

HELEN LAFONE: OR THE FOES OF A HOUSEHOLD. A TALE OF ENGLISH LIFE.

CHAPTER II.—CONTINUED.

They walked along almost in silence and all thinking of Helen. Moore was still occupied in arranging his new impressions. Dr Hazlitt was thinking over the girl's position for the one hundred and fiftieth time, and wondering if there were any way of bettering it, feeling the while sorely grieved. Helen was also thinking of herself. She was feeling tired and depressed, as she always did after one of these fits of excitement and passion, and at the same time devoutly thankful that she had met Dr Hazlitt. He had saved her from herself. She had gone out of doors with a vague intention of hiding herself in some secluded spot, and there crying herself back to peace. She hated crying. Whenever things at home went so bad that either from anger or a feeling of loneliness, she was moved to tears, she always, when the crisis was past, felt deeply ashamed of herself and circumstances for having lost her self control.

On their way through the village they had to pass the doctor's house, and as they approached it they saw in the gathering dusk the figure of a man standing at the open house door. He appeared to be in eager conversation with the maid-servant, and as they drew near they heard the words— "Well, ask him to step round as soon as he comes in, for the man's fearful bad; the woman can do nothing with him."

"I am afraid that after all, I shall not get my evening at the Thwaite, Helen," said the doctor, "Excuse me a moment while I go and see what is the matter." He dropped her hand and went quickly forward, leaving Helen and Moore standing in the middle of the road. He returned to them after a moment's parley with the man in the porch. "I am sorry," speaking to Helen, "I shall have to leave you now, Moore, take Miss Lafone home. Good night, Helen. I will come to-morrow if I can."

He was gone, and the two others were again left, feeling a little disconcerted at this sudden revolution in their plans. Helen spoke first. "Let us go on, Mr Moore. I want to get home. I am very tired." "I beg your pardon," said Moore, with real regret in his voice. "How could I be so thoughtless as to let you stand here? Lean on me," he finished impulsively, making a motion towards her. She declined his help, but without either surprise or resentment at the offer of it, and when they had gone a little way in silence she spoke again. "I think you and Dr Hazlitt get on."

"Yes, he seems able to tolerate me; and I feel a due amount of elation at the thought, because I do not fancy that he takes people indiscriminately into his confidence."

"No, he is more popular among the poor than the rich. You cannot tell how good he is to them. Of course he never speaks of it, but they do. I do not know what would they do if they had to get accustomed to another doctor."

"I hope it may be long before they will have to." Just then they turned a corner in the road, and went in at a lodge gateway, and up a broad, even carriage road to a house standing at the end of it, and known as The Thwaite, residence of Frederic Lafone, Esq. It was a large, handsome, and entirely modern house, standing on high ground, and with no trees immediately surrounding it, though at a little distance the ground was well wooded. Though the house was well and handsomely built, with many fine plate glass windows, the effect of the whole was stiff and unpleasing. The grounds were kept in the most perfect order—nothing had been left to nature. The most insignificant flower-beds signs of being under the care and control of man. Everything about the place gave evidence that it belonged to a wealthy man, and a man, moreover, neither possessed of originality nor sense of beauty. The garden was stiffly laid out and planted with the most fashionable bedding out plants; the borders were irreproachably neat and trim—not a weed defiled the perfect order of the well rolled gravel paths. In the summer twilight all this was softened down and the house itself looked like a distinctively belonging to the nineteenth century. The door stood open, but all the windows on the ground floor were closed. The green venetian blinds of two were drawn down, and from behind their shade came gleams of yellow gas light. Helen shrank her shoulder as she looked towards these two windows, and said— "Did it ever strike you that this house and the people who live in it are exactly alike?"

"I thought we were always allowed to form some idea of people's character by the kind of house they live in," said Helen. "Not by the outside as a rule, because so many people have to live in such houses as they can get. But my grandfather built this house; papa saw nothing which needed improvement when he came into possession of it, and both outside and inside it is just like the people who live in it."

"Now, I expect you to tell me what it is like," he said laughing. "Expensive and handsome and commonplace. See how they light the gas, and crowd into the house on a perfect summer evening. It is just like them."

"I suppose they like it. Why wish to interfere with their liberty?" "I am perfectly willing to respect it, if they will also respect mine," was her answer, and there was some bitterness in her tone.

