

CHAPTER III.



"I am Miss Birchmore, if you please, sir.

My route to Italy was rather a roundabout one. Instead of running down to Marseilles, and so on via Civita Vecchia to Rome, I set off eastward and crossed Germany, passing through Cologne, Frankfort-on-the-Main and Nuremberg, thence I proceeded to Leipsic, and at length brought up in Dresden. It was my intention to go from there southward through Switzerland to Vence, and thus to make my approach to the Eternal

City. Dresden, however, detained mo longer than I expected. It was in August that I reached it: there were not many people in town, but I was delighted with the gallery, with the picture-que sweep of the river and with the green shade and good music of the Grosser garten. There were several charming drives, too, in the neighborhood; and as for the beer, it was really a revelation to a man who had never known anything less heavy and solid than Allsopp's pale ale

I had put up at the Hotel de Saxe, a broadsided old building on one side of a large, irregular "Platz," called, I be-Heve, the Neumarkt. My handlord, who was a young gentleman of great personal attractions, interested himself a good deal about my amusements; and one day he happened to ask me whether 1 had visited a region known as Saxon Switzerland. This, it appeared, was a mountainous district some twenty miles. up the Elbe, in which was solved the problem of putting the greatest amount of romantic picturesqueness into the smallest possible compass. It was a land of savage rocks, wild precipices and profound gorges, conveniently grouped within the limits of a good day's tramp. It comprised all the sublime and startling features of your Yosemite valley in California, with an area about equal to the summit of one of the table bluffs in that region.

I packed my valise for a sojourn of two or three days among these pocket Alps, put my diamonds in that secure had just caught sight of her, and lifting and sending a flash into me from those my hat with an air of respectful ac-quaintanceship I said in French: "If mademoiselle will permit me, I

may perhaps be of some use."

"Her weil, either accidentally or of design, dropped again over her face as she turned it toward me. I knew that she was scrutinizing mo with a woman's intnitive sight, and I tried to look as guileless and respectful as 1 am sure 1 felt. in a moment she asked:

"Monsieur est il Francais?" "I'm an Englishman," I answered, blushing a little, I dare say, at her implied criticism of my imperfect accent. "Oh, I am glad! I too, am almost to make you believe that! Only I was English-I am American. But I don't brought up in a convent near Paris; ed know how I can be helped, really. "Some friend has missed an appoint-

ment? "Yes, indeed! Oh, dear! it's worse than that. It's my father.'

"You were going by the train?"

There has been some stupid mistake. I'm sure I don't know what I stunii do. We had arranged to start at ten o'clock I wanted to do some shapping on the it. me at ten, and I sent a dienstinant to realize it until I saw for myself. the hotel; and now he has brought word from the hotel keeper that papa started leaving the conventiby the ten o'clock steamboat. I had not understood that it was to be the saw my consins there. Papa wont with steamboat, you see: and I'm left here all

alone would still arrive two or three hours be- surprised to see you here, Mr. Gainsborfore him; that is-may I ask where you ough. What a funny way you have are going

"Oh, I think Schandau is the name of through Dresden" the place.

There is a train starts immediately. Yes-but-no. I'm afraid I can't do

that I was puzzled.

"Perhaps you would like to telegraph him to come back here for you?"

"I don't know where to telegraph, so that he would get it, besides-But excuse me, sir, you are very kind, but 1 won't trouble you with my affairs. I

dare say I shall get on very well." She turned away with a slight bow but she was so evidently nonplussed that I determined to make another effort to gain her confidence. There was not ar your-diamonds! much time to lose; the first bell was already ringing.

"I am going on to Schandau," I said. made. Here is my card."

once changed. A half repressed smile cautious and reserved." glimmered on her face. I felt that we I could now join in the laugh against were on a right footing at last, though 1 myself with full appreciation of the excould not at the time understand how it

and our eyes met. There was an in stant's constraint and then we both langhed, and the constraint passed away not to return.

