His Heart's Desire

By SIR WALTER BESANT

CHAPTER XXV.

The wedding bells rang out as merrily for Mary as if she was giving her hand to an earl instead of a ruined farmer;

as joyfully as if the whole of her life was planned for ease and laziness instead of hard work; as happily as if fortune had poured into her lap all that the earth can give or the heart can desire. The bells rang out over the whole great parish. They were echoed along the black precipice of Lustleigh Cleeve, and were lost in the woods of Latchell. They beat into the ears of the lonely old man who sat in his parlor at Gratnor, I is papers before him, trying to persuade himself that he was happy at last, for he had what the Psalmist prayed forhis heart's desire. He had longed ardentland now within his grasp; the place in a few weeks or months would be his; and not only that, but five-sixths of Mary's fortune as well. He ought to have been

a happy man. Mary had left him for three weeks only; already he had found the difference between hired service and the service of love. Every day, and all day long, he had turned to Mary for everything, and never found her wanting. position of his chair and table, or the arrangement of his cushions, or the comfort of his meals; and nothing would would ever be right again. Perhaps it again!" said Mary, with a sigh, his consent, and suffered George to redeem his land, and so kept Mary.

"Uncle"-it was David who came in hills." slowly, and sat down with deliberation -"the wedding is over. come from the church. There was a time. Mary touched George by the rare show of people-most as many as hand, and they sat down behind him in on a Sunday morning."

"Are they married?" "Yes, they are married. I wouldn't heard a step outside. make quite sure till I saw it with my own eyes. Married without your consent, aren't they?"

"Certainly. They have married without my consent. married without your consent, I'll trouble per cent. It amounts to £7,657 13s 9d. have been to a lawyer at Newton-Abbot and he calculated it for me. You pounds, which I take on account of the not. legacy, because you knew then that the

against you. Halloo! uncle, what's the matter? "You took a thousand down, David, in full discharge. It was an arrange-

lawver will bring an action

ment. I owe you nothing." believe. mean?"

"You told George in this room that there was such an arrangement. You fell. set him against me with telling him that, "Where is the arrangement? Where

are your papers?" "David! David!" He fell back in his

chair. He had fainted.

David went to the sideboard and got some medicine. When his uncle recovered he gave him a few drops.

You are simpler than I thought, uucle," he said. "Did you really believe that I was going to give up this fortune, and to you-to you, of all men in the world-when I knew all along that they would marry without your consent?"

"David, you are a demon!" "I am what you made me." "David! David!" he mosned and wrung his hands, "tell me you are joking."

"Not I! See now, uncle, I am going coupons, and I shall go away; but before I go I will have that money out of they gazed reproachfully upon his muryou, to the last farthing. It is not for myself, though; it is for M y. You thought to cheat her out of her fortune. and to keep it to yourself; well, you are wrong. You shall pay far more to me than you would have paid to her, and she shall have it all."

You are killing me-oh! villain! villain!"

"The villain is the man who lays his plans to rob and plunder the helpless." "Kill me at once!" said the old man; "kill me and have done with me!"

"Kill you? Not I; killing would be foolish with such a chance as I've got now for revenge! As for villain-who robbed me of my land? You! When I went away, who refused me the small sum I wanted to start me in Canada? me the wages of a laborer? You! Villain? You dare to call any man a vil-David bent over the old man's chair with firming eyes and purple cheeks, his hands held back lest he should be tempted to kill him. There was the same fury in his look as when, six years before, he stood before him with upraised cudgel on the moor. And when he had said all he had to say-for this was not all, only the rest was incoherent with splutterings and oaths-he rushed from the room, as if he could not bear even to be in his uncle's company.

And then the old man was left alone again. The wedding bells were silent, and conscience left him alone to his own reflections. When the new housekeeper brought in the dinner he did not dare, as he would have done in Mary's time, to lay upon her the burden of his own misery and bitterness. She was a fine large woman, who knew what was due to herself, and Mr. Leighan had to treat

her with respect. "Now, sir," she said, "sit up and eat your dinner." It is thus that they address the paupers. Mary, he remembered daily, had been wont to carve for him, to ask him what he would take, and where he liked it cut. Now he was told to sit up and eat his dinner. He usual, because when a man has received

terious reason, begins to notice the small est trifles.

