Kent News

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A Soldiers' Romance!

Every evening after manuevers Maurice Tournier, a young lieutenant in the reserves was only too glad to get back to the house where he had been quartered. From the first day that he had been quartered in this house his behavior towards its occupants had been marked by great courtesy and consideration. If he happened to meet either of two ladies in the hall or on the stairs, he would always stand aside to allow her to pass, but when the elder lady, won over by her deference, invited him to dine with them he had always accepted the invitation gladly. As a rule the elder lady would be lying on the sofa, while the younger one would be reading aloud. From the dictatorial tones and sudden caprices of the former and from the resigned obedience of the latter the young officer had soon guessed that it was a case of wealthy aunt and a poor niece. The fact was that the young girl, Louise de Lery, had been left an orphan and totally unprovided for. Mme. Primeau, her great aunt, and the only relative she had in the world, had therefore adopted her. Without being of a really unkind disposition, Mme. Primeau, who was a great invalid, had gradually worked on and profited by her niece's gratitude until at length the poor girl had become quite a slave. Her aunt would not suffer any one else to do anything for her. She could not bear to hear other footsteps in the room or to hear any other voice but that of Louise, and for the last five yeers she had thus thoughtlessly and quite unconsciously been crushing all the spirit and all the gayety out of the young girl's life.

Louise de Lery was now 25, and, though she had lost the freshness of her girlhood, the young officer thought her very beautiful. Her eyes were of a deep, unchanging blue. She had an acquline nose, arched lips and waving, chestnut colored hair, with just a touch of the gold in it that one sees in the autumn leaves.

Little by little had the elderly lady been won over by the gay good humor and never failing courtesy of the young officer, and so he had seen a great deal of his hostess and her niece during his month's sojourn with them.

He had delighted in Louise's conversation and society and had soon discovered that this girl, who had lived thus obscurely in the shade, possessed a mind which was only waiting for a touch of sunshine to burst into the most perfect beauty, and there was something romantic in the idea that in this old, gray looking dwelling, half buried in a little old world town, he had thus come across by chance the pale, captive princess of his dreams.

During the last week of his stay it seemed as though Mm. Primeau had scented danger, for suddenly, and apparently without any cause, her manner toward the young man had changed.

She was always cold and sarcastic when she spoke to him, and she did not invite him to dinner with herself and niece. The time was getting desperately short—only three days more—and then, through his foolish procrastination, he would forever have lost the opportunity he had of speaking and perhaps of winning as his wife the only woman he would evor love.

In the evening, when the two ladies happened to be sitting out in the garden, Lieutenant Fournier, on his arrival took the chair, and in spite of the aggressive expression which he read in Mme. Primeau's eyes planted it near to hers and began to talk boldly about his departure, about Paris, and then about his own position and means. Then suddenly and without any leading up to it he announced the fact that he was weary of his solitary life, and that he wanted to marry and settle down. Louise, bending over her embroidery, listened to all the young man was saying, just as she might have listened to one of the love stories such as her aunt adored and which she was always having read about.

"But your position and your income * * * If what you mention is all you have to depend upon, you surely cannot think of marrying yet awhile. For youself alone * * * of course it is enough, but if you had a wife and children, why * * * it would mean * * * misery." * * * And then without giving him time to argue the point, she rose, and, on the pretext that she was getting chilly, she took Louise's arm, and the two ladies entered the house together.

Lieutenant Tournier did not see the young girl the next day, nor even the next. Mme. Primeau, whose heart was affected, had one of her bad attacks. She staid in bed for the next few days, and the young girl waited on her hand and foot, taking her meals even in the sick room, little dreaming, in her perfect unconsciousness, that there was in the whole world any single human being who felt any interest in her and who was longing to see her.

Maurice Tournier was in despair. His departure was now so near and Louise was invisible.

He gave a message to the servant for her mistress, saying that he was leaving and would like to say "Goodby." Mme. Primeau sent a cold, polite message back, regretting that she was too ill to see any one, and not even mentioning her niece.

Maurice did not give up, though, even after that. The detatchment was to leave the town at daybreak in order to spare the men the long march in the heat of the midday sun. The young lieutenant gave out that he would take his things away from the house that night and sleep at the hotel in order not to disturb the ladies in the early morning. He made a great deal of noise while packing, slamming the doors, dragging his trunk and his sword along with a clatter—in fact, letting the invalid know that he was really going off the premises.

Two hours later, when it was just getting dusk, he returned by a narrow street to the other side of the garden, climbed the wall and then dropped down among the rosebushes. His hope was that when Mme. Primeau thought he was out of the way she would allow her niece to go out into the garden for a breath of air after being imprisoned for two or three days.

