

What Gold Cannot Buy

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CHAPTER IX.

Miss Dacre was a very persevering young woman, nor was she restrained by any sensitive delicacy in pursuing her designs. Hitherto she had rather liked Mrs. Saville in a surface fashion, flattering herself that she was a favorite with the stern little woman. On this supposed favoritism she was always ready to presume. Hope Desmond and Mr. Rawson were therefore somewhat appalled when the sounds of voices and approaching footsteps in the pleasure-ground to which the windows of the smaller drawing-room opened made themselves heard about tea-time, when Mrs. Saville had come in from a short stroll with her confidential adviser, and Hope had descended from her own room, where she had enjoyed a couple of hours' solitude. These sounds were followed by the appearance of Miss Dacre, Saville, Lumley and Lord Everton.

"So sorry you were not able to come to church this morning, dear Mrs. Saville!" said Miss Dacre, enthusiastically, and with the unconcerned assurance of the class which does not hesitate to rush in where the sharper-sighted fear to tread; "so we have all come over to inquire for you. You are looking quite pale. You see I have brought poor Lord Everton, who is so distressed at being expelled from this paradise. You really must make friends. He could not foresee that things would go wrong, and he is so sorry. Now, for my sake, dear Mrs. Saville, you must forgive him, you are such near relations."

"Connections, you mean," corrected Mrs. Saville, a bitter smile curling her lip. "If Lord Everton chooses to come, I can only admire his forgiving nature and accept the olive-branch."

"You are, as ever, just and generous," returned the impenitent peer, with a delightful bow and smile. "I am quite charmed with the vision of myself as a dove, which you kindly suggest."

Mrs. Saville turned from him with undissimulated contempt, and addressed herself to George Lumley.

"So you are staying at the Court? How does your regiment, or your troop, get on without your valuable assistance?"

"Disagreeable old cat!" thought Lumley, while he said, "Oh, I ride over every other day, and the intermediate ones they stumble on as beat they can without me."

"I thought you were going down to Herondyke?"

"Here's metal more attractive," said Lumley, melodramatically, with a wave of his hand towards Miss Dacre, who was deep in conversation with Mr. Rawson, on whom she was smiling with her habitual belief in her own power to fascinate all male creatures.

"Metal! Yes, I dare say. I sometimes wonder if you are as foolish as you seem, George."

"Oh, a good deal more so," said the handsome hussar, showing his white teeth in a pleasant smile. "You know I haven't many ideas."

"Yet I dare say you would be less easily taken in than men who have," scornfully.

"Very probably, my dear aunt."

"What is the matter with you?" asked Miss Dacre, in a low tone, drawing a chair to the tea-table, where Hope Desmond presided. "You look pale and ill, and as if you had been crying. Pray forgive me," she added, seeing the quick color rise in her victim's cheek, "but I knew quite well you could not stand Mrs. Saville for long, in a low tone."

"Oh, yes, I can," said Hope, smiling a brave defiance. "Don't you think I am likely to have worries and bad news apart from poor Mrs. Saville?"

"Well, I suppose so; but it did not occur to me. She is not popular, you know, though I always get on with her. I am going to play a bold stroke just now; it will astonish you all. Nothing venture nothing have," you know."

"Jockey of Norfolk, be not too bold," quoted Miss Desmond, with a somewhat tremulous smile.

"She has been crying—I am certain she has, though she is braving it out. At any rate, she is going to stick to Mrs. Saville. I wonder what she is saying to George Lumley. Nothing amiable, I am sure."

Here Lord Everton, who had been speaking to Saville, and of whom the mistress of the house had not taken the slightest notice, approached and begged for a cup of tea.

"It is a beverage of which I am extremely fond," he said, "and I think a decided liking for tea ought to be a patent of respectability to any man. You have been a good deal on the Continent, I believe, Miss Desmond?"

"I have traveled occasionally in my aunt's lifetime."

"Ahl and enjoyed it, I dare say?"

"Yes; but I also enjoy returning to England."

