

GORDON'S LOT.

It is frequently happens that men who are doing a large business are quite ignorant of how they stand, and when death intervenes their families are left unprovided for. Such was the case with William Gordon. He was stricken down suddenly, and died in less than a week from the time of his attack. His family had scarcely roused themselves from the grief which this bereavement brought with it, when they were called upon to settle up Mr. Gordon's affairs not more than a couple of hundred dollars were left for the maintenance of his family. In addition to this, though it was hardly thought worth mentioning, there was a tract of land located somewhere in Illinois, which Mr. Gordon had purchased some years back for a mere song, and which was probably worth no more now than at that time.

The Gordon family consisted, besides Mrs. Gordon, of two children, one a daughter of eighteen, the other a boy of twelve. Isabel Gordon was attractive both in mind and person, and before her father's death had been quite a belle in society. Then, however, her father was thought to be wealthy. Now that the family were almost penniless a change quickly took place. Those who had before been considered intimate friends became chilly in their manners and seldom called. Still there was one ground of hope left. Isabel had been sought in marriage by a young man in an excellent business producing a large income, and at her marriage her mother and brother would undoubtedly be invited to make their home with her husband. But failing prosperity was a touchstone which revealed the inherent baseness of Gerald Rhodes. He did not call upon the family for some time after their affliction. At length he called but did not appear as easy as usual.

"We have expected you before," said Mrs. Gordon with something of reproach in her tone.

"I hardly thought you would wish to see me while you were overcome by grief."

This was plausible and might be true, but there was a stiffness in his tone which led to a suspicion of his sincerity.

"I am glad you are here," said Mrs. Gordon. "I wish to consult you about our plans for the future. You know, of course, that we are left with little or nothing."

"So I have heard," said the young man, in a constrained tone.

"And we must, of course, make up our minds to be doing something. I have heard that you have a vacancy in your store. Perhaps you would receive Charlie into it? I feel obliged to take him away from school."

"I am afraid he is too young for my purpose," said Gerald Rhodes, in rather a forbidding manner.

"How old a boy do you expect to get?"

"About fourteen."

"Charlie is twelve."

"I—the fact is—I scarcely think he would answer."

"I think you mentioned two months since," said Mrs. Gordon with justifiable indignation, "that you should like very much to have Charlie in your employ."

But perhaps your feelings toward other members of the family have been affected by our change of circumstances. I am confident Isabel will not wish you to consider yourself bound to her against your will."

"I was about to speak of that," said Gerald Rhodes, in a tone half of shame, half of determination. "I have been led to think of late that we were not so well suited to each other as we supposed, and perhaps it would be well to sever the connection."

"I am quite of your opinion, Mr. Rhodes," said Isabel, who had just entered the house, and had heard the last words of the speaker, "and I cannot be too grateful to the change of circumstances, bitter as it may be in other respects, which has revealed to me the true character of the man to whom I was about to sacrifice my life."

As she stood erect, with flashing eyes and flushed cheeks, looking down upon her recent lover, he covered beneath the glance, and stammered out that he wanted to do what was right, and hoped he had not hurt her feelings.

"You need not trouble yourself on that score, sir," said Isabel, proudly, "nor could you have taken a more effective method for dissipating whatever of regard I once had for you. For that I feel grateful to you."

Gerald Rhodes did not find it agreeable to remain much longer.

"Well I'm glad it's over," muttered he as he left the house. "I don't want to be tied to a beggar. When I marry I want to extend my business connection. How fortunate it was that I didn't marry last spring as I thought of doing. Then I couldn't have helped myself. Now I am well off with it. And yet she did look handsome when she stood there looking at me. I wish things hadn't happened so, for I shan't soon meet with one that would have done more credit to my choice."

It was now necessary for the family to seek some employment. Isabel procured a school, which yielded her an income which, though not large, was of essential service in procuring the family comforts. Charlie also obtained a place in a store, and he too was able to contribute his share.

While Mrs. Gordon took charge of the housekeeping, and did plain sewing. Of course they had moved into a smaller house and lived very frugally. Of course, too, they were obliged to submit to many privations, and Charlie's education was suspended. From this condition they were finally removed, and, singularly enough, by Gerald Rhodes himself. As the reader's curiosity is no doubt excited by this statement, I will proceed without delay to detail the circumstances.

In the course of business he was called to Chicago the spring after Mr. Gordon's death. As this was the first time of his visit to this enterprising Western city, he of course had a curiosity to look about him and mark the evidences of its prosperity. His attention was called to the course of a morning walk to a large tract of land just outside the city.

"That land," he remarked, "will soon become of great value."

"Yes," was the reply, "the city is fast reaching it, and it will soon be all out up for building lots. Five years hence and it will be worth, I am confident, not far from a hundred thousand dollars."

"To whom does it belong?" inquired Gerald, with interest.

"If I am not mistaken it was purchased years ago for a mere trifle by a Mr. Gordon of your city. I was acquainted with the former owner, who regrets very much that he did not retain his hold upon it."

