

HELEN LAFONE :

OR
THE FOES OF A HOUSEHOLD.

A TALE OF ENGLISH LIFE.

CHAPTER IX.

He held out her hand and took what he gave her.

"Now, lie still for five minutes," he said when she had finished eating, "then you shall talk."

He drew the woolen sofa blanket over her as he spoke. It was a pretty thing, knitted in a shell-like pattern in wools of shaded brown and red. Helen touched it with her hand, saying—

"I made this for him; he was always so fond of it, and thought it so pretty."

When she had rested the required time Percival let her talk, and she told him the history of the whole day from the morning when Dr. Smith had told her the invalid would probably not live through the night, of the short beauty of the November day, and of the evening, up to the end. She told him how he had wished to see the sunset, how they had heard the sound of the waves, of the poem she had repeated to him, and of what he had said. She even spoke, though with bated breath and some difficulty, of those last hours which had been so terrible for her.

Percival listened in silence. He was amazed at the strength she had shown. He thought of what the doctor had said that summer evening on which he had made up his mind to study Helen's character.

"You are a brave girl," he said, when she had finished, and he kissed her with passionate tenderness. "Many a man would have failed to do what you have done. I shall never forgive myself for having been so careless as to let you go through this alone."

"It is over now, and you could not help it. But he wanted you so much before he died. He wanted to talk to you, I think."

"I can guess what he wanted to say to me; he wanted to remind me of what I have won in winning you. There was no need. I trust you will soon be my wife, my other better self, who to lose would be to lose all I hold dear in the world."

He held her close to him as he spoke, looking down into her beautiful dimmed eyes, and feeling at that moment unworthy of the love he had won.

"While I love you," she said, "I do not care what may come—poverty, sickness, even death. Had I not had you I could not have borne that death upstairs; it would have taken everything from me. Let us love with all our strength, Percival, for there is nothing else that is stronger in the world."

They had almost forgotten what had brought this meeting, till in this silence which followed Helen's words they heard the slow measured tread of the woman who was moving about in the room above performing the last services which the man who had brought these two together would ever require. A shiver ran through Helen as she heard it, and she whispered—

"He brought us together, and now he is dead."

"Do not let this make you superstitious," he said gently.

They remained in this way for a long time till Percival, glancing down at Helen's face, saw she was asleep.

He smiled as he looked at her. Her head had fallen back upon the cushions and her face was turned upwards. She was strikingly pale—even considering all she had gone through she was strikingly pale; so the dark shadows under her eyes, and the long, curled lashes rested upon them. The corners of her mouth drooped sorrowfully; the lips just parted showed a glimpse of small, regular, white teeth. Her face looked almost childlike, it was so small, and soft, and pure; thinner than it had been, yet neither haggard, nor older, only finer and calmer. Percival looked and looked, he could not take his eyes away; it seemed as if the intensity of his gaze must have awakened her, but she slept on, never moving, her chest hardly stirred by her light, even breathing. She looked almost as lifeless as the dead man upstairs.

Presently he felt sleep begin to weigh down his own eyelids, a clock in the hall struck six, there was just time for a doze before it was time to begin the day's work. He threw himself into a large arm chair standing by the fireplace, and was asleep in a few minutes.

A carriage was sent for Helen soon after breakfast, and she left the house which for the last six weeks had been her home. She paid a visit to the doctor's room before going. The dead man's face was in perfect repose, and she swept the thick grey hair off the broad massive forehead, and kissed first that and the cold rigid lips. She was alone; at that moment she forgot Percival, and felt in losing her old friend she had lost all that was to her worth losing in the world.

Her tears flowed fast during the short

drive, but she was quite calm when she reached home. The servant who admitted her looked curiously at her pale face and tear-dimmed eyes, but she passed straight into her room without meeting anyone; nor did she leave it again that day.

She came down to breakfast on the following morning, and was considered by that time to have been allowed sufficient time to indulge her grief. Mrs. Lafone made a good many inquiries, though she said Mr. Moore, who had called the afternoon before to inquire after Helen, had furnished them with many particulars. Still she understood he had not been present at the time of the actual death. Helen, she supposed, had been alone then. (It did not seem to strike her what an awful experience it was for a girl of twenty to go through, nor that it might be painful to her to answer any questions on the subject. She was a woman with a natural appetite for such details, and with the unsympathetic nature which such an appetite implies.) Helen, who though exceedingly pale, was perfectly composed, answered her questions faithfully.

