

LOVE FINDS A WAY.

BY JEANNETTE H. WALWORTH.

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"I know I can trust you, mother, for you never deceived me in all your life." Then she had kissed the withered forehead and gone briskly down the front walk, quite unconscious of the remarkable tumult she had stirred beneath the fresh white kerchief she had folded over her mother's bosom when assisting her to dress that morning.

When she was sure she was quite alone, the old woman developed unsuspected capacity. She got up and made the tour of her small home experimentally, first with her cane and then without it. Presently she flung herself back into her chair with a petulant sigh.

"She doesn't know me. My daughter does not know me. I shall use to say when I get my head turned in one direction there was no power on earth that could make me look in another. But I know I've got it turned at the right angle. I'm not called on to tell Malvina everything. I know what Malvina thinks, I know what they all think—the old woman has gone daft. As like as not, if I was to tell Malvina, she would go to Matthews the first one who'd apologize for 'poor mother.' It won't do. It shan't be done. I wanted them for Tom, I wanted them for Henrietta and Rufus Broxton's boy, and if he can't do it, I'll do it myself. What did I do with them? Oh, my poor head! Are you really going to fail me when I have so much to do?"

Tears flew sluggishly from the eyes of old age. The fountain of that relief supply dries up quickly under the scorching fires of life's passionate years. "Mother" Spillman pressed one corner of her white kerchief to her dim eyes. Her withered bosom rose and fell convulsively. She was sobbing, whether because she was deceiving Malvina systematically and purposely as to the condition of her sprained ankle and other matters or because she was not carrying out a cherished plan very satisfactorily perhaps she scarcely knew herself. Lying back in her big chair, she lifted red lidded eyes to the ceiling and frowned.

"If I could just leave Malvina entirely out of the question and think exclusively about him, I could straighten out this snarl much quicker and easier. Some of these days I'll make it all right with her. Now I've got to work for him."

The papers which Jimmy Martin had found in the garden and brought to her had disappeared again in the most mysterious manner. Either she neglected mournfully, her memory was getting so treacherous that she could not recollect where she had originally hidden them to keep them from falling into Miss Malvina's hands or else they had been stolen from her.

She had three theories touching their disappearance, either of which was sufficient to fill her soul with bitterness—Malvina had found them and restored them to Horace Matthews without ever a word to her about the transaction, Jimmy Martin had been bought by the lawyer at an advance price over the one she had paid him to hold his tongue and had burglariously scoured the package while she slept, or she had herself carelessly handed them among some papers she had recently destroyed.

"But I know them by heart. I could swear to every word in them if only some one would believe in me. If I'm falling so fast that I don't know a legal document from a pudding recipe, if I'm grown such a witless body that a clodhopper like Jimmy Martin can overreach me, if I'm of so little importance in the world that my own daughter will make common cause with a bad man against me, the sooner I go the better."

"Mother" Spillman had not yet reached the sluggish point which comes as compensation for failure. She had not been shelled long enough to grow passive under the humiliation. During the Rev. Mr. Isham's incumbency she had been a power in Mandeville, and when time removed him and disabled her she yielded up her scepter reluctantly and ungracefully. She was still much given to asserting her views in defiance of large majorities, and, as for consulting Malvina in a matter of grave importance, she could not bring herself to do it. In this matter of the lost papers, Malvina could never be brought to see it in the right light. She would have stoutly stood out for Matthews' rights as Tom's guardian and carried the documents when found to him.

With all the strength of affection undiluted by diffusion this stern old woman had loved the older generation of her and his beautiful sister, Lucetta, had all been objects of her unstinted affection and love. As they had stood by her in the time of her sorrow and suffering, so did she solemnly swear to herself that she would stand by the last of the name.

A furtive but thorough examination of the papers Jimmy Martin had found had led her to believe that they were of decided value to Tom. Whether to give them to him or whether to hold on to the most important ones until he came of age was the knotty point with her. One of her innumerable theories

was that if Horace Matthews had been willing for them to be lost he would have made a more thorough search for them at the time of their disappearance.

The discrepancy between this view and the idea of Jimmie Martin having resold himself did not concern her in the least. The average woman does not understand the necessity for dovetailing her theories and rises superior to consistency.

