

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Felicia sat alone in the inn sitting Kitten Desmond had looked her last uproom at Smackton. Miss Grantley and Gertrude had taken a fly after breakfast play" of her life was at an end. and gone out for a drive together. They had been rather mysterious over the business.

the old waiter popped in his rough white head sideways:

to somebody behind him, "the lady is in. A gentleman, ma'am, to see you."

somebody, tail and slight, clad in a long overcoat, came out from the gloom of the passage without into the gathering twilight of the sitting room. For a moment she peered at him, not seeing who it was; then suddenly she recognized him, and her heart beat wildly.

'Mr. Raikes. Is it you?"

He took her proffered hand and shook It warmly, murmuring some half confused words of greeting.

"How on earth did you come here? What brings you to Smackton? And how did you learn that I was here?"

"I was traveling north. I heard accidentally from a fellow passenger in the same carriage that you were staying here.'

"I am very glad to see you," she answered, heartily, and with perfect selfcomposure, for women act these scenes much better than men do, and she would not have betrayed her agitation for an empire.

"How well she looks," thought Edgar, "and how beaming: it is easy to see that she is perfectly content." Aloud he said: "Do you know who my fellow traveler turned out to be?"

"I cannot imagine," she replied.

"Mrs. Talbot's husband. He is downstairs in the coffee room. They told him his wife was out; he has come here to look after her."

Felicia laughed. The situation was really delightful.

"What a piece of good luck," she cried gayly. "I never heard of his turning up appropriately in his life before. If only he will take her away, for she is a thorn In my side."

"How well you look! I need not ask you how you are. And your husband, he is quite well, I hope?" Felicia started. "My husband!" she

repeated, in a strange voice of wonder-ing bewilderment. "What on earth do you mean?"

He looked at her with a surprisde and startled face. "I-I mean Sir Roy," he said stammeringly.

"Sir Roy is my cousin, Mr. Raikes; not my husband!"

"But you were engaged to him, were you not, when I left England? I was told of it-it was for that that I went away, and you yourself would not bid me stay; and when I heard it I thought that I understood your meaning. Surely, surely I could not have made so terrible a mistake!"

to Roy for one month. Perhaps, had again just as we fancy. That which you not gone away-however, our engagement was broken off." 'I never heard of it," he said breath-

and sadness were closed forever more. on this troublesome world, and the "poor

In Keppington churchyard was a tall, gleaming white cross, fresh from the There was a knock at the door, and sculptor's hands; white marble illies curied about its base, and the gilded letters of Kitten's name finshed and glittered "Yes, sir," he said, half turning back in the April sunshine upon its outstretched arms. At the foot of the grave a man stood, bare-headed, with hands He threw wide open the door, and clasped together, gazing earnestly at the CTOBS.

"Catherine Elizabeth Desmond," he murmured, half aloud. Could that indeed be Kitten? The very name sounded strange and unreal in his ears; he remembered how, long ago, she had told him that was how her name would be written upon her tombstone.

Now, as he stood motionless, there came soft steps behind him across the daisy spangled grass, a hand was passed through his arm, and, turning with a start, he found that Rosamond was by his side.

"You, Brian ?" she said gently. "I am glad to have met you here, for I am going away. She laid a wreath of exquisite white hothouse flowers upon the grave at her feet.

For some moments they stood motionless together, with hands clasped together. Then Brian spoke a little brokenly. "Rosamond, since I have suffered so much, I have perhaps learned a little, Is life to be indeed over for you too. and for me? We cannot undo the past, but at least we could, perhaps, be happy in the future; is there no hope that you can give me?"

Then there rose a delicate blogm like the tint of a pale, wild rose in her cheeks. She dropped her hand, and with a swift gesture pointed away across the low churchyard wall into the lane beyond. A carriage stood waiting for her under the tender green of the overarching trees. There was luggage on the top of it, and leaning over the wall, not looking at them, but away toward the blue valley below, which he contemplated with a pleased dreaminess, was the slight figure of a man with an frongray mustache; a man whose face he seemed to recognize, like a vision out of an evil dream.

"Brian," said Rosamond, gently, "that is my husband. I was married this morning to Col. Trefusia. We are on our way to the station, and we have driven around by Keppington because I wanted to leave these flowers here. I could not bear not to say good-by to her grave on my wedding day."

"All is over, then, for me in this world," he said at last gloomily and wearily.