"I was going to ask you," said 1 whether you wouldn't prefer sitting on this side? You will find the river better worth looking at than that stone wall." "I am under your orders, sir, for the present: you put me here; and now it you tell me I am to go elsewhere, I shall

She wee as she spoke, the jolting of the cartilige caused her to lose hor but

ance; I held out my hand to assist bor and so she bittered across and sector herself opposite mo. "Now are you satisfied?" she asked

demusely, folding her hands in her hat mystical eyes. "Yes, indeed, if you are, Did you

ever travel this way before?" 'If you mean alone with a gentleman

I never met before-no."

"Oh, what I mean was"----"I know-1 didn't mean to make fun

Yes, I believe I was in this part of the atry once when I was a very little that was before I went to the convent, you know?

"To the convent?"

She gave a charming impromptu inugh

"I wasn't quite a nun-4 didn't want ucated there, as many young lastics are I was there seven years-wasn't that long?-and I only got out a little while

ago." "It must have been awfully dull."

"Oh. I liked it in a sort of way; they were very kind to me there, but then 4 didn't know how pleasant it was outside You would never believe how delightful this morning, and I started first, because the world is if you were only told about My papa used to tell me about it way down. I undecated that we were sometimes, and he is a great travelerto rendezvous here. But he did not he has been everywhere. But I didn't

"Have you been to America since

"Oh, yes, I went to New York, and me, but he came back to Paris first and I followed later. I met him again in "But if you took the next train, you Paris only a few weeks ago. He will be chosen to go from Paris to Rome-

"Yes, 1-but, by the way, how did you "Schandau? Oh, then it's all right know I was going to Rome? And why will your papa be surprised?"

Agam she laughoil and regarded me with so delightfully mischievous a giance that 1 felt convinced 1 must in some way be making a fool of myself What did it all mean? I but my tip and the color came into my face from provocation at my own evident thick headed Ditter.

'if you had only waited a little longer in Farts," she continued still smilling enigumitically, "perhaps we might have met in a more regular way and perhaps then you would have let me have a look My diamonds! That explained the

mystery in a flash

"Is your father Mr. Birchmore?" "If you like, I will send you back to your hotel in a drosky, and when I sir. You never asked me for my card You never asked me for my card. get to Schandan I will bunt up your and I didn't like to force it on you it father and tell him the mistake he has was so kind of you to take me on trust without making sure that I was all right She looked at it and her manner at first. I thought Englishmen were more

ful eyes: a quiver of apprehension about he lips; an involuntary gesture of nervsa or lassitude; many triffing signs. carcely perceptible perhaps to a regard essivem and watchful than mine had dready become. Already? But time in an acquaintance like this is not to be assured by hours or minutes. It is a rite saying, and yet how true, that these who are under the influence of a strong -motion may live years in a few heart "Piensa-ob, please don't look an sol-

mn. Mr. Gainsborough! What has appened? I should think, to look at on, that you had been robbed of your lamonds at the very least." 'No. they are safe enough," said L

alling up as electful a tono and aspect as I could master, and patting my hand over the inner pocket as I spoke, "Arayou foud of diamonds?"

"Oh, did you over hear of a girl who wasn't? I think there is nothing so beautifult Papa has a great many, but ho says I musta't wear them until after I am married. Isn't that hard?"

"But perhaps you think of being mar-ried before long?" I implied, with posttively a jealous throb at my heart. "No, that's the trouble, I know I

shall never be married." These words were uttered in a lower and graver tone, and once more I thought I could discern the flitting traces of that mysterious melancholy But she brightened up when 1 said: "Well, he won't object to your seeing

my diamonds, at any rate; not even to your putting them on, perhaps?"

"Just for a minute-may I? that will be splendid! Papa says that some of them are the finest he ever saw.