"Indeed! Well, I do not. The mo-

ment I set foot on my native soil, I cease to be a free man; invisible detectives put me in social irons; cruel warders imprison me with adamantine barriers, where I am obliged to eat and drink and speak and have my being according to rigid rules. I must give my money for what satisfactions not, and go to the funeral hostilities frequented by my peers. I must don evening dress, and wear unlimited purple and fine linen. Then my exasperating relatives will pester me with invitations, because they think they must not neglect that poor old beggar Everton. Now, on the other side of the Channel my only habitation is an airy bedroom, outside which a whole world of cafes and restaurants are before me where to choose my breakfast and dinner, where I meet pleasant, intelligent people of every shade of opinion, with whom I can converse freely in happy ignorance of their names and condition, as they are of mine; and occasionally I stumble on old acquaintances who enjoy life in my own fashion, cheerfully accepting the contemptuous treatment of Dame Fortune, who in emptying our pockets also relieved us of tiresome responsibilities. It is wonderful the clearness of judgment and general enlightenment of those who are not weighed down by this world's goods."

"I dare say you are right, Lord Everton. Still, a few of them are advantageous; though I do not see that money can purchase any essential of life."

"That depends very much on what you consider essentials."

"That is true. But Miss Dacre is going to make a speech, for that young lady had said, in an audible tone, 'I am going to tell you a story.'"

"I know," whispered Lord Everton, "if her pockets had always been empty, she would have known better how to hold her tongue."

"This story came to me in a letter from the wife of a cousin of mine whose cousin was eye-witness of the adventure," Miss Dacre was saying, as she posed herself on an ottoman and every one turned towards her. "Scene, a dark, stormy night, a distant sea, one of Her Majesty's big ships tossing about on the waves, which make nothing of her bigness. Young sailor, doing something incomprehensible with a rope or ropes, loses hold or balance and drops into the black depths of the raging waters. Captain orders boats to be lowered. 'He'll be gone before you can reach him,' they say. 'He can not swim,' cries another officer, throwing off his boots, while he spoke, and springing over a board.

"This is suicide," exclaimed the captain. The young officer is a huge favorite with the crew, the crew work with a will, the boat is lowered, a lifeboat probably, they surmount the waves and slide into the watery hollows, they come up with the gallant lieutenant, who is supporting the senseless sailor and nearly exhausted himself, they drag them into the boat, they regain the ship, the men crowd round the—whatever you call it where they get on board, their cheers ring above the roar of the storm, the rescued and rescuer are safe!"

"Most dramatic," said Lord Everton.

"Worthy of Brandram," added George Lumley.

"I don't exactly see—" began Richard Saville.

"No, of course you do not; there is nothing to see exactly," interrupted Miss Dacre, quickly.

"I have heard the tale before. The only difference is that the weather was not quite so stormy as your correspondent represents it," said Mr. Rawson, playing with his double glasses.

"It was really much worse than I represent," exclaimed Miss Dacre, with an air of profound conviction.

"Now, does no one want the name of my hero?"

There was a moment's pause. Mrs. Saville sat silent in her arm-chair, Lumley's laughing eyes sought Miss Desmond's, but she was sheltered behind a massive urn which always appeared at tea-time. Only Lord Everton rose to the occasion.

"I am dying of curiosity, my dear Miss Dacre," he said languidly.

"Name! name!" cried Lumley.

"Hugh Saville!" said Miss Dacre, rising and assuming an attitude.

"I thought so," said Richard.

"Just like him!" cried Lumley, cordially.

"Give me your arm, Mr. Rawson. I have letters to show you in my study. I avoided church because I did not think prayers or sermon would improve my headache. I did not bargain for being obliged to sit out a dramatic recital," said Mrs. Saville, dryly, then added to the company, "You will excuse me, I do not feel equal to general conversation," and she touched Mr. Rawson's with the finger-tips of her right hand, and walked with much dignity through the door which Lord Everton with a sad and solemn

expression of countenance held open. As soon as she had passed, he closed it gently, and advancing a step or two, glanced from one to the other with some look of dismay that both Lumley and Saville laughed.

"Courage such as yours, my dear Miss Dacre, deserved success; and yet it has not been successful," he said, with an air of deep sympathy, to the fair narrator, and sat down on the ottoman beside which she stood.