"Yes, if love were all," she answered quickly, "but it is not. You said just now that the past cannot be undone and you were right. Brian, life is not a toy that we can play with, to fling "It was no mistake. I was engaged aside its puppets and pick them up we have done in the past, that we can not alter; the actions that we have taken upon ourselves, those we are forced to accept as our portion forever, and neither repentance nor regret, nor yet oceans of bitter tears can ever wash away those things, which by our own doing we have rendered irrevocable. One thing, and one only, can ever sweeten and sanctify a life that such errors have darkened-the life, that by own own free will we have marred, we must abide by for good or for evil; but we can at least devote it not to ourselves, but to others. The last, sad lesson which sorrow has the power to teach us is unselfishness."

for a lot of things I never get any pleasure out of," her husband had said to "I've kept you in your little box her. in Mayfair quite long enough, Gerty, and you've had your fun and your flirtations, and your frocks and your jewelry, till I am sure you must be getting tired of it all. You are no longer so young as you were," continued her spouse, with that unpleasant outspokenness which only husband dare use to a woman who a is still handsome and attractive; "and it's time, I think, that you should consider my comfort and settle down a bit; and I can't live where it's all dress and show and keeping up of appearances. Give me a free life in a fine, open country and plenty of sport; that's what I want. And that is why I have bought the nicest little property in South Carollua for a mere song, snug house and all included; and I'm going to take you there, right away; so pack up your traps and muke no more fuss about it.'

So, amidst torrents of angry but to tally unavailing tears, Gertrude did 'pack up her traps." The tall footman was sent away, the smart lady's maid handed on to another situation, and the little bijou-house in Mayfair let as it stood, furniture and all, to an enterprising young widow in search of a suitable number two. And the very day after Felicia's wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot set sail from the shores of England; and her bold, handsome face and free tongue and mischief-loving eyes were seen no more in her famillar haunts.

But Sir Roy Grantley never married. As the years went on he stayed more and more at the White Cottage with his sister, going over to Frierly daily, superintending the shooting, looking after the keepers and keeping his hunters up at the big house. He is on the best of terms with his tenants, and a very strong and solid friendship has grown up Between himself and his cousin's husband. But he will never marry; he is still faithful to the love of his youth, and when he dies the name and property will pass away to a distant cousin, who is a stran-

ger to him. The lesson of his young wife's death was not entirely thrown away upon Brian Desmond: love for him was over, but he schooled himself to believe that there was something in life still left for him to do. He never saw Rosamond Trefusis again; their lives ran far apart. Nevertheless her parting words were often in his mind, and her parting injunction in time bore its fruit in his life.

To live for others, and to learn unselfishness, that had been Rosamond's lesson; and Brian did not forget it,

He went into Parliament, where he soon made for himself an honorable name for the deep interest he took in all schemes of philanthropy. He was an ardent champion of the wrongs of seamen, an advocate for the improved dwellings of the poor. A zealous reformer of all abuses that weigh hardly upon the weak and friendless. His whole soul after a time, became absorbed in these matters, so that new interests, new occupations, a new life arose out of them from the ruins of his past and a nobler, is necessary .- Indianapolis News. better existence opened out by degrees to him. But love never touched him again. In Kitten's grave, in the last sad touch of Rosamond's hand, and the

Desmond's Dead Past. (The end.)

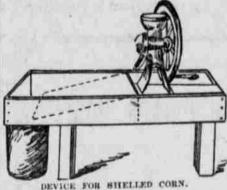


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For Shelled Corn.

Where considerable corn has to be shelled for the animals on the farm it is often wasted by falling on the barn floor and through the cracks between the boards. The device here suggested is easily made, and if correctly made will certainly save the corn to the last grain. Make a box three feet long, eighteen inches wide and ten or twelve inches deep. Cover over one end of this, at the top, on which to fasten the corn sheller. Make an inclined bottom to within eight inches of the end, which remains open. Put legs under this box and set it high enough so that a pail or a bag can be set under the open end bottom to catch the grains of corn as they come from the sheller. If a bag is used, hooks will have to



be put in the sides of the bottom of the box on which to hang the bag. A high box or a pail would be preferable to the bag. The cost of making this device is very small, any one with a few tools can do it, and it will certainly save both corn and labor. The illustration shows the plan so clearly that no further explanation

Use Experiment Stations.

There is not a State experiment station in the country whose staff of exlast glance of her compassionate eyes, perts will not welcome knotty problay all the withered romance of Brian lems from the farmers of the State. This would be the case especially this winter, when they are not rushed with work. Go over the operations of the last season and jot down, in consider-

If any particular crop was unusually

short and you can not account for it on

Farm Water Works.

A cold, accompanied by rattling, Is called bronchitis; by gasping, pneumo-

An ordinary cold, if taken at once, can be arrested by a one-grain pill of quinine forced down each sick bird. Give some bread crumbs in connection. to cause quick digestion. Use granite or earthen water-dishes, not tin, for medical use.