The old woman sighed and peered restlessly toward the front gate. She had half a mind when Malvina did come back to tell her all about the finding and the losing of the papers, first, of course, swearing her to inviolable secrecy, but she had entertained and discarded that same "half a mind" scores of times already. Malvina would just get angry with her and put on superior airs of rectitude. Malvina got angry with her every time she cast any discredit on Horace Matthews' management of Tom's affairs. He certainly had bewitched Malvina, as he had others before her. Only that morning at the breakfast table, when Malvina had described the beautiful pearl necklace that Matthews had clasped about his girl's neck and she had promptly recognized it as having been Lucetta's, given to her as a birthday gift by her brother Rufus, and had denounced its appropriation by the lawyer, Malvina had "down all to pieces" and had just stopped short of downright disrespect to her mother in defense of him.

"As if I did not know him better than anybody living!" the old woman grumbled, striking one wrinkled fist angrily against the other. "As if I did not know his soul to be rotten to the very core!"

Tom Broxton, entering gaily down the sun flecked road on his way to Mandeville, caught a glimpse of the bright spot of color in the cottage doorway and drew rein with friendly intent. He consulted his watch and laughed.

"It is 'Mother' Spillman. I ought to pay my respects to the old lady. I have more time this morning than I am likely to have again. I was asked to a 2 o'clock dinner, and it is only a little past 12 now. I'm showing my hand pretty plainly."

He sprang out of the saddle, threw his bridle over a picket of the fence and made his way quickly between Miss Malvina's hollyhocks and larkspurs. The old woman peered forward eagerly at sound of the gate latch.

"That ain't you back already, Malvina?" Her hands were caught in a warm cordial clasp.

"No; it's only Tom Broxton, 'Mother' Spillman. I've stopped by to ask after your eyes. Miss Malvina tells me you have had a dreadful time with them this winter, and, as if that wasn't enough to keep both of you in work, you had to go and sprain an ankle."

All of which was shouted so immediately into the old lady's ears at the top of Tom's vigorous young lungs that she recoiled in physical pain. But she held his hands with answering warmth and smiled a glad welcome up at the great stalwart fellow.

"My dear boy, my good lad, to think of your taking the time to stop and call on an old woman like me! But it was like you—like the Broxtons, I mean. They never forgot other people's feelings. Sit down, Tom, close to me, laddie, where I can touch your shining brown hair if I want to. But don't yell so, Tom. They try to make out that I can neither hear nor see, but the old woman is not quite so useless yet—not yet—not too helpless to be a good friend to the last of the Broxtons, Tom. Eh?"

"Indeed, no, ma'am," said Tom cheerfully. "I don't know of anybody I would turn to quicker if I needed help than to you or Miss Malvina."

He was thinking of derelict buttons and falling sock heels. She was thinking of much weightier matters. She gave a chuckle of unmistakable triumph.

"Say that again, my boy; say it again! It does one good after being snubbed and laid on the shelf for years. You mean it, don't you, Tom?"

"Of course I do, every word of it," said Tom kindly. "But you must not talk of being laid on the shelf yet for a great many years to come, 'Mother' Spillman. You have got plenty work to do in the world yet."

"No, I'm not getting younger, and I'm not getting brighter. I'm willing to go when my time comes. But, Tom, I've been wanting to talk with you, lad. You're right. I've got work to do. I've been wanting to say some things to you that no one else could say as well nor as safely, things no body else would dare to say. Sit here on this hassock, close by my feet, boy, and try to use the trumpet when you answer me. Then you won't have to bawl so that they can hear you all over the county."

"So far as I can see," said Tom, experimenting gently with the trumpet, "there's no one to hear us unless it is Miss Malvina's canary bird or that old red rooster yonder scratching up at flower beds. Shall I drive him away?"

She laid a heavy hand on his shoulder. "No; sit still. Malvina will be coming back presently, and she'd be in

the way." She leaned forward then her thin lips almost touched his healthy pink ear.

"Thomas, where is all of your mother's and your Aunt Lucretia's fine jewelry?"

"Jewelry? I don't know, 'Mother' Spillman. I didn't know they had any."

"They had thousands of dollars' worth, boy. They had diamonds and pearls and Etruscan gold sets and cameos and the dear knows what besides. Many a time when I, as a minister's wife, ought to have been frowning down such frivolities while I sat gloating over their beautiful gems, real works of art, that were kept in one great lacquerware box when your dear mother and aunt were alive. They were a fortune in themselves. Oh, they were dressers, those two dear women! Not that they ever overdid it, though. Where is that box now, Thomas?"