"What time did he die?" she asked, leaning into the breakfast cups as she spoke to see that they were prepared to the taste of each person.

"I think it was about two o'clock."

"You think? You ought always to be sure of the exact moment of a death or anything of that kind; it is most important. Why did you not look at your watch?"

"I did not think of it," replied the girl, who would have died sooner than speak of the dying lamp, the awful stillness, and the stiffening grasp upon her hand.

"Then how do you know it was about two o'clock?"

"I heard the clock strike a little time afterwards."

"How did he die?—quietly, or was there any struggle?"

"Quietly," was the reply, in a scarcely audible voice.

"I wish you would learn to speak up; you always mutter so. I am glad it was quietly; it is so shocking when old people like that seem unwilling to die. Let me see. You have been away so long, I have forgotten—but you do not take sugar, I think."

"No, thank you."

"What was the last thing he said, I wonder."

Helen took advantage of the words being rather a remark than a question to make no reply.

"Can't you tell me?" asked her stepmother, turning to her and speaking rather sharply.

"No, I cannot."

"What do you mean by that? That you cannot or will not?"

"I will not," driven to bay at last, and looking steadily with sad dark eyes into her adversary's face.

Mrs. Lafone sat petrified, with a cup in one hand and her other just ready to turn the tap of the coffee-urn.

"You are very disrespectful, Helen. May I ask if there was a secret?"

"They were addressed to me alone, and I shall tell them to no one."

Her voice was slow and steady, and her face went whiter than before, as she again seemed to feel the slow, soft touch of the doctor's hand over her face.

The subject was so evidently painful to her that even Alice was moved to interpose.

"Really, mamma," she said, "how you do gloat over these things; it is not the most agreeable subject for a breakfast table; and I should think you might know by this time that when Helen gets that look on her face you will never make her do anything she does not want."

Mrs. Lafone generally yielded to the will of her daughter, so the subject dropped and Helen was allowed to sit out the remainder of the meal in peace.

All that day she longed to see Percival, and he did not come, but she heard a great deal about him. There were no visitors at the Thwaite just then, and Alice was reduced to her own resources for amusement and occupation. They appeared to be soon exhausted. In the afternoon she came into the room where Helen was sitting and began to talk about Percival. Helen also felt listless, weary and unsettled, but because of the change from the regular, well filled life she had been leading for the last few weeks. She took up a bit of work, more for the sake of appearing to be occupied than anything else, and sat silent in the library. She could not go out. She felt too tired to walk far; the beauty and peaceful sunset of the day before had been succeeded by a cold misty rain, and she hoped that Percival would come. Before long Alice joined her, threw herself listlessly into a rocking chair, and swung herself backwards and forwards once or twice before speaking.

"I wonder if Mr. Moore will come to-day," she said at last.

"Why should he?" asked Helen hypocritically. "It is not a pleasant day for going about."

"Oh, he comes nearly every day, and his being wet is rather an additional reason. He is sure to want companionship. He will come if only for that."

Helen half smiled as she said—

"I should think he had enough occupation at home to get him over a wet day."

"Oh, but he likes to come, and he is sure to when he knows I want him."

Helen said nothing; she began to think that the friendship between Alice and Percival had made considerable progress during her absence from home. At last she asked—

"How will he know—by instinct?"

"You are reviving, Helen; that was said quite in your old cutting way. He knows there is no one staying here at present, and that I have been alone, so that natural antipathy would bring him, if there were nothing else. But I believe there is some instinct mixed up with it, for we are great friends."

Helen's hand was perfectly steady as she threaded her needles afresh with silk, and her voice did not falter as she asked—

"Since when have you begun to prefer friends to lovers?"

"I never prefer," said Alice seriously, "where there is choice between two things. I always like to get both, if I can. I should certainly never think of preferring one friend to many lovers, but I like to have both together."

