

MRS. GAINSBOROUGH'S DIAMONDS.

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CHAPTER IX.



"Miss Gainsborough, say de tea ready, sah!"

This (as nearly as I can recollect it) is the story told me by my friend, Tom Gainsborough, as we sat over a delectable dinner of claret after one of his inimitable little dinners. When it was over I gave a grunt and thung the butt end of my cigar into the grate.

"There's one thing I don't understand about this story," I then remarked, "and it has misled me all along. Your description of that creature, Kate—her eyes and eyebrows, complexion, hands and nationality—all persuaded me it was the present Mrs. Gainsborough. Yet it appears she was nothing of the sort."

"I should think not, indeed!" exclaimed Tom, laughing. "They are as different, even in appearance, as two straight-browed brunettes could possibly be. It is not my fault if you were misled by a description—you who know so well how incurably vague the best descriptions are. Were you to see them side by side you would acknowledge that they are as little alike as you and I are. As to the American part of it—the truth is they were not really Americans at all. Birchmore and the girls were French, and I in my ignorance mistook their French accent for the Yankee twang. When, several years later, I met some real Americans—and married one of them—I realized my error."

"Humph! Well, I dare say you were not more stupid than the majority of your countrymen would have been in your place. But another thing—was all that mesmeric business genuine or a part of the conspiracy?"

"Conspiracy, of course! It was the stock expedient of the gang, and a very ingenious one, I think; for of course the mesmerized one might turn up anywhere, and if she were not discovered, well and good; while if she were, all she had to say was that she was in a mesmeric trance. As it happened, the latter alternative occurred in both their attempts on me; but I give the girl credit for turning it off excellently well. In fact, she took a real artistic interest in her business. You see, she had been trained as a rope dancer in her childhood, and afterward she was on the stage for a time. She certainly had marvelous dramatic talent, and thoroughly enjoyed 'taking a part.' The realistic element that entered into her performances no doubt rendered them much more exciting than ordinary stage work, and perhaps sometimes she almost deceived herself."

"Ah! I should not wonder. Well, and what was the meaning of that confusion about the steamboat and the train and Birchmore's explanations?"

"A mistake on their part—that's all. Accidents will happen, you know. I dare say my unexpected questions disconcerted them greatly; but I was unsuspicious enough, heaven knows. What I admire as much as anything in their management of the affair was the skill with which they made me believe from the outset that I was forcing my company upon them, when in reality it was they who were leading me around by the nose."

"Miss Gainsborough, say de tea ready, sah!" said the sable servant, opening the door.

"Let's go up at once!" I exclaimed, rising from my chair. "I shall hereafter feel a new interest in looking at Mrs. Gainsborough's diamonds!"

THE END.

Chrysanthemums.

According to Popular Gardening, thorough thinning is of greatest importance. Plants should not be crowded. Plants that are backward should be placed in a very light house and subjected to a little fire heat after a few days' homing. Push them on with a little ammonia water. To swell the buds to the largest possible size, take half an ounce of sulphate of ammonia to a gallon of water and give a copious watering twice or three times each week. If plants are infested with black or green fly, it will be well to fumigate two nights in succession, before the flowers begin to open.

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