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DENTON MARYLAND.

ONLY A DEPENDENT.

Adaline Reynolds sat alone in one of the many rooms of her uncle's splendid city mansion. Yet the brilliantly lighted parlors were thronged with a gay assemblage. Why was she the only one sad?

It was her cousin Clara's birth night, and when Clara had been asked who Adaline was, the cruel answer was, "only a dependent, a distant relation of father's."

Adaline had heard the contemptuous reply, and hence she was alone and weeping.

Adaline sad, her eyes resting on the silvery moon, which was shedding its light full upon her upturned face. That face was one of the most beautiful imaginable. Tears were gathered in the large soul-lit eyes, and one fell upon the small white hand. Adaline, at this, started up as if an adder had stung her, and brushed the tear drops from her eyes, saying:

"Back, back to your fountain. Although I am only a dependent, I will win a name, and they shall be proud of their poor cousin!'

Slowly Adaline dropped upon her knees, asking God to guide her in the step she was going to take.

When she arose the guests were departing, for she could hear the carriages as they rolled away. Yet she did not retire until the dawn of day. Her slender fingers were flying over the paper on which she was writing.

The morning sun was shining bright and beautiful. Mr. Howard sat alone in his library. He was thinking of the past.—Once more the gray-haired man was a child, seated around his father's fireside with his brothers and sisters, listening to his kind Sire's advice, or looking to catch his mother's love-lit smile. Then a cloud came between him and his life of sunshine. The death-angel claimed his fondly loved mother; another and another passed away until all was gone but his idolized sister Ada.

Her he saw just verging into womanhood. Another vision passed before him, his new proud, aristocratic wife. She had deceived him, it mattered not how; it was too late now for remedy. His daughters, three in number, had grown up to womanhood, and inherited all their mother's foolish pride.

He had heard Clara, the eldest, but the evening before, say Adaline was only a dependent. The words had sunk deep into his heart. Was not Adaline his sister's child?

Again, and Ada passed before him, arrayed in her bridal robes. He heard her farewell words, and felt her farewell kiss. She was going to her western home.

A few short years passed by, when one dark day a letter came telling him of his sister's death, then of her husband's and asking him to rear her child as his own.—Did he not love that child as his own?—Yes, nobly hast thou done thy duty to thy dead sister's child. But alas! thy words were the only kind ones Adaline received.

When he sat thus, recalling the past, two soft arms stole around his neck, and a sweet voice said, "Uncle, what are you thinking about?'

"Must I tell you it was about my little pet? Oh, how lonely I shall be when she is gone.'

"Gone where, Uncle?'

"Why, to Mrs. Westbrook's. Did I not promise to send you there next month?'

"Yes, Uncle, but I thought you had forgotten it. I am so happy now at the thought of going back to dear Walnut hill once more; not at leaving you Uncle,' and the tears came into her eyes as she kissed him, who cared more for her happiness than for his own.

Again she murmured the words of the night before, "I will win a name for his sake.' And in a few moments she was walking down the street towards the post-office, bearing in her hand the treasured thoughts that she had penned when hope was almost dead in her heart.

"Mother,' said Clara Howard, "do you know father is going to send Adaline back to school again?'

"Yes, I know it, and I have told him that she will repay him with ungratefulness.'

Just then Emma came in with a newspaper, saying, "there is such a beautiful piece of poetry written in the GAZETTE it is called Thoughts of Heaven; and the editor has complimented the authoress whose name is Lena.'

Clara read it and poured forth her praises on the writer.

Adaline was in the next room, and her heart bounded with joy and hope as she recognized her own poem.

We will pass over the farewell, and Adaline's sadness at leaving her kind uncle. The poor "dependant" is again Mrs. Westbrook's favorite pupil. Adaline tells her own secret to her kind preceptress.

The name of Lena soon found its way out in the literary world. No one suspected, however, that Lena, the gifted poetess, was Adaline Reynolds.

Three years passed. Adaline was still with Mrs. Westbrook, for although she had long since graduated with the highest honors, she preferred remaining with her kind friend, and assisting her in her duties of labor and love.

A new light had dawned upon her also, she loved with a true woman's heart, and was beloved in return. Yet he knew not that he loved the poetess Lena. The world was ringing with her praise, and he, too, had admired the heaven-born talent of Lena.