"Combined in one person?" asked Helen a little dryly, but before Alice could reply she was called away, and the conversation was not renewed that day. Helen was careless enough not to give it a second thought. She returned to her work and her watch for Percival, but he did not come. In the evening his negligence was explained. Mr. Lafone came in and brought the intelligence that Moore had been suddenly called away on business and would probably be detained a few days.

Helen said scarcely anything. It was Alice who gave utterance to the expressions of surprise and regret. Helen thought that Percival would regret not being at the funeral of his old friend. Her father was going and most of the neighboring gentlemen.

A distant cousin of the doctor's had come over and made all the arrangements for the funeral—a hungry-looking man with whom the doctor had had a quarrel since his youth. He came with the feeling that, being the only relative of the deceased, it was possible he might profit by his death.

He was destined to be disappointed. Dr. Hazlett's will dated some years back, and though one or two eccleci had been added to it, the hungry cousin's name was mentioned in none of them. With the exception of one or two remembrances to personal friends, the will decreed that everything to which the deceased died possessed should become the absolute property of Helen Lafone.

There was no great amount of money. Dr. Hazlett had no private fortune, and he was not made out of the stuff out of which rich and prosperous men are formed; but, in addition to the property, there was a letter he had written only a very short time before his death, and which Helen in her impulsive way felt that she valued far above all the rest.

It was a long letter, and she instinctively went out of doors to read it. She went down to the shore, and stood for a few moments looking sorrowfully over the grey water which came stealing up to her feet. She took a boat and rowed herself across the bay to the island. An unutterable sadness lay upon her soul; words from a source which she did not trace were running in her mind—"It seemed as if all the joy had vanished from the world never to be restored."

As usual, she had the island to herself. She made her boat fast, and climbing over the rocks found her favorite seat, where she sat down to think. She had never been here alone since the day on which she had been detained, and rescued by Percival. That thought alone would have been sufficient food for meditation once; now something of greater magnitude filled her mind. There was nothing to take her thoughts away from the subject; she sat with her back to the mainland looking out over the open sea, which lay wide and blank before her, not even the sail of a fishing-boat broke the monotonous expanse. The air was perfectly still; though she did not feel cold, there was a touch of frost in the air, and from time to time a golden or crimson leaf came fluttering down to her feet. One fell into her lap on the letter, which she held clasped in her hand, not yet having looked at it more than to see that it was of some length. She picked up the leaf, smothered it, and slipped it into the envelope, feeling somehow comforted. Then she began to read. The letter contained much that perhaps her friend had not felt strong enough to speak, there were expressions of deep regret at being compelled to leave her, little bits of advice such as he had been used to administer in his own quaint style ever since she could remember, and some directions as to what he thought she had better do with his house and furniture.

Helen shed no tears as she read it, not even when she had come to the signature "your faithful friend, Richard Hazlett." She sat still, feeling as if her heart would break with sorrow, as though, despite her love for Percival, a

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The farmers in this vicinity are busily engaged in taking grain, wood, pork and hay to market, Locknow being headquarters in the market line; and they are also hauling sawlogs to the various sawmills in the vicinity. Dugannon sawmills getting a good share.

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Care for Sheep. Since winter has set in, sheds, where they spring, says a Michigan farmer, they have to stantly before them. I have the temperature ranged so that the sheep freeze, but keep as close point as possible, it will. If it becomes much colder sheep will cease when they will fall off fodder they eat, and in extreme cold weather down in condition that a shadow of their former condition in which to gauge our straw stacks, then up I gave them pl what about, bran and oats. The object of time is to keep their l ally the fever that a d to dry feed often prod sheep get to eating well of the hay feed and a place straw which is that I gave my sheep months. This I feed them no more than clean, the same as I When I commence feeding portions of corn, mak one-fourth each corn a half bran; give three pound of this mixture; it is better given at two have the right kind of water well on straw some say that takes a True, but you will find enough more wool to p in grain. Your sheep larger than under diff Your straw will be w bed of manure to dra your fields. Some past mow another to obtain their stock on. By business you can past keeping more stock, a certain extent, enable with other countries i wool. Then when y your grain crops you your fodder crop for the season the work of field of hay.

