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## THE ORDEAL OF PRETTY MARCIA.

Aunt Calverley's Story and the Visit That Followed It.

By MARTHA M'C-WILLIAMS.

Marcia came up the walk with a sigh of relief so intense it was almost a sob. All afternoon she had been leaving it out, forcing herself to smile and chatter dutifully, listen respectfully to Calverley's strictures upon the world—her world—and life in general and make the requisite automatic responses.

Aunt Calverley was no blood kin, only her father's stepmother, but all the more punctilious and difficult because of it. Twice a year she came in state to spend the night and day after at Greenways. The visits always left Marcia and her mother uncomfortable, but this was the first whose legacy had been true heartache.

"Don't look so, daughter. I don't believe it." Mrs. Alston said, drawing Marcia down beside her upon the piazza bench. She was small and fair and blue eyed, all unlike her daughter. Even Aunt Calverley admitted grudgingly that Marcia was Alston through and through. That meant she was beautiful.

"As handsome as an Alston" had been a saying of the countryside this hundred years. As a race the Alstons were slim and supple, dark eyed, dark haired, with fine olive skin and clear, healthy scarlet showing richly in lips and cheeks; light stepping too. Marcia in especial had the motion of a flower in swaying in gentle breezes. There had been something of natural irritation, but no surprise whatever, when Ivor Morris fell in love with her at first sight.

There could be no doubt of it. He called the very next day and the next and the next, upon the fourth planned a picnic in the grounds of High Brook, his ancestral estate. He was but newly come to it. The big house had been shuttered and shrouded almost twenty years. That was his excuse for asking his new friends to make merry with him outdoors. Though he was far too well bred to devote himself conspicuously to Marcia when thus playing host, by a sort of tacit consent she was pushed forward to be the head and front of everything. The next day he vanished unaccountably, but in a week he was back again and evidently more in love than ever. He managed somehow to see Marcia every day for a month; then came another absence and in the midst of it Aunt Calverley.

Aunt Calverley was bursting with news. Mrs. Alston was certain of it the minute she set eyes on her. There was a certain swelling as of pride in her own discerning mind with ostentatious pity for the blindness of her kinsfolk. Still, she told nothing out of the common until after the midday dinner, when she had begun veering delicately to the subject of her departure. Although the length of her visit was always as fixed as the laws of the Medes and Persians, she felt sadly slighted if in the last hours of it she was not begged to make it longer. Mrs. Alston had just said, with a commendable show of heartiness, "I'm sure there's nothing to call you home—you had just as well stay with us until Monday," when the revelation came.

"I hope I shall never be foolish enough to wear out my welcome anywhere," Aunt Calverley returned viciously. "I know you two will be wanting to go right off and see your new neighbors. Of course you know Ivor Morris is fetching home his wife and twins. Don't tell me you hadn't heard? And him here so much! Well, I am astonished. But men are queer—especially the Morris men. How else did the old major have six sons and just this one grandson? And Ivor's father was the wisest of the lot. Maybe that's why I mistrusted his son so from the very first. You won't make me believe he's bringing the wife of his own good will and pleasure. I believe there's been trouble between 'em, and she's brought the gentleman up with a round turn. How do I know? You know he has got Peggy Henderson to keep house for him. On the way here I stopped at High Brook to ask Peggy if she reckoned I could get her daughter Panny to come and quilt for me next fall. Peggy was so flattered I couldn't hardly get a sensible word out of her. I've had sent her a telegraph: 'Comin' home Saturday. Prepare adjoining rooms for Mrs. Morris and twin children'."

"Why didn't you tell us yesterday? I would love to have made a cake for those children. Peggy Henderson's cake is always as heavy as the lot." Marcia interrupted so gaily her mother gave her a look of adoring pride. "Now it's too late," Marcia ran on. "Do stay over Sunday, Aunt Calverley. The Morris will surely come to church. I'd like to know what you think of her."

But there was no luring Aunt Calverley away from talk of Ivor Morris. His sins, actual and potential, beguiled her into staying until sundown, although she had to drive ten miles. Marcia endured it all wonderfully—just how she never quite understood. She did not break down even at her mother's wistful comforting—only looking far away into the glowing sunset: "Why shouldn't it be true, mamsie? Ivor Morris has looked love at me and spoken it, but never a word of marriage."

"He—be—called me 'mother' the very last time I saw him," Mrs. Alston said.

"The Withered Staff of Aesculapius." Aesculapius was always represented with a staff, a symbol of the support needed by the sick. Around it was entwined the ancient symbol of stentority, the serpent. Throughout succeeding ages physicians carried a stick, which during the middle ages was usually surmounted by a small metal box containing aromatic herbs, which the doctor sniffed as he contemplated his patient to counteract infection and the universal stench of the sickroom then prevalent. Later on the stick shrunk into a cane and during the renaissance had above the handle an eagle, a survey of the invalid through which must have conferred an ineffable look of wisdom and profundity. In early Victorian days a climax of bad taste was reached in the use of carved ivory or bone skulls as cane handles, an example of the ethical advertising of the period. Finally the doctor's cane has followed his black coat and high hat into oblivion, and more and more must the practitioner rely upon his brains for prestige—New York Medical Journal.

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treacherously. "I tell you he is not wicked!" "No; perhaps only weak," Marcia said, drawing her mother within her arms. "He worships beauty, and I am truly very pretty, mother. He is impulsive too. I know for the time he loves me with all his heart. Maybe he has loved his—I mean somebody else—with all his heart. Maybe also he will keep on doing it all his life. And I love him, mother. But he has saved and spared me this much—he has never given me the chance to tell him so. Now I know why. Let us both be grateful and show it by helping to make things easy for him. People will gossip wildly over this unheard-of wife. We must pretend to have been in the secret."