Adaline, on her part, knew not yet that Mr. Edward Stanley, was sometimes called the Hon. Edward Stanley, and was Congressman from A———

She had met him as Mrs. Westbrook's cousin, during a visit he had made to her preceptress, and they had loved instinctively. She promised to become forever his the ensuing spring.

She was seated in a pleasant reverie, when she was interrupted by the servant telling her that an old gentleman wished to see her. He was none other than her uncle.

In a few moments she was clasped in his arms.

Mr. Howard thought Adaline more beautiful than ever; and when Mrs. Westbrook told him Adaline was Lena, tears of joys rolled down his aged cheeks.

"Ah uncle,' she said, who would Lena have to love her if you were gone?'

"Even now, darling,' answered her uncle, "I have just given my consent to the Hon. Edward Stanley, and when you are the Congressman's bride, you may forget your uncle.'

Adaline could not speak for a moment from surprise, then she said.

"Never, never, will I forget your kindness to the poor orphan. I would not have been what I am now if it had not been for your generosity. Now, in my days of prosperity I would be ungrateful indeed to forget you. But why,' she exclaimed, blushing, "did you call Edward Stanley a Congressman?'

"Because he really is. Did you not know it?'

"Never until this moment.'

Just then Mrs. Westbrook entered. Mr. Howard told her why Adaline looked so bewildered.

"I intended telling her myself, and ask pardon for the deception I practiced upon both of them,' said Mrs. Westbrook. "I told Edward this evening our Lena's history just before he left.'

When Mr. Howard returned to the city, Adaline accompanied him, but she did not go to his mansion. She stopped with an old schoolmate.

It was soon noised about that the gifted and beautiful Lena was in the city, and her true name came out at a grand ball, where her cousins and all their aristocratic friends were present. Adaline was attended by her betrothed husband, Edward Stanley.—She was arrayed in a robe of white satin embroidered with silver. Her raven curls were confined by a band of the richest pearl whilst a necklace of the same encircled her snowy neck. Her cheeks were flushed, for she was listening to her lover's voice.

But when the Misses Howards' arrival was announced, proudly, almost haughtily, did she meet them, with a calm dignity, befitting a queen receiving her subjects.—She was the ruling star of the season.

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Time passed, Mr. Howard lay on his death-bed, prostrated by a sudden and mortal disease.

Adaline had flown to nurse him, for Clara eloped with a worthless adventurer. Edward Stanley was also there.

"Uncle, for so I will call you,' he said, "I am sorry to see you so ill.'

"You have just come in time,' said the old man, "to receive my blessing before I die. I have no right to ask the favor of you, yet I will. Protect my wife and children.'

"I will be to them all that you wish,' said Edward Stanley. "For your kindness to me is dearer to me than life.'

The sufferer smiled faintly.

"Oh, God, I thank thee,' he cried "I can now die contented.'

Emma and Annie, the haughty ballroom belles, were awed by the scene of death, and vowed they would live differently, as they pressed a kiss upon their dying father's lips, and saw their mother borne fainting from the room.

Clara, the disobedient child, was not forgotten.

"Give her my blessing,' said the old man, "and tell her I freely forgive her.'

A few months and he was joined by his repentant wife, who died blessing Adaline with her latest breath, and leaving her two daughters, now almost penniless, to the poor cousin's care.

It was a bright and beautiful morn in the early spring, when Lena, the gifted and beautiful, stood before the altar, to become the wife of the distinguished Edward Stanley.

There, too, were Emma and Annie, looking happily on, while Mrs. Westbrook smiled her congratulations.

It was in a country church that they married. There were many there from the gay city to witness the ceremony.

Little children strewed flowers in the pathway of the bride as she returned to her carriage.

Edward Stanley not only took his wife, but her now dependent cousins.

Adaline did not look upon them as such, however, but treated them as sisters.

But where was Clara all this time? for three years she had not been heard from. But one dark winter's night, a pale woman, in tattered garments, might be seen winding her way down to the Hon. Edward Stanley's beautiful residence. Feebly she knocked for admittance.

The servant stared at her wonderingly, when she asked if Mrs. Stanley was at home.

"Tell her yes,' said Adaline, who always listened to the voice of distress.

The pale supplicant entered, and cast her eyes upon her two sisters, who knew her in a moment, and at once Adaline received the wanderer to her heart.

Clara had come home to Adaline's to die, a deserted, heart-broken wife.

All that could be done was done to restore her, but in vain.

Adaline's voice soothed her in her wildest words of delirium, and it was Adaline's voice that convinced her she could yet be saved.

