

HONORE'S FATE.

Yes, Miss Haughton was in, and Miss Owen. The housemaid was a new servant, and did not recognize Miss Craven.

Miss Haughton entered the room presently in her stiff black dress (it was a matter of pride more than courtesy in all old Myddleton's relations to assume mourning for Lady Lawrence), and held out her hand to Honore, as if offering the limb for voluntary sacrifice. "I concluded it was you," she said in dull, cold tones, which brought Honore's childhood back to her with a rush of self-pity, "though I wonder you have leisure or inclination to return here."

"I left London for the purpose of visiting Abbotmoor," said Honore, honestly, "but I could not be so near, and not come to see you. Are you quite well, Jane?"

"The girl soon found she had set herself no easy task in opening a general discourse with Jane Haughton, and Phoebe's entrance, after a time, was a great relief."

"Why, Honore?" exclaimed Miss Owen, rushing up to kiss her cousin. "I had no idea it was you, else I should not have waited a minute."

"I shall leave you girls together now," observed Jane, rising. "I shall send in a glass of wine, Honore, or are you going to stay here this evening?"

With a great effort Honore thanked her guardian's sister for this cordial invitation, and explained how her promise had been given to Mr. Romer; then Jane, with great unconcern, wished her good-bye and left the room.

"Phoebe," said Honore, standing with both her hands upon her cousin's shoulders, "will you come back with me?"

Looking into the broad Dutch face, Honore saw a vivid scarlet spread from chin to brow.

"Oh, Honore!" she faltered, and then stopped.

"Is it no?" asked Honore sadly. "I cannot come."

"Phoebe," said her younger cousin presently, "just listen to me for a few moments. I can see from your manner that Lawrence and Jane would be angry—awful, too, most probably—if you proposed coming to live with me; and now, as in old times, you would not for the world act against Lawrence's wish. And besides that," added the girl gently, "I suppose it is still happiest for you where he is. But if the time ever comes when you think differently, Phoebe, remember what I tell you now: I shall be as glad to have you then as I should be glad to have you today. Be sure to remember this, my dear little Phoebe, promise."

"Yes, Honore, I would be beautiful to live with you in such grandeur, and with no shortness of money, and scoldings, only—"

"Only you would rather wait," concluded Honore, kindly. "But be sure and remember what I tell you, Phoebe."

"Oh, Honore!" sobbed Phoebe, with a new trouble. "Lawrence is harder than ever now."

Of course, the very mention of his name unseated the slightly guarded front of Phoebe's tears, and they flowed freely while she enlisted her old companion on the subject of her guardian's increasing indifference and general meanness.

"Since his return from London, Honore, a week ago, he has been far, far worse."

"Never mind him," said Honore, in her honest contempt, as she recalled the reason of this. "Talk of someone else, little Phoebe."

A long hour, which Phoebe did not make a very cheerful one, the girls spent together; then they parted with a renewal of that promise of Phoebe's, and a request from Honore that when Mr. Stafford drove over from Abbotmoor next morning, Phoebe would send him on to the rectory.

A pleasant reception awaited Honore at the rectory, and, indeed, any little pleasure which she was to glean from the visit to Statton was to be due to the cheery rectory and his wife, except that generous pleasure it gave her to see the intense happiness of Marie Verriën in her preparations for departure.

The day she and Mr. Stafford spent at Abbotmoor was a disappointing one. True, the house was growing comfortable and beautiful; but then the girl's real motive for the visit (that search among the cottagers for Margaret Terrill) was as much in vain as had seemed that search of Royden Keith's long before.

"You must surely give up your Quixotic idea, Miss Craven," remarked the lawyer, as they drove back to Statton. "Why, even if the woman could be found, she could not remove the guilt from Gabriel Myddleton. So do you not let it better let the subject lie in its long oblivion."

"No," said Honore, with a regretful shake of the head, "I do not see it better. Mr. Stafford, even now, when we have tried all day and met with no success—"

"Well, I have given you my advice, my dear young lady; but still I need not remind you I am at your service even in this Quixotic search."

