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A CHRISTMAS CROWN

BY FRANCIS LIVINGSTON

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"Let it be diamonds, brother Charlie. You cannot go amiss then, for nothing so gladdens a woman's heart. Let one who knows tell you. I shall never be satisfied until I see Helen wearing a diamond tiara. It will be the most beautiful Christmas present you can give her."

Belle Kent watched her brother eagerly as they walked together on the lawn, noting the effect of her words.

"A tiara!" cried Charlie Kent aghast. "Why that is something for a queen to wear! It would cost an awful lot of money!"

"Nonsense," answered Belle, "I don't mean one of those elaborate af-

BELLE CLASPED HER BROTHER'S ARM IMPULSIVELY.

fairs. You are thinking of a coronet. This is just a circlet of diamonds. They needn't be very large stones, but they must be good ones, well matched and beautifully graded. I will help you select them. Come, Charlie, you have had a good year. I heard you say so. And Helen will be so delighted!" Belle clasped her brother's arm impulsively.

The two walked slowly across the lawn toward the house. Charlie Kent had been married to his young wife for five years. She had been famous as one of the most beautiful girls in all the Oranges. It was in this lovely region that they now lived. They had youth, wealth and everything to make life happy save one thing—no child had come to gladden their home. This was a source of sorrow to the young wife—a sorrow of which even her husband did not know. Belle, however, suspected it.

"I had been thinking of a pair of ponies and a phaeton," said Charlie reflectively. "Which would be the better, do you think, those or the diamonds?"

"The diamonds of course. You spoke of a queen just now, Charlie. Isn't Helen far more beautiful and queenly, too, than most royal women? Oh, to think how she will look when she sits in your aunt's box at the opera this winter with her tiara on her head!"

"You really think she would like it, then," said Mr. Kent, beginning to share his sister's enthusiasm.

"Like it, Charlie! I'm sure there's nothing she longs for so much—except perhaps"—

"Except what?" asked Charlie Kent as his sister paused.

"Nothing," said Belle, looking down and smiling a little demurely; "at least nothing that can be bought with money. Come, Charlie, there isn't too much time. Let us settle now upon the diamond tiara for Helen's Christmas present."

During the next month Miss Belle Kent made several mysterious trips to the city. She claimed to be an expert in

SHE STOPPED TO LISTEN AGAIN.

diamonds, and she helped her brother in the selection of those which were to form his wife's tiara. She also had much to say about their arrangement and the simple yet elegant setting which held them.

One week before Christmas the diamond circlet in its violet velvet case lay securely locked in the recesses of Mr. Kent's safe in the city.

Christmas eve arrived. The day had been cold and threatening and toward nightfall a heavy snowstorm set in. Belle was in a fever of impatience as the hour for Charlie's train to arrive drew near. She and Mrs. Kent sat in an upper room waiting.

"There is the whistle!" cried Belle. "I hear the train coming through the valley; now it is slowing up at the station. He will be here in ten minutes now, won't he, Helen?"

"How excited you are, Belle! Your eyes are bright and your cheeks glowing. Why is it?" asked Helen wonderingly.

"Why, because it is Christmas eve, and because—oh, if he would only come! I'm afraid I'll tell if he doesn't hurry," murmured Belle to herself.

But she could not keep quiet a moment. "Helen," she said, "of all the things in the world what would you rather have for Christmas?"

"How can I tell, Belle?" replied the sweet faced wife.

"What is the desire of your heart like? Is it something not very large, but, oh, so beautiful and bright, and all hidden in a soft, rich cover—something which would make every woman you know just wild with envy?"

"Well, perhaps it is a little like that," said Helen musingly, "but without the envy. I don't desire that."

"Well, Helen, this lovely thing is on the way now—it is almost here, and now you mustn't ask me one other question," added Belle, with pretty effrontery. "If you do, I'm afraid I'll tell what it is. Listen!"

At this moment a dark figure was creeping through the gate which opened upon the driveway. It was not Charlie Kent, but a young woman, whose head and figure were wrapped in a heavy shawl. In her arms she carried a bundle. From time to time she bent over it and murmured to it softly.

"This is the house where I have seen the two pretty young women," she whispered. "They may take my little one and be good to him. I can only hope so. * * * If they send you to the foundling asylum, my baby, it is only what your poor mother would have to do."

She stopped and listened a moment, then ran rapidly to the porch.

"Goodby, my precious," she said softly. "If I only dared kiss you again!

CHARLIE CLASPED THE TIARA ON HIS WIFE'S HEAD.

You will never know your mother, but do not think too ill of her if they ever tell you."

She stopped to listen again, for this time she heard the sound of horses' hoofs just outside the gate. She pressed the bundle convulsively to her breast and with a great sob laid it in front of the door. Then she pressed the bell and darted off into the shrubbery.

"There is the bell, Helen! He has come!" cried Belle, clapping her hands. "How long Mary is in answering! I'll run down myself—no, I must stay here! Oh, there she goes now!"

The door opened, but it was a full minute later before they heard Charlie's voice utter a sharp "Hello!" at the entrance. Then all was still for awhile.

Belle bent a listening ear, scarce daring to breathe, while Helen regarded her in amazement.

Charlie's footstep sounded on the stair. It seemed slower and more careful than usual, and Belle, leaping upon the divan, began to declaim:

"'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
When Brother Charlie arrived, climbing higher and higher,
And bringing to my dearest, loveliest Helen her heart's desire."

Belle fairly shrieked the last words as she sprang from her perch and ran toward the door.

"There," she cried, "that may not be poetry, but, oh, how true it is! Behold!"

She flung the door open and disclosed Charlie Kent standing on the threshold, looking rather dazed and holding in his outstretched arms a white bundle.

"Hurrah! He has brought it on a cushion!" shouted Belle. "That is right! Come now, march up to the queen and present it kneeling!"

The girl caught Charlie by the arm and began to drag him forward.

"What is it?" asked Helen, with dilating eyes. She had seen a slight movement in the bundle.

"It is a baby," said Charlie in a queer voice. "I almost fell over it on the porch just now, and"—

"A what!" cried Helen and Belle in chorus. Mrs. Kent seized the bundle in her arms, and in a moment it was on the

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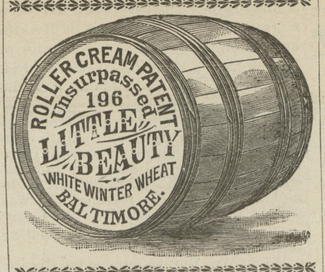

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