

FROM POORHOUSE TO PALACE BY MARY J. HOLMES

CHAPTER XX.—(Continued.)

Just then Ella came singing into the room, but started when she saw how excited Mrs. Campbell appeared, and how swollen her eyelids were.

"Why, what's the matter?" said she. "I never saw you cry before, excepting that time when I told you I was going to marry Henry," and Ella laughed a little, spiteful laugh.

"Hush—hush," said Mary, softly; and Mrs. Campbell, drawing Ella to her side, told her of the strange discovery she had made; then beckoning Mary to approach, she laid a hand upon each of the young girls' heads, and blessing them, called them "her own dear children."

It would be hard to tell what Ella's emotions were. One moment she was glad, and the next she was sorry, for she was so supremely selfish that the fact of Mary's being now in every respect her equal gave her more pain than pleasure.

Of course, Mrs. Campbell would have her best—everything that was the best of everybody but Henry. And when Mrs. Campbell asked why she did not speak she replied, "Why, what shall I say? Shall I go into ecstasies about it? To be sure I'm glad—very glad that you are my aunt. Will Mary live here now?"

"Yes, always," answered Mrs. Campbell; and "never," thought Mary. Mrs. Campbell that evening tried to devise some means by which to atone for neglecting Mary so long. Suddenly a new idea occurred to her, upon which she determined immediately to act, and the next morning Mr. Worthington was sent for to draw up a new will, in which Mrs. Howard was to share equally with her sister.

"Half of all I own is theirs by right," said she, "and what I want is that on their twenty-first birthday they shall come into possession of the portion which ought to have been their mother's, while at my death the remainder shall be equally divided between them."

The will was accordingly drawn up, signed and sealed, Mr. Worthington keeping a rough draft of it, which was thrown among some loose papers in his office. A few days afterward Henry, coming accidentally upon it, read it without hesitation.

"That settles it at once," said he, "and I can't say I'm sorry, for I was getting horribly sick of her. Now I'd willingly marry Mary without a penny, but Ella, with only one-quarter as much as I expected, and I don't want to see her, is a different matter entirely. But what am I to do? I wish Mrs. Lincoln was here, for though he don't like me, he wouldn't mind lending me a few thousand. Well, there's no help for it, and the sooner the old man breaks now the better. I'll help me out of a good man scrape, for, of course, I shall be magnanimous and release Ella at once from her engagement with a ruined man."

The news that Mary was Mrs. Campbell's niece spread rapidly, and among those who came to congratulate her none were more sincere than William Bender. Mary was very dear to him, and what he ever conducted to her happiness added also to his. Together with her he had heard the rumor of Mr. Lincoln's downfall, and while he felt sorry for the family he could not help hoping that it would bring Jenny nearer to him. Of this he told Mary, Sally Parky, the trust herself to reply lest she should divulge a darling secret, which she had cherished ever since Mrs. Campbell had told her that in a little more than a year she was to be the rightful owner of a sum of money much larger than she ever dreamed it possible for her to possess. Wholly unselfish, her thoughts instantly turned toward her adopted brother, a part of that sum should be his, and with that for a stepping stone to future wealth Mrs. Lincoln, when poor and destitute, could no longer refuse him her daughter, Mrs. Campbell, to whom alone she confided her wishes, gave her consent, though she could not understand the self-denying love which prompted this act of generosity to a stranger.

And now Mary was very happy in thinking how much good she could do. Mrs. Mason, her benefactress, should never want again; Sally Parky, the kind-hearted old crazy woman, who had stood by her so long and so faithfully, should share her home wherever that home might be; while, better than the rest, William Bender, the truest, best friend she ever had, should be repaid for his kindness to her when a little, unknown pauper. And still the world knowing nothing of the hidden causes which made Mary's laugh so merry and her manner so gay, said that "the prospect of being an heiress had turned her head, just as it always does those who were suddenly elevated to wealth."

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home, bringing a note from Ida, saying that the carriage would soon be round for Mary and Jenny, both of whom must surely come, as there was a pleasant surprise awaiting them. While Mary was reading this Jenny was eagerly questioning Uncle Ezra with regard to the sale, which he said "went off uncommon well," going chiefly, he reckoned, "to a tall and mighty good-looking chap, who kept bidding up the bid, till he got 'em about where they should be. Then he'd stop for someone else to bid."