Look Out for the I. A London despatch just received here of Miss Jessie Palmer (a pupil at the Hellmuth here) from the home of Arch. G. Palmer, one of farmer's of Victoria, Co. Y., with a laborer on a named Oscar Hughes, a srs brunette of 19, and srs. Her father is a wit ben home from college last June when Hugh's appearance of a tramp, in search of work, and Mr. Palmer. Hughes man, and this first attra lady's attention. He ta and was so much in l when the time came fo college she pleaded illne her father to extend till January. Meantim constantly in her compa culminated on Friday couple disappeared and been heard of. The quite a sensation in cert where the young lady favorite.

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Care for Sheep in Winter.

Since winter has come my sheep are in sheds, where they will remain till spring, says a Michigan farmer in an exchange. They have tanks of water constantly before them, with salt. Could I have the temperature of the shed arranged so that the water would never freeze, but keep as close to the freezing point as possible, it would best suit me. If it becomes much colder than this, the sheep will fall off in the amount of fodder they eat, and in a few weeks of extreme cold weather they will run down in condition that they will be but a shadow of their former selves—a bad condition in which to get them to consume our straw stacks. When I first put them up I gave them plenty of hay. I put wheat bran and oats mixed (two parts bran and one oat), they will eat up clean. The object of the bran at this time is to keep their bowels loose or to allow the feed to change from green to dry feed often produces. When the sheep get to eating well I begin to drop off the hay feed and substitute in its place straw, which is the only fodder that I give my sheep from two to three months. This I feed in racks, giving them no more than they can eat up clean, the same as though it was hay. When I commence feeding straw I add a portion of corn, making the mixture one-fourth each corn and oats, and one-half bran; give three-fourths to one pound of this mixture per head per day. It is better given at two feeds, and if you have the right kind of sheep they will winter well on straw or fodder. But some say that takes much more grain. True, but you will find that you have got enough more wool to pay the extra cost in grain. Your sheep will be much larger than under different treatment. Your straw will be worked into a good bed of manure to draw out to enrich your fields. Some pasture one field and mow another to obtain hay to winter their stock on. By this way of doing, business you can pasture both fields, keeping more stock, which will, to a certain extent, enable us to compete with other countries in the raising of wool. Then when you are handing your grain crops you are gathering in your fodder crop for the winter, and it lessens the work of cutting the one field of hay.

Look Out for the Hired Man.

A London despatch says: News has just been received here of the elopement of Miss Jessie Palmer (for several years a pupil at the Hellmuth Ladies' College here) from the home of her father, Mr. Arch. G. Palmer, one of the wealthiest farmers of Victoria, Cayuga county, N. Y., with a laborer on her father's farm named Oscar Hughes. She is a handsome brunette of 19, and an only daughter. Her father is a widower. She had been home from college about a month last June when Hughes, who had the appearance of a tramp, visited the place in search of work, and was engaged by Mr. Palmer. Hughes was a good horse-man, and this first attracted the young lady's attention. He taught her to ride, and was so much in her society that when the time came for her return to college she pleaded illness, and induced her father to extend her vacation till January. Meantime Hughes was constantly in her company, and the affair culminated on Friday last, when the couple disappeared and have not since been heard of. The news has created quite a sensation in certain circles here, where the young lady was a general favorite.

The Rose.

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Record of Dairy Breeds.

The butter tests at the various fairs throughout the country this season, as indeed in past years, refute the idea that in any one of the dairy breeds lies all the superiority in milk and butter production. Taking the tests for the present year together, the honors appear to be very fairly distributed. For instance, at the New York dairy show, as everybody ought to know by this time, a pure bred Holstein gained the prize; at the New England fair the prize was awarded to a grade cow having Guernsey, Jersey and Hereford blood; at the Provincial fair at Toronto a full blood Ayrshire came out ahead; at the Iowa state fair a Jersey gained the record.

German scientists who have tested the relative profitableness of keeping large and small cows giving largest quantities of rich milk are the best. They do not believe largely in beef and milk from the same animal.

—Do you know where the center of mothers taking their marriageable daughters to the watering places resorted to? I have no idea. A—Well, it dates back to the days of Abraham. You know it was at a well that Rebecca found her husband.

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Portrait of a woman, likely related to the 'Look Out for the Hired Man' article.

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