"For longer than a minute, Miss Birchmore, if you are willing-I mean if he' What did I mean, pray? Was I going to make an offer of my hand, heart and diamonds on less than an hour's acquaintance in a railway carriage; and was 1 going to forget that the diamonds did not belong to me at all, but to my refor my self possession and self respect tomms. the train drew upjust then at the station known as "Krippen," on the bank of the river immediately opposite Schandau, The guard opened the door: we alighted and the first person we saw was Mr. Birchmere, and close behind him a short, angainly, beetle browed fellow, a valet or footman apparently, with a camp stool, an umbrolls and a small basket of fruit on his arm

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inner pocket and took a drosky for the railway station. The trip to Schandau (the principil village of Saxon Switzerland) can also be made by steamer, but after discussing the pros and cons of rival routes with my host of the hotel the evening previous. I had decided to go by rail, which provides nearly half as much pretty scenery as the river road, and takes up less than a fourth as much time.

1 alighted at the station door some what late, and having given my trunk in charge of a porter was hurrying to get my ticket, when my attention was caught by a young lady who was standing on the platform in an attitude that bespoke suspense and anxiety. Her veil was down, but from the slender elegance of her figure and the harmonious perfection of her costume 1 could not doubt that her face was beautiful. Evidently she was not a German: had she been a thought less tastefully dressed 1 should have said she was an English girl. As it was she might be either an Austrian or an American. Even then I rather inclined to the latter hypothesis.

She appeared to be entirely alone, but she was scanning with ill concealed eagerness the crowd that was entering the station as if in search of a familiar face. When her glance fell upon me l fancied that she took an impulsive step in my direction, but she checked herself immediately and looked away. While I was hastily debating within myself whether or not it would be "the thing" for me to go up and ask her if she needed any assistance, I saw a dienstmann or carrier come up the steps, and taking off his cap deliver her a note. She tore it nervously open, threw back her weil impatiently and ran her eyes over the contents. Beautiful she was, indeed! My anticipations had been behind the truth on that score. Such strange, mystical, dark eyes underneath level, black eyebrows I had never seen. But just then there was an expression of dismay and distress in them that made me half forget to remember their fascination.

She now addressed the carrier, seemingly in broken German, for he evidently did not well understand her, and the answer he made appeared to increase her ported her chin. I could just see the embarrassment. Herslender foot tapped the stone pavement; she read the note once more, crushed it up in her hand jecting beyond it. and then her arms fell listlessly at her sides with an air almost of despair. She looked this way and that helplessly.

By this time several persons besides neck. myself had observed her bewilderment. and I thought I perceived that a certain fat old Jew, wearing a number of glitthat the second second

had happened.

"I will confess to you, Mr. Gains- Of course he was Why had 1 not be borough," she said, glancing up at me fore remarked the strong family like with a charming trustfulness in her ness between him and his daughter? manner. "My papa is so forgetful. We Take her on trust for south How (were not coming back to Dresden. Af longed to retort that I was ready to take ter Schandau we were going on to her for better, for worse tuen and these Prague, and he has gone off with all 🕈 she would have use' if she were a ter Schandau we were going on to without even any money to buy my ticket! At least, I did have enough, but But then they were not all prought up I spent it all in my shopping.

This cleared up matters at once. "How stupid of me not to have seen it all before!" I exclaimed. "Now we have just time to get the train."

I hurried her on with me as I spoke, bought our tickets in the twinkling of an eye and without waiting for the change conveyed her rapidly across the the train moved off. My beautiful companion, breathless, smiling and yet on the cushions and felt for the fan at her girdle. I wished to give her plenty of time to recover her composure, and to feel assured that I had no intention of taking undue advantage of our position. so, having arranged the windows to suit her convenience, I betook myself to the other end of the carriage and diligently stared at the prospect for fully five min Nature could endure no more. ntes. and at the end of that time I was fain to change my posture.

