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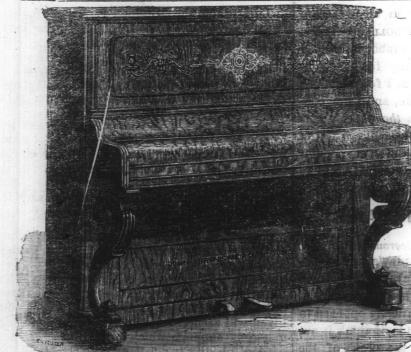
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(Continued.) CHAPTER XII.

'I think the stars never looked so beautiful as they do to-night,' said Lord Rylestone.

Margarita raised her dark eyes to them.

' No, they are all gold to-night; but, Allan they look like eyes-eyes from heaven watching us. Ah dear, how many happy lovers have they looked upon-how many broken hearts? Will the time ever come that, watching them, we shall think of this night, and wish our wedding-day had never been?'

'No,' he replied, 'never. Those eyes from heaven will watch over us, and see that we love each other more and more dearly every day; and they will shine over our graves, Margarita, when our hearts will be one in heaven. So from the golden stars no warning came, and Lord Rylestone and his young wife were happy because the future was a sealed book to

## CHAPTER XIII.

MME. DE VALMY congratulated herself that her charge was looking better; the apathy and half despair that had seemed to take possession of her had passed away, the beautiful face had regained some of its lost color. Nor was madame blind to the cause. Of course the Brighton sea-breezes were very bracing still, though they might restore the lost color to a face, they could not bring peace to a disturbed mind, nor rest to an aching heart. Both these were now come to Adelaide Cameron. But madame knew it was neither the salt breezes, nor the sunshine, nor the bracing air of the downs, nor the pleasant promenades, nor the strolling on the pier that wrought the wonder, but the letters Adelaide received from

Margarita Avenel had resisted her love for time, fearing to open her heart to it lest i should prove a delusion and a snare-lest risking all her life, her happiness, on this one great love, it should fail. It had seemed to her too impossible to be real. That this handsome young hero should love her, and love her so dearly as to make her his wife, seemed to her most wonderful. In her humility she quite overlooked her own great gifts, her rare beauty, her genius, her passionate power of loving. But she had opened her heart to her love at last, and it had become her life.

Adelaide had loved Allan from the first moment she had seen him, better than all the world beside. She was proud, sensitive to the last degree, refined even beyond the generality of women. The love that might have been calm deep affection became in her case a tumult, a torrent, half of shame, of wounded pride, of despair. The reading of the will had seemed to brand her with a red-hot iron-it made a passion and a tragedy of what had been a kindly, warm true liking. All the emotion of which she was capable, all the fear, the hope, the sorrow, that had been lying dormant in her heart, were aroused now, and were imbued with love.

She had given up wondering why Allan had put her so quietly out of his life; she said to herself that he was a proud man, and that it was not likely he would brook interference in the matter of love or marriage. He could not have done otherwise than put her quietly out of his life as though she did not concern him. But Adelaide had a hope, a sweet, silent hope, which she told no one. It had come to her like a sunbeam from heaven, and she had brooded over it in her heart until it had become a part of her life. The hope was this. As the late Lord Rylestone's heiress, Allan would not dream of wooing her for the sake of possessing the late lord's money. He would never marry her but for her own sake. He might do both. He might learn to love her because he found her fair and true. And on this hope she rested the happiness of a life-

There was no foundation for it, except that at first Lord Rylestone had not thought of writing to her, and now he wrote often. She did not imagine that his sole motive for writing was that he wished her to feel quite at ease about her fortune, and not to suspect that he felt any ill-will toward her for having deprived him of it. Also he had a sincere wish to become her friend. He had seen she felt her position deeply, and he desired to see her hap

pier in it. These were the sole reasons why he wrote to her; in addition, her letters had a great charm for him, he was able to appreciate everything that was poetical and beautiful. He never dreamed that she would set more importance upon his letters than they justly deserved, or he would never have written them

So day by day Adelaide grew happier and more hopeful. She had ceased to fear that he hated her. 'If he disliked me as I thought, she said to herself, 'he would never write to me at all.' And madame did not require to be over-shrewd to see that after every letter the dainty rose-bloom deepened on the beautiful proud face. Her charge's smile became bright er, and there were even times when madame heard sweet snatches of song from her lips.

The first time that madame heard her really laugh aloud, she said to herself: 'Bon-that will do; no fear of a broken heart after such a laugh as that;' and she mentally blamed Lord Rylestone because he did not show more anxiety to win this fair young girl for his

If, at that particular period of her life, Adelaide Cameron had mixed more with the world, her thoughts and ideas would have undergone some modification; as it was, with fatal fidelity, with fatal tenacity, they were fixed upon Lord Rylestone. He was the one image upon which she meditated by night and by day. She smiled at times to herself.

'How is it possible to concentrate one's thoughts!' she said to herself. 'I wonder if ever the time will come when I shall think of other things?' She had quite determined to live at Walton. 'If I go elsewhere,' she thought, 'and he should leave England, there will be no interest in common between us but, if I go to Walton, home and myself will always be side by side in his mind-I shall have a hundred interests in common with

She pleased herself with the idea of going

'I will spend a fortune upon the place,' she said to herself; 'I will improve it, beautify it, take such care of it that he will be obliged to own I have cared for no interest but his.'

She amused herself by thinking what would do, and how she would do it; and then one day she said to madame-

'I have quite decided, Madame de Valmy, to live at Walton-at least for a time.'

And madame, with praiseworthy self-posession, responded-

'I am glad to hear it. I think it the wisest thing you could do.'

On the very day the brief conversation took place Lord Rylestone was married.

It was some time before Adelaide wrote to him to announce her decision; her letter, addressed to Lord Rylestone was sent to the club, and from the club it was forwarded to Mr. Estcourt, Woodbine Villa, Marpeth.'

Lord Rylestone read it through, and then laid it down with a deep sigh of relief.

'I am thankful,' he said; 'that will save me an immense deal of trouble.'

His wife's dark, tender eyes were raised to

'Why are you pleased that Miss Cameron should go to Walton?' asked Margarita.

Margarita could not tell why, but she had something like a dread of, a misgiving about, Miss Cameron—a fear too vague for words.

'I wish you would not call her Lord Rylestone's heiress, Allan,' she said, gently; 'it startles me. I always think you are speaking of yourself.'

Her husband laughed.

'The difficulty about my heiress would be that I should have nothing to leave her,' he returned.

' What is it, Allan?' asked Margarita.

'Miss Cameron, Lord Rylestone's heiress, has taken Walton Court off my hands. She i going to be my tenant.

A faint flush crept slowly over the fair face. 'I can hardly tell you, darling; but I am pleased. In the first place, it is her home, in one sense; and, as I cannot live there, it seems to me most sensible that she should Moreover, I think she will take more care of the place than a stranger would. That is all. No, I have another reason yet. Miss Cameron's going there will save me the trouble of looking for an eligible tenant. Now you know all the sources of my satisfaction.'

She passed her arm caressingly around his

'Allan,' she said, 'do you think that it impossible for us to live there?'

'I do, my darling. We cannot live there yet-not for years. Some day I hope to take my sweet wife to the home where she ought to be now; but it cannot be yet.'

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