"I never saw any one like Mrs. Saville—never!" cried Miss Dacre, growing red with disappointment and mortification. "I really hoped that such a story of bravery and humanity would have done so—thing towards softening her heart; and I flatter myself I did it pretty well."

"If you had asked my advice," said Richard Saville, "I could have told you it would be simple waste of breath."

"But," exclaimed Miss Dacre, with a sound of tears in her voice, "Mrs. Saville always used to mind what I said, and—seemed so fond of me I was rather proud of it, she likes to see few people."

"I am afraid there is some difference between past and present," said Lumley, pushing a chair forward.

"Come, Miss Dacre, you have done your best, and your best is very good. Now take a cup of tea, and pardon my aunt her scant courtesy. I am going to write to Hugh, and I'll tell him of your championship."

"You ought," said Miss Desmond, who had not spoken before, but whose voice showed she had not been unmoved. "Very few can count on such courageous advocacy of the absent and of a losing cause."

"You are very kind to say so. Yes, I will have a cup of tea. My mouth feels parched."

"No wonder!" cried Lord Everton. "I am sure my tongue would have cleaved to the roof of mine, had I dared to utter such words to the Lion of Ingleswood. Excuse me, my dear Richard."

"Do not mention it, my dear uncle."

"I wish you would come out and take a little walk with me, Miss Desmond," said Miss Dacre. "I feel frightfully upset."

"I should like to do so very much, but Mrs. Saville may want me to write for her, or something, and I do not like to be out of the way."

"What penal servitude!"

"You must not say so. I agree to perform certain duties, and it would not be honest to run away from them."

"Why do you always take her part?" and Miss Dacre made an impatient grimace. Then, addressing the gentleman, "Just walk back to the court and I can follow by myself. Then I can have a quiet talk with Miss Desmond."

"Very well," said Lumley, rising. "I will escort my uncle to the court, and return for you," Miss Dacre gave him a nod and smile, and the gentlemen left them.

(To be continued.)

A Quick Change.

Mr. Newcar (about to start on his first trip in his recently purchased motor car, to his chauffeur)—Now, William, I want it thoroughly understood I will not have fast driving. Always keep well under the legal limit—not as close to it as you can. Ten miles an hour is fast enough for me. What I want is comfort, not excitement. Do you understand?

Three days later. "Er—er—William, I must be back to the house by 7 o'clock. This road seems very straight and wide. Don't you think you might go just a little faster without danger?"

Two days later. "William, this dust is very unpleasant. If you could pass that car ahead—it seems to be going rather slowly."

Next day. "Put on a little more speed, William. There's no use in being a crank. This road is too good to lose the chance."

A week later. "Open her up, William! There are no police within five miles, I'll bet, and if there are, who cares? I'm out for fun! Let her zip! Let her zip! This is no steam roller! Let's have some speed!"—Life.

What He Remembered.

"An' ye fell from a window, Jerry; how far wuz it ye fell?"

"Tin stories."

"Well, well! That was a great fall. And what did you think on your way down?"

"Begorry, I didn't think of nothin' until I passed the fift' story. Then I remembered I left me pipe on the window sill."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Delicate Hint.

"Poor Miss Oldgirl! Did you hear of the jolt she got at the seedsman's?"

"No; what was it?"

"She told the man she had a little garden of her own and asked him to recommend some suitable plant. He gave her one look and then suggested a wallflower."—Baltimore American.

A Changeless Name.

De Quiz—Was that an unmarried woman you met just now?

De Whiz—Yes, I knew her several years ago. How her face has changed!

De Quiz—Has it? Well, when a woman's face changes as much as that she can never hope to change her name, too.

The Old Man's Joke.

"Mary," called her father, "has that young man gone yet?"

"No, pa," replied the maid. "But he's asking right now."

"Then ask him to empty the pail underneath the icebox before he goes, will you? I forgot it!"—Detroit Free Press.



FARM NOTES

Beef Cattle Fed on Silage.