I stole a glance at my fair American She, too, was absorbed in the prospect on her side, which consisted at the moment of a perpendicular cutting about ten feet distant from her window. Her attitude as she sat there was the perfection of feminine grace. Her left hand, loosely holding the fan, drooped on her

lap; her sleeve, slightly pushed up, revealed the lovely curve of her arm and 1 am a particular admirer of wrist. beautiful wrists and hands, and here I saw my ideal. How exquisitely the glove fitted, and how artistically the color harmonized with the rest of her costume! The other little hand sup counded outline of her small cheek and the movement of the dark eyelash pro-

Beneath her hat the black hair turned in a careless coil and charming little

downy curls nestled in the nape of her neck. She was a thorough brunette pale, and yet pervaded with warm color Beneath the skirt of her crisp dress peeped the pointed toe of an ineffatile tering rings and a very massive watch little boot, which occasionally lifted it- It was trageal to tail of. Yes, ever chain, was inclined to take advantage of self and tapped the floor softly. Sud and anon I could much the trace, in her action: I came ouickly forward, as if I spection, she turned around upon me mg gloom of salasas in those wonder-

the jest. Mr Birchmore then, had been a married man after all.

our luggage, and-and he has left me fair spectmen of American girls what a nation of nouris they must be unload in French convents. It was that that

> added to Miss Birchmore the hast trresistible charm.

That it was that gave her that naivete that innocent frankness that uncon scious freedom And this lovely creature had actually know me by report before we met. Her father had told her of meand evidently he had not given me a platform, and with the assistance of a bad character. And this accounted for guard we found ourselves safely en the favorable change in her mannet sconced in a first class carriage just as when she saw my card Well it was altogether delightful 1 had been guided by a happy destiny, thank fortune 1 seemingly a little frightened, sank back had so conducted myself as at least not to prejudice Miss Birchmore against me Verily, good manners are never thrown away, and moreover 1 prided myself (as 1 fancy most gentlemen do) on my abil ity to detect a true lady at a giance.

We now resumed our conversation on a still more confidential footing than heretofore. Miss Birchmore related many amusing anecdotes of her late experionce in New York, as well as of her earlier days in the convent and even some passages of her child life previous to the latter epoch i observed, how ever, that ever and also she would check herself, seeming to pass over certain passiges in her history in silence and this reminded me of the similar be havior which I had noted in her father That secret, that mystery-whatever i was that weighed upon him-had cast

its shadow over her young heart likewise. Honestly did 1 sympathize with her unknown trouble, and ardently did Full Stock of Guns an Ammunition. I long-all vulgar curiosity aside-to nave the knowledge of it imparted to Few calamities are so heavy as 1114 that by earnest and friendly help they may not be lightened. What could it be? In vain I asked myself that question.

Here was this lovely girl, in the first fresh bloom of existence, just beginning to taste with eager, uncloyed polare all the sweet joys and novelties of lifehealth youth, a happy temperament and ample wealth ranked on her side and yet this officerness of a misfortune not by rights her own coust meeds com municate its blighting influence to h r

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Notice is hereby given, that the following manned settler has filed notice of his mention for make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Electricer of the United States had office at Original City, Oregon, on May 10, 1892, viz. Rob-ert McCain, homescad, entry, No. 563; for the north by of the south west by of section 20, town i south, range least. The names the following with assues to prove file continuous residences upon and endivation of said land, viz. Jesse (e.s., Joshus Lyons, Michael Holland, Jacob Kerrins, all of Springwater, Clackamas county, Oregon. 3, 25-6-422] Register. 0regon. 3:25-4:22]

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Executor's Notice,

EXecutor's Notice: Notice is hereby given that the final account of the undersigned is extended of the estate of John Franke, deceased, has been field in the county court of the state of Oregon, county of Checkamas. And the 3rd day of May, 1997, at 10 o'clock, a m. has been set by said court for the final hearing of objections to said account and the settlement thereof. A. R. Suirelay, Excentro of the state of John Franke, deceased Dated Oregon City, Or., March 21 1992, MILLER & MILLAR, Attys, for Excentor. 3 2504:22

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Notice is hereby given that my wife, Lydia D. How lett, has address provident of the my bed and beaud, and the public is bereby warned against harboring or trusting herror myacecount, as I will not be responsible for bills of her con-Eagle Creek, Oregon, April I, 1892 [4-1:5-6

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