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husbands.

He had forgotten the times, a few years ago, when she had tried earnestly and often to win back his confidence and affection. The significance of those fruitless efforts was not a matter which he had taken time to consider, his point of view making it appear uninteresting and unimportant. Moreover, things had been somewhat new to him then, and he had thought her rather silly in supposing that a young man could talk to his mother about them, or have that sympathy with him which had existed previous to his reaching manhood.

The very thought of his mother grew to make him restless and dissatisfied. He by no means wished heroutofthe way, but he would have liked her to be different—in what respect he hardly knew. It seemed just as well that he did not have to see her often, yet it made him a little uncomfortable, now and then, to remember that no one else saw her, either.

He thought of these things more than usual as his cab rattled along from the club to his oculist's one day. There was no apparent connection between this trouble with his eyes and the foolish ways of his mother, yet whenever his eyes pained him he seemed to think of her. He remembered how she sat in her rooms day after day, and wondered what she did with herself and whether she were very lonely. It was difficult to imagine what she would have to talk about nowadays. Moreover, it would be a great bore to have to go in to see her when he could be in the company of his brilliant friends instead.

He had jeered at the idea of there being anything serious the matter with his eyes. He was too full of the fire and vigor of life and the virile strength of manhood for anything of the kind to be possible—and he would be for twenty years to come. Assuming an eyeglass of any description made a man look like either a dude or a secretive schoolmaster. He would be a whole man or nothing. But to-day the eyes pained him so much worse than ever, and everything appeared so blurred because of the pain, that he decided to see an oculist.

The one to whom he concluded to go was a clever old fellow whom he had met socially several times. He rather liked the old gentleman, and had he thought on the subject at all, would have supposed that the feeling of good fellowship was reciprocated. At the end of the examination he gaily asked for an opinion, not having noticed the oculist's extreme quietness of manner. And he sat carelessly in the oculist's chair, all unconscious of himself and with that way of the perfect animal which shows how every moment is satisfactory and complete. The answer was not given immediately, and the question was repeated.

"You may go blind, Mr. Walton," the oculist said, in a tone of indifference, placing a magnifying glass carefully in its case. "You will possibly be blind, and then it is not likely that you could be cured."

The young man leaped from his seat with an exclamation of astonishment and of anger. "You talk like a lunatic!" he cried, forgetting, in the shock of the moment, that imperturbable politeness upon which he prided himself.

"But you may come to me in about a month," the other calmly continued, after a moment's pause, "and I will see what can be done for you. Do not use your eyes in the meantime. Be careful of your general health, however good it may apparently be. No dissipation, if you please.

The young man stood looking at him in indignation and amazement. The oculist finished putting by his paraphernalia. Then he turned and faced his patient with a look of unconcern in his passionless old eyes.

"There are perhaps about seven chances in ten in your favor; yet you may be blind within a year."

He turned to more carefully close a drawer, then quietly continued.

"Will my age, my indifference, and the fact that you are a gentleman, Mr. Walton, render it possible for me to say the things that I am thinking? Oculists who understand their business have a disagreeable amount of penetration and wisdom.

I am thinking that when you are blind the world will look dark to you and empty—as dark and empty as it should look to you now. For instance, the beautiful women whom you know more or less intimately will not love you half so well. They are the kind of women who find it easy to forget. They are not your friends. You have never made a friend of a woman.

He paused a moment, looking at the young man as though he did not see him.

"When you are blind you will discover that the class of titled foreigners who invite you to their homes do not care to have in their drawing rooms a man so afflicted. It will not be greatly different with your fashionable American friends. When you are blind the jolly, fast young men who love you now, and clap you on your shoulder and give you their shallow confidence, will not find it convenient to see you if you venture out on the streets; they will not find it convenient to call upon you at your home."

The young man did not speak. He waited quietly, but with a look that might be of anger or scorn, for the older man to finish.

"Will such a procedure on their part surprise you?" the oculist asked. "Have you ever tried very hard to comfort an afflicted acquaintance or friend? Have you not rather considered afflicted persons as unworthy of your attention? Have you yourself not always been careless and regardless of others? What have you done with your life beyond making yourself somewhat agreeable to the very persons who would have had just as good a time without you?

"Listen to the advice of an old man who has seen much of the world, and ask yourself honestly whether you have not made your life an almost despicable one? Despicable is the word I used. Perhaps it may be too strong. I am old—and indifferent. Have you ever done one worthy act upon which you can think with pleasure after you grow blind or after you grow old?

"Wait a moment, Mr. Walton. I am harsh. I, comparatively a stranger, am meddling with your affairs; but this view might never come to you except without, and there is no one to present it. I trouble to tell you a plain truth because I think you one of the few—one who could be noble if he would. I am sorry for you. You probably have not one true friend in this wide world, not one who will remember you with tenderness or kind regard when you are dead. You may live for half a century yet. But that is not much, you know. The number of half centuries that will come after you are forgotten cannot be counted."