Moore said nothing. He did not know what Helen and the doctor had been talking about, only he had a vague idea that she had been in trouble that evening, and that further disaster was hanging over her head. She did not speak again until they were inside the house, and then, as they

passed in the hall to lay aside their hats, she said. "Mr Moore, I am going to ask you to do me a favour."

"I shall be very happy to do whatever I can for you." She frowned as he spoke, and then said— "Why do you speak in that exaggerated way? I thought you always said what you meant."

"I certainly do in this case; but what matter you give me credit for sincerity?" "I thought your words and actions seemed generally to go together."

"Still, I must repeat what I said before. I shall be very happy to do anything for you, if you will tell me what it is."

"I want you not to come into the drawing room with me now." "Though he had a very clear idea of why she asked, he was stupid enough to say— "Certainly; why?" She looked a little surprised, but smiled as she answered— "Because I have something to tell papa which I would rather you did not hear. Remarks will probably be made, and I would rather they came tonight than tomorrow."

"I beg your pardon; how could I ask such a stupid question?" "Stupid, you mean, because my reason was so very apparent without being asked for."

She laughed as she spoke, and he saw that in a few moments since they entered the house her face had undergone a great change. Before that she had been looking subdued and depressed, now her eyes were bright, and her cheeks flushed a deep, soft crimson. She carried her head erect, and her whole bearing was full of spirit.

"She is getting up her courage for the encounter," he thought; she is going to carry things off with a high hand."

"If you would not mind going into the billiard room," she went on, "I will come and tell you when you can come in."

"Do not take so much trouble for me. I daresay I can guess."

"It is no trouble. I shall probably go upstairs when it is over, and I pass the billiard room on my way."

sion to her feelings of outraged propriety Helen had left the room. A day or two later Percival and Helen were lounging on the lawn. It was a peaceful summer afternoon, and Helen herself had suggested this mode of spending the time. Percival had almost expected some astounding piece of intelligence as the result; but he heard nothing more surprising than "You remember me telling you about Alice, my sister?"

"You told me several things about her. Which one in particular am I to remember?" "That you would not see her till the end of this month, as she is in London for the season with her aunt."

"I remember that perfectly, because before that you had excited my curiosity by telling me she was very beautiful."

"She is. I do not like her, but she is exceedingly beautiful."

"I look forward to seeing her very much."

"You are a great admirer of beauty, of course."

"You admire it."

"You will capture her. It will be amusing if it were not monotonous, at least for outsiders. Alice does not seem to find it monotonous."

Percival said nothing. Today Helen showed a new spirit in the possession of the drawing room with her aunt. He did not like it, and to divert her thoughts asked— "Had you anything fresh to tell about your sister?"

"You will have to look forward a little longer. When Alice leaves London she is going with her aunt and uncle to the Continent, and will not be home until October, mamma heard this morning."

"Have you ever been on the Continent?"

"With whom should I go? Papa and mamma never go abroad, and have no other relations. I have been nowhere, scarcely beyond Osmotherley all my life."

There was a growing intimacy between Percival and Helen. They had become fast friends, and argued and disputed in the way which is only permissible to fast friends. Nothing could be done at Brantwood before the seal of Helen's opinion had been set upon it, while Helen never seemed to consider that she had thoroughly digested a book or an opinion, until she had discussed it with Percival. They often disagreed. Helen rushed to the conclusions regardless of how she got there; she reproached Percival for over prudence and lack of enterprise, and still asked for his advice upon some difficulty. Percival, on his side, had an honest respect for Helen's judgment, even on matters connected with his property. If she were sometimes over-hasty in judgment, she read character well and had a clear sight in discovering people's motives. Though their modes of action were different, the result they arrived at was often the same. Their characters harmonised curious

ly. No one seemed to notice anything remarkable in this friendship. Percival was a stranger in the land as compared with the old established families in the neighborhood, and old established families are slow to receive strangers within their circle. Though there was a knowledge that Helen and Mrs Lafone did not get on as well as might be expected, considering that the girl had never known any other mother, the blame was generally laid at Helen's door, and she was supposed to have an unamiable disposition. In addition to this, Helen was not strictly beautiful; though one might find in her face a certain beauty, it was ninety-nine all captives to her sister's pronounced beauty, and it was well known that Helen would bring her husband nothing but what her father chose to give her, and she was not her father's favorite daughter. All these causes combined to prevent people from attaching any importance to the intimacy between Moore and Miss Lafone.