"Mr. Gordon?" exclaimed Gerald, starting.

"Yes; do you know him?"

"I did formerly," said the young man, evasively.

Gerald Rhodes had now plenty to think about. He had no doubt in his own mind that this was the lot belonging to Mrs. Gordon, and it was very evident that she was entirely ignorant of its value. After all, it would have been a good speculation to marry Isabel. A hundred thousand dollars in five years was no trifle. It would at least treble his wealth.

Then came the thought, "Perhaps I can yet win Isabel for my wife. I have always liked her, and the only objection I had was her poverty. Now this is removed and I need feel no hesitation. I don't believe she will refuse me. A husband with fifty thousand dollars is too great a catch to be given up."

Accordingly within two days after his arrival at home, he dispatched the following letter to Isabel:

"DEAR ISABEL:

I hope the former relations subsisting between us will permit me to address you in this manner. When, some months since, we agreed to separate I did not know my own heart, nor how much you were endeared to me. I feared that there was an unchangeability, but I confess that it was a delusion. I have since found that I did not know myself. You will not, I hope, think that your change of circumstances had anything to do with inducing me. Fortunately I have enough to make it quite indifferent to me whether my wife has or has not any property. My chief desire is to find one whom I can esteem and love. Let me hope to receive a favorable answer, and that the old relations subsisting between us may be renewed.

Yours affectionately,

P. S.—There is a vacancy in my store, and I shall be happy to receive your brother Charlie into my employ.

The amazement of Isabel on receiving this letter can scarcely be conceived. She did not for a moment think of accepting the proposal which it contained. She had once lost confidence in Gerald Rhodes, and with her confidence and respect had vanished her love. Besides she had met another young man in every respect superior to Gerald Rhodes, except in wealth, for of this he had little, and she felt that she had never truly loved until she met him. On the next day after his own letter had been sent Gerald Rhodes received the following:

"MR. GERALD RHODES:

Sir—I acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday, in which you express desires to revive the relations existing between us before my father's death. Since that time my feelings have entirely changed toward you, and I am led to doubt whether they were ever of such a character as to justify matrimony. I may add that I have pledged my faith to another, and the marriage will take place at an early day. You will see, therefore, that I am obliged to answer you in the negative. Nevertheless courtesy requires me to thank you for the preference you have indicated.

ISABEL GORDON.

P. S.—My brother is already in an excellent place."

"Confounded cool," muttered Gerald, when he read this note. "So she's otherwise provided for and there's no chance for me to get possession of the land in this way. I must resort to something else."

It was not long before he devised another plan. It was this. He would propose to buy the land, which he could undoubtedly do for a small sum, as Mrs. Gordon could not be acquainted with its value. It would not be prudent, however, for him to transact the business in person, since they would be likely to suspect him of some design in the affair, especially when they remembered his renewed proposal.

He accordingly placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer, with these instructions: "You are to offer one thousand dollars in the first place. If not accepted, gradually increase your offer. I authorize you to go as high as ten thousand, and will place the money in your hands."

The next day Mrs. Gordon received a call from Erasmus Quill, attorney at law.

"I am informed, madam, that you have a lot of Western land in your possession."

"My husband had such a lot and I retain it."

"Would you like to sell?"

"I could get a fair price."

"I am authorized by a client to offer you a thousand dollars for it."

She declined the proposition.

"I will give you two thousand."

"Mr. Quill," said she, "you will oblige me by mentioning the utmost that your client authorizes you to offer. Otherwise our conference closes."

"Ten thousand dollars."

"I will sell for that sum," said Mrs. Gordon.

"Then we will draw up the papers at once."

In fifteen minutes the sale was effected and the money paid. With the deed in his pocket Gerald again went out to Chicago, when what was his dismay to find that he had been misinformed—that the lot was situated five miles from the city, and was not worth five hundred dollars. In his cupidity he had overreached himself and Mrs. Gordon was the gainer. This piece of good fortune enabled Isabel to marry at once. Fortune has smiled upon her husband till even in a pecuniary view Isabel has done quite as well as if she had married Gerald Rhodes.

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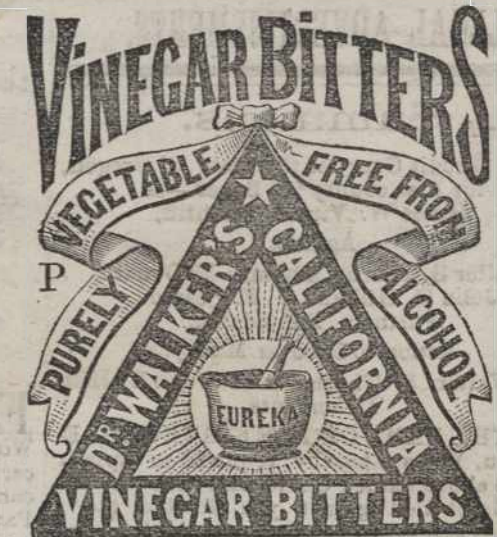
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