"Who was he?" asked Mary, coming forward and joining Jenny. "Dun' know, miss; never seen him afore," said Uncle Ezra, "but he's got a plan for money, for when he paid for the piano he took out a roll of bills near about big as my two fists."

"Then the piano is gone?" said Jenny, sadly, while Mary asked how much it brought. "Three hundred dollars was the last bid heard from that young fellow, and somebody who was bidding' agin him said 'twas more 'twas worth."

"It wasn't, either," spoke up Jenny, rather spitefully. "It cost five hundred, and it's never been hurt a bit."

"Mr. Bender bought that little fiddle of yours," continued Uncle Ezra, with a peculiar wink, which brought the color to Jenny's cheeks, while Mary exclaimed: "Oh! I'm so glad you can have your guitar again!"

Here the conversation was interrupted by the arrival of the carriage, which came for the young ladies, who were soon on their way to Mr. Selden's, Mary wondering what the surprise was, and Jenny hoping William would call in the evening. At the door they met Ida, who was unusually merry—almost too much so for the occasion, it seemed to Mary, as she glanced at Jenny's pale, dispirited face.

Aunt Martha, too, who came to cross the line, and who, as Mary's and as warmly as if she had not seen her for a year, and then with her broad, white cap strings flying back, she repaired to the kitchen to give orders concerning the supper.

Mary did not notice it then, but she afterward remembered that Ida seemed to have been about her appearance, for following her to her room, she said, "You look tired, Mary. Sit down and rest you awhile. Here, take my vinaigrette—that will revive you." Then, as Mary was arranging her hair, she said: "Just puff out this side a little more—there, that's right. Now, I want to see how you look."

"Well, how do I?" asked Mary, facing about as Ida directed. "I guess you'll do," returned Ida. "I believe Henry Lincoln was right when he said that this blue merino and linen cloth was the most becoming dress you could wear, but you look well in anything, you have so fine a form."

"Don't believe all her flattery," said Jenny, laughing. "She's only comparing your tall, slender figure with little dumpty me; but I'm growing thin—see, and she lapped her dress two or three inches in front."

"Come, now, let's go down," said Ida. "And I'll introduce you to Jenny's surprise first."

With Ida leading the way, they entered the music room, where in one corner stood Rose's piano, open, and apparently inviting Jenny to its side. With a joyous cry she sprang forward, exclaiming: "Oh, how did you like it? I must know we can redeem it some time. I'll teach school—anything to get it again."

"Don't thank father too much," answered Ida, "for he has nothing to do with it, except giving it house room, and a quarter's teaching will pay that bill!"

"Who did you buy it, then?" asked Jenny; and Ida replied: "Can't tell you just yet. I must have some music first. Come, Mary, you like to play. Give me my favorite, 'Rosa Lee,' with variations."

Mary was passionately fond of music, and, for the time she had taken lessons, played uncommonly well. Seating herself at the piano she became oblivious to all else around her, and when a tall figure for a moment darkened the doorway, while Jenny uttered a suppressed exclamation of surprise, she paid no heed, nor did she become conscious of a third person's presence until the group advanced toward her, Ida and Jenny leaning upon the piano and the other standing at her right, a little in the rear. Thinking, if she thought at all, that it was William Bender, Mary played on until the piece was finished and then observing that her companions had left the room, she turned and met the dark, handsome eyes—not of William Bender, but of one who, with a peculiar smile, offered his hand, saying, "I believe I need no introduction to Miss Howard, except a slight change in the name, which, instead of being Stuart, is Moreland."

Mary never knew what she said or did. She only remembered a dazy scene in the Mr. Stuart who had so pained and mystified her.

During the evening William Bender called, and soon after Henry Lincoln also came in, frowning gloomily when he saw how near to each other were William and his sister, while he jealously watched them, still keeping an eye upon George and Mary. At last, complaining of feeling "blue," he asked Ida to play, at the same time sauntering toward the music room, where stood his sister's piano.

"Upon my word," said he, "this looks natural. Who bought it?" and he drummed a few notes of a song.

"Mr. Moreland bought it. Wasn't he kind?" said Jenny, who all the evening

had been trying for a chance to thank George, but now when she attempted to do so he prevented her by saying: "Oh! don't—don't—I can imagine all you wish to say and I hate to be thanked. Rose and I are particular about it, and it afforded me a great deal of pleasure to purchase it for her—but," he added, glancing at his watch, "I must be excused now, as I promised to call upon my ward."