So the summer slipped away, and Percival, who, in the middle of July had made up his mind to study Helen's character, with all its crochets and impulses, had by the middle of September retired to his room, very satisfactory reading of the riddle. He had come to consider that life without Helen's constant companionship would be a very incomplete and one-sided affair. If she were to go away, or they were to be otherwise separated by circumstances, he would find his life empty.

Percival, as he rode to his Brantwood one soft, hazy September afternoon, when the spirit of coming winter was stealing like a ghost through the trees; still heavy with their summer beauty, was thinking of Helen, and realising what an important place she held in his life. He had promised to go over to Brantwood that afternoon to help him in deciding about an alteration in the house—a trifling thing enough, but on which he had set his heart. She had once said to him that the most beautiful view of all from Brantwood could only be seen from out of doors, because from the drawing-room windows looked that way. He had at once decided to have a window put in, when she pointed out that if he did so he must of necessity remove a very beautiful creeper which covered the whole of that wall. Nothing had been settled at that time, but he had appointed a day on which both the architect and the gardeners were to examine the place, and some decision was to be come to Helen of course was to be present. The day has come, this very September day, when he rode slowly home through the lanes, and he had in his pocket a note from Helen saying she could not come.

Lafone had made another engagement for her, which she must keep. It had been too late to prevent the coming of the architect. Moore would find him at Brantwood when he got there, and what was to be done without Helen?

"It is very awkward, very," he muttered, as he rode along, with knitted brows and under-lip slightly protruded, as was his habit when he was annoyed or perplexed. He was not angry with Helen—that did not occur to him; but with Mrs Lafone, for "taking upon herself" to make engagements for her daughter; with the architect for being unable to come on any other day; with circumstances generally for putting obstacles in the way of his plans. He felt how very awkward it was that when he wanted Helen he could not have her. It might happen any day unless he made some provision against it. Then there was the disappointment of not seeing her when he had confidently looked forward to a meeting. He had wanted to see her moving with her light free step from one point of view to another. He had wanted to hear her as she gave opinions, made suggestions, in her clear voice, with just that little tone of authority which became her so well, and which he so liked to hear her use to his servants. He wanted to see her raise her eyes to his every minute, indulge in little gestures of assent, negation, doubt, as she followed the discussion between himself and the architect. And above all, he wanted to know that he could have her, see her, touch her, and speak to her every minute of the day; take up his affairs to her, and know that if they were separated it was from choice, not necessity.

There was only one way of accomplishing this, and he was eager to take that way. But as he thought, his brow

clouded over, and he began to whistle softly to himself, for he was by no means sure that Helen felt that absolute need of his society, which he was conscious of with regard to hers. If she did, she seemed to find life very bearable without him. He pondered over it as he rode along, and decided that before speaking the words which sooner or later he would speak, he would study Helen a little longer, and try and find out what her feelings were.

CHAPTER IV. DREAMING. It was a perfect autumn afternoon as Helen walked slowly across the sands of the bay to Longhead Island, her favorite resort. The island lay about a mile from the shore, and the only way of getting to it was to wade across the bay when the tide was high, or at low water by picking one's way along the sands. To all intents and purposes the only way of reaching the island was the former, for the sands were shifting and treacherous; no stranger in full possession of his senses would ever have dreamed of venturing across them: the chances were a hundred to one that he would stumble into a quicksand and never again be either seen or heard of. Some of the villagers professed to know of a safe way, but no one had ever been induced to put his knowledge to the test. There was no feeling of security owing to the shifting character of the sands. Otherwise there was much about the island to attract an adventurous spirit, for it was more beautiful than almost any part of the coast. The shore was low and rocky, and the rocks were rent and riven; in every hollow was a little, clear pool, full of bright green seaweed and little shells. The trees grew almost down to the water, and the outer ones formed the fringe of a close wood, which mounted the rising ground, and covered the whole of the island. In spring the ground was a variegated mass of wild flowers, and in summer no more delightful place for lounging could be imagined when the tide was high, and the water rippling up close to one's feet. Helen had often roved herself, or, during this last summer, been rowed by Percival to the island. On this particular afternoon she was going to walk. She had said nothing about it at home, because she knew that her father would promptly have forbidden such an expedition; but she set out after lunch, and was now wending her solitary way towards the island. She went quickly and carelessly so long as she was on the rocks, springing lightly from one to the other, or poising herself like a bird as she considered whether she should attempt the longer flight necessary to land her on the next point of rock.