During recent years a number of the state experimental stations have carried on a series of experiments which have demonstrated that silage can advantageously be fed to beef cattle. The Tennessee Experimental Station has especially given close attention to this matter, probably more so than any other station, and in one of its bulletins shows how silage increases the carrying capacity of the land. Ordinarily from two to three acres of blue grass is required to carry a 1,000-pound steer after six months, when gaining from 300 to 400 pounds. Four 800-pound steers were fed for 150 days on the production of less than an acre of land in the form of silage and gained 866 pounds during that period.

When beef is raised on long that is high-priced, the above facts show especial strength in favor of silage. In 1903 a feed test was carried on by the Michigan Station for the purpose of ascertaining the relative number of pounds of beef that could be produced from corn fed in the form of silage, in the form of shock corn and in the form of corn and corn meal. The corn was secured from three different pieces of land, each nearly an acre in size. In addition to the corn fed in this manner the steers were fed daily rations of 5 pounds of off meal and 4 pounds of clover hay. After the experiment had continued for twelve weeks the average daily gain of the steers had been as follows: For the silage-fed lot, 2.22 pounds; for the shock-fed, 2.02, and for the corn and cob meal lot, 1.89 pounds. While it may be argued that this experiment should be repeated before conclusions can be drawn from it, still so far as these figures go the results were in favor of harvesting the corn in form of silage.

For Barb Wire Cuts.

When a horse has been injured on wire the first thing to do is to stop the flow of blood; this may be a rule be done by bandaging it up tight. It may also frequently be best to apply powdered alum or common saleratus, both of which will generally be found effective. In a few hours, considerable swelling will set in; this should be reduced either by applying cold water frequently, or what is really better, applying pure kerosene oil, not only to the wound, but also to the swollen parts. No bandage should be kept on where kerosene is used, as it will then cause the hair to fall off temporarily, and as soon as it is safe to do so, the sore should be carefully washed with soft water and castile soap. This ought to be repeated daily until the sore heals. One of the best healing medicines for horse flesh that I have ever used can be put up at any drug store, as follows: One-half pint of alcohol, one-half pint of spirits of turpentine, one ounce of pure glycerine; mix all together in a large bottle and shake well before using. Apply only with a feather at morning and night. The sore should never be bandaged. By daily washing it will in this way heal up very rapidly. I can personally testify to the effectiveness of this simple remedy, as we have made use of it in numerous cases, with the best results, where every other remedy we tried failed to heal up the sore on the horse.

—Agricultural Epitomist.



The tank shown in the illustration is simple and cheap. Any stove in which the iron coils can be heated will serve the purpose.

Strength of Bone in Hogs.

The effect of feed on the strength of bone in pigs forms the text of a bulletin by Nebraska Experiment Station. The experiment shows very marked increase in the strength of bone when tankage or ground bone is fed in addition to corn. In determining the strength of bones of the two principal bones in each leg of each animal were removed and broken in a machine. There were four pigs fed in each lot, making the figures given the average of the breaking of thirty-two bones in each lot. The average breaking strength per 100 pounds live weight of hogs after twenty-two weeks feeding was as follows: Lot 1, corn, 325 pounds; lot 2, corn and shorts, 396 pounds; lot 3, corn and skim milk, 509 pounds; lot 4, corn and tankage, 580 pounds; lot 5, corn and ground bone, 681 pounds.

Dairy Farm Implements.

Every dairyman should endeavor to have as many labor-saving appliances around and in his barn as possible. For instance, the removal of manure from a dairy barn entails a great deal of hard work. However, the work may be greatly lessened if the farmers will install a manure carrier, which runs on a track. These carriers cost little in comparison to the amount of labor they save.

Every dairy farmer should have a manure spreader. One spreader may do the work of several men in the spreading of manure on the fields. The manure is spread more evenly and each ton returns more value for this reason. No dairy farmer can afford to be without a manure spreader. But he should buy a standard make.—Inland Farmer.

Bees and the Sense of Smell.

Recent experiments on showy flowers like the poppy tend to show that insects are not always attracted to flowers by the brightly colored petals, but rather by the perception—doubtless by means of smell—that there is honey or pollen. In these experiments the unopened flower bud is inclosed in a gauze net, so as to protect it from insects, and when it expands the petals are carefully removed without touching the remaining parts with the fingers (for bees avoid a flower if the smell of human fingers is left on it), and the petalless flowers receive practically as many insect visits as untouched flowers do.