"Who's that?" asked Jenny, and George replied that it was a Miss Moreland, who had accompanied him from New Orleans, to visit her aunt, Mrs. Russell.

"He says she's an heiress, and very beautiful," rejoined Ida, seating herself at the piano. Instantly catching at the words "heir-ess" and "beautiful," Henry started up, asking "if it would be against all the rules of propriety for him to call upon her thus early."

"I think it would," was George's brief answer, while Mary's eyes flashed scornfully upon the young man, who, rather crestfallen, announced himself ready to listen to Ida, whom he secretly styles "an old maid," because since his first remembrance she had treated him with perfect indifference.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Drawing of Oklahoma land has begun. The Kansas drought is effectually broken. Negotiations in Pekin will be closed in two weeks.

General Wood has left Havana for the United States. Shamrock II has sailed from England for New York.

The battleship Maine was launched at Cramp's shipyards. It is reported in London that Kruger has asked Choate to end the Boer war.

Teamsters from interior are taking the places of strikers in San Francisco. Transport Meade arrived at San Francisco with soldiers from the Philippines.

The run of fish on the lower Columbia is larger than has been known for several years. Formal negotiations for a settlement of the great steel strike have been opened.

The Cuban government offers a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Bandit Lima, dead or alive. The feeling is growing stronger in England that that government should not oppose the Nicaraguan canal treaty.

The steel trust will carry the strike into the courts. The sugar trust will add \$15,000,000 to its capital stock.

The Constitution beat Columbia four minutes in a 25 mile race. There are rumors in London of peace negotiations to end the Boer war.

Dr. Koch says bovine tuberculosis is not transmissible to the human system. A lone highwayman held up the Casadero stage near Mendocino, Cal., but got nothing.

The teamsters' strike in San Francisco is becoming serious. Both sides are standing firm. A fire in a reduction plant near Florence, Col., destroyed \$250,000 worth of property.

Petroleum on board an American ship at Stockholm, Sweden, exploded, burning 15 persons and the ship. Rear Admiral Schley will demand an investigation of Maclay's charges, and will sue the author for libel.

An excursion boat on the Saginaw river sank near Saginaw, Mich., with 30 passengers on board. All were saved. The Boers have given up all hope of intervention and realize that they must fight the war out on their own account.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is considering the question of substituting electricity for steam on its heavy grades. William H. Hunt, present secretary of Porto Rico, has been selected to succeed Charles H. Allen as governor of that island.

The mine firemen's strike has been declared off. The southwest was again scorched by a hot wave. The steel trust has made no effort to start up idle plants.

The rivers and harbors committee has returned from Alaska. The international mining congress has opened at Boise, Idaho. Whitmarsh has been exonerated of the charges brought against him.

San Francisco teamsters have quit work and the wholesale trade is about tied up. Colonel Albert Jenks, a well known artist, dropped dead in Los Angeles of heart disease, aged 75 years.

A Pittsburg woman started the fire with kerosene and, with her three children, was burned to death. The mayor of Santa Paula, Cal., was shot and probably fatally wounded by a tough character of that place.

Corbin and Chaffee have decided on radical changes in the army in the Philippines. The military force will be reduced to 20,000 or 30,000. A movement has been started by the labor unions of San Francisco to shut out Japanese, placing them on the same footing with the Chinese.

At a Chicago race track four horses became frightened, threw their riders and bolted from the track into the spectators and several persons were severely injured. President Palmer, of the Rio Grande & Western, has sold his interests in the road to the Gould interests for \$6,000,000.

Prince Bonaparte's philological library of 15,000 volumes, the finest in the world, has been secured for the Newberry library, Chicago. In selling its interest in the Sioux City & Pacific railroad the government has recovered all the principal and about \$500,000 in addition.

A Perfect Face. A perfectly formed face is one-third forehead, one-third nose and one-third upper and lower chin.

INSURGENTS SURRENDER.

A Band of 500 is the First to Give Up in Island of Samar.

Manila, July 29.—General Hughes cables the news of the first surrender of insurgents in the Island of Samar, 500 men, with two field guns, 30 rifles and 70 balos, giving themselves up to the United States authorities.