Once on the sand her pace changed, and she went very slowly, keeping a sharp lookout for anything like a quicksand. Anyone watching her from a distance, and a stranger both to herself and the country, would have been both amused and puzzled by her mode of progress. Now she stood still, and after a keen look round and a careful examination of the sands, which she knew so well, she could detect the almost imperceptible difference in colour where the sand and mud came back again to a point only a few yards in front of where she had stood before. Again, she bent forward and poked her parasol into the sand, and having decided that though soft it would bear her own light weight for the space of a moment, she made a dash for it, and had crossed the dangerous bit almost without leaving the print of her feet upon the sand.

She reached the island at last, and having established herself in a comfortable corner among the rocks, she opened a paper bag which she carried in her hand, and taking some biscuits from it, broke them into pieces, which she threw to the scagulls stalking about the sands.

She threw away all her biscuits, rolled the bag into a ball, and dropped it into the ground and then, leaning back among the rocks began to think. She had come to this lonely place with a set purpose, namely to give herself the moral bracing of which she thought she stood in need.

"Don't marry him." "He is such a fickle, inconstant fellow, you will never be happy with him," said Esther's friends when they learned of her engagement to a young man who bore the reputation of being a sad flirt. Esther, however, knew that her lover had good qualities, and she was willing to take the risk. In nine cases out of ten it would have proved a mistake; but Esther was an uncommon girl and to every one's surprise Fred made a model husband. How was it? Well, Esther had a cheerful, sunny temper and a great deal of tact. Then she enjoyed perfect health and was always so sweet, neat and wholesome that Fred found his own wife more agreeable, than any other he had. As the year passed and he saw other women of Esther's age grow sickly, faded and querulous, he realized more and more that he had "a jewel of a wife." Good health was half the secret of Esther's success. She retained her vitality and good looks, because she watched off feminine weaknesses and ailments by the use of Dr Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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Suggestions for Christmas Gifts.

Perfume sachets are among the prettiest of small gifts. Pretty ones are made of silk, satin or a pretty piece of material designed a little longer than it is wide, and made into a bag, leaving one end open. Fill with cotton wool, sprinkle with perfume powder, rose, h. lot open or violet. Bring the ribbon or silk at the opening to about one inch in depth, or sew a fringe of lace around the opening, and tie with a narrow opening as you would a meal bag.

The woven ribbon scent-bags are pretty and easily made. Make a bag about six inches square, of cambric, placing inside cotton wool sprinkled with perfume powder. Take two shades of ribbon, old gold and blue, or garnet and pale pink, about one inch wide, and weave together like checker-board, catching the edges together with ravelings. Make two of these mats one inch larger each side than your bag. Place the scent-bag between the mats, tuck at the corners. Finish by fringing the ends of the ribbon.

A SHAVING PAD

is a pretty gift easily made by a little girl. Get a sheet of blue or pink blotting paper. Cut out of it pieces about five inches square. Take two of these pieces and ornament each on one side with a pretty picture of a flower or other design pasted on; or simply write in large letters the word shaving slantwise across it. Pink the edges, and between the squares put a number of smaller squares of different shades of tissue paper. Do not be afraid of putting too many leaves of tissue, for it presses very close together and you can hardly have too many of them. Make a hole in one corner of the pad and run through a strong cord for a loop by which to hang it up. Have the loops quite short, and on the corner of the pad where the cord runs through, place a bow satin ribbon sufficiently broad to conceal the cord. The pad must hang diamond wise.

DARNING-NEEDLE CASE

Take six pieces of skirt braid, the braid to be two or three inches longer than the longest darning needle you intend putting in the case—blue, brown, pink, red, black, and yellow; but if you cannot get these colors, use as three could be used instead. Red, blue, or red, white and blue, or red and dark green, or yellow and dark brown. But there are six pieces altogether, and each should measure four and a half inches. Overhand these on the long sides, making the stitches fine; then over the stitches make a row of feather stitch (or any fancy kind) with black silk. Sew one of the short ends together half an inch from the extreme end, and this half inch that is left you can pull out into fringe. So far you have a small, long-shaped bag. Fill this with cotton wool, and sew up the other end in the same way, leaving half an inch for fringe. The case is now ready to receive the darning needles, two on each piece of braid, and will find for itself a convenient nook in some work-basket.

BUREAU SCARF

Material: Two yards of butcher's linen. If the double width kind, this will make two by cutting through the middle. Hem the cut side with a very narrow hem. Draw threads at the ends, alter allowing for a wide hem, and work in some of the numerous drawn thread patterns. Finish the edge with crocheted edging.