He stopped speaking for a moment, and with a curious glance regarded the young man, who closed his lips, as if with the determination to say nothing. But to-day the eyes pained him so much worse than ever, and everything appeared so blurred because of the pain, that he decided to see an oculist.

"No one will care," he repeated, speaking more slowly, "except your mother. But you have your mother. She is alone. She is waiting for you. The last years of a mother who is estranged from her son, however worthless he may be in the eyes of the world, are likely to be years of emptyness and sorrow. A mother does not grow used to the coldness of her son; least of all does your mother. Does a character so fair, so generous, so kind, deserve these sad and lonely years? She has been waiting for you a long time. She has been waiting hopelessly. She is not young. She cannot wait much longer.

The oculist turned away in time to hide a sudden look of approval and admiration that lighted up his pleasant old face. "Ah, I was not mistaken in him," he said to himself. He is worth curing. I will try it.

The young man had regained his self-possession by this time. He turned and left the room very coolly, and gave the order in his usual tone as he leaped into the cab. There was not enough change in his face, as he reached the house and asked carelessly whether his mother were upstairs, to reward the butler's curious regard.

When he knocked at his mother's door and entered she looked up at him in surprise. He had not been in her room for months.

"Did you wish to see me?" she asked.

He stood looking at her in astonishment. Who was this beautiful old lady with a face of human kindness? If she had been waiting for him she had not been waiting in idleness! A sudden vision of dirty back streets—dirty, but with human beings living in them—came to his mind as he saw how any sorrow for loss of himself showed only as a trace of additional refinement on a face made lovely by forgetfulness of self, by a sincere desire for the comfort and the happiness of others He had never thought of those streets before as having human beings on them. They were merely parts of the city to be avoided. Why this old lady with silver hair and kindly eyes was a happy old lady! And she was not old, not even in that plain gray dress! He flushed with humiliation, with pleasure, with admiration, with the suddenness of his discovery.

"Come in," she said.

Something in her voice—could she have understood in that flash of time?

He went up quickly and knelt beside her and put his arms around her.

"Mother," he said, "my eyes are troubling me somewhat, and Dr. Franklin, the oculist on Twenty-third street, you know, thinks they must be taken care of for awhile."

He paused uncertainly for a moment, seeing the light in her face. He seemed very joyful and very awkward, all in a moment.

"But I find," he added, with a broken little laugh, "that I can see much better while my sight is poor. I can see a good many things better. Will you be glad that I can see?"

Perhaps she should have shed some foolish tears of joy at this crowning happiness of all, for the estrangement had been long. But when he asked her that, she only gave a smile—merry, indulgent, beautiful—as she put her arms around his neck and kissed him.

"My boy," she said. "I am so glad, so glad!"

The Eating of Fruit.

Fruit is a necessary and natural food. Insects, animals, children hunger for it. The small boy in early summer, in his impatience, will not wait for it to ripen, but will run the risk of colic pangs, not to mention maternal punishment, in his eagerness to obtain it. The food of the wise man is fruit in plenty, with milk, rice and eggs. The children of the city alleys, with their pallid faces and inert bodies, do not suffer from lack of fresh country air alone. They need fruit. They are suffering from incipient scurvy, the one and only remedy for which is fresh fruit. Take them into an old apple orchard in harvest time, give them the citizenship of the trees, and see how quickly the rosy cheeks of the apples will be transferred.

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MAIN LINE AND CONNECTIONS
Taking effect October 2nd, '98

TRAINS WEST

LEAVE	1. A M *	11. AM. †	15. AM. †	23. PM †	29 P M †	31 A M †	35 *
New York							
Philadelphia							
Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.11	10.17	4.18	1	9	8.37
Arlington		8.35	10.39	4.40	6.3	9.	9.0
Mt. Hope		8.39	10.42	4.34	6.18	9.17	9.12
Pikesville		8.46	10.49	4.44	6.5	9.24	9.19
Owings Mills		8.57	11.02	4.54	6.56	9.35	9.31
Glyndon	5.11	9.10	11.14	5 07	7.19	9.48	9.44
Emory Grove		9.11	11.15		7.20	9.53	9.45
Finksburg		9.21	11.16	5.16	7.25	9.54	9.47
Carrollton		9.26	11.38	5.37	7.36		10.0
Westminster	5.40	9.42	11.53	5.42	7.51		9.57
Avondale		9 59	12.00	5.48	8 00	10.2	9. 6
New Windsor	5.53	10.03	12.10	6.01	8.18	10.26	9. 8
Linwood		10.15	12.16	6.06	8.25	10.4	4.00
Union Bridge	6.00	10.19	12.20	6.12	8 30	10.48	4.0
Middleburg		10.16	P M.	6.18	P M	A M	P M.
Bruceville	6.07	10.28		6.32			
D. P. Creek		10.32		6.36			
Rocky Ridge		10.40		6.44			
Thurmont	6.15	10.53		6.58			
Edgemont	7.04	11.02		7.11			
Waynesboro	7 29	12.09		7.12			
Chambersbg	8 05	12.26		8 28			
Shippensburg	†			8. 5			
Hagerstown	7.30	12 15		8.0			
Williamsport		A M.	P M.		P M.		