He obeyed, and ate his dinner, which was half cold. And presently, partly because his mind was so troubled, partly from habit, he fell asleep as usual.

CHAPTER XXVI.

There was no wedding breakfast at Sidcote, or any festivities at all-not even a wedding cake. George drove his bride and his mother home after the service, and presently they had dinner together, and George kissed his wife. and his mother cried, so that there was little outward show of rejoicing. they all three rejoiced in their hearts. and felt stronger and more hopeful, just secause they could now stand together. ly for the lands of Sidcote. He had that In the afternoon Mary asked George to "I must go and see my uncle," she

said. "I cannot bear to think of him alone. Let us ask him to keep his money. out to let us part friends."

They walked hand in hand across the stubble fields, and through the lanes, where the blackberry leaves were putting on their autumn tints of red and gold, and the berries of the hedge were all ripe and red-the purple honeysuckle, the Now nothing was right-not even the link rewberry, the blackberry, rowan, hip and haw-to Gratnor.

"Strange, George, that we shall go away, and never see the dear old place would have been better if he had given us go as soon as we can, so as to leave it before the trees are stripped, and while the sun still lies warm upon the

> In the parlor Mr. Leighan was still I have just sleeping, though it was past his waking the window and waited. They waited for a quarter of an hour. Then they

"It is David," George whispered. "He will rouse his uncle. Is he come already to ask for his fortune, I wonder?" Just then Mr. Leighan awoke, perhaps disturbed by David's heavy step, and he

Then, Uncle Daniel, since they are awoke just as he had done twice before -namely, suddenly and with a startled you for six thousand pounds-my aunt's shriek of terror. Just as he had done legacy of six thousand pounds-with twice before he sat up in his chair, with compound interest for six years at five horror and fright in his eyes, glaring wildly about the room. Mary, accustomed to witness this

nightmare, looked to see the terror lent me, two days ago, a thousand change into bewilderment. But it did

For awhile his mind was full of his bans were up and the wedding fixed. The dream; while he yet remembered the balance you will pay over at once. Other- place, the time, and the man, and before the vision had time to fade and disap pear, the very man himself of whom he had dreamed stood before him at the open door. Then he no longer forgot; his dream became a memory; he was riding across Heytree Down in the even-"Uncle, you are a man of business, I ing; and he was met by his nephew with What arrangement do you a cudgel, and the nephew cried out, 'Who robbed me of my land?' and struck him across the temples so that he

> "Murderer! Robber!" he cried. "Help! help! I am murdered and robbed!"

And then, lo! a miracle. For the paralytic, who had had no power in his legs for six long years, sprang to his feet and stood with outstretched arms, crying for help to seize the murderer. And David stood before him with such a look of hatred and revenge as he wore on that night, and in his trembling right hand the cudgel ready to uplift and to strike. It was over in a moment, for the old

man fell helpless and senseless upon the floor, though David did not strike. The skull cap was knocked off by the foll, and exposed the angry red scar of the old wound. He lay upon his back, his arms extended in the fashion of a cross, as he had fallen upon Heytree Down; and as he lay there, so he lay hereaway. I shall sell you the rest of your with parted lips, streaming hair, and eyes wide open, which saw nothing though derer. Then for a space no one spoke; but David bent over his uncle, breathing hard, and George and Mary looked on wondering and awe-stricken.

"A second time, David?" David started, and turned. It was his German protector, Baron Sergius von Holstein, and the tall figure of the baron stood in the door, accompanied by my self. But on this occasion I counted for

nothing. "A second time, David?"