A LAMP SHADE

A pretty lamp shade is made of satin ribbon and lace insertion of equal widths. The piece should be an inch longer than the porcelain shade, and made pointed at one end by turning under the corners and catching together on the wrong side. The places are then overhanded together and a lace edge to match the insertion sewed in the top. A little tassel made of silk, the color of the ribbon, is attached to each point. A fine silk cord is run in at the bottom of the lace to draw it around the neck of the porcelain shade. A tassel is fastened to the ends of the cord, and the cord is tied in a bow on one side. Another pretty shade is made of scarlet satin with the top and bottom edged with black lace. Work around the edges of the lace with scarlet silk floss in buttonhole stitch. Run in at the top of the shade a scarlet silk cord with tiny red tassels at the ends, or narrow "baby" ribbon, and tie in a pretty bow.

BABY'S BALLS

Cast on 20 stitches with single zephyr. Knit a piece about four inches long, using different colors and only knitting two or three rows of one color. This piece is to be sewed together at the ends. Gather one side up very tightly with strong thread, stuff a little less than half full with cotton batting. Put three beans or small buttons in a round pill box, put this in the ball on the top of the cotton, then fill up the remaining space, gather the ends and sew same as the other end. Make another ball in the same way, and a third one 25 stitches wide and about five inches long. When all are finished, double eighteen inches of white silk elastic cord, pass the

rabber ring, sew the ends of the top of the largest ball. Saw one end of another piece of elastic cord, the same length, to the top of one of the smaller balls. Pass a tape needle, threaded with the other end of the cord, through the middle of the largest ball, and fasten the end to the remaining small ball. Sew a tiny ball on the bottom of each ball.

A little convenience to polish eyeglasses is made of two oval pieces, about three inches long, of velvet or leather lined with chamois skin. The edges of the chamois skin and cover are buttoned together, and joined at one end by invisible stitches or a small box.

A powder puff jar may be made with the larger size Liebig's beef extract or a similar jar covered with plush or satin and trimmed with ribbons. An eighth of a yard of down will make two puffs.

Half a dozen above, iron, and taspot holders make a nice present, the finer covered with silk or velvet and bound with ribbon; the coarser, with ticking or woolen goods bound with braid, and some provided with a loop or small cord a ring to hang them up by.

Bags of all kinds, shoe-bags, clothes-bags, piece bags, button bags, stocking-bags, dainty bags for the drawing-room; pillows of h.-needles, aprons, blotting pads, wall pin cushions, which are now so popular; variously mounted and embellished thermometers and callendars, are all acceptable offerings.

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"What's that boy tied up so for?" she asked the attendant.

"For lying, ma'am; he is the worst lying nigger I ever saw."

"What's his name?"

"George Washington, ma'am," was the paralyzing reply.

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For the Little Ones.

This morning I read this beautiful extract, and I want to impress it on your minds:

"It is not what we read, but what we remember that does us good; not what we earn, but what we save; not what we eat, but what we digest; not what we intend, but what we do, that makes us useful; it is not a few faint wishes, but a life-long struggle that makes us valiant." This struck me as all so sensible that I felt it would do great good for all the children to study and remember it.

Bear it in Mind.

That pure blood is the life nourishment of the body, and means perfect health no one can deny. Cleanse the blood from all impurities with B. B. B., the best blood purifier known.

Gentlemen, I cannot permit a question of mere revenue to be considered alongside of a question of morals; but give me a sober population, not wasting their earnings on strong drink, and I will know where to get my revenue.—Gladstone, to the brewers of London.

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This injunction applies not only to the mental but the physical welfare. Salt rheum, erysipelas, and all obstinate humors of the blood are perfectly curable by Burdock Blood Bitters.

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"He Never Smiled Again"

No "hardly ever" about it. He had an attack of what people call "biliousness," and to smile was impossible. Yet a man may "smile and smile, and be a villain still, still he was no villain, but a plain, blunt, honest man, that needed a remedy such as Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," which never fail to cure biliousness and diseased or torpid liver, dyspepsia and chronic constipation. Of druggists.

Violet—Ma, how do people know that it's a man in the moon? Mother

Mind These Steps.

