herself so true, so entirely honorable-her ideas, her thoughts, were so entirely noble-her sense of honor was so keenly sensitive—that no one could live with her without loving all that was pure and upright more. Margarita was be ginning to see things more clearly. She had genius, fire, passion, good principle, but there was some little deficiency in her sense of honor. Adelaide Cameron could never have endured the idea of entering another person's house in disguise, of seeking to find out by underhand means what had been purposely withheld from her; she could no more have done it than she could have put her hand into her contents. Margarita, on the contrary, lost she sees dishonor where I see heroism.' all sense of possible wrong in the end to

be attained, her sense of honor did not recoil from it. Yet, in her justification of herself she pleaded that she had acted entirely from a wish to serve her husband, to be of use to him, to find out if there was not some way of retrieving his ill-fortune; and the end to be obtained seemed in her eyes so weighty, that she forgot the means to he employed in securing

Her unhappiness on this bright June morning arose from a conversation she had had on the night before with Adelaide. They had both been reading the same story, and they were busily discussing the hero. Adelaide approved of him. He had given up, even at the risk of breaking his heart, the woman he loved, because he had found her guilty of a mean and dishonorable action—an action that she had performed entirely for love of him. He could not pardon it. To him it was like the canker in a flower, the worm in fruit. It had destroyed his ideal, and he gave her up. Adelaide said he had done right, and Margarita raised her beautiful face in dire dismay.

'Right?' she repeated. 'Why, he was cruel and unjust! She did it for his sake-for him. How could he be angry? How could it be

'It was dishonorable,' asserted Adelaide.

'Dishonorable! It seemed to me heroic. It might have been mean or base if she had done it for herself, but it was for him.' I do not see how that affects the action,

Margarita. She committed a mean, dishonorable action. Does it affect the nature of that deed whether it was undertaken for lover, brother, husband, sister or friend? The deed remains the same.'

But the end to be obtained?' interrogated

'Did not justify it-could not justify it. No true code of either honor or morality, or religion, can make the end justify the means.' 'That seems a hard doctrine,' said Margar-

'It is a clear one,' rejoined Adelaide. 'How else could the common laws of honor be kept? If I wanted to obtain some information from von that would be valuable for a good purpose, would I be justified in listening at your room door? If I wanted money to relieve distress, even to save life, should I be justified in stealing it from you? If I wanted intelligence, even for the weightiest purpose, should I be justified in slyly reading one of your letters? Ah, Margarita, you are only jesting! There can be no more contemptible idea than that the end justifies the means. The laws of honor seem to me so plain that a child may understand them.

'But, surely,' said Margarita, 'all people do not think so are not so severe?'

'There can be but one thought on the matter amongst men and women of honor,' decided Adelaide, calmly. And then she looked at the beautiful pale face and the dark, troubled eyes, and smiled. 'Why, Margarita, you look half frightened! If I did not know you so well, I should be tempted to ask whether you had ever undertaken anything believing the end justified the means.'

But,' persisted Margarita, ' would all men think so? Suppose that a woman loved a man very dearly, did something not perhaps quite honorable to serve his interests, would he dislike her for it?'

'That is the very question at issue. I should say, if he were an honorable man himself, he would never forgive her.'

' No matter how much she loved him? interrogated Margarita, with trembling lips.

'Certainly not. The love might palliate the offense-it could not excuse it. If one has to choose between love and honor, surely there can be no hesitation. Honor before life, love, or anything else!'

And, as Miss Cameron spoke, the noble face had a light upon it that did not seem all of this world. The eyes grew deeper and more tender, a smile played round the perfect lips. It was as though a beautiful soul shone through a beautiful face. In that moment Margarita Rylestone did homage to a superior mind.

It was the remembrance of this conversation that darkened the sunshine for her, and blotted out the fairness of the flowers. What if her husband, Allan Rylestone, should think the

She had walked to the edge of the terrace. and stood leaning over the stone balustrade.

'I am not an aristocrat,' she thought-' belong to the middle class-but surely amongst us there is as much honor as amongst them : neighbor's purse and have withdrawn its yet she has ideas that never occurred to me-

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