

HIS LORDSHIP'S ROMANCE

CHAPTER XI.

"At last—at last!" murmured Inez, as she reached the quiet sanctuary of her own room. "I have won him, and I will only live to make him happy. He shall never repeat the words he said this night. I will make him happier and greater than my cold, quiet sister could have done."

In that hour of triumph Inez forgot the false, cruel treachery that had led to her present happiness; she never thought of her sister, betrayed and unhappy; she remembered only her love and its success. The fatigue and weariness that a short time before had almost overpowered her, disappeared; it was a fresh and radiant face that smiled so brightly, as busy thoughts painted the past and present in strong colors.

"It is not only that I love him," she cried; "were he penniless and obscure I would endow him with all my wealth; but there is triumph to me in the fact that my father's neglected child will be Lady Lynne, mistress of this round room; exiled and neglected no longer; loved and revered as Lady Lynne."

She would not remember the facility that had crowned her with success. By a strong effort of her indomitable will she swept away all unpleasant thoughts. She remembered only that she loved and was loved, that the one thing she coveted was now hers—her hopes gratified, her wounded pride soothed, the cup she had craved for filled to the brim.

If all this could have been attained by fair and honorable means, Inez would have been better pleased. She did not like to remember the false words that had stained her lips, or the pain she had seen in her sister's face. But she did not care for that. The thought of her triumph, the thought of her position in the household—she would be the happier for it in the end, and so would Agatha; they were not suited to each other, she said to herself over and over again. Agatha had no ambition; she would be content to dream away her life at Lynne's side, content in seeing her husband fulfilling the duties of a wealthy landed proprietor, without caring for or thinking of fresh glory. But it would not be so with her. She would incite him, help him, urge him on, until the name of Lynne was known and revered throughout the south and the breadth of the land. He should be a statesman such as the Lynnes of old had been, and all England should ring with his name and his talent. Then he would turn to her, and bless her as the centre and source of all his success. Then to himself he should own that it was well that she should have been rejected with her love. When the mighty voice of a mighty nation was raised in his praise, when honors had been thrust upon him, when the first and grandest of positions was open to him, then he would but love her the more, for she would have helped him on his brilliant career.

In such thoughts and dreams Inez forgot less pleasant things. She never for one moment feared detection. Agatha would not return yet; and even when she did so, both she and Lord Lynne were far too honorable, she knew, to make any reference to their past attachment now that she was his betrothed wife. There was no fear for the future. Love, triumph, ambition, all wore their finest colors; and no shade aded the brilliant face that watched the moonlight and the first faint flush of dawn. Even when she fell asleep at last it was with a smile of child-like happiness upon her lips.

Perhaps no one ever felt a greater shock of emotion than did Lord Lynne when he awoke on the morning following the scene in the bond. It rushed upon his mind as soon as his eyes were opened to the light of day. He was only yesterday thinking of going abroad, was now the betrothed husband of one of the loveliest and wealthiest women in England, and she loved him. Ah, how she loved him! The remembrance of the joy that had flashed in her face, the silent happiness that entranced her as he spoke, came vividly before him. This glorious beauty, with her wealth and talent, her genius and grace, loved him who had never left anything but the calmest brotherly affection for her. The young heir of Bohun loved her; the gay and gallant Captain Marchmont had laid his heart and fortune at her feet; but she cared for none, loved none save him. A hundred resolutions of love and devotion crowded into his mind. He would make her happy. She should never know that her passionate tears and sighs had moved his heart to pity; she should think he loved her above all else, even as she loved him. He would forget Agatha, whose sweet face haunted him. After all, was he not to be envied. Who was more beautiful than Inez? Ah, how had her Southern grace, her wondrous genius, her rich voice, and her warm loving heart! He remembered her on the night he had played Romeo, how those dark eyes had flared before his gaze and he wondered how he could have been blind so long. He seemed to rear again, "I love him, I love him, I love him."

Yet in some way he shrank from telling his mother the news; nor did he seem in any violent hurry to descend to the breakfast-room. When he did so, his first thought was of wonder at his delay, for there next to his mother sat a fair and radiant girl whom any man would have been proud to claim. The first flush that crimsoned her face, the shy, sweet glance that half met his, stirred his heart and he felt that he had won a prize. He could not go near her, for the Countess of Strathdale and Lady Victoria had remained for the night, and were now seated in great state at the breakfast-table. His most undivided attention was given to them. Her ladyship's carriage was ordered at last, for she had promised to lunch at Bohun Court, and Philip, despite his impatience, could not leave until both ladies were seated and the coachman had received his orders. Then he turned to look for Inez, but she had vanished.

"Mother," he said to Mrs. Lynne, "will you walk up and down the lawn with me? I have something to say to you."

"Find me a shawl," said Mrs. Lynne, with a smile, "and then I will walk as long as you please."

But when her son had fastened the cashmere over her shoulders, and had placed her arm in his, he walked by her side in perfect silence for some minutes. "I thought you wanted to talk," said his mother, with some amusement. "What is it? Have you settled anything about your journey?"

