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Bound by a Spell

CHAPTER XIII.

It was the day that I was to visit
Clara. I woke with the dawn. For the
first time in my life, I took pains with
my toilet. I carefully combed my hair
in different ways, trying which was the
more becoming. But with all my pains,
I cut but a very sorry figure.

"Dear me, how ignominious you look
this morning!" said Martha, as I came down
to breakfast. "And quite elated, too!"

Before I could speak I was in the
neighborhood of her house. It was too early
to go there yet, so I lingered about for a
time. How very awkward it was that I
had no knowledge of her name! I had
quite forgotten to ask it. As the time
drew near I began to feel nervous. A
chuck struck eleven as I timidly
knocked at the door. I was answered by
a stout, good tempered looking old lady.

"You have a young lady staying here,"
I began, in a hesitating tone.

"Oh, you are the young man that Miss
Clara expects, I suppose." Saying which,
the old lady deliberately drew a pair
of spectacles out of her pocket, and
adjusting them, carefully scrutinized me.

My appearance seemed to satisfy her,
for she said, in a more friendly tone, "Walk
in, young man; Miss Clara will be with
you directly."

She showed me into a neat little parlor.
Upon the table were several water-
colored drawings, some finished, some un-
finished, some Berlin wool work. Bonnets
of flowers were everywhere upon the
table amidst the work, upon the mantle-
piece stood two vases, upon a little
stand behind the window stood a clock,
the cottage piano that stood in a corner.
The air was loaded with their perfume. In
a few moments the door opened and
Clara came into the room.

"You have come, then," she said, with
her sweet, melancholy smile.

As if caught by death or imprisonment
could have kept me away?

She painted water-color pictures, and
did Berlin wool work for the shops, she
told me. She sat down at once and be-
gan her work, and I was soon alone. I
washed her brushes, ground her colors,
adjusted the blind, and between these
little offices I watched her busy fingers,
but often my eyes were upon her face,
gazing at every lineament upon my
memory. Never have I looked upon an
other face so spiritual and beautiful.

She was one of those heads that the old
Italian painters loved to give to their
Angels and Madonnas, so perfectly serene,
utterly free from human passions.

The fair way hair, untrammelled by
art; the oval face, neither full, nor thin,
but perfectly smooth. Her eyes, the
blue eyes, the straight Grecian nose, the
small mouth; the swelling, gracefully
arched neck; the skin so delicately white,
tinged with the rosy blush of youth.

Her figure was of that middle height,
exquisitely graceful, yet
painfully fragile. She wore a black
dress, made high to the neck, with a
small, plain white collar.

We talked very little; she was too busy
with her work, and silence was more
congenial with our mood.

At 3 o'clock Mrs. Wilson called us to
dinner. We took in a breakfast
parlor below. The old lady was very
chatty and very curious, and asked me
a great number of indirect questions;
those I did not care to answer I con-
trived to evade skillfully.

"You must excuse my questions, sir,"
she said; "but although Miss Clara is
no relation of mine, and, indeed, I know
nothing about her, still I feel as though I
were interested in her as though she were
my own child; she is so innocent, and knows
so little about the world, that it's quite
necessary that she should have some one
to look after her. Now, you are the
first visitor that she has ever had, and
she has lived with me these two years.
But, when she came home last night she
told me that she had met an old acquaintance
who was coming to see her; that he had
come to the city in search of employment,
and had no friends nor acquaintances, and
was so dreadfully miserable that it made
her quite unhappy to see him. At first, I
felt as though I should like to see him, but
I compromised the matter by saying that
you should come this once, but that if I
did not approve of you, it was to be the
first and the last visit. But I must
say you seem a very nice, quiet, modest
sort of young gentleman. And what kind
of employment might you be seeking?"

I told her I had been usher at a school,
but that at present I was doing copy-
ing. I did not say of what kind. The old
lady remarked that an usher was a
very genteel sort of employment. Alto-
gether she seemed very well satisfied
with me.