The young man waited, his eyes fixed eagerly on the house door, dreading every instant that the servant would appear and close it for the night. But at last the young girl appeared. As soon as she had passed his hiding place and was nearly at the end of the path he came out and followed her.

When she turned in order to retrace her steps, she saw him and uttered a cry of surprise. He advanced to meet her, his cap in his hand, then, when he was face to face with her, he told her all, hurriedly, eagerly, mixing everything up together and yet fixing her attention in spite of his incoherency of all he said by the passionate look in his eyes and by the tender inflexion of his voice, in which his whole soul vibrated.

She listened to him in astonishment. Her face was paler than ever with emotion, but she could not find a word to say to him—her ideas seemed to be hopelessly scattered. Her hands were clasped together, and she shuddered perceptibly. It was as though invisible wings were hovering around her in the still blue of the summer evening.

Just like some vision she retreated slowly and then faded from his sight in the gathering darkness amid the trees. As she was going, though, he said hurriedly: "I understand * * * it has been so sudden * * * you cannot answer me * * *. Do not tell me now, but at daybreak, when our detachment passes in front of the house * * * * be there * * * make some sign * * * * smile * * * * or, at any rate, let me se you open the window even * * * * nothing else but just that * * * * and I shall know that you are not angry with me, that I may come and see you again."

When once the young girl was back in the sick room, she took up her usual place on a low sofa near the bed. The invalid was breathing more regularly and seemed to be sleeping.

Now that she was calmer and could think it all over deliberately she felt deeply touched as she remembered all he had said, and presently a feeling of pride came over her. She was proud to have won the love of such a man, and great tears of happiness gathered in her eyes and rolled slowly down her pale cheeks.

Suddenly, at daybreak, Louise was awakened by a bugle blast, bold, clear, victorious, rousing from slumber the silent fields and the whole country round.

The girl started up, and she saw a faint, rosy light penetrating through the closed venetian blinds.

In the distace she could hear the confused murmur of men's voices.

An invincible desire took possession of her to break away from her monotonous existence, to live and breathe and to answer the appeal to her love which had so bewildered her yesterday. She went quickly to the window and stretched her two hands up eagerly to open it, fearing it to be too late—when a cry of distress stopped her short

The sick woman, livid and shivering, was sitting up in bed, and seeing what her niece was just going to do, she cried out in a hoarse, desperate voice:

"You are opening the window, Louise. * * * Whatever possesses you? I am cold—oh, so cold! * * * Come here to me. * * * Don't leave me. * * * Oh, what pain I am in! I am terrified. * * * Child! * * * I am dying—I know I am." * * *

Just at this moment Louise could hear the measured tread of the soldiers; but nevertheless she went to her aunt. As soon as she reached the bedside the sick woman seized her in her arms and kissed her over and over again. But for the first time Louise was impatient and tried to disengage herself from her aunt's embrace. It was as though she was attracted toward the window by some hitherto unknown force, powerful and almost unearthly.

The sick woman took the girl's hand and placed it on her own heart, which was beating wildly. It was enough. * * * A deep, an infinite, pity overcame the young girl. * * * She resisted no longer, but quietly and submissively sat down on the bed, and, taking the invalid in her arms, she kissed the poor, wrinkled face and soothingly promised never—never to leave her. The two women remained thus, with the blinds still down, while with a measured tread of heavy boots on the pavement and a clanging of steel the soldiers marched on, and on, and on * * * until finally Louise heard nothing more but the beating of her own heart.

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In front of the old gray house, holding his sword loosely, Maurice Tournier had felt a terrible pang as he gazed up at those closed blinds. When the detachment had passed, he had stopped short, and then, walking back under pretense of inspecting his men, he had gazed and gazed at that window.

When at last the thick screen of poplar trees hid from him, first, the house, then the square, and last of all the little church, he clinched his teeth tightly together, for he felt sobs raising in his throat, as though they would choke him.

Suddenly, ashamed of his weakness hardening himself by a tremendous effort of his will against his grief and emotion, he tried to feel angry instead and he kept repeating to himself:

It is her pride and vanity!"

And two lives that might have blessed each other were divided forever.

Chesterville Items.

It is rumored that the mail route from Crumpton via. Chesterville to Millington is to be discontinued by leaving Crumpton off, and have a stage to run from Chesterville to Millington. There are several applicants for the position, and the lowest bidder will be the successful one.

Since the revival services have ceased our village has again settled down to its usual quietness. Bro. Sedgwick and his members work hard for the sake of sinners with little or no success.

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The Wicomico *News* states that many inquiries are being received there from the West relative to buying farms to settle upon. They say they want to get to a climate where it isn't so cold and the wind doesn't blow so hard. Over two hundred of these inquiries were received by one agency in Salisbury last week. With a little effort thousands of these returning Westerners could be settled in Maryland, and Kent would be wise to seek a share of them.

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