This was a real success at the rectory. Sir Philip and Lady Somerton had heard of Honore's advent, and driven over from the castle to spend this evening with her. And they all did their best to make this night a festival, just as if they understood how little Honore had been welcomed among her own connections.

Next day, with Mrs. Romer as her guest, she returned to London, and Marie Verriën was installed in a tiny little room, and which seemed to her a perfect fairyland, containing, as it did, delightful devices for her comfort, pretty things for her to look upon, and materials for many a different and attractive work. What happy, peaceful hours Marie was to spend in this room! Socially, she was to be the poor French girl had been but little accustomed. One or two at a time, the servants would come and sit and chat with her, bringing her something to see, or to discuss, or to laugh over.

Just as the servants in Royden Keith's household—following their master's example—servants usually well—had been kind to, and considerate for, her father during that happy visit of his to Westleigh Towers, so were Honore's servants, following her example, thoughtful for this afflicted girl. But the brightest hours of all her life to Marie were those which Honore herself spent in the pleasant room, entering with her soft step and merry greeting, and sitting down, just as if the rest and the change were as good to her as to Marie. She would take the same interest as the sick girl did in a new pattern, or a picture book, and sometimes she would sing to her, as dying ears had loved to hear her sing; while at others she would sit in silent interest, gently wooing Marie to talk of her father—ever the poor girl's one sweetest subject of thought or speech.

It was at these times that Marie often and gratefully thought of the name of Royden Keith, and it was at these times that Honore's silence was so long and so unbroken.

Thus time went on in the mansion at Kensington. Honore, though going into no society, was still sought after most persistently. Her mourning-dress was no armor against the constant entreaties to join certain friends, "quietly," to visit just this old friend, who would ask "no one" to meet her; to allow that old friend to visit her, as she might be, son or brother, as the case might be, and "no one" else. In her quiet, pleasant manner—a manner which never could give pain, whatever firmness it betrayed—Honore resisted these advances; and though she found it quite impossible to live as quietly as she wished, she certainly lived as quietly as she could. She had engaged a chambermaid, now, a lately widowed "Honora," whose husband had died no moral claim to a like title, but who, in doing, left her all he had—his debts; after the payment of which she was glad and grateful to accept Honore's generous offer. But Honore still hoped that Phoebe would live with her; indeed, the feeling had grown to a perfect certainty.

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Since her return as no longer heiress, but possessor of old Myddleton's money and Lady Lawrence's fortune, his attentions had been unmistakably increasing; and though she invariably treated them as a jest when she was forced to notice them at all, that fact had no power to weaken or diminish them. Sometimes, even in reality, they amused Honore, for they were too selfish and too shallow to cause her a shade of pain; and her bright laugh would break the silence of the great house in the very midst of his most elaborate speeches and most carefully selected pleas. His sighs and pathos she turned into fun; his devotion altogether was a merry jest, too trivial and too hollow to be aught else. Nevertheless, as far as Captain Trent understood the sensation, he felt himself to be thoroughly in love, and he played his part in this regard to the best of his somewhat limited power. He still could not make the part a many-one, nor prevent the ludicrous elements which she caught at as quickly as she could. She had engaged a chambermaid, now, a lately widowed "Honora," whose husband had died no moral claim to a like title, but who, in doing, left her all he had—his debts; after the payment of which she was glad and grateful to accept Honore's generous offer. But Honore still hoped that Phoebe would live with her; indeed, the feeling had grown to a perfect certainty.

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Winter Pastime.

Result of the Shooting Match at Melrose.

The First Game of Hockey Played in Waterloo.

Statement Revived That Fitz Will Re-Enter the Fistic Ring.

THE TRIUMPH.

EMSLIE BEAT MARGRETT.

