

The Earl's Mistake

"Take me, you mean?" says Carrie, with a smile that is not at all an anxious one. "I don't know! I have not asked myself the question. Perhaps you will object, Philippa. Perhaps—with a sudden crimson tinge to her cheeks—perhaps they will say, that I— I caught him."

"A lover's eyes are keen, and jealousy is all eyes, you know, Carrie, and I saw, perhaps, more than the rest of them, not feeling as I did, could see. I saw that I had little hope of winning you, now that Lord Cecil Neville had come."

"Thank you, Willie!" "I know that, even if he were not a nobleman, he is my superior; but I will not talk of myself, except to say that having loved you so long—long before he knew you, Carrie—could not refrain from telling you, even though I had no hope."

"At the manly words, so gently, so quietly spoken, Carrie's eyes fill with tears, and instinctively she holds out her hand. He takes it and holds it in his, almost with a protecting touch."

"So, having said my say," he goes on, with a warm smile, that in a woman would melt to tears, "I will go. But, Carrie, though I—I am not to be your husband," his voice quivers, "I will still be your friend—I will stay your lover; for while life lasts I shall love you, Carrie!"

"No—no," she murmurs, and now the tears roll down her cheeks. (To be continued.)

"Oh, yes," said Philippa. "Carrie is like the soldier in the ballad, 'ball proof,'" and she considerably takes herself out of the way."

"Well, my darling!" he says, taking her hand and kissing it. "Have you any message for my father?" and he waves the letter to and fro.

"What do you wish me to say?" she asks, raising her eyes to his face. "What have you been telling him?" "That I am an ignorant, an altogether unsatisfactory creature."

"I have told him that you are an angel!" he says, with a smile. "But he will find that out for himself. You don't know how glad and delighted he will be!"

"Carrie looks rather doubtful. "Won't he be rather surprised?" she says, shyly, "seeing that he is under the impression that father's daughters are quite little girls."

"Yes, I remember, he told me that the other 'young family.' 'Dear old gentleman! You will be as sure to like him as he is to like you. Everybody likes him. There is not a kinder man on the face of this earth!'"

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EMBARGO RAISED. Cattle From Michigan May Now Enter Canada. Ottawa, March 21.—The embargo against cattle from the State of Michigan has been raised by order in Council. It is still in force against live stock from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

FIRE-BOX PLUG KNOCKED OUT. Verdict of Jury in Montreal Disaster—Praise for Engineer. Montreal, March 21.—The coroner's inquest on the victims of the Windsor Station disaster was finished on Saturday, when the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts, and stated that the control of the locomotive was lost through a plug of the fire-box being knocked out by the driving wheel. Praise was given to Engineer Cunningham for his heroism in staying on his engine as long as he could.

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