The Stall-Fed Cow. Somehow many dairymen have

reached the wrong conclusions when reading of dairy farms where the cows are stall-fed the year round. It by no means is intended that the cows shall have no outdoor exercise; on the contrary, except for cows that are on pasture entirely during the summer, few cows are more intelligently exercised and proper ventilation furnished them than stall-fed animals properly brought up. At regular hours the animals are turned into commodious barnyards for air and exercise. During the winter this outdoor exercise is as carefully looked after as during the summer, and, in the majority of cases, the cows occupy only sleeping hours and milking hours in their separate stalls, the balance of the time being spent in large sheds.

Don't be afraid of the fresh air for your animals during the winter; see that they have all the outdoor exercise the weather will permit, but more than all, see that the stables are properly ventilated and aired. There are a number of devices for this purpose, and one of the best of them is the window frame covered with muslin. Remember that close confinement and foul air predispose the cow to tuberculosis, and that fresh air and plenty of it will enable her to do her share, not only as a milk producer but as a mother.

Agricultural Fairs.

The fair season has been exceptionally gratifying. Upon the whole, the agricultural exhibitions throughout the country have been better than usual. Fakes have been discouraged . and legitimate exhibits have benefited, The issue of complete catalogues, using plain numbers conspicuously over each animal or other exhibit and referring to them in the catalogue, has attracted favorable attention wherever it has been adopted. Individual exhibitors have assisted the management materially by having placards printed, bearing their name and the name of the exhibit and other information for the benefit of those attending. The value of an exhibit is lost

unless the visitor can learn quickly



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1526-Treaty of Madrid concluded tween Emperor Charles V. of Sa

and Francis I. of France. 1543-English Parliament passed ure to forbid women and appresi-to read the New Testament is B lish.

1546-Martin Luther preached his p well sermon at Wittenberg. 1549-Liturgy of English church a

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1666-Louis XIV. of France dec war against England. 1706-Benjamin Franklin born. cles of union between England

Scotland ratified by Scotch Par ment. 1730-Gov. Montgomerie grantel a di

ter to New York City. 1739-Pope issued edict against new of Free Masons under penalty of

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independent State. 1778-Sandwich Islands discovered Capt. Cook.

1778-Independence of United States America recognized by France.

1784-American Congress ratified definite treaty of peace with Esti 1804-Military post at Natches has over to United States by Span. Dr. Jenner first declared vacant

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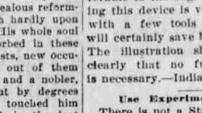
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1815-United States frigate Presid captured by the British Kr Spain issued edict against Fra sonry Nutional fast day oler in United States.

1840-Forty lives lost in burning steamer Lexington, Long sound, between New York and S ington.

1854-Two railroad bridges at Ers. destroyed by a mob of women 1858-Attempted assassination of N

leon III. by Orsini. 1862-Burnside's expedition arrived Hatterns inlet, N. C. 1865-United States Senate voted to rogate reciprocity treaty with ada.



lossly. "I believed that you were married. But tell me why-why was it broken off?"

"I never meant to marry him. Some day, perhaps, if you care to hear the elucidation of the mystery, I will explain it all to you; it is a long story. To begin with, I did not love him," she stamwarred slowly, with downcast eyes. Then there was a pause. "Is not that enough?"

"Felicia." he said, below his breath. "Will you ever marry anybody?"

"Perhaps-if-if I ever love anybody.

"Will you then ever learn to love anybody ?"

'If anybody cares to inquire, well then, perhaps I will tell him."

CHAPTER XXIX.

Brian Desmond went home alone. He was glad that his cousin had left him. As he drew nearer to the end of his journey, he felt that he would never have been able to endure his presence.

As they drove up the last hill through the park it was almost dark, and out of the wet, with fog, the long facade with its many windows loomed out upon him with a suddenness that was almost startling.

There was a wonderful stillness as the dog cart drew up. He noticed one light that burnt brightly and keenly out of a lower room. It was the octagon chamber; he could see no other sign of life. He glanced upward toward the bedroom windows, but all seemed dark above.

Softly the front door opened, and in the warm radiance of the crimson portiere curtains, he saw, with a certain surprise, that Roy Grantley stood there to welcome him. There was no time for words. Glancing at him as he entered, Brian noticed that he was very thin and gaunt, with great, hollow circles under his eyes and an almost famished look of haggardness and despair in his aspect.

"Come quickly," he whispered, and turned round and led the way across the hall.