St. Thomas, Dec. 30.—The members of the St. Thomas Gun Club had a rattling good day's sport, at which the chief interest centered in the match between Bob Emmie, the well-known National League umpire, and George Margretta, M. C. R. (formerly of Hamilton). The event was a 25 live birds for \$25 a side. It proved to be an exciting contest, both killing 21 birds. In the shoot-off at five birds Emmie came out victor, winging four pigeons to his opponent's three.

MELROSE RIFLE CLUB.

Melrose Rifle Club had a match on Wednesday, Dec. 22, five shots with rest, at 100 yards. Score:

A. Venner	Points.
D. Steinhoff	10 9 10 10 2-41
J. H. Challenor	8 5 10 10-23
A. Steinhoff	7 10 10 10-45
J. Harrison	9 7 8 9-42
E. J. Shaw	4 6 10 10-38
Charles Harrison	9 8 5 10-33
J. Morris	7 7 8 9-40
R. Hedges	8 7 9 10-39

The score for five shots, off-hand, at 50 yards, was:

A. Venner	Points.
D. Steinhoff	8 10 4 8-38
J. H. Challenor	10 9 6 6-30
A. Steinhoff	10 9 10 10-47
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TOLEDO VS. WINDSOR.

Windsor, Dec. 20.—A contest between the Windsor and Toledo teams took place at the Windsor curling rink Tuesday night. The score was: Windsor 13, Toledo 10, and the second Windsor 10, Toledo 20. After the playing the visitors were entertained at the Crystal House.

THE FURY.

PEG WOFFINGTON SOLD.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 23.—Thos. C. McDowell has sold for a private party to John H. Madden, a blood mare Peg Woffington, by Longfellow, dam Balet, by Planet. Madden recently bought her weanling colt by Hanover for \$5,000. She is with foal to Hanover.

WINDSOR D. P. A.

Windsor, Dec. 30.—The Windsor Driving Park Association has elected the following directors: J. J. Foster, P. Hanrahan, W. J. McKee, W. A. Millard, M. Richmond, Dr. J. O. Resnoe, F. J. Martyn, W. G. Currie, W. A. Hanrahan. The officers will be elected in January.

HOCKEY.

WATERLOO WINS.

Waterloo, Ont., Dec. 30.—The first game of hockey ever seen in this town was played last night, when the junior team, the Victorias, of Guelph, faced the senior team, Waterloo, in an exhibition game. Score, 5 to 3 in favor of Waterloo.

FOR THE STANLEY CUP.

The hockey season was opened at Montreal with a match between the Victorias and Caps, who played the first game for the Stanley cup, emblematic of the hockey championship of the world. The match resulted in an easy victory for the Victorias, who defeated the Ottawa team by 16 to 2.

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STOPPED BY POLICE.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A very bad decision saved Joe Youngs, of this city, from probable defeat at the hands of Joe Hopkins (colored), of New York, today, in the 15th round. The referee had announced that in the event of police interference the man having the best of the bout up to that time would be given the decision. It was all in Hopkins' favor up to the 15th round, when a police inspector stopped the bout, and the referee declared it a draw.

NOTES.

Champion Pugilist Fitzsimmons was paid \$10,000 on Christmas day as his share of the verisepic picture earnings for the Madison Square Theatre, which large payment he received this year.

John Donaldson, one of the best-known sportsmen in the country, and who has been identified with the most prominent pugilists the world has ever known, is dead. He at one time trained Jim Corbett.

SPOKES.

Lehr, the German champion, and Jay Eaton have been matched for a race, mile heats, unpaired, at Belleaire, Fla., in February. The race is for \$1,000 a side, but this may be increased before the race is run.

Chase, the English cyclist, came out to pace Taylor for a while. Dave Shafer, Michael's manager, objected to his presence. Arguments followed, and Shafer lifted him in the face. The latter says he will take the matter before the L. A. W.

Wm. Moore, an old citizen of Welland, Ont., was found dead in his bed Tuesday, having been ill but a short time. He was due to natural causes.

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