In the evening Mrs. Wilson brought
her sewing up into the parlor, and pro-
posed that I should read to them. And
so the evening glided on, but as I had
not been to bed, and was so tired, I
went to bed, and then we sat near the
window; Mrs. Wilson chatting, I and
Clara silent. She gazed into the street,
with that absent look so common to her;
I watched every motion of her face, as
it grew more and more indistinct in the
deepening shadows. Lights were brought,
and then we went down to supper, and
then it was time to go.

"You will come and see me again,
won't you?" she said, as she gave me her
hand at the gate.

I wanted no pressing, and arranged that
I would come again on Monday. She
wished me good night, and I went to bed,
and closed the door, and the day was ended
—the day whose blissful memories will
never fade from my heart.

That day was the precursor of many
like ones, until, in a short time, I could
perceive that she looked forward to my
coming with expectancy, and that my
presence had become a thing almost nec-
essary to her. She looked for me to hand
her the painting materials, to grind the
colors, to select her shawl, and to sit at
her feet and read to her some of the
pleasant books; while, between the lights,
she would sit at the piano and improvise
strange, weird, plaintive melodies.

It was a strange communion, ours. In
it we lived only in the present moment.
We never spoke of the past or of the fu-
ture, for we wished to be happy, and
to both, the past was hideous, the fu-

ture ominous. Thus I knew nothing of
her past life, nor did I wish to know.
Like her, I did not wish the happiness
of the present to be marred by a pain-
ful image.

She had lived with Mrs. Wilson above
two years, yet even she knew nothing
of her life for a single day before she
came to her. "I have always had good
references before I would take any one
into my house," said the old lady, "es-
pecially young ladies without friends;
but she said she could give me none, and
she looked so innocent and good that I
took a fancy to her upon the spot; and I
have never had cause to regret it, for a
dearer, purer creature never entered a
house, and I feel for her quite as if she
was my own child. But I must say
that I do feel curious about her, and
often think what a mystery she is. She
is so strange at times, and so unlike any
other young lady I ever met."

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AIMING AT MUKDEN

Japanese Strike Decisive Blow
at Main Position.

TOYAMA ORDERED TO ADVANCE

Must Act Before Snow Melts - May
Attempt to Isolate Vladivostok

At Same Time.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—Following the cus-
tom of the Japanese government, the
officials at the war office refuse to dis-
cuss the present movements in Man-
churia, but there is a general air of
confidence among the higher officers,
who are absolutely posted on the situ-
ation, which is believed to indicate that
General Kuroki has again scored a com-
plete success and that official announce-
ment may be expected very soon.

Up to midnight Monday no particu-
lars of the fighting had been given out,
but it was stated that, so far as was
known, only the right and center of
General Kuroki's army had been engaged
and that the conditions on the left
are unchanged.

It is the general opinion among the
best informed experts in the Japanese
capital that the present movement, be-
fore it ends, will result in the capture
of Mukden. It is known that orders
have been sent to Field Marshal Oyama,
telling him that the time is ripe for
taking the Russian main position, as
if action is postponed much longer, the
spring thaws with their resultant floods
will be upon him, and it will be im-
possible to do any fighting until the
roads dry up.

There is, of course, a possibility that
the present movement may move for its
object, as well as the capture of Muk-
den, the isolation of Vladivostok. In
view of the recent reports that the port
was being blockaded by sea by a Japan-
ese squadron of torpedo boats and pro-
tected cruisers, there can be little
doubt that, if Kuroki crushes the Rus-
sian left, such troops as can be spared
will be assigned to a special campaign
against the Siberian stronghold.

FOR PHILIPPINE FREE TRADE

House Committee Reports in Favor of
Curtis' Tariff Bill.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Chairman
Paine, of the house ways and means
committee, today filed a report favor-
ing the passage of the Curtis bill pro-
viding for the free entry of products
from the Philippine islands, except
sugar and tobacco, on which 25 per
cent of the Dingley tariff is to be col-
lected. The report declares that the
only logical result of our possession of
the islands is free trade.

