MAUREEN'S LOVER.

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BY CONSTANCE CRAIGIE HALKETT.

Of course, I know that any number of men have been guardians sometimes (as I am) to a young and pretty ward.

But my wife and I agreed one day that, among the lot of them, nobody could possibly give more food for thought and anxiety than did Maureen O'Connor, our niece and ward.

To say she was pretty sounded tame. She was as fresh and sweet as a wild flower. She was as wild as any deer on our hills. She feared neither man nor beast, rode horses many boys would have declined to mount, could swim like a fish and run like a hare. When I add that she was just seventeen, and had shut up her lesson books with a decided bang the day before her birthday, you will perhaps understand why my wife and I were sitting looking at each other, discussing Maureen.

She was, or would be, an heiress, and she knew about as much on the subject of money as those birds yonder near the marsh. She could spend it, though, for she loved giving. No tale of distress was ever told to her in vain, for she had the warmest of Irish hearts. The only way, indeed, one could influence her, I found out long ago, was to appeal to that—it was no good lecturing Maureen.

My wife was looking rather helpless. Maureen adored her, but ruled her—absolutely. My wife worshiped Maureen, and spoiled her horribly, but to me she alwaye played the role of a dutiful ward, though she knew perfectly well that it never deceived me for one moment.

"She ought to go to the city and make her social debut," she said, firmly.

"I quite agree with you," said I, "but will she go?"

"I—I don't know."

"Ah!" I laughed, "you see, we can't exactly make her go."

"Have you ever been able to make her do anything?" my wife asked, scornfully.

She spoke as if she had been in the habit of enforcing obedience on Maureen every other minute, and I was riled.

"I haven't obscrved that your attempts in that direction have been so very successful," I said, crossly.

"Whereupon we both laughed (we possess a sense of humor—a thing which saves so many situations from becoming serious).

Just then, through the open window, we caught sight of a dainty, charming figure, in the simplest of draperies, tearing across the lawn, three or four dogs at her heels.

I went to the window and called her back. She came reluctantly.

"Am I in for a scolding?" she asked, her lovely face mutinous, her eyes so full of laughter that they would have disarmed the severest guardian, I almost think.

"Come in here," I said, "we want to speak to you seriously."

She groaned and gave a backward glance across the flower-spangled meadows and the sunny garden.

"Fancy being serious on such a day!" she said. "It's wasting one's time positively, I do assure you."

However, she lifted her dainty skirts, and with one bound was in at the window.

"My dear," I said "you've grown up now, you know."

Her answer was an affectionate hug, and "If you only knew how funny you look when you try to look solemn," said she.

Well, we sat down, one on each side of her, and we propounded the social debut. I talked what I believed to be common sense. My wife said a good deal about parties and beautiful gowns, and seasoned the lump with a little worldly wisdom, which I firmly believe she had learned out of a book, as she hasn't a particle of her own.

Maureen sat there as quiet as a mouse and listened patiently, but said nothing until we came to a full stop. It is a trifle difficult to go on adducing arguments in support of a plan when nobody says anything to contradict you.

This was what we both felt, so we paused. Maureen still sat silent for a moment, then she spoke. I had never heard Maureen's voice with that inflection in my life; she was actually serious.

"My dears," she said, as she slipped one hand into mine and another into my wife's, "you've been very good to me all my life," and there was a thrill in her voice as she said it which made my eyes grow suddenly dim. "I've lost both father and mother, but you have been so kind to me that I never missed either—can I say more? But don't make me do this thing. What is the idea? I shall be rich some day, and I know you think me pretty, therefore you would like me to make a grand marriage. I don't care if I marry or don't but I'm quite sure it would be hateful to live in a dirty old city, and I'm not going to do it, so that is quite settled, isn't it?"

During the first quarter of her speech my wife and I held our breaths it was so unlike the Maureen of every day—but the wind-up held a family likeness to speech we had often heard, and we felt that we were treading familiar ground once more.

"Then you won't go," I said.

"Indeed, I won't," she replied, and then there was a vision of gathered skirts and tiny feet, for Maureen had departed by the way she had come.

My wife and I looked at each other and gave a sigh of relief.

"I hate the city," she said suddenly, "but I thought it was my duty to take her there."

"Just what I felt myself," I told her, "but apparenrly we won't have to uproot ourselves after all; you see, she has made up her mind."

"It never takes her long to do that."

"If she made up her mind to marry anybody, for instance, and we didn't approve," she suggested, "what could we do?"

My face, I presume, presented a blank, for my wife jumped up and went out of the room laughing.

Maureen wasn't my only care, either. I had a son called Tom, and he was as wild as a hawk, and so I need hardly say that he and my ward hunted in couples. He was a year or two younger than she was, but he would have followed her to the moon willingly, had there been a path there, and there had never been an escapade of hers in which Tom had not had his full share.

I had had tutors for him, but one after another these gentlemen had informed me that—well, one of them had insinuated that I had better engage one of the wild beast tamers from a traveling menagerie, as such a person might succeed in instructing Tom. For an ordinary man it was a hopeless task, he said, to attempt to teach him anything.