A Scotch exchange says: Stop shirking your duties. Stop neglecting to return borrowed books. Stop indulging in more than 100 pounds of self conceit to the square inch. Stop supposing that the world could not get along pretty well without you. Stop looking at the dark side of life. Stop giving away to fault finding. Stop furnishing your friends with the minute particulars of your bodily ailments. Stop taking pessimistic views of men, things and the theory of the universe. Stop working not hard enough. Stop writing to famous people for their autographs. Stop procrastinating. Stop sending to newspapers "something I've just dashed off and haven't stopped to correct." Stop telling a busy man, "I know you're busy, so I'll only keep you a minute," as a prelude to an hour and a half's attempt to talk his arm off.

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"If there was only one bottle of Hag yards' Yellow Oil in Manitoba I would give one hundred dollars for it," writes Philip H. Erant, of Monteville, Manitoba, after having used it for a severe wound and for frozen fingers, with, as he says, "astounding good results."

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Ah! the sooty side of life
Is kept out of sight by the hands
Of many a mother and wife.

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That Time is flitting away,
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It comes to my spirit sweetly,
With the grace of a thought divine,
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The Coronation Chair.

You are all, no doubt, familiar with historical accounts of the coronation of kings and queens. The placing of a crown or garland upon the head is a custom of great antiquity, and was used by both Greeks and Romans on solemn or joyous occasions to show especial honor to some favored man.

It was probably an adaptation of this general custom to an especial use that the practice of placing a crown on the head of a monarch at the commencement of his reign was instituted. The practice certainly is very ancient, for the Bible tells us that Solomon and Ahasiah were crowned. And there is probably scarcely a country in which it has not been followed in one form or another.

Generally coronation has been accompanied by what was regarded as the still more solemn rite of anointing with oil—a ceremony which from the time of the ancient Hebrews to our own has been peculiarly significant of consecration to the service of God. The term employed in the Saxon chronicle we find, is *gohalyod*—hallowed or consecrated. And it would seem that the ceremony was anciently performed at Kingston-on-Thames, or at Winchester was in all essentials the same as that which takes place in Westminster Abbey.

A copy of the Gospels is still in existence among the Cottonian manuscripts in the British Museum which is believed to be the identical copy on which the Saxon kings were sworn.

June 21, 1887, Queen Victoria took her seat once more in the most famous chair which this world holds today—the English "coronation chair."

The coronation chair in which the sovereigns of England have been crowned since Edward I. brought it hither from Scotland, nearly six hundred years ago, stands in the chapel of Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey. The chair is supported on four carved lions, and is constructed of hard and solid wood. The back and sides were formerly painted in various colors and richly gilt. As seen by visitors now it looks rather bare and comfortable, but when used for a coronation it is well cushioned and covered with cloth of gold.

In gazing at this ancient chair it is interesting to think of the contrasted characters and widely-different experiences of its successive occupants. Henry V., victor of Agincourt; the pitiless hunchback, Richard III.; bluff Henry VIII.; the gentle Edward VI.; cruel Mary; strong-minded Elizabeth, the Stuart, gay or gloomy, and monarchs of more modern date, have all come in their turn to the venerable abode to be enshrined upon this ancient stool.

In the lower part of the frame-work of the chair there is enshrined a relic for which such high antiquity is claimed that in comparison with it our Edwards and Henrys and Richards seem but as characters of yesterday. The old legend, which our forefathers appear to have found it easy to accept, declared this stone to be the very one which Jacob used as a pillow on the night of his memorable dream.

Another story tells how the stone was taken by a son of Cecrops, King of Athens, from Egypt to Spain, whence it was carried to Ireland. Irish historians say that this famous stone was brought to the Emerald Isle by a colony of Scythians, and that whenever one of the royal Scythian race sat down upon it to be crowned the stone groaned and spoke in tones of thunder. If the stone did not make this response the candidate was rejected as no true king.

But all these stories, to say the least, are doubtful. It is just possible that the tradition may be founded on the fact which tells how Fergus, the first king of Scotland, brought it over from Ireland, and was crowned upon it 330 B. C. At any rate, it is certain that it was used at Dunstaffnage and Scoon from a very early period in the coronation of the Scottish king. Kenneth II., when he united the Picts and Scots under his sovereignty in the ninth century, brought the "stone of destiny," as it was called, to Scoon, where it remained till Edward I. carried it off to London after his Scottish victories in 1200. Fordun says that the stone then bore an inscription to its effect:

"Except old laws do fall and wizard's wits be blind, The Scots in place must reign where they this stone shall find. Scotland long tried to get its famous stone restored to it, but when James VI. became James I. of England the Scots made belief the prophecy was fulfilled.—J. K. Bloomfield.

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