David gasped, but made no reply. "You came home, David," said the baron, "to give yourself in charge for murdering and robbing your uncle. You struck him over the head with your cudgel, so that he fell dead at your feet. You robbed him of a box of papers and You! When I came home, who offered a bag of money. The thought of the crime gave you no rest by day, and at night the ghost of your uncle came to your bedside and ordered you to go home and give yourself up. You came home. Your uncle was not dead. Have you confessed the crime?" David made no reply.

'Have you restored the papers?"

Again he made no reply. This is your uncle; he looks as if you had killed him a second time. Madame"-he addressed Mary-"I am sorry to speak of such things in the presence of a lady, but I have in my pocket the contession of David Leighan."

"He was not killed, after all," said David. "What matters the confession?" "But he was robbed. Where are the

papera?" "Here they are-all that are left," I observed that he had a big book of some kind under his arm; he laid this on the "There are his papers. Now what's the odds of a confession or two?" "Is this man's presence desired by his

uncle?" the baron asked. "No," said Mary, "He comes every morning and drives him nearly mad. He had some power over him-I know not what. He has made my uncle's life mis

erable for three months." "My duty seems plain," said the baron noticed these little things more than "I shall go to the nearest police station and deposit this confession. They will, a heavy blow his mind, for some mys- I suppose, arrest you, David. You can- of surrendering principles.

not, I fear, be hanged, but you will be shut up in prison for a very long time. The wise man, David, flies from dangers against which he can no longer struggle. The door is open." He stood aside. "Fly, David! let fear add wings. The police will be upon you this night if you are still in the village! Fly, David! even if it is once more to face the ghost of your murdered uncle! Better a hundred ghosts than ten years of penal servitude. Fly,

David has not since been heard of; and the question whether Mary's fortune was forfeited by her marriage has not been raised. Nor can it be raised now. For Mr. Leighan remained senseless for three days-the same period as that which followed the assault upon him. And when he came to his right mind, behold! it was another mind. He thinks that the whole parish of Challacombe be- It is well to have the tower so thorlongs to him-all the farms and cottages, oughly braced as to be perfectly rigid. to the local dealer. - Exchange. and even the church and the rectory. He These twisted wire cables can be used is perfectly happy in this belief, and is for guys to run from the top of the constantly planning improvements and tower to heavy anchor posts set deep good works of all kinds. He exists only by in the ground. These guys will keep to do good. He lives with George and the tower rigidly in position and pre-Mary, and enjoys not only good health, vent any strain on the barn frame in but also an excellent temper. He always has a bag of money on the table, the u violent windstorm, handling and music of which give him The sketch and the following de the most exquisite pleasure; and in the scription will fully explain; drawing up of imaginary mortgages. Two of the tower corner posts (15) signing vast checks, and watching his rest on the main cross beam. The other imaginary property grow more and more, two (F) rest upon the purlin, shown be passes a happy and contented old age. at C. The vertical shaft runs down His affairs are managed by George, and Mary is his beiress. So that for the present generation, at least, there will be no more talk of going to Tasmania.

A RICK THAT BLOOMS.

One of the Rarest and Strangest of Flowering Plants.

A botanical novelty is being introduced in Washington under the name of "The Living Rock." It is exploited as the wonder of wonders in the plant kingdom, nature's living picture of intricate carved stone work, and its appearance does not belle these striking encomiums. It resembles, indeed, nothing so much as those carved conglomerations of different colored stones to be seen in most collections alongside the purlin to the beam at A of minerals. It is claimed, says the The bevel foot gear is located here, and Washington Post, that this strange this runs the horizontal shaft. plant will live and bloom for years The vertical shaft is of cold rolled more or less intoxication.

said the dealer, "is found on the top Shafting, pulleys and belting are perof arid, barren, rocky limestone moun- feetly adjusted, so that there is the cold in the winter for even animal life, ist. It will live and thrive in all extremes The illustration shows how the ele- it is made of two-inch hard lumber of temperature and does well in a vated grain runs down into the grinder eight inches wide and about seven feet plants perish from the cold.

substance to furnish a bloom for years form (H) or to carry ground feed to notches two inches deep and six inches without being planted or watered, and the bin below will bloom in a trunk, a room or wher-

"The name, 'Living Rock,' has been silky wool aureole. The lower part of difficult to find."