My wife had warned me not to engage any young man as tutor this time. "Now Maureen is grown up," she said, "your own common sense will tell you that it wouldn't do at all."

I agreed hastily, and sat down to accept the suggestion of a friend who had proposed sending me a certain Professor Bryant, who, my friend said, was quite clever at dealing with boys. I had visions of spectacles and a brain stuffed with classical lore, of some old dry-as-dust specimen of humanity, and I gave a sigh of sympathy with Tom. I remembered my own mad youth, and understood him better than most people could, except Maureen.

But the boy must learn; he was going to college soon to prepare himself for the bar, and he needed preliminary tuition.

My letter was written and duly dispatched, my terms were accepted by "Professor Bryant," and a few days later came a telegram announcing his arrival.

I had spoken to Maureen about it, and she had coaxed Tom into a state of quiescence, which was a shade better than the open rebellion which he usually showed to new arrivals of the genus tutor.

I sent a carriage to the station to meet the professor, and stayed at home to receive him.

I went out to the hall when I heard the wheels on the drive, and I shall never forget my feelings of surprise when the "professor" came into the lamp-lit room. He was six-foot-three, at least— a fair-haired, blue-eyed giant, and if he was more than six and twenty, I'm—well, add to that the most attractive man I ever saw in my life and you will understand that, as he stood there facing me in his rough tweed suit, I was mentally ejaculating:

"What will Molly (my wife) say?"

What she did say was so different from what I had expected that I was struck dumb, and only stared at her, wondering for the hundred thousandth time at the inconsistency of women.

She just looked at me, her eyes bright and her cheeks quite pink, and she said:

"He's the handsomest man I ever saw; he is one of the Bryants of Dorchester, a cousin of my mother's (isn't that queer?) He's as good as gold and as nice as he can be, and I do wish he'd fall in love with Maureen."

Which speech, as I have already remarked, struck me dumb.

There was no use in reminding her, "You said so and so a week ago." She would have waved me aside with an airy "One is at liberty to change one's mind." So I, metaphorically, took a back seat and waited to see what would happen next.

What did happen was a refreshing novelty. Tom took to Bryant at once; he also took to his books, and worked like a beaver, morning, noon and night—except now and again, when he and Bryant took a holiday and went fishing. Of this art Bryant was found to be a past master, and Tom's respect for him increased accordingly.

The other noticeable fact since his arrival was still more extraordinary.

Maureen became strangely quiet—oddly shy—a new loveliness had touched her face, and even I knew it was something which could not be accounted for by any physical cause. It was almost the difference between an "Undine" before she had a soul and after she possessed one, or at least the difference between a child and a woman.

Maureen had crossed the dividing line, and, consciously or unconsciously, somebody had won her heart.

Things went on much as usual otherwise, but, about six months after Bryant's arrival, he asked to see me in the library "on business."

My heart sank. He was going to throw up the place—of course, I knew that. He did "throw up the place," as I had expected; but he said to me when he had done so: "I think it's only fair to tell you that it's not because of any trouble I've had with Tom that I am leaving. We get on capitally. The boy has brains and grit enough for two. He'll make his mark by and by, but——" he paused.

"Out with it, man!" I said, impatiently. "I can't stand people who leave a sentence unfinished."

Bryant smiled broadly.

"All right," he said, "I'll go straight to the point. I love Miss O'Connor, your niece and ward. I am a poor man; although a small estate at Dorchester belongs to me, it has been let for years, and I haven't enough to keep a wife, even supposing that I might venture to try and win Miss O'Connor. I am getting to care for her more every day, and I am going away because I can't stand it."

"Bless my soul!" I said, "you had better tell her that."

Bryant took a step forward, his eyes very bright.

"Do you mean to tell me that you would sanction," he began eagerly, then checked himself hastily; "but no," he said, "it is impossible, I've hardly any money."

"But I've enough for two," said a soft voice at my elbow, and, turning round I found Maureen beside me.

"It seems to me," I said to Bryant, "that is a matter to settle between you. If Maureen wants to marry you, she will marry you, whether I approve or not. I'm not sure whether she wouldn't marry you, whether you approved or not. Anyhow, I am off to the farm; you can fight it out between yourselves."

I met my wife in the passage. Her face was simply a note of interrogation.

"It's all right," I said, laconically. "Bryant and Maureen are in there."

"Then he has fallen in love with her," she said joyfully.

"It looks like it," I remarked.

But she paid no attention and went on: "And he will marry her?"

"I shouldn't be surprised," I said, "but of one thing I am certain—she will marry him."

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NO. 4176 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

Josiah H. Cover, et al., plaintiffs, vs. Anna Margaret Cover, et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 15th day of September, in the year 1904, by the Circuit Court for Carroll county, in equity, that the sales of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Josiah H. Cover and Albert V. Cover, trustees, appointed by decree of this court to make said sales, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 17th day of October, 1904; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 10th day of October, 1904. The report of sale states the amount of the sales to be $6,655 30.

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NO. 4129 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Edward O. Weant, trustee and plantiff, vs. Christiana Shipley and Lewis Shipley, defendants.

Ordered, this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1904, that the account of the Auditor filed in this cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 30th day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

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