The opinion prevails among the United States officers that it will take years to accomplish the economic plan of General Corbin. The civil and educational authorities hold that a continuance of the protection of minor posts is necessary, aside from that afforded by the constabulary. It is generally expected that the concentration will be more gradual than is anticipated in Washington.

The first meeting of the Legislative Chamber held today was largely attended. Commissioner Wright, speaking of the charter of Manila, said the same reasons that controlled in making Washington the federal city obtained in Manila, and Washington, he declared, was the best governed city in the world. Representatives of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce vehemently opposed the charter, asserting that it was inconsistent with the principles of the freest government on earth to deny the right of suffrage to the residents of the metropolis, while granting it to those of other localities. They also declared that the proposed system of government for Manila was far less liberal than that offered by the United States authorities, who proposed to make the representatives of the district in Manila elective by the people.

Ex-Major Shields, of the Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. V., has been appointed purchasing agent, vice Lieutenant Massey, deceased.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Experienced Over a Large Section of the Nevada Desert.

Salt Lake City, July 29.—A section 75 miles wide, through the Nevada Desert from Death as far west as Carlin, experienced a series of heavy earthquake shocks about 2:30 this afternoon. The vibrations generally were from North to South, and at one or two points lasted for fully five seconds. So far as learned by a new brick edifice, was badly cracked by the violence of the vibration, and other buildings were slightly damaged. The earthquake was preceded and followed by rather remarkable meteorological phenomena. For some time preceding the shock the air was perfectly still, while the heat was extremely oppressive. A few minutes after the shock, however, a violent wind and rain storm, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning, burst over the city, but wind and rain have thus far prevented a thorough test. So confident is he of winning the prize that he offers, with the accumulated interest thereon, another prize of 4000 francs to the first member of the Aero Club performing the round trip from St. Cloud to the Eiffel Tower prior to October 31.

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AFTER AIRSHIP PRIZE.

Paris Inventor Awaiting An Opportunity to Make Another Trial.

Paris, July 29.—Keen interest is still taken in the steerable balloon of the Brazilian aeronaut, M. Santos Dumont. Each day he visits the grounds of the Aero Club at St. Cloud, where the balloon is kept filled in readiness to seize the first opportunity to renew the attempt for the Deutsch prize, the sum of 100,000 francs offered for a dirigible balloon. The motor is working satisfactorily and producing a higher speed than at the last trial, but wind and rain have thus far prevented a thorough test. So confident is he of winning the prize that he offers, with the accumulated interest thereon, another prize of 4000 francs to the first member of the Aero Club performing the round trip from St. Cloud to the Eiffel Tower prior to October 31.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance.—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.—Latest Market Report.

Wallowa county spent \$772 for coyote traps last month. Bromo grass five feet high flourishes on the arid lands near By.

Large quantities of match wood are being shipped to Portland from Coos bay. Athens has paved its streets and is now working for an electric lighting system.

Thomas Sherwood has been appointed stock inspector for Union county. The Salem Flouring Mill Company's new buildings are rapidly nearing completion.

A large hay crop in the Willamette valley has made that staple cheap, selling from \$3 to \$5 per ton. Files for Mare Island, Cal., are being cut on the Santiam. The sticks are from 42 to 80 feet long and several thousand will be shipped.

A promising coal prospect has been found at Rice Hill, Douglas county, by the steam shovel crew who are excavating there. The find will be developed.

A number of small hold-ups are reported around Athena and Weston. A stage line has been established across the mountains from Prineville to Foster.

James Hall, a California pioneer of 1852, died recently at Fairview, Wasco county. Several rich clean ups are reported from the placer mines of Mule Gulch, Grant county.

The Eugene excelsior factory is running night and day, turning out 12 carloads every month. Oregon college presidents are discussing a more thorough regulation of intercollegiate athletics.

The natural ice caves near Elgin, Union county, are becoming quite a summer resort for that section. A. W. Sturgis, of Josephine county, expects to realize \$10,000 from the annual clean up on his Forest creek mine.

Timber fires are raging in the mountains in Lake and Klamath counties, and the valleys are getting blue with smoke. The prune crop in Benton and Linn counties will be such a record breaker that it is feared much of the fruit must go to waste for lack of drying facilities.

The number of children in Lane county between the ages of 4 and 20, according to the reports of the several school clerks, is 7,549. Last year the number of children was 7,382.

