

Literature.

LADY OF ABERNETHY HALL

THE MILLINER'S FORTUNE

CHAPTER VIII

FINDING PEACE.

The acquaintance singularly begun between Ruth Mowbray and Mr. Rutherford, progressed steadily, until ripened into perfect confidence.

In the young pastor, Ruth found a kind and sympathizing friend; a tender brother. He encouraged her when she desponded—cheered her when she was sad—led her gently on to seek peace and rest in the eternal arm of God's salvation.

One evening, when she had known him for more than a year, Ruth revealed to this kind friend the little history of her life. She told him of her hopes, her sorrows, her temptations—the rest, he already knew.

He comforted her as none other could have done; then to show her that he fully appreciated her confidence, he gave her his own in return.

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and charged her with her falsity in no measured terms. She blushed in my face. She hoped, she said, that I was not to follow a foolish fancy of that youthful flirtation. It had amused a few of the school, but she would not have her name should have died of it, if it had not been for me, and she most heartily thanked me for the favor I had done her in helping her kill time. Now, she trusted would ignore the past, and regard her simply as a very good friend.

"I went out from her presence a changed man. I had seen my infatuation; my glowing ideal stood before me robbed of the love which had clothed her in the perfection of womanhood; I no longer thrilled at the sound of her name. My passion had died a violent death, and I buried it, and placed upon its sepulchre a stone of indifference. Henceforth, I resolved to live for others rather than for myself. I took the armor of the most high God upon me, and his gospel to my mouth! In His service I found happiness—happiness such as the world is powerless to give—or take away! Peace, founded on the Rock of Everlasting Love!"

"I thought my mother here to your pleasant New England, and here we have set up our humble home, and here I hope to spend the remainder of my days in content. I ask no higher destiny than that which awaits me as a minister of God's truth, and may He aid me to so exercise my one talent that good may be done into my people!"

"After this mutual confidence, a strong attachment grew between Ruth Mowbray and the young minister.

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"Not excepting I had found them they must have perished in a white-haired old man. 'No human being could live long in such a smoke as that,' he pointed to the roof from whence a volley of smoke was issuing.

course, but the spruce clear of them all, and declining on the low window leading into the sitting room, the topmost inside. The apartment through which the fire, with the smoke, and the crackling of the flames in the next room would have dismayed any heart not nerved with superior courage. Up the broad stairs led the daring girl, and along the corridor to the chamber door of Mrs. Rutherford. The portal was thrown open from within, and the old lady, pale but calm, met her on the threshold.

"Your son? where is he? Ruth asked the question quickly, impatient of a second's delay.

"Wonder! I was going to call him; she indicated a distant door, where the flames were sweeping down hotly from the ceiling and the red cinders fell in a thick cloud.

Ruth bounded along the passage, and flung open the door of the chamber. The fire scorched her hair, and the heat of the door burned her feet, but she did not hesitate.

Mr. Rutherford lay on the bed, wrapped in a dressing-gown and sleeping suitably as an infant, all unconscious of the peril which surrounded him.

Ruth grasped his shoulder, and shook him violently.

"Wake up! Wake up!" she cried. "Follow me the house is on fire!"

He sprang to his feet, and gazed around him with blank amazement.

"You here, dear home! Leave me instantly! I will come—stay, where is my mother and Katherine?"

Manchester on her accession to her rightful home. The men were sent her by young ladies, who had hitherto treated her with contempt.

But it fringed how high a value he Americans, with all our boasted democracy, set on the patent of nobility? If a cornet is a passport to English favor, it is doubly so to the good graces of the citizens of these United States. After all, most of us have a secret reverence for the power of royalty, and a private hankering after the honors of nobility.

Young Eugene Thackeray, the village aristocrat, put *see-hoo*, did himself the honor to call *Manchester* on the young heiress, for the purpose of expressing the high respect and esteem in which he had always held Miss Mowbray—he begged pardon—Lady Manchester. And though Ruth would have considered himself disgraced by speaking to her, she treated him with the kindness and courtesy which she had ever displayed toward all.

The ensuing day the squire repeated his call, this time to bring a bouquet of flowers sent by his lady mother, and to entertain Lady Manchester to tea at the house which she had just left. But Lady Manchester was otherwise engaged, and regretted the necessity of being obliged to decline the invitation. And again, on the third day, a young Thornbury called, and before he left, he laid his hand and fortune at the feet of the *young* heiress. His life would be wretched and miserable without her, he said; his sun would go down while it was yet day, if she refused to go with him down the valley of life. But in spite of his eloquence, Ruth felt herself compelled to doom him to perpetual sunset, and he went out from her presence broken in pride and laudible in heart.

To no one did Ruth see fit to give her confidence. Wisely, she said, she could not ascertain whether she intended to remove to England, and assume her rights and honors, or whether she would remain where she was, content with the servant girl's lot. He pushed open the door—Katherine lay in a swoon in the centre of the floor. The fright had been too much for her. Rutherford raised her up.

"Go help me down the stairs, Ruth, he said; 'I must save this poor creature, at all hazards.'

The trembling girl obeyed him, and they made the descent in safety. But not a moment to soon! With a loud crash the stairway fell in, and the burning rafters of the roof covered their retreat with a sea of fire.

The outer air was reached at last, and scorched and faint, Ruth Mowbray sank down at the feet of Mrs. Rutherford.

A moment more and the once pleasant paragon lay upon the ground, a heap of blazing timbers, and a pyre of crimson light!

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25 HAY KNIVES

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BY RAIL!

JUST RECEIVED BY RAIL FROM BOSTON.

CASSES READY MIXED PAINTS, from 1 to 100 lb. cans.

2 cases VARNISH, in 1 Pint, Pint, quart (1 lb. for retail);

1 lb. White Lead; 1 lb. Yellow Lead; 1 lb. Red Lead; 1 lb. Blue Lead; 1 lb. Green Lead; 1 lb. Purple Lead; 1 lb. Black Lead; 1 lb. Brown Lead; 1 lb. Grey Lead; 1 lb. White Zinc; 1 lb. Yellow Zinc; 1 lb. Red Zinc; 1 lb. Blue Zinc; 1 lb. Green Zinc; 1 lb. Purple Zinc; 1 lb. Black Zinc; 1 lb. Brown Zinc; 1 lb. Grey Zinc; 1 lb. White Iron Oxide; 1 lb. Yellow Iron Oxide; 1 lb. Red Iron Oxide; 1 lb. Blue Iron Oxide; 1 lb. Green Iron Oxide; 1 lb. Purple Iron Oxide; 1 lb. Black Iron Oxide; 1 lb. Brown Iron Oxide; 1 lb. Grey Iron Oxide; 1 lb. White Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. Yellow Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. Red Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. Blue Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. Green Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. Purple Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. Black Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. Brown Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. Grey Titanium Oxide; 1 lb. White Silica; 1 lb. Yellow Silica; 1 lb. Red Silica; 1 lb. Blue Silica; 1 lb. Green Silica; 1 lb. Purple Silica; 1 lb. Black Silica; 1 lb. Brown Silica; 1 lb. Grey Silica; 1 lb. White Carbon Black; 1 lb. 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