

LISA LENA.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN OUT-CAST.

CHAPTER IX.

THE family into which I thus found myself introduced consisted of the old woman, named Pennyquik, her son and his wife, their two sons of fourteen and sixteen years of age, and the "help," Barbara, commonly called "Bobby," who was, I fancy, a distant sort of relation. They treated her with great kindness, and she certainly passed it on to me, notwithstanding the somewhat sourly accident of which I had been the innocent cause.

The morning after my arrival, when Mr. Pennyquik had gone out, his wife took me in to see the old lady, who had greatly recovered during the night, and from that time sensibly began to mend. She received me with great kindness. She had a quaint, Methodist way of talking, but it was clear her mind had to some extent given way and her memory of Scripture passages had gone sadly wrong, leaving as it were, only floating scraps and fragments, which she rarely succeeded in putting together with any relevancy. I often used to laugh at the quaint results. The family were English, and had come from Yorkshire. They had the English peculiarities of cold, rough manners and warm hearts, and were always brusque and straightforward in their talk.

"Child," said the old woman, turning her clear eye on me, "was your story true last night?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Every word?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Your mother deserted you in the way you say?"

"My mother went away with Toxy. I never saw her again."

"Ah! Can a mother forget her sucking child? Yes, they may forget. But verily I say unto you, they shall all likewise perish. Little girl, my son will adopt you. He has no daughter. Now you are washed and tidied up you look very well. Would you like to stay with us?"

"Yes, ma'am—please. What work shall I have to do?"

"Work!" cried the old woman, "a child like you do any work! Wait until you are grown up to talk of work. Then work while it is called to-day—for a child like you the day is the cry thereof. You shall come and learn to read to me. Now, my dear, let us ask the Lord's blessing on this arrangement. Kneel down beside me, child."

In a weak, quivering voice, full of emotion, which thrilled all through me, and brought the tears to my eyes, the old woman offered up a prayer in a way that showed she had been accustomed to that sort of exercise. It was curious how well she could speak, though her memory was so bad. Afterwards, many and many a time I heard her, when she had gathered the family round her bed—she was always bed-ridden—do the same, and always with singular simplicity and power.

I soon made friends with the two boys, who were already working on the farm, but whom their father obliged to occupy some hours every night in their own education. They were big, chubby, rough-headed fellows. Tom, the elder, being the quieter and more thoughtful, and Gibson, the other having rather a passionate temper. Their father was a stern man, and though he was kind, controlled them with great firmness, so that before him they were well behaved. But behind his back Gibson sometimes broke out into mischief and ill temper. "Bobby" held her own with her sheer force. If they tried any tricks with her she bravely boxed their ears, and I never saw them cruel to her.

Mr. Pennyquik, like his mother, was a strong Methodist, and of a very severe type. Our Sundays were strictly kept. We were allowed no play, no book beyond the Bible, but I am bound to say there was a very different kind of religion from that of Mr. and Mrs. Mason. I believed in the old lady's sincerity. I found Mrs. Pennyquik the younger not only kind and gentle, and very anxious about her boys, she was a motherly sort of a woman, ever considerate and generous to me.

In this family I remained, gradually working myself into their affections all round, and on the other hand getting to like them everyone. Bobby was my best friend.

As I grew I became quick at my learning, and soon caught up to the plodding Tom and the lazy Gibson, and was accordingly commended by Mr. Pennyquik. I became the old woman's favorite companion, sleeping in her room, sitting for hours beside her, talking about her Yorkshire life, or listening to her stories, some Biblical, some secular. It was the brightest and happiest time of my life, when my days were little disturbed, and I slept at night under a calm sense of comfort and protection.

Thus two years had passed without important incidents, when one night, a little after midnight, I was awakened by a noise in the room, and starting up saw, by the light which was always burning, old Mrs. Pennyquik sitting up in her bed. This struck me as curious, because ordinarily she could not sit up without assistance. She was looking straight before her, and her thin white hands, coming out of the covers of her night-dress, were raised upward towards Heaven. She seemed to me to see something.

"Martha!" she cried in a deep, thrilling voice. "Martha, are you going home?"

It was evident, although nothing reached my ear, that the old woman had something.

"What, Martha, without me?"

Her voice was one of anguish. She put one hand on her heart. I saw her still looking upward.

"She is going," she said; "even so come—"

"and she fell back suddenly and heavily."

A dreadful fear came over me. I could no longer hear her breathing. I called shrilly, and Mr. and Mrs. Pennyquik rushed into the room.

Their mother was dead.

I told them what had occurred and what she had said. They were much astonished.

"Did she ever talk to you about her younger sister Martha, who was living in England?" they said.

"No. I did not know that she had a sister."

"It was a dream, then."

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