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For Her Sake; The Murder in Furness Wood.

CHAPTER XLVII

"Life is nothing but broken dreams. Ah, Lady Clanronald, those are happiest who live neither in the past nor in the future, neither in dreams nor in hopes, but in the present!"

Lady Clanronald did not wear her heart on her sleeve for such as he, and was certainly not to be caught by any clapnet sentiment. He might try to test her as he would, he could never sound the depths of her character. He might as well have tried to fathom the depth of the ocean with a six-foot line. She seemed to know instinctively that he was watching her, that he was endeavoring to discover the secret of her life, and she closed more proudly and resolutely the door of her heart against him.

"Have you solved your problem, Captain Egerton?" asked Lady Shafto that evening.

"No; I am further from the solution than ever. You might as well ask me if I could catch the shadows that fall and shift by moonlight on the lake."

Lady Shafto smiled. She had a far clearer perception of what manner of woman Diana was than this man of the world had.

"I have a faint idea," she said, "that it will be useless for you to make any further study in that direction."

"It is always allowable to study one's friends, and to discuss them," replied Egerton, in his careless easy manner. "Ever since I have been here I have sought to find out why a woman like her should have married my old friend."

"And you cannot?" she said.

"I cannot," he confessed.

"I also have failed," said Lady Shafto; "but I am certain of one thing

and that is, she did not marry him for love."

"She did not want money, either; and I should say that she had a choice of titles. There must have been some particular reason for her selecting Clanronald."

"I wonder," said Lady Shafto, "why you take such an interest in the matter?"

"For my old friend's sake, to begin with," answered the captain, "and, to end with, for my own."

The doubtful smile on Lady Shafto's face annoyed him.

"You think it is time wasted?" he said.

"I do," she replied, significantly. "Lady Clanronald is not a woman who will ever condescend to flirt; she is far too proud and too stately."

"You may also add too cold," said the captain.

Lady Shafto smiled again.

"I like speaking in allegories," she said. "The sunflower opens its heart to the sun, not to the moon or the stars."

And Captain Basil Egerton had to unravel that riddle as best he could.

CHAPTER XLVIII

Who could tell the story of Diana's repentance and remorse? Who could describe her anguish, her shame, and her despair? Before the honeymoon had terminated, Diana, Lady Clanronald, admitted to herself that, so far as she knew the world of men, there was in it no character so despicable as that of the man she had married. She had made at the beginning some faint effort to check the display of his vices. If he said anything glaringly false, mean, or out of place in her presence, she rebuked him; but, as the rebuke led generally to a volley of bad language, she soon learned to pass by such things in perfect silence. When she came face to face with the deadly truth, and recognized the fact that she was to spend the remainder of her life with this man, that there was no escape, no reprieve, that her

life, her interest, her duties must be one with his, she became reckless and was filled with despair; and the deepest pain was caused by the remembrance that the result had been brought about by herself, that the suffering she had intended for Lady Cameron had been visited with tenfold severity upon herself.

"I was at fault, and must bear it," she would say to herself, with despairing bitterness. "I have no one else to blame."

The passionate heart beat in futile rebellion; her whole nature jarred and was out of tune. There was nothing for it but submission. So the Diana of Furness died inch by inch, day by day—yet not without a struggle. Some women who find themselves unhappily married seek forgetfulness in restlessness, excitement; others endeavor to win admiration, flattery, and distinction; while there are those who try to drown their misery in a course of dissipation, drawing down upon themselves shame and degradation beyond words, and by a wretched life preparing for a still more wretched death.

Diana tried various means of consolation, but found none. She was proud, defiant, and imperious; she refused openly to obey her husband's unreasonable demands. She showed unreservedly her contempt for his faults; she showed still more openly her want of love or even respect for him.