Tom laughed carelessly. "I have not the slightest idea, 'Mother' Spillman. I never heard of the existence of all that splendor before. I suppose my father would have put such things in bank somewhere. I am glad to know so many pretty things are in waiting for my future wife."

"Your future wife?"

"Why, yes. Of course I am going to have one some of these days, 'Mother' Spillman. You would not have me go without?"

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Painter Munkacsy Dead. Bonn, May 2.—Munkacsy, the celebrated painter, died in an asylum here, at noon yesterday. He will be buried at Buda Pesth.

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COL. OTTER WOUNDED

Heading the Canadians at the Fight at Israel's Poort.

FRENCH IS NOW AT THABANCHU

Has Joined Forces With Gen. Ian Hamilton and Gen. Smith-Dorrien's Brigades—Additional List of Casualties—Boers in a Tight Place—News From Buller's Territory.

London, April 28.—A despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 27, gives Gen. Ian Hamilton's report of the British casualties at Israel's Poort, April 25. Among those slightly wounded is Col. W. D. Otter of Canada.

Gen. Hamilton reports that the Canadians and Marshall's Horse did particularly good service.

GEN. FRENCH AT THABANCHU. Official Bulletin From Lord Roberts of the Progress Made.

London, April 28.—The War Office has issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Friday, April 27th:

"General French reached Thabanchu this morning from Cavalry. He met Gen. Ian Macdonald and Gen. Smith-Dorrien's brigades there.

"The enemy were still holding the eastern outlet of the town, where General French and General Hamilton were proceeding to turn them out.

"General Bunde's division was eight miles south of Thabanchu last evening."

Additional Casualties. Additional casualties thus far reported:

Ian Hamilton's Mounted Infantry—Lieut. Barry and Hill wounded, both of Marshall's Horse, the former severely, the latter slightly.

A patrol from Bethulle came across a body of the enemy on Smithfield road April 25. Pte. King of the Prince Alfred Guards was killed and two of the Royal Scots' service corps were taken prisoners.

The Yeomanry Cavalry, under Gen. Brabant, after reconnoitering as far as Wepener, returned to Dewetsdorp this morning.

Boers Keep Ahead of French. London, April 28.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, under Thursday's date, says:

"The Boers who retreated from Dewetsdorp kept well ahead of Gen. French's cavalry. Unless the enemy should make a stand at Kroonstadt, Lord Roberts will rapidly cross the Vaal River."

From Buller's Territory. London, April 28.—The Lady-smith correspondent of The Standard says: "The strength of the Boers in the Biggarsberg district is believed to be between 5,000 and 8,000. They are commanded by Gen. Lucas Meyer and are well supplied with artillery."

The Lady-smith correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says the Boers are preparing to spend the winter in Natal. They are bringing their stock from the high veld to Natal for winter grazing, and they are demanding that the Kaffirs pay the hut tax to them, instead of to the Natal Government. They also declare that unless the Kaffirs work for them, they should make a stand at Kroonstadt, (the Kaffirs) must remove south of Sunday's River.

BOTHA SAVED THE BOERS. Saw They Were Being Entrapped and Ordered Withdrawal. London, April 28.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Thursday, says:

"The latest reports show that the Boers passed east of Thabanchu when going north. A prisoner reports that the situation at once and ordered the immediate withdrawal of the Boers, both from there and from Wepener."

Boers Scattered About. Aliwal North, April 27.—It is reported that there are 300 Boers at Bosman's Kop in the Smithfield district, 100 at Smithfield, 400 with two guns and a Maxim at Gry Kop and 220 with two guns at Kleeter Drift, Caledon River.

Boers Were in a Tight Place. London, April 28.—The Daily Chronicle has the following from Vaal Bank, dated Wednesday, April 25:

"There appears to be little chance of inflicting punishment on the retreating Boers. Gen. Botha, who arrived at Dewetsdorp Monday, realized the situation at once and ordered the immediate withdrawal of the Boers, both from there and from Wepener."

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JUNIOUS BRADLEY, Municipal Clerk. Aylmer, Ont., April 24, 1900.