It has been definitely settled, it says,
that we will retain the islands until
their population is fitted for self-gov-
ernment, and he repeats Secretary
Taft's suggestion that this will be at
least one generation. Until the treaty
stipulation between the United States
and Spain shall expire in 1909, all
tariff advantages given by the islands
to the United States must be given to
Spain, and for that reason reciprocal
free trade is not feasible. The present
bill, says the report, goes as far as is
practicable under those conditions.

FOUR SENATORS EXPELLED.

Result of Bribery Investigation in the
California Legislature.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 28.—Crowded
galleries and lobbies this afternoon
watched a dramatic scene when Sena-
tors Banks, French, Wright and En-
mons were expelled from the state sen-
ate of California by a vote which con-
tained no dissenting voice. Banks' case
was first to be considered. Thirty-
four honorable senators supported the
report of the investigating committee that
he be put out. No one voted for him.
He was not present.

The report of the committee recom-
mending expulsion was adopted by a
vote of 35 yeas to 9, the four ac-
cused senators and Senator Welch not
voting. Expulsion ballots then fol-
lowed separately.

Anti-Trust Law Sustained.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The supreme
court of the United States has decided
the case of the National Cotton Oil
company vs. the state of Texas, involv-
ing the Texas anti-trust law. The state
court found the company guilty under
that law and held that it had forfeited
its right to do business in the state.
The case was appealed to the supreme
court on constitutional grounds. That
court, however, in its opinion today,
held that the claim was untenable and
sustained the verdict of the state court.

Passes Taken by Japanese.

Mukden, Feb. 28.—The Russians re-
port that the Japanese are in posses-
sion of Taling, and also the pass be-
tween Taling and Katouling. The pos-
session of Taling threatens Fushun,
Tieling and Hingway. Taling is re-
garded as of the same consequence to
the Japanese in their operations
against Mukden as was Motienling in
relation to Liao Yang. In case the
Japanese push on to the southeast,
their operations will be in the hills.

Anti-Salt Trust Measure Killed.

Topeka, Feb. 28.—A house con-
current resolution calling for an investi-
gation of the salt trust was defeated by a
vote of 57 to 19. It was necessary for
the resolution to receive a two-thirds
vote, or 63 votes.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Tuesday, February 21.

The house today passed the Philip-
pine tariff bill, practically as it came
from the committee. The river and
harbor appropriation bill was then
taken up but it was soon laid aside and
several measures were passed, the most
important of which was the authoriza-
tion given the secretary of war to return
to the several states the Union and Con-
federate battleflags.

The senate committee today reported
that it would be impossible to act on
the railroad rate bill at this session
without ignoring the railroads. Con-
sideration of the Indian appropriation
bill was begun. A short time was
given to the defense of Judge Swayne,
and the senate began the consideration
of the bill for the government of the
isthmian canal zone.

Wednesday, February 22.

Government ownership of railroads
was discussed by the senate today in
connection with the purchase of the
Panama railroad, while the bill for the
government of the canal zone was under
consideration. Consideration of the
bill was not completed when the senate
adjourned.

A number of witnesses were exam-
ined in behalf of Judge Swayne in the
impeachment proceedings against him.
After a brief but spirited debate the
house today sent back to conference
the army appropriation bill. All sen-
ate amendments were again disagreed
to, excepting one appropriating \$95,-
000 for continuing the cable from
Valdez to Seward, Alaska.

Thursday, February 23.

Without a dollar being added or sub-
tracted the river and harbor appropria-
tion bill passed the house today, after
a session had run well into the even-
ing. The total amount carried by the
bill is \$17,234,657. It was impeded
by the offering of amendments, but
only those presented by the committee
were adopted.

The last testimony in the interest of
Judge Swayne in the impeachment
against him was today presented to
the senate.

The bill providing a form of govern-
ment for the Panama canal zone was
passed early in the day.

Friday, February 24.

The time of the senate today was
divided between the Swayne impeach-
ment trial and the motion of Beveridge
to appoint conferees on the joint state-
hood bill. It is the expectation that
a vote on the Swayne matter will be
reached Monday. No agreement was
made in the appointment of state-
hood conferees.