TRAINS EAST

LEAVE	22. P M *	4. AM. †	8. AM. †	12. P M †	18. P M. †	52 A M †	54 M. †
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4.15		7.02		2.07		
Shippensburg			6.00				
Chamb'rs-burg			6.71		1.47		
Waynesboro			7.17		2.18		
Edgemont	4 40		7.6		2.41		
Thurmont	5.06		8.1		3.13		
Rocky Ridge			8.26		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8.33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.28		8.37		3.44	6.46	
Middleburg			8.39		3.46	6.47	
Union Bridge	5.45	6.05	8.45	12.50	3.15	6.56	4.05
Linwood		6.12	8.49	12.54	3 59	7.06	4. 0
New Windsor	5.52	6.20	8.54	12.59	4.0	7.08	4.15
Avondale		6.34		1 06	4 17	7.23	4. 6
Westminster	6.6	6 47	9.11	1 16	4.34	7.36	4.24
Carrollton		7 04	9.25	1.31	4.39	7.5	4. 9
Finksburg		7.18	9.35	1 41	4.49	8.5	4.12
Emory Grove		7.10		1.9	5.10	8.15	5.14
Glyndon	6.35	7.40	9.43	1 10	5 42	8.29	5.15
Owings Mills	6.53	7.72	9.52	2 2	5.53	8.38	5.28
Pikesville		8.4	10.00	2.11	5 56	8.44	5.29
Mt Hope		8.11	10.05	2.8	6 03	8.51	5.46
Arlington		8.14		2.21	6.07	8.54	5.0
Baltimore	7.7	8.40	10.27	2.2	5 59	9.20	5.15
Washington							
Philadelphia							
New York	P M.	A M.	A M	P M.	P M	A M	

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

Passengers for and from Cherry Run, Williamsport, P. V. and intermediate points, from and for stations east of Hagerstown change at Hagerstown.

EMMITSBURG R. R. Trains East will leave Emmitsburg daily, except Sundays, at 7.5 and 10.00 A. M. and 2.55 and 4.70 P. M., arriving Rocky Ridge at 8.20 and 10.20 A. M. and 3.5 and 5.20 P. M. Trains west will leave Rocky Ridge, daily, except Sundays, at 8.36 and 10.40 A. M. and 3.31 and 6.34 P. M., arriving at Emmitsburg 8.56 and 11.10 A. M. and 4.01 and 7.04 P. M.

FREDERICK DIVISION PENNSYLVANIA R. R. (Daily except Sunday.)—Trains for Frederick leave Bruceville at 8.28 A. M. and 2.5 and 10.0 P. M. and 5.38 and 6.30 P. M. Trains for Taneytown, Littlestown and Columbia leave Bruceville 9.47 A. M. and at 3.45 P. M.

Through Trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Baltimore and Harrisburg Division leave Baltimore daily, except Sunday, at 7.22 A. M. and 3.32 P. M. Through cars for Gettysburg and intermediate points leave Baltimore also daily, except Sunday at 10.17 A. M.

BALTIMORE & CUMBERLAND VALLEY BRANCH.—Trains leave Hagerstown for Waynesboro, Chambersburg and Intermediate Stations 6.35 and 11.30 a. m., and for Shippensburg 7.00 p. m., and leave Shippensburg for Hagerstown and Intermediate Stations at 6.00 a. m., and leave Chambersburg for Hagerstown at 1.45 and 3.30 p. m.

Leave Chambersburg for Shippensburg and Intermediate Stations 7.45 and 11.40 a. m., and 4.30 p. m., and leave Shippensburg for Hagerstown and Intermediate Stations at 9.50 a. m., and 1.25 and 8.35 p. m.

Additional trains leave Baltimore for Union Bridge and Intermediate Stations at 10.17 a. m., and 6.30 p. m., and leave Union Bridge for Baltimore at 6.15 a. m., and 12 50 p. m., daily, except Sunday.

SUNDAYS ONLY.—Leave Baltimore for Union Bridge and Intermediate Stations 9. 0 a. m., and 2.35 p. m. Leave Bruceville at 6.45 a. m., and Union Bridge at 4.55 p. m., for Baltimore and Intermediate Stations.

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