Clara died a true christian, with the words: "Father, mother, I come.'

Thus the proud, contemptuous beauty owed her last comforts, nay, even her escape from a pauper's grave, to the "poor dependent" she had scorned.

IT is noted that all great humorists are sober and sedate, with a melancholly cast of countenance. It is rather serious to be funny.

The Father of Waters.

The Mississippi River is the guardian pledge of the union of the States of America. Had they been confined to the eastern slopes of the Alleghanies, there would have been no geographical unity between them, and the thread of connection between lands that merely fringed the Atlantic must soon have been sundered. The Father of Rivers gathers his waters from the clouds that break between the Alleghanies and the furthest ranges of the Rocky Mountains. The ridges of the eastern chain bow their heads at the north and at the south; so that, long before science became the companion of man, nature herself pointed out to the barbarous races how short portages joins his tributary rivers to the shore of the Atlantic coast. At the other side his mightiest arms interlock with the arms of the Oregon and the Colorado, and by the conformation of the earth itself marshals highways to the Pacific.—From his remotest springs he refuses to suffer his waters to be divided; but, as he bears them all to the bosom of the ocean, the myriads of flags that wave above his head are all the ensigns of one people.—States, larger than kingdoms, flourish where he passes; and beneath his step cities start into being, more marvelous in their reality than the fabled creations of enchantment. His magnificent valley, lying in the best part of the temperate zone, salubrious and wonderfully fertile, is in the chosen muster ground of the most various elements of human culture, brought together by men summoned from all the civilized nations of the earth, and joined in the bounds of common citizenship by the strong, invisible attraction of republican freedom. Now that science has come to be the household friend of trade and commerce and travel, and that nature has lent to wealth and intellect the use of her constant forces, the hills, once walls of divisions, are scaled, or pierced, or leveled; and the two oceans, between which the Republic has unassailably entrenched itself against the outer world, are bound together across the continent by friendly links of iron.—*From Bancroft's History of the United States.*

Good Desires.

Religion does not consist of *desires to do good actions.* Desires that do not result in choice and actions are not virtuous. Nor are such desires necessarily vicious.—They may arise involuntarily in the mind, in view of certain objects, but while they produce no voluntary act, they are no more virtuous or vicious than the beating of the pulse, except in cases where we have indirectly willed them into existence, by voluntarily putting ourselves under circumstances to excite them. The wickedest man on earth may have strong desires after holiness. He may see clearly that holiness is the only and indispensible means of happiness. And the moment he apprehends holiness as a means of happiness, he naturally desires it. It is to be feared that multitudes are deceiving themselves with the supposition, that a desire for holiness, as a means of holiness, is religion. Many doubtless, give themselves credit for desires that never result in *choosing* right.—They feel desires to do their duty, but do not choose to do it because upon the whole they have strong desires not to do it. In such desires there is no virtue. An action or desire to be virtuous in the sight of God, must be an act of the will. People talk most absurdly on this subject, as though their desires had anything good, while they remain mere desires. "I think I desire to do so and so.' But do you do it? "O no, but I often feel a desire to do it."—This is practical Atheism.

Whatever desires a person may have, if they are not carried out to actual choice and action, they are not virtuous.

And no degree of desire itself is virtuous. If this idea could be made prominent, and fully seated in the minds of men, it would probably annihilate the hopes of half the church, who are living on the good desires, while they are doing nothing for God.—*Fanney.*

The Common Lot.

We are prone to imagine that our temptations are peculiar; that other hearts are free from secret burdens that oppress our energies, and cast a cloud upon our joy, that life has for others a freer movment and a less embarrassed way. But the more we know of what passes in the mind of others; the more our friends disclose to us their consciousness; the more we learn that no man is peculiar in his moral experience, that beneath the surface of life lie deep cares of heart, and that, if we fall under our burdens, we fall beneath the temptations that are common to man, the existence to which others as little suspect in us as we do in them. We have but the trials that are incident to humanity—there is nothing peculiar in our case—and we take up our burdens in faith of heart that, if we are earnest, and trifle not with temptation, God will support us, as, in the past fidelity of His providence. He has supported others as heavily laden as ourselves.

Remember This.

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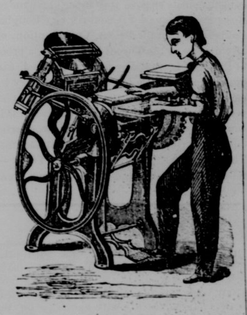

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