

RIGHT OUT OF A RESS

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CHAPTER IX.

The evening after Le Barron's funeral all the Newtons met in the home some two hours from their hands. Mr. Newton there informed his friends that he had, as much as lay in his power, endeavored to hasten the final settlement of all matters connected with his late business. He had met all who had claims upon the firm and brought the winnowing to a close. As much as lay in his power, he endeavored to hasten the final settlement of all matters connected with his late business. He had met all who had claims upon the firm and brought the winnowing to a close.

laughing. "That will soon become accounted to me," said he, "but I am sure many will say I have done my work well."

Jasper here impatiently interrupted her by looking at her hand and protesting with much temper against anything of the kind again.

"Come, come, Jasper, don't you be unreasonable. That little bluster is of no consequence. I really enjoyed my play, for as yet it has been nothing more. But what would you have me do, Sir? Inagiance, sit on the sofa and let my mother and sister do what must now be done—work? You dare not counsel that?"

"No, dear Rose. But, Mr. Newton, my dear friend, let me beg that you will yield to my wishes. Let me make Rose my wife before you leave this first home."

"Gasper!" exclaimed Rose. "How dare you name such a thing after the manner of a married couple? You will avoid the inconveniences of a limited income which we have just witnessed? Would you see me as heartless as the Le Barrons?"

"That does not follow, Rose. The aid you could render would be but little compared with what I can give you if you were to accompany me. I cannot see you stop to labor when a home of ease and affluence is waiting for you."

"Stoop! What ever my mother and sister can do without degradation will I do for her. In the estimation of any right minded person, Estance has no fears of Lillian being degraded, and he can consent to my mother's let them should I in time share your fortune your foolish pride will be just as much wounded to know all of us continued to labor, as we most probably will."

"Oh, no, never, Rose! You do me injustice. It is not natural, loving you as I do, that I should long to protect you from all hardships. Your friends, though not disgraced by labor, would never have thought it an advisable change. Consent to an immediate marriage, darling. If you will but yield to this request, I know that your father will not refuse. Let me take you to my mother, show her our beautiful home and when your parents are settled we will visit them here. I install my mistress of the little cottage now building for you."

Her parents, George and Dunbar, all listened with admiration and with beating hearts, for they felt that the crisis was not far distant, and Rose's unnatural pallor indicated a strife in her own mind beyond and distinct from that natural to her lover's petition. The crisis was but for a moment, and then, though her cheek was deadly pale, her voice was firm and clear, but its thrilling tones were wanting.

"Jasper, let this subject rest for the present. You know well, if you will do me justice, that I do not thwart your wishes from any foolish coyness. We are both young, and our youth was the reason why my parents and your own wish our union deferred two years, and we recognized the wisdom of their united judgment. Six months only of that time have passed, and instead of my father's losses changing their first adoption of my request, the affection which binds us now an imperative duty. I should despise myself, and so would you in a short time, if I yielded to your present impulses to avoid what you call hardship, but what name pleasure? Hear me, I have not understood you of late. I had thought your whole heart so full of patriotism that no local attachments could make you swerve. But within a few days, Jasper, ask no questions, I wish for no explanation now. I will, I do trust your patriotism, and to prove my trust before all here I promise, and I know my parents will not grieve the pledge, should I leave home and go to meet you, no matter how soon, my brother will, I know, be ready to enlist in the first call—and you? Ah! who could resist the pleading logic of any she bent upon, but it is not a moment to my conflicting emotions."

"And you, beloved, will spring to arms with them to fight together under our dear old flag for justice and freedom. With all my heart I will bid you goodbye, and I wish, as a patriot, that I could wish for no explanation now. I will, I do trust your patriotism, and to prove my trust before all here I promise, and I know my parents will not grieve the pledge, should I leave home and go to meet you, no matter how soon, my brother will, I know, be ready to enlist in the first call—and you? Ah! who could resist the pleading logic of any she bent upon, but it is not a moment to my conflicting emotions."