The Oregon rattlesnake seems lacking in real venom. Several men have been bitten recently in various hayfields in Eastern Oregon, but no fatalities or serious results are recorded.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Walla Walla, export value, 55¢@56¢ per bushel; bluestem, 57¢; valley, nominal. Flour—best grades, \$2.90@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.60. Oats—White, \$1.32@1.35; gray, \$1.30@1.32 per cental. Barley—Feed, \$1.50@1.75; brewing, \$1.75@1.75 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$20; chop, \$16. Hay—Timothy, \$12.50@14; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Butter—Fancy creamery, 17¢@19¢; dairy, 14¢@15¢; store, 11¢@12¢ per pound. Eggs—17¢@18¢ per dozen. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 11¢@11¢; Young America, 12¢@12¢ per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.25@4.00; hens, \$4.00@5.00; dressed, 10¢@11¢ per pound; springs, \$2.50@4.50 per dozen; ducks, \$3 for old; \$2.50@3.50 for young; geese, \$4 per dozen; turkeys, live, 8¢@10¢; dressed, 10¢@12¢ per pound. Mutton—Lambs, 3¢@3¢ gross; dressed, 6¢@7¢ per pound; sheep, \$3.25 gross; dressed, 6¢@6¢ per lb. Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5.75@6; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 6¢@7¢ per pound. Veal—Small, 7¢@8¢; large, 6¢@7¢ per pound. Beef—Gross top steers, \$4.00@4.25; cows and heifers, \$3.25@3.50; dressed beef, 6¢@7¢ per pound. Hops—12¢@14¢ per pound. Wool—Valley, 11¢@13¢; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@12¢; mohair, 20¢@21¢ per pound. Potatoes—\$1.00@1.25 per sack; new potatoes, 1½¢ per pound. Pastebord armor is likely to come into military fashion. It is, if thick enough, almost impenetrable to carbine bullets, which can pierce five-inch wooden planks. Recent experiments prove this.

The record was broken recently in the sale of unoccupied lands in Nebraska, Wyoming and Kansas. Over 50,000 acres were disposed of, the largest amount in any one week in the history of the land department.

Mysterious Explosion. London, July 29.—"A curious incident took place here," says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Perth, Western Australia, during the open-air reception to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. Every one was startled by a loud report close to the Duke, who jumped and clutched his chair shouting, nervously: "Someone must be shooting." The police are instituting a vigorous search. It seems that the explosion was purely accidental.

Four Deaths at Chicago. Chicago, July 30.—Ninety-five degrees marked the official maximum temperature in Chicago today, while the humidity registered 48 per cent, which intensified the sufferings. Similar conditions are expected to prevail tomorrow, according to the predictions of the weather bureau. Four persons died as a result of the heat, and an equal number were prostrated. Thermometers on the streets showed 98 to 102 in the shade and from 108 to 112 in the sun.

Train Jumped the Track. Dayton, O., July 30.—A gravel train, used by the Chase Construction Company, which is superintending the construction of the traction line between this city and Troy for the Dayton & Northern Traction Co., jumped the track today eight miles north of this city while going down a steep grade, resulting in two deaths and serious injury to four persons.

MAINE LAUNCHED.

New Battle-Ship Given to the Waves at Cramp's Yards.

Philadelphia, July 30.—The battleship Maine, designed to be larger, stronger and faster than her namesake, whose shapeless mass still lies in the harbor of Havana, has been successfully launched from the yards of the Cramp Ship & Engine Building Company. One of the largest crowds that has ever seen a ship leave the ways at Cramp's yards was on hand, and patriotic rain high as the ship left her cradle. Kensington, where the shipyard is located, took a holiday, and attended the launching. Thousands of persons from other parts of the city were on hand, and as the yard was thrown open to the public, every vacant point in the confines of the place swarmed with humanity. The weather was beautiful.

The state of Maine was officially represented by Governor Hill and members of his staff. From Washington came a large number of naval officers and others. The Maine is 56 per cent finished. Her keel was laid in April, 1899, and the ship will be ready for transfer to the government in 18 months or two years' time.

THIS IS MACALAY Who Started the Latest Rumor About Rear Admiral Schley.

Edgar Stanton Maclay, the third volume of whose "History of the American Navy" characterizes Rear Admiral Schley as a Micawber admiral and a coward in connection with the battle of Santiago, is a son of Rev. Robert Maclay, who was the pioneer Methodist missionary in the far East. He was born in Fochow, China,