Roy stopped at a door at the end of the passage. It was the octagon room where he had seen the bright light in the window. "Am I too late?" murmured Brian,

shudderingly. "I fear so," said Roy, and turned the

handle of the door. Within was the silence of the grave

itself. A strong pungent odor of ether. A lamp upon a low table, a warm flicker from the wood logs on the fire, a doctor was standing by with bent head and crossed hands in an attitude of religious reverence; and in the center of the room a woman kneeling by the side of a chair, with all her long, dark draperles spread across the floor, supporting with both her arms a form so white, so still, so small, that it might have been only the tigure of a sleeping child.

The pale yellow locks fluttered loosely back, sweeping against the dark head that bent over them; the lips were half open, a smile hovering upon their still rosy outline, but the strange, wonderful the very breath of her nostrils to her. eyes, with their tale of unspeakable woe

He raised her hand to his lips, and they parted this time forever.

So these three, who had loved, and sinned, and sorrowed, were parted, but the happiest of the three was surely Kitten, lying still and cold beneath the shadow of her marble cross.

CHAPTER XXX.

To Roy a sense of sad peace came slower than to any one else, Kitten had been the dream, the very religion of his life. In losing her he seemed for a time to be uprooted out of his ordinary existence, to such a degree that he could not believe that he would ever be able to resume his life. For many months he knew no rest, wandering about in foreign countries, carrying with him everywhere his load of wretchedness and despair. And yet, even to him, there came in time the conviction that Kitten's death might, perchance, bring to him more peace of mind than ever her life could have done. He refused with an obstinacy which was almost an offense, to be present at Félicia's wedding, which took place on the first of June that followed after Kitten's death.

The wedding was an exceptionally quiet one. A few intimate friends, her father, and her cousin Margaret, only formed the little group which gathered at an unusually early hour in the dulllooking church, in which she selected to be married to Edgar. And besides these there was one elegant and disconsolate woman who, in a mazy costume of white lace and pale gold silken draperies, knelt dissolved in tears throughout the ceremany. They were tears drawn from the very bottom of her miserable heart! And there was a tall personage, with

a red beard, at her elbow, who grinned unfeelingly over these heart-broken wallings.

"Talks as if I was going to murder her, don't she, Mrs. Raikes?" said this monster.

And so the friends parted. Felicia to take up a new life of perfect promise and happiness with the man she loved, and Gertrude Talbot to go, as she had termed it, "into exile." And assuredly no punishment for her many failings could have been awarded to her more severe or more bitter than to be wrenched away by her legitimate lord and master and carried off from the world of life and fashion which she loved so devotedly, and which had been so long as

"I am sick of paying through the nose

tials of Really Great Architecture. It is not the contention even of an on the experiment station of your State. thusiasts that the Capitol is, or even The staff may be "book farmers," as will be, a complete and perfect whole. you think, but all of them are trained There is little hope that it will ever be men and sincerely anxious to help you. entirely finished, and still less that it If asking about any particular crop may attain perfection. Apropos of the describe your soil in detail, your methdome, for instance, it may be recalled od of culture, and give any other inforthat the rhetorical and fastidious Rusmation which will enable the station kin does not admit of iron as a con- people to give you an intelligent anstructive material, and on those swer.

grounds inveighed disdainfully against the spire of Rouen Cathedral. Purity and pettishness aside, there are other natural reasons, describe your method reasons why the building fails to con- of culture, of fertilizing, the seed, etc., form with the essentials of really and the changes if any in which great architecture. As far as the in- the treatment differed from that terior is concerned, the situation is given in any previous year when anything but sublime, and it is hence the same crop was satisfactory. Do a pleasure to know that Elliott Woods, not be bashful about asking for help superintendent of the Capitol build from the stations, for you help suping and grounds, has under advisement a proposition for the rehabilitation of the Rotunda. Yet the faults will give them any sort of an opporof the Capitol appear in a measure in-

tunity .- Exchange. evitable to those who know and treasure its history. Looked at broadly, they are not faults, but merely venerplan is intended to meet the needs of able shortcomings incidental to growth and development. Considering the im- the ordinary dairy or stock farm portance of the prospective alterations where there is a windmill for pumpand extensions, the evolution of the ing the water. A two-inch tube conbuilding seems to have entered upon veys the water into the galvanized an approximately final stage, and it is iron house tank, which is enclosed gratifying to know that Congress, the in a tight wooden box. Water is superintendent and the consulting dipped from this tank for household architects realize the dignity and seri- purposes both summer and winter. The overflow is near the top, hence ousness of the task in hand. Something of the old simplicity should does not freeze as it is never filled guide and chasten each effort. To this with standing water. The overflow is

simplicity should also be added a reverence for those traditional ideals and aspirations which are, happily, a country's or an individual's most cherished heritage.