Story of "Dean's" Kindness.

very charming incident in which the Agriculture. recently deceased actor, Joe Jefferson, acted a kindly part a few years ago, says the Philadelphia Record.

President McAlister had introduced Mr. Jefferson, who had made his address to the students, and was about to leave, when the doctor told him how delighted a certain art student would be if she could meet him. This girl chair and had been a shut-in up to that time.

The veteran actor was delighted, So was the girl.

listened.

In the course of the conversation he learned that not only had she never seen him act, but that she never had been to a theater, and didn't think it possible to go.

That was enough for Joe Jefferson. It was arranged in less time than it takes to tell it to have her brought to the stage door ten minutes before the raising of the curtain that evening.

When she was brought to that door, around which clings so much mystery. she was met by "Rip" himself in his quaint make-up, just as he has been received thousands of times by applauding audiences.

Throughout the performance the girl in her roller chair remained a charmed listener at one side of the stage.

Doubtful.

"My poor man," said Mrs. Mc-Bride to the wayfarer at her door, here are the biscuits that I just baked. You have my hearty sympathy,"

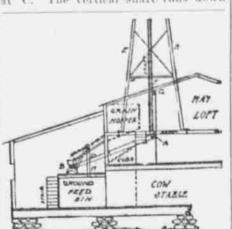
"Before I eat the biscuits, ma'am," responded the traveler, "may I ask if that you sympathize with me-or plenty of sand and sait, the tops coverbow?"-Cleveland Leader.

Good breeding consists in having no particular mark of any profession, but in legal weights of the measured busha general elegance of manners.-John- el, farmers often fall to get all that is



Barn Windmid Tower.

A heavy steel tower and winding built on a barn frame makes a consideruble weight for the timbers to bear.



WINDMILL TOWER ON THE BARN.

without being planted or watered. It spring steel, one inch in diameter. The is called by the Indians "The Star line shafting is of the same material, Rock" and "Dry Whisky," the latter one and one half inches in diameter. name being bestowed upon it from the and runs through three adjustable fact that, when chewed, it produces hangers. Wood spiit pulleys of proper diameter and face are adjusted on the "This rare and marvelous plant," shafting to run the machinery below. tains, at great altitudes, in Mexico, least possible friction. This is easenwhere it is too hot and dry in the tial, and causes trouble in many cases one in the illustration, with several summer for other vegetation and too unless corrected by an expert machin-

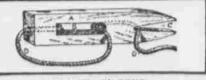
northern climate when all the native hopper (B) and the ground feed into long. The boards are held in place by the bins below. The elevator (D) may three strips of iron half an inch thick "It retains sufficient moisture and be used either to fill bags on the plat- and three inches wide bent into

Satisfactory Truck Crop.

Growing sweet corn for canning purposes in the vicinity of Ashville, given it because of its unique hardl- in Pickaway County, Ohio, has beness; scarcely any kind of neglect or come a very important industry. A bad treatment will injure the plant, few years ago these rich river botunless it be too much water; at its toms were devoted largely to general home rain does not fall, sometimes for, field crops, but with the erection of years. It blooms in September and a large cannery conditions have large-October, and has a very beautiful vari- ly changed in this section. Most egated flower, imbedded in a white, farmers now devote large areas to the growing of sweet corn. For the canthe plant is top-shaped, and the upper nery last year about 2,800 acres were part scarcely projects from the ground, devoted to this crop for this one con- the boards are wider than the notches, and is from two to four inches in cern. Farmers are paid about \$8 per they will overlap two inches. Two diameter when growing who, but un- ton for the corn delivered. Stowell's pieces of iron, with rings in the end, der cultivation it is double that size. Evergreen is grown extensively here, are bolted to the front board three or The plant is very scarce and extremely The average yield ranges from three four feet apart for the purpose of to three and a half tons per acre. In hitching with a chain. Comfort may 1904 the average was about four tons be added by attaching a seat from At the Drexel Institute one recent per acre. Some farmers last season some old machinery. afternoon a group of people recalled a averaged about five tons.—American