But Lord Clanronald overcame her opposition by mere brute force. He knew how she detested the idea of their disputes and quarrels being known to the household, and his method of retaliation was to shout at her loudly in the presence of her servants. Proud Diana could not endure that; anything rather than looks of sympathy and pity on faces that should wear nothing but respect! Her husband had been quick-witted enough to find out that, and it was one of what he called his "methods of managing her." Diana, who raised her head and looked at him defiantly when they were alone, proud Diana who would not have winced had he held a knife to her breast, shuddered and covered when a volley of bitter, horrible words was poured out in the presence of servants. It was a terrible humiliation.

So, day after day, the weariness of her life increased. It might have been so different, the days of "sunshine and roses" might still have been with her, and life made tenfold more joyous by the love of him she had banished forever. She had thrown away her happiness in order to be revenged on two women whom she disliked. Lady Cameron did not suffer much; Evadne had suffered more. But she herself had paid for her questionable triumph by the misery of her whole life.

When she reflected on the terrible mistake she had made, that she was bound to a man whom she could never esteem, like, or even respect, she felt stunned and helpless under the crushing weight of her own misery. She grew thin, pale, and languid; the robust health which had never failed her before could not withstand the constant and ever-increasing strain upon it.

What could she do—on which side seek comfort or oblivion? She was too young to take life philosophically, too impetuous, too much in love with life, to be able to forego all happiness in it at once. She had not yet suffered enough to induce her to throw herself on the mercy and pity of Heaven.

When the honeymoon was ended and the visitors had dispersed, she longed for the forgetfulness that excitement brings. She thought that, if she could only occupy herself both night and day, she could deaden the pain that was wearing away her heart.

"I should like to go to Paris," she said to Lord Clanronald, when the end of June found them once more alone.

A terrible deadness had fallen over them, now that the last of the guests had departed. Summer sun and flowers, song of bird and rush of river, would never more gladden Diana. The eyes that looked over the landscape were wearied with weeping and dim with sorrow.

Lord Clanronald assented readily to his wife's proposition; and to Paris they went; and there the beautiful Lady Clanronald soon became the reigning beauty. Men were intoxicated with her loveliness; even women envied about it, and envied her. She was the most feted and popular woman in Paris. At first Lord Clanronald was proud of the admiration excited by his wife; he felt that the homage paid to her

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It had been arranged that they should remain in Paris until the London season began, and then they were to go to Lord Clanronald's town residence, Rinehill House, for the season.

The remainder of that year passed like a dream to Diana. Husband and wife were rarely together. His time was spent in drinking, in playing billiards, in any kind of amusement or dissipation that came in his way, hers in one round of gayety and pleasure. When they met, it was to disagree and exchange hard and bitter words.

"The fact is," Lord Clanronald would say, "you are so flattered by what these foolish Frenchmen say about your face that you want some one to speak a few rough truths to you."

"If that be the case, no one can speak such truth better than yourself," Diana would answer.

With his denser intelligence, he could not always follow Diana's scorn; but, with these angry feelings growing on either side, it was plain that the gulf between them widened day by day. As love brings love, so dislike creates dislike. A woman of inferior nature, of meaner soul, of a lower type of character, would have been much more suited to Lord Clanronald—would, in all probability, have made a better man of him.

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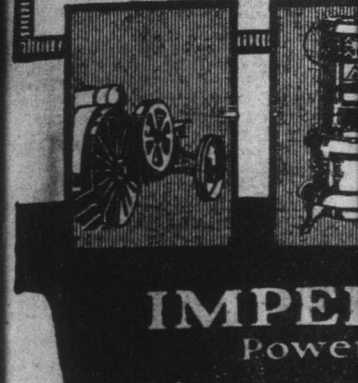
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A WEEK'S "REMAND."

PARIS, Nov. 16. The supreme council yesterday decided upon the terms of its reply to Roumanian note. Roumania will have a week in which to respond to council's communication.

ELECTION RETURNS.

PARIS, Nov. 17. Complete returns from twenty-seven departments in which there were 110 ties to be elected show the Radicals carried only ten seats.


ESTHONIA SAYS HALL.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 16. The Esthonian Government, according to the Royal correspondent of the local Tidende, has decided to discontinue Yudenitch's army if it crosses the Esthonian frontier.

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