The panorama, once its several features are supplied, will present a majestic and inspiring spectacle. Grouped about the spacious court will be five superb structures-the Capitol on the west, the Senate and House office buildings to the north and south, and the Congressional Library and its companion on the east. To the average eye the Capitol will offer little change; there will merely be a grateful gain in repose and proportion. It will, as before, continue the focal point, the keynote of the composition. Despite its immensity, there appears to be nothing that is pompous or pretentious in the scheme as at present outlined.

It is but the logical fulfillment of plans, long since formulated, which are the fitting symbol of a subsequent national and territorial expansion .--Century.

Beer is spoken of by Xenophon in his history of the retreat of the 10,000. The causes of malignant colds are It was well known to the Romans as filth, dampness, drafts, neglect and imthe beverage of northern Europe.

you trouble and unload these troubles omething definite in regard to it. Exchange.

> To Hold Wood While Sawing. Bend a piece of iron, put a piece of wood on long end as shown in il-



lustration, put this between the legs of saw-horse. Stand erect with left foot on stick.

Caring for Early Chicks. Every one who raises poultry for egg port them, and they are in existence production realizes the value of the to assist you, which they will do if you early hatched chick. Unfortunately, many of the early hatched chicks die, from various causes, but it is worth

considerable trouble to take all the precautions possible to raise all the The illustration explains itself. The chicks that are born healthy. One of the best methods of doing this is to provide a special house for the heas and their broods. Such a house should be low, not expensive, and built so that the greatest possible amount of sunlight can enter it. If this sunlight is admitted through glass placed close to the floor care must be taken to cover this glass at night.

> The space for each hen and her brood need not be large, four feet square would be ample, just enough to provide plenty of room for exercise on the part of the chicks. If this room for exercise is given the chicks will not huddle so closely about the mother in cold weather, but will run around, bask in the sun and pick up small grain if it Press recently completed his is placed where they can get it, in the chaff on the floor. All this is trouble, of course, but it makes strong, healthy chicks and reduces the number of is still living in New York at the deaths among early hatched chicks to a minimum.

be obtained plentifully and at a mod- brook of Brattleboro, VL; erate cost, they would give far more satisfactory results than any other of Mississippicheap, natural combination fertilizer known to agricultural science, as the ashes are rich in potash and contain lime in its best form, also serving well can be used without liability of injury habits and valuable in service on all kinds of crops if broadcasted over the soil, as much as 150 bushels age of 86. per acre not being considered excessive on certain soils, and they make a better fertilizer for clover than barnyard manure. For fruit trees ashes cannot be excelled.

1867-Capital of Canadian coafeier moved from Ottawa to Quebec. 1868-United States Senate rdser approve suspension of Sen Stanton.

1874-Communist riot, Tompkins an New York.

1884-New State capitol building Iowa dedicated at Des Moins. 1886-One thousand cigarmakers on strike in New York.

1887-Freedom of city of Leads ferred upon Henry M. Stanky. 1891-Irish National League met g

lin with Parnell presiding.

1803-Rutherford B. Hayes, esh dent of the United States, did 1895-Felix Faure elected President

France. 1807-National monetary conferent at Indianapolis, Ind.

1899-Capt. Richard O'Leary app military governor of Guam.

1900-Alex. Majors, originator d pony express overland mail ef died.... Congreasman Nelson ley of Maine died.

1904-Asa L. Bushnell, former Ga of Ohio, died, aged 69.

1905-Japanese entered Port Arts



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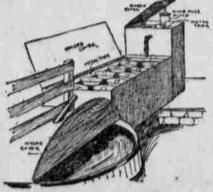
of 90. There are four Governors that during the Civil War still living liam Sprague, whose home is sell

If pure unbleached wood ashes could ragansett Pler, R. L. Friderick Crawford of Kansas and John J. Dr. William Rolfe, the

Shakspearean scholar, has just ed his seventy-eighth birthday bridge, Mass.

John Bartlett of "Familiar tions" fame, one of the most literates of Boston, died recently

William Thompson, who did i er dag at Shelbyville, Ind, was known as the man who a gold at \$2.75 during the Civil Wa premium was within 10 cent highest price ever paid for soll



THE FARM WATER WORKS.

conveyed from this tank to a galvanized iron milk tank, which is also enclosed in a wooden box, and has an overflow pipe from it to the horse and cattle watering tank, which may

Some Ills of Poultry. Clean, varied, easily digested food is

Atiments can be classed as colds, indigestion, vices and accidents.

proper food

be situated at some distance away.

itself a medicine.