Corn Shock Tyer.

have a home-made device for tying size of the comb affecting the laying, B, entered from square end of block was brought every day in her roller by %-inch hole for insertion of rope. just as they begin to lay. It happens Block has tapered slot, C, sawed in that some of the best laying breeds, and smooth next to the slot. Rope, Leghorns, naturally have large combs. D. D. is 1/2-inch and as long as desired. but the light Brahma has a small He talked, and talked well, and she When rope is around shock with end passed through hole, B, the rounded equal to any other breed. The comb



end of hole serving as a pulley, shock can be drawn tight and rope pressed snug in slot. C holds it till band is on. -Chancy Avery, in Ohio Farmer,

Storing Walnuts for Winter. Remove the husks and rub the nuts thoroughly dry with a cloth. A number of earthen jars should be requisitioned, and the nuts packed in, a few handfuls of common sait being sprinkled between the layers. Cover the tops with a piece of slate and store in a fairly damp cellar. Or they may be placed in rows at the foot of a north wall, and covered thickly with coal ashes. These methods involve trouble, but nuts so treated remain sweet and fresh for a long period. Large quantitles may be stored in tubs, using

Country Grain Weights. Because of the lack of uniformity due them in selling to country buyers. amine the roots, taking out all borers Be courteous, but not to the extent For example, in some instances, a and cutting off all parts affected with shipper at country elevator will require the woolly aphia.

so to 52 pounds of barley to the bushel in buying from the farmer, while weighing out only 48 pounds to the bushel in selling it on the Chicago market. The same is true of oats and other cereals, of onlons, etc. The difference may not be much on a single wagon load, but in the crops of a year means many dollars. Farmers should understand what is the legal weight and refuse to deliver more in selling

What Ashes Are Worth. Wood ashes not only contain potash, but serve to loosen stiff soils and perform valuable service as chemical reagent. This is due to the large proportion of lime contained in the ashes about 35 per cent-which is the best form in which it can be used. About 120 pounds of potash is the proportion in a ton of wood ashes, while 700 acid ranging from 2 to 5 per cent.

Autumn Hog Pasture. In some of the Northwestern States and in all the valleys of the Western mountain States it is entirely practicable to grow field peas and to fatten swine upon them in the fields in which they have been grown. This method of harvesting peas with swine is practicable wherever Canada field peas are grown, but in climates of much rainfall in the autumn months the grazing loss, and on clay solls much injury guns through a blinding snowstorm would be done to the land. Moreover, it would always be accompanied by a loss of the straw for food, but where ESTRADA PALMA, RENOMINATED other fodder is plentiful this loss would be more than compensated by the saving in labor effected by harvesting the crop in this way.-Thomas

When Preparing for Seeding. If a clod crusher is used do not nave it with a flat crushing surface. The crushing edges, is much more effective, says an American Agriculturist writer, which is to be eight inches long. Any blacksmith can do this work. The boards are bolted fast to the iron strips, with the heads underneath. As



Indications of Laying.

The color of the comb may indicata that hens or pullets are about to lay, alleglance. Any device to aid in the work of but so far as the several breeds are orn cutting is worth considering. I concerned, and also in regard to the corn shocks which I have used several it is not a fact, as has been claimed, years satisfactorily. It consists of a that the larger the comb the better block of wood, A, 1 1/2 x2x9 inches, layer the hen. Such belief grew out through which is cut an oblong hole, of the fact that the comb always enlarges and becomes red on all hens other end. End of hole, B, is round such as Minorcas, Black Spanish and comb, and it is regarded as being fully simply indicates health and condition and does not influence laying.

In-Breeding of Fow's.