Largest Grapevine.

The largest grapevine in the world flourishes in San Gabriel, Cal. It was planted by the San Franciscan friars and is 120 years old. The stalk is 1½ feet in diameter and 8 feet high, and the branches and foliage cover 5,000 square feet. Last year it produced 2½ tons of grapes.



- 1612—Champlain arrived in Canada to take up his work as Governor of the country.
- 1677—The Assembly of Connecticut regulated the prices at which hides and shoes should be bought or sold.
- 1701—City of Philadelphia chartered by William Penn.
- 1775—Continental Congress adopted the Pine Tree flag.
- 1795—Spain and the United States concluded a treaty defining the Louisiana boundary.
- 1814—The Fulton, the first steam war vessel, launched at New York.
- 1829—Thirteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States ratified by a two-thirds vote.
- 1851—A meeting of cotton planters held at Macon, Ga., to devise ways and means to prevent fluctuations in the price of cotton.
- 1854—United States ship of war Albatross left Aspinwall, and was never again heard of.
- 1856—Alexander H. Stephens addressed a great Democratic mass meeting in Atlanta....Opening of railway communication between Toronto and Montreal.
- 1862—The Mexican Congress assembled, and protested against the French invasion.
- 1864—Federalists repulsed in battle at Hatcher's Run, Virginia....Raid on St. Albans, Vt. by a party of Confederates from Canada....Maryland proclaimed a free State by Gov. Bradford.
- 1865—The reconstruction of Arkansas was officially recognized by the President.
- 1879—Dedication of Confederate monument in Macon, Ga.
- 1885—Barthold's Statue of Liberty, in New York harbor, dedicated.
- 1889—Cornerstone for Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial Arch in Brooklyn laid by Gen. Sherman.
- 1891—Great fire in Minneapolis, in which seventeen firemen were injured by an explosion.
- 1892—Fire in Milwaukee destroyed property valued at \$5,000,000.
- 1893—Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, assassinated.
- 1894—Prince Clovis von Hohenlohe appointed German chancellor....Sixteen persons perished in a fire in Seattle.
- 1895—The main building of the University of Virginia was destroyed by fire.
- 1897—Tennessee Centennial Exposition at Nashville closed.
- 1900—Count von Buelow succeeded Prince Hohenlohe as chancellor of Germany.
- 1901—Joseph F. Smith succeeded to the presidency of the Mormon church....Colquhoun executed at Auburn prison for the murder of President McKinley.
- 1904—The New York subway was opened to traffic....Japanese assaulted Port Arthur.
- 1906—First airship flight in the South was made at Piedmont Park, Atlanta.
- 1908—Andrew Carnegie gave \$1,250,000 to found a herd fund in Great Britain....The American battleship fleet arrived at Amoy, China.

Fall Care of Poultry.

The fall of the year is the time to buy pure bred stock, whether of males only or of both sexes. Breeders do not keep over winter more than enough to complete their breeding pens, and will readily dispose of their surplus stock at a fair price. It is better to buy fowls in the fall than to procure eggs of pure breeds in the spring. A pair of hens will lay perhaps 250 eggs—at least 100 of them being early in the season—thus producing a large number of chicks by express and the likelihood of breakage. It will be still cheaper, if buying pure breeds, to procure half a dozen, a male and five pullets, as they will cost less proportionately and give an opportunity for hatching chicks quite early in the spring without being compelled to wait too long to secure a setting of eggs. It will pay every one interested in poultry to use pure breeds, and the fall is the best time to buy them.—Field and Farm.

Cataclysm on Mars.

The Journal of the British Astronomical Association says that the obliteration of the usual markings on the surface of the planet Mars during the September observations is a gigantic catastrophe of some kind. The change may be connected with the abnormal electrical conditions of the sun.

Drys Get Saloon Permits.

A novel way to prevent the opening of saloons in a town recaptured by the liquor element was discovered and put into effect at Fairfield, Texas, where the prohibitionists were the first to make application for license under the law limiting the number of saloons. These being available, the court, no more being crowded out, the liquor men were simply permitted in and the prohibits kept their permits in their pockets and set tight.