"No," he replied, "I had forgotten it."

"Ah, my dear boy," interrupted Mrs. Lynne, "I wish you would renounce the idea. I would give all I have in the world to see you settled and happy. Do

just at that moment a footman announced Mr. Bohun to see Miss Lynne.

"Poor Bertie!" said Mrs. Lynne, to her young companion. "I quite forgot to tell you, Inez, his regiment is ordered off to Canada. He has come to say good-bye to you, no doubt. Be kind to him, my dear—he is going to danger, if not death."

Something like remorse or pity smote the young girl as she noted the pale, worn, face of the young soldier.

"I have just heard the news, Mr. Bohun," she said, holding out her hand to him. "I am very sorry we are going to lose you."

"You are very kind, Miss Lynne," he replied, with the least touch of bitterness. "I am glad to go; for many weeks now I have longed to be off to the wars."

"You like active service," she said, coldly.

"Yes," he replied, "and I should like anything better than staying at home married. You laughed at me, Miss Lynne, the last time I dared to tell you something of the love that has made me blind, and deaf, and careless to all but you. You laughed at me, and in your heart you called me a foolish boy, did you not?"

"I never intended anything unkind to you," she replied, proudly. "I have always liked and esteemed you."

"Have you?" he cried, his honest young face brightening at her words; "then I am happier, for I thought you despised me for loving you so much. I could not help it, you know. I have never been presumptuous in my folly. I was never mad enough to dream that you would love me. I do not care for that; but if you were to ask me for my life at this moment I would give it to you; and if ever you want a friend remember my word, that I will give my life to serve you."

"Thank you," she said, simply. "If the time should come when I want you, I shall not forget."

"I should like to hear from your own lips," she continued, "that you are happy. It will comfort me when I am far away to think of you as bright and radiant, and beloved. If I fall, my last thoughts will be of your face. Tell me, do you love Lord Lynne?"

"I do," she replied, "if it will make you happy to know that I am happy, I will tell you. My heart has not wish left ungratified."

"I am heartily glad," he said; but the brave young face turned a shade paler. "Will you tell me the day settled for your wedding? I shall be upon the blue sea then, but I shall like to know it."

She told him the twentieth of May; then he rose and said to his hostess: "I must not detain you," he said; "but Inez—Miss Lynne, I have given you all the love of my heart. The world is all over for me. I can care for no woman living after loving you. Before I go, will you say to me, 'God bless you, Bertie?'"

Tears rose in those dark eyes as she uttered the words. He bent his little white hand to kiss her in his own. With the day's warm impulse of her Southern nature, she touched his brow with her lips; and she never forgot the expression of his face as she did so. He spoke no word, but in another minute he was gone.

During the remainder of that day Inez was haunted by poor Bertie's face and the sound of his sad, wailing voice. The day's drawing nearer, and one thought began to agitate the beautiful bride-elect. How would Lord Lynne and Agatha meet? She wished it were over; and yet she whispered to herself that nothing could go wrong. On her wedding eve he would be engaged with her, and she would be the bride. She called herself weak and fanciful, but there was an ever-haunting dread. "Suppose anything should happen? It would kill her now. She could not bear to think of it. With care and caution, by constantly watching her sister, she could avert anything that seemed dangerous; and again, in the hour of her triumph she wished, but wished vainly, that she had done nothing that could cause her fear.

"So it was arranged that the twentieth of May should be the wedding day of Lord Lynne. It was now Agatha's turn. The time was short enough; for Mrs. Lynne was anxious to attend to the trousseau of her daughter-in-law-elect which was to be of unrivalled magnificence. Lord Lynne was constantly engaged; settlements and deeds of all kinds had to be prepared, and he had arranged a charming surprise for Inez. The family jewels, that had never seen light since Agatha's mother, Lady Lynne, had worn them at her last ball, twelve years ago, were all to be reset and presented to her.

"She will be peerless," thought the young lover; "she was born to live in magnificence. Diamonds will add to her beauty, and she will wear them with the grace and dignity of a queen."

Many were his consultations with the celebrated jeweler in Bond street before that matchless parure, admired by the whole fashionable world, was finished. And so time ran on until the first of May came round.

CHAPTER XII.

"The first of May," said Mrs. Lynne to Inez, one beautiful morning. "The flowers and birds seem to know May has come. I shall soon have a daughter of my own, Inez."

The beautiful, proud face softened, and the rich voice whispered some loving words that cheered the mother's heart. Lord Lynne was in London—he had been there for more than a month—and he was not expected home until the sixteenth. He was busily engaged in furnishing and preparing one of the finest mansions in Belgravia for his wife.

Mrs. Lynne and Inez lingered over the breakfast table. They had much to discuss, and the hours passed pleasantly enough, until the little ornamental clock upon the mantelpiece chimed twelve.

"How late we are!" cried Inez; and

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