"Can you do it? Are you strong enough?" Mrs. Alston said, drawing Marcia's head within the hollow of her arm.

Marcia nestled closer and said clearly: "I must be strong enough, mamsie. You must be strong enough. We will begin by going to church tomorrow. That will be the hardest thing. Oh, how I dread facing all those curious eyes!"

"No more than we do. Therefore all of us must stay away," Ivor Morris said, coming around the corner of the piazza. Marcia's vines grew so rank there they hid everything. Ivor's eyes danced a bit, but his mouth was grave and even set. He had led, half dragged a very pretty woman, whom he seated unceremoniously beside Mrs. Alston.

"We walked across the woods, McAlain and I, on purpose to ask your good offices. Melanie is Mrs. Morris, but not my wife. That honor belongs to my cousin Graham, who didn't know he was a Morris until six weeks back. It seems his mother, when very young, married privately my wild Uncle Royal, disagreed with him and ran away from him before Graham was born. The day after she left Uncle Roy broke his neck in the hunt, but it was months before his widow knew it. When she did know she married an old lover, who adopted her son and brought him up as his own. I am, it seems, very like my uncle. When she saw me the first time, just after I came here, she broke down and told me the whole story. She did not know how much of the Morris fortune was gutted or in what proving Graham the eldest heir male I was half beggarly myself. All that has, however, settled itself. Graham is a tramping. He will take over High Brook on account of the twins. Still, I'm not so bold a match I don't dare ask Marcia to marry me. I've been on the point of doing it fifty times at least. But who could be brutal enough to ask a princess to exist on nothing a year?"

"Don't sord him, please! I have done that already," Melanie entreated prettily, holding Marcia's hand. Marcia stood very straight and asked severely, trying to frown on Ivor as she spoke: "How long had you been behind those vines? Did you dare eavesdrop?"

"Certainly! I love to confound proverbs," Ivor said audaciously. "Listeners do sometimes hear good of themselves. But I know it was wrong. I'll do any penance you may set me after."

"After what?" Marcia asked as he stopped tentatively, his eyes entreating.

"After the wedding day, sweetheart," he said. Then, heedless of others present, he took her in his arms.

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**Notice for Publication.** Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 17th, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Glenn Hendrickson, who, on January 14th, 1905, made a Homestead (Serial No. 60412), No. 1411, for NW 1/4, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 15, Township 12 South, Range 15 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, County Clerk at his office at Prineville, Oregon, on the 15th day of March, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: James A. Moffit, Henry J. Edwards, Thomas H. Johnson, Jesse Yancy all of Prineville, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register.

**Notice of Final Settlement.** Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Edward G. Holcomb, deceased, to all persons interested in said estate that the said administrator has made and filed in the county court their final account of their administration of said estate, and the said court has set Monday, the 15th day of March, 1910 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the county court room in Prineville, Oregon as the time and place for hearing and settling said final account.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1910. John G. Holter, Administrator of the estate of Edward G. Holter, deceased.

**Notice for Publication.** Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 17th, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Eugene E. Rasey of Lamona, Oregon, who, on March 2nd, 1905, made Homestead (Serial No. 60313), No. 1421, for SW 1/4, NE 1/4, NE 1/4, and SE 1/4, Section 22, Township 13 South, Range 14 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, County Clerk at his office at Prineville, Oregon, on the 15th day of March, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: George Ragner, Samuel D. Pierce, Edward D. Bateman, Charles W. Freeman, all of Lamona, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register.

**Notice for Publication.** Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 17th, 1910. Notice is hereby given that John W. Shattuck, of Prineville, Oregon, who, on March 16th, 1905, made Homestead (Serial No. 60773), No. 1224, for NW 1/4, NE 1/4, NE 1/4, and SW 1/4, Section 14, Township 14 South, Range 15 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, County Clerk at his office at Prineville, Oregon, on the 15th day of March, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: James Dyer of Prineville, Oregon; Edmund J. Parker of Prineville, Oregon; Fred H. Hild, of Prineville, Oregon; Floyd Houston of Held, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register.

**Notice for Publication.** Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 17th, 1910. Notice is hereby given that John W. Shattuck, of Prineville, Oregon, who, on June 13th, 1905, made Homestead (Serial No. 62614), No. 12734, for SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 15 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, County Clerk at his office at Prineville, Oregon, on the 15th day of March, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Price Coslow, Charles B. Dinwiddie, John K. Grimes, Garrett T. Hoover, all of Prineville, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register.

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Dated this 15th day of February, 1910. M. B. Elliott, Administrator of the estate of Andrew J. Cargill, deceased.

**Application for Grazing Permits.** Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1910 must be filed in my office at Roseburg, Oregon on or before March 15th, 1910. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request.

S. C. BARTRIM, Supervisor.

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T. H. Sherrard, Forest Supervisor.

**Notice for Publication.** Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 22, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Pleasant N. Turner of Powell Butte, Oregon, who, on February 28th, 1905, made Homestead (Serial No. 60592), No. 1265, for SW 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, and NE 1/4, Section 21, Township 16 South, Range 14 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, County Clerk at his office at Prineville, Oregon, on the 15th day of March, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: William P. Johnson, Thomas E. McDaniel, William Baird, Charles H. Foster, all of Powell Butte, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register.

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