The in-breeding of fowls is not so ent to the sovereign from a number much in disrepute among fanciers as of Indian princes. it was. We have theories, but the results of experiments are not always what we expect. The same seems to be true with the results of in-breeding fowls. It is a subject of which we do not know so much as we thought we knew.

To Cure Collar Galls.

sore. The next morning apply axie bowed again to the magistrate and grease or sweet oil. For hardening withdrew. Some days elapsed and the horses' shoulders nothing equals a clock was not returned. It had been strong tea made by steeping white oak stolen while the court was sitting. bark, being careful to peel the bark down to the wood. Apply frequently, say twice a day.

Active Hens Good Layers.

The wedge-shaped hen may be the layer, and she may not; that is an open question. But the hen that has a quick movement, especially of the head from side to side, and is never content to mope, is certainly the business hen, and may be relied on to give the desired egg.

Planting Trees. In setting fruit trees be sure to ex-

Leittle Leggong in Patriotism

Henry Knox, a Boston bookseller, was one of the most setive of the colonists in their opposition to England that termi-



nated in the Revolutionary War, After the battles of Lexington and Concord he hastened to join the Continental Army, abandoning his business and devoting his entire thought to the liberty of his coun-

He fought gallantly in the battle of Bunker Hill When Washington Joined the army he promoted Knex to the rank of colonel. In laying slege to the city pounds of lime accompanies it. These Washington found himself embarrasproportions may be more or less, ac sed by the want of sufficient artillery, cording to the kind of wood from and Knox conceived the idea of obwhich the ashes are obtained. Ashes taining a supply from Lake George are worth only \$6 per ton, according and the Canadian frontier. Knox set to the above proportions, so far as out in November on this hazardous enthe actual potash is concerned, though terprise. By extraordinary efforts he the lime and other substances con- was able to return in December, havtained possess value, the phosphoric ing succeeded in his mission. He brought with him fifty-five cannon, 2,300 pounds of lead and a barrel of

flints Before the battle of Trenton, Knox was sent by Washington to cross the Delaware and march on the place, This he did before the stream became choked with ice. Halting on the bank of the stream, in the enemy's country, while Washington and his army were struggling amid the floating ice in the darkness, he directed their advance to a landing. He then pushed on his and was soon in front of the Hessinus

FOR PRESIDENT OF CUBA.



Estrada Palma, who was renomlnated by the moderate party for the presidency of the Republic of Cuba, has been called "the Roosevelt of Cuba." President Palms, though fast approaching his seventieth year, does not look his age by ten years, and is as active and progressive as he ever was in his life, which has been devoted to the cause of Cuban independence and development. In the Cuban rebellion of 1868 he was a general in the republican army and later president of the provisional government. He was captured and taken to Spain, where his estates were confiscated because he persistently refused to swear

A Royal Treasure-House. At Mariborough House the plateroom contains what is probably the most valuable collection of treasures in any private house in England. The room is underground and lighted by electricity, the walls being lined by bookcases containing many rare volumes presented to King Edward and the Prince of Wales from time to time, forming a valuable library. In big iron safes in the center of the room is stored away a wonderful collection of gold and silver plate, including two enormous sliver pligrim bottles presented by Alexander III. of Russia to King Edward, and a priceless embossed gold shield, which was a pres-

Steals Clock While Court Sat.

A Chinese carrying a ladder walked into one of the police courts in Singapore the other day. Removing his hat, he bowed with grace to the judge on the bench. Over the latter's seat was a valuable clock. This the Chinese quietly removed, tucked it under one At night rub air-slaked lime on the arm and the ladder under the other,

Not for Him. Mrs. Newliwed-It's just brutal of you to call it "this stuff." You said you'd be glad if I baked my own

bread and-Mr. Newliwed-Yes, but I didn't say I wanted you to bake mine.-Phila-

delphia Press. His Well-Known Garment. Waiter-A thief has stolen your

vercoat, sir. Customer-Never mind. I'll get it back. Every pawnbroker in town knows my overcoat .- Pittsburg Dis-

Every day will be Sunday by and by; but you won't know it.