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## A MUSIC-MAD LOVER

CHAPTER III.
Thetwo friends walked away to ether, in the clear starry night All rivalry, envy, hatred, and un haritableness must fade under the pure soft light of the winter monn. Its rays seemed, to Otto's fance more blinding than the sun. He Filt as if his heart wore being vearched, as he walked beside his riend. The night, it is said, "has thousand eyes." To him, it seetsed as if each star read the
newly-born thoughts and suspicions

## in his mind

He bade Arundal good-night, and passed to his room in the large hot 1 which had been bid home since is father's death
Otto did not know how long he at hefore the glowing fire, living the life of the past year, with the usual unavailing regret that Too cleatly he now saw nimself as he must have appeared to. EthelEthel, young, bright, beautiful, with h- happe dancing eyes alwavs ooking for the bright side of life, H.r happy disposition had seemed ver on the alert for amusement, ud there had heen times when, in
a dreamv surprise at some action, he had half despised her easily pleased nature; while he the music-mad lover," as she called him, had sat before the piano, and enther looked nor cared how the world moved on about him.
Yet Ethel had loved him. H
called her "looks and words of a ar ago. Had he blighted tha 'ove by his unconcern? He realized
now, when perhaps it was to late
hat to this happy : nature the erm fascinating change.
As he leaned back in hischair and beently thrust his hand in his cuat pocket, he drew from it the hovel Ethel had advised him not to ead, and opetied it. The story
was not much more than a sketeh fer all: hut it was well written. atd, for manv reasons, proved very
interesting. It was the story of an a ist, an enthusiast, devoted to his art, to the exclusion of every
hingelse: oblivious to the love and ufferng of his devoted wife, who, vith a painful incurable disease, pre herself caltu as a martur at
the stake. Daily she sacrificed something, making her chance for ife so wuch less, that he might,
misturbed, endeavor to reach the le way ahead Living in his ad of dreans, he woke onlv whet swife lav ling, and realized her sacrifice The heare shadows on
'e were iightened as he read, and finished the book, sad as the
v was, with a glow of hope
? nad Ethel not wished him to id it? Was it because the dreamy a ist was like himself-the neg
ect-d live like her own? Ah, if he ould thit hopeso!

Ah, if he
An bour of sleep, with torturing ireamv, was all the rest the night afforded hims; and the earlinet hour that propriety would allow found bim at Fithel's house.
At the gate, he hesitated for a
mon ent. The door had opened, and George Arundal came toward Earlv as he was, Arundal
to come earlier.
Without any preface or polite phrase, George said
"Otto, I have been a scoundrel. Knowing that you were engaged to her, I have allowed myself to love her, and have tried to make her love n.e."
"And she?" said Otto, hoarsely The other hesitated for a few oments, and then said bitterly
"It may be my punishment to epeat what she said: That she ould' rather kiss your lips, even is ou were dead, than to touch my and.
He turned abraptly and walked wav, as Otto hurried forward.
The drawing.room was deserted he entered to await Ethel's com ng; and, true to his iustinet, he ent to the piane
Surely, never had Ethel heard such muste! She knew she was no interpreter of the marvels of sound -that music did not appeal to he as it did to others; but this pathet air, that made the tears spring her eyes-these stately solemn hat was like the beauty of an April ay-seemed more than music words that her own heart could in. terpret.
She stood outside the dnor until he last sounds had died awav be fore she entered.
She spoke with hesitation:
"And what is this new improviation, Otto?"
He sprang up quickly and took $r$ in his arms
"It shall be our wedding-march," he said

INITIATITE \& REFERENDUY
A short explanation of an import ant Reform being Advocated Oregon-Law-making By the People.
blished by request of the Joint Commfttee on
ifrest iexiblation. W. \& U'Rebt, eec't.
The Intiative means that when a certain vercentage of all the voters ign a petition in fayor of the enof an old one, and file their petition with the proper officer, the proposed law or repeal must be submitted to all the voters at the ballot box at
the next election. If the proposal receives a majority of the votes cast it becomes a law, otherwise not. Laws made by the Initiative are not presented to the legislature tall.
The Referendum means that all his passed by the legislature must e referred to the voters at tho orllot box at the next election, and hat no bill can become a law unless it receives a majority of the otes cast.
District, town. city or county laws voted upon only by citizens of he locality to which the law will perred. Only general laws are reThe veto power is taken from the governor snd placed in the hands of the people.
All laws are printed in full and with each is a short statement of the rersons and a sample ballot is delivered to every voter. Making a law is purelv a business propusi-
tion. The reason for and against being plainly stated in print by the parties offering and opposing the aw, only a little common sense being necersary for a wise vote to be continued.

