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THE TRIUMPH OF "LITTLE ENGLISH."

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They were Tronche, Vailleteau, and Bitte, with Nanette and Suzon. They stood, their akimbo arms interlocked. Suzon was smoking a cigarette, as was also Nanette; the men had pipes.

Bitte spoke. "We have come to see if mademoiselle will go with us this evening to the cafe chantant? We will take our supper there. I shall have the pleasure of escorting mademoiselle."

"I thank you very much," said Miss Van Brugh, smiling, "but I cannot leave my patient."

"What did he do before he had you?' returned Suzon. "He was alone. He can spare you for a little."

"He cannot spare me," she returned, annoyed at their persistency. They knew well that she had never associated with such as they. Her patience was becoming exhausted. "I must go back to him. Please do not make a noise; it disturbs him now."

"You must come with us," said Bitte. He released his arm from the others and stretched out his hand toward the young American.

"I cannot come, I thank you," said she, retreating. "Good night."

For answer Bitte caught her round the waist.

"How dare you!" she cried. "Peschard, Peschard, come! Come quickly!" For she had heard Peschard washing dishes below.

Miss Van Brugh was not a customer to be scorned. He came running up the stairs.

"She can buy you all," shouted Peschard. "Be careful what you do."

"Ah!" said Bitte, spitting between his teeth in the air. "So mademoiselle is better than the rest of us!"

By this time, Peschard, standing between the girl and her tormentors, was saying, "Messieurs, you will cease this noise, if you please, and will go out."

Bitte reached out his arm again toward Miss Van Brugh.

"Do not touch that lady," said Peschard, seeing in a vision the five-franc piece with which he knew he should presently be rewarded.

"And a lady, she? Will Leetl' Anglish marry her? Non, not he," and they clattered noisily down the stairs.

Miss Van Brugh closed the door, forgetting the hungry look in Peschard's eye.

"Little English awoke. "What is it?" he said.

Helen Van Brugh arose from her chair and threw herself on her knees by his side. She laid her face on his outstretched hand and her sobs shook the couch where he lay. Little English laid his other thin hand upon her head.

"What is it, my dear?" he said. "What is it?"

She got up and stood by the bedside. He had never spoken so to her before. He had been grateful, kind, cheerful, when he could, but—

"Mr. Wareham," said she, "do you know what those men out there were saying to me?"

Little English shook his head. "Why do you call me Mr. Wareham?" he said. "Have I offended you? When I am strong I will kill them for making you cry. What did they say?"

"I cannot tell you what they said, but—but—" She knelt suddenly again by the side of the bed. "Will you marry me, Little English? Oh, do marry me! I cannot live if you do not."

Little English sat up, wonder shining in his eyes.

"Will you, would you—oh, my good dear angel, would you?"

"And would you?" cried Helen Van Brugh.

"I! I shall have much the best of the bargain—but no, I forgot; I cannot marry you."

"Why! Why!" She clasped her hand around his thin arm. She was too agitated for tears.

"Because I have no money, my dear angel—nothing to support you with."

"Oh! if that is all." She laughed. "Is that really all, dear? Is that really all?'

"Is it not enough?"

"No, no! It is not enough. I have enough for both. Now will you?"

"And do you love me so much?"

Helen Van Brugh shook her head. "No," she said "not in that way. I love you as I did my little brother Tom who died. You looked like him to me the first day I saw you, but it will come, I think. Little English, dear Little English, it will come, and you really must marry me. I cannot face those girls, the men, all the people, if you do not marry me."

"I would marry you this minute," said Little English, "if I could stand up."

"I can get the priest. I can get the notary, the consul. I can get everyone—only promise me.

Then Miss Van Brugh went to Dannois and told her story, and no one could look in the eyes of the girl and doubt her. Dannois, unwilling to lose so promising a genius as little English, aided them for art's sake. The English and American Ambassadors were interviewed, because Wareham came of a family not to be despised, and one day Little English and Helen Van Brugh were married, he sitting up in bed, she standing by his side.

"And now you must tell me about yourself, Little English," said Mrs Wareham, as she prepared his evening meal.

The Ambassador knew all about me. We talked it all over. He said that there did not seem to be anyone to care whether I married, or whom—the Warehams have never noticed me— Was there a knock at the door, Helen?" She set down the plate she held and went to the door. A fine-looking fellow smiled at them.

"Does Lord Wareham live here?" he asked.

Little English smiled. "No," he said; "English lords do not live at Peschard's or paint at Xau's. He is at home in Wareham Grange."

"May I come in?" The stranger entered. He was a trusted attache of the British Embassy. He smiled. "Its really like a romance," said he, "but Lord Wareham does live here."

Little English turned paler than he was already.

"Some—Something—has—has—happened?"

"Yes, something has happened," said the stranger. "Your great-uncle died yesterday, and—"

"There are my cousin Cuthbert and his son Edward."

"They were drowned on the day before your uncle died on the Firth of Forth. You are Lord Wareham. I am glad to be the first to call you so"

"I am Lord Wareham! I am Lord Wareham!" said Little English, over and over, puzzled and bewildered, and then he looked up at Helen. "I wish mother were here," he said. She took his hand within her own and held it.

"Lady Wareham," said the attache, "the Ambassador's wife wishes me to say that anything she can do—"

"I thank you," said Helen, smiling, "I don't think that Lord Wareham and I shall need anything just at present." Little English looked at her in wonder. It was the adaptability of the American girl of which he had heard so much. One moment the wife of a penniless little artist, whom she had to support, and the next—

When the stranger was gone the girl stood by the fire.

"Come here," said Little English, "and tell me; did I entrap you under false pretenses?"

She turned and faced him. "Are you sorry?" she asked. "There might have been some English girl—"

"There is only an American girl," said the patient. "Ah! what a picture I shall paint now. Come over here, Lady Wareham."

"There is one thing you must not object to," said she. "You won't, will you? I shall always call you Little English."

He laughed gayly. "You may," he said. "Now let us go over to Xau's."

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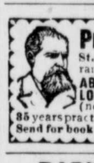

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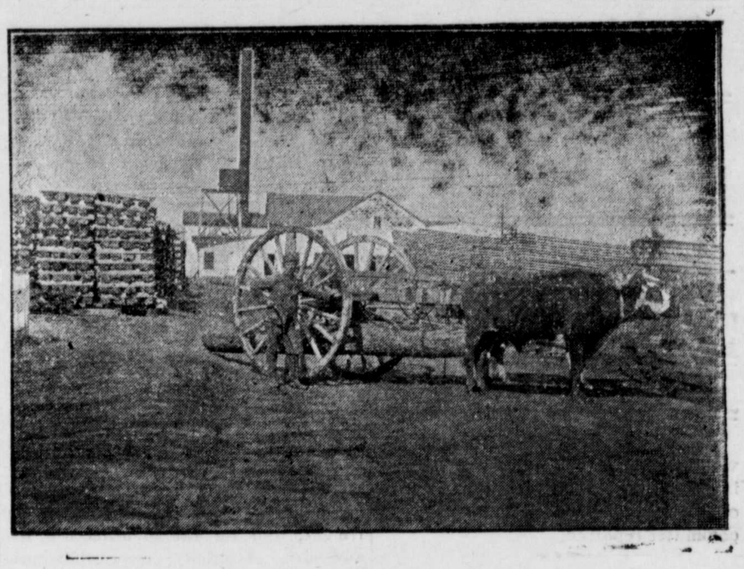

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