HINTS ON HAND CULTURE.

Nice Clean Hands, Pretty White Hands and Beautiful Honest Hands.

Well kept hands are indicative of innate refinement, whether they belong to the queen of the kitchen or the queen of the drawing-room. The fashion of manicuring the finger nails is unnatural and unartistic. In the first place it destroys the delicacy of texture and tint, and in the second place it gives the hand an artificial appearance. Hair, Finger nails that have been stained with cherry red and highly polished with tinted powder are never again the same. It may be the matter of the heat caused by the rubbing; that dries them up and causes them in time to become tough and talon-like. Women who make a practice of "cultivating" their nails have notoriously ugly hands by the time the habit is outgrown.

When, as professional manicurists dictate, they are trimmed to a sharp point, and allowed to grow beyond the tips of the finger, the symmetry of the hand is marred. Of course a woman's hands are her own and if she chooses to have her hands resemble claws it is her privilege to do so. The human hand is so very beautiful and expressive of so much character, that one cannot but regret the popularity of a fashion that mars it.

If the nails have been injured or distorted in any way they will need "cultivation" and perhaps surgical treatment. Otherwise a 25-cent bristle brush a 75-cent file and a 15-cent bone pick are all the implements needed to keep them trim and beautiful. Cutting the cuticle about the nail is a bad habit to get into, and wholly unnecessary. It is a "moon" at the base of the nail, but is too pretty to lose, but it is not advisable to try to uncover them in less than a month. Soak the fingers in water, and immediately after drying run the pick round, so as to loosen the so-called hang-nail. If it becomes rough and jagged let it alone, as cutting or pushing it back with the towel only makes it sore.

This cuticle corresponds to the selvage on cloth, and cutting or tearing it leaves a ragged edge. The bone pick is neither as expensive nor as elegant as ivory or tortoise shell, but it is better than metal. A match properly whittled, while not so convenient, is just as good as ivory. File the nails; don't cut or bite them. Blunt fingers can be apparently lengthened by tapering nails and long ones foreshortened by filing them straight across. The occupation, too, will suggest the shaping of the nails. It is much harder to keep close-cut nails clean than those that are of moderate length. Soiled nails usually go with sore finger tips. This comes of using a penknife or scissors to clean them. The blade ends the quick, the dust gets in the bruised places and the nail remains soiled. The quickest remedy is not to try to clean them until the cuticle heals; then the accumulation will wash out.

Cold soap and cold water is the best for ordinary hands. If carbor soap has to be used, and heavier work performed, the use of meal will counteract its influence. Apply while the hands are wet or dry them in the meal box. Meal will make some hard hands soft. Naturally hard hands can only be improved by getting fat on them. Lemon juice is good to remove stains, and also to harden the cuticle about the nails, if it is inclined to be ragged from other cause than the attack of a knife. For rough hands glycerine with three times as much water or rosewater is sufficient. Rosewater costs five cents an ounce. If a sweet odor is desired, squeeze half a lemon or scent it with a teaspoonful of perfume. If powder is put on the hands or face, this simple mixture is wet, will stick and give the whitening desired. The best prescription for red hands is frequent foot baths, calisthenic exercises and easy fitting clothing, particularly about the wrist, shoulder and waist. A disinfectant white hand is kissable, and a clean one is beautiful, but best of all is the honest hand. The late Roscoe Conkling was justly vain of his big, strong, white hands of which it was said at his death, "Not so much as a postage stamp ever stuck to them during his long brilliant public life."

So fond are Russian women of smoking that the czar's minister of the interior has ordered the railway officials in the empire to provide passenger trains with smoking compartments for the use of the fair sex. It is said on good authority that nearly all married women in Russia smoke cigarettes, and that the habit has begun to obtain largely among the unmarried, with the result that smoking cars are now as much of a necessity for traveling Russian women as for men.

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