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The Sacrifice Made by a Devoted Young Man.

By AINSWORTH RHODES.

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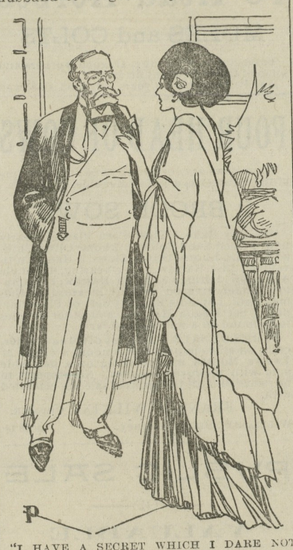
Two medical men, Drs. Fisher and Gardner, were disputing the question as to whether a father's or mother's love for a child or the child's love for its parent arises from consanguinity or association. Dr. Fisher maintained that there is a natural affection between parent and offspring that cannot possibly exist without that consanguinity. Dr. Gardner claimed that a father might love a son whom he supposed to be his own as well as his real issue. He also claimed that a child would love his supposed father and mother as well as those who had begotten him. In support of this position he told the following story:

More than twenty years ago a charming young lady belonging to a family that I attended regularly was married. The match was all for love, no other consideration entering into the contract. That I may not reveal a professional confidence I will call the couple Mr. and Mrs. Ward. I knew Mrs. Ward well, though I had no acquaintance with her husband previous to her marriage. She was a sensitive, high strung woman, and I fancied that unless her husband was a very suave and self controlled man they would be likely to have trouble in getting over that difficult period which comes when newly married people shift from romance to reality. My fears were realized. The husband proved as restive as the wife. They quarreled and three months after their marriage separated.

Mrs. Ward very soon begged her husband to forget the past and return



"I HAVE A SECRET WHICH I DARE NOT KEEP FROM YOU."

to her. He made no reply to the letter containing her request. She wrote again and again and, meeting with no better success than at first, was so despondent that she was threatened with melancholia.

I was called in to see if I could be of any benefit to her, but as I was unable to remove the cause of her condition I could do nothing for her. I consulted with her as to how it might be possible to effect a reconciliation with her husband and incidentally mentioned that if she should have a child there would be an excellent chance for his return to her.

I was not called in again to see her professionally, but about a year after her marriage heard that she had given birth to a son. I was surprised that I had not been asked to superintend the accouchement, but of course gave no expression to that surprise. Then I heard that her husband had gone back to her, a reconciliation had been effected and the couple were living together happily.

Later another child, a girl, was born to the couple, and I was the attendant physician. At my first call Mrs. Ward, we two being alone together, said to me:

"Doctor, you are the only living man of whom I am afraid."

"Why so?" I asked.

"I have a secret which I dare not keep from you. Promise me that you will not reveal it."

There was no need for me to promise to keep a professional secret, as you know, but I gave my word to respect her confidence. Then she told me that my having said that if she should have a child the event would likely be the means of drawing her husband back to her had given her the idea of foisting upon him the child of another. At a foundling asylum a boy baby was procured who had come there dressed in fine linen and lace. She had taken the boy to her home and written her husband that he was a father. He had returned to her at once.

You will admit that this was not a pleasant secret for a physician to have. In the first place, I had promised to keep it; in the second, it had restored a wife to health; in the third, it had been the beginning of a happy family. I advised Mrs. Ward now that a child had really been born to them to confess her deceit to her husband, relying on his generosity and his love for her, enhanced, I hoped, by the knowledge that she had perpetuated it from her love for him. My advice was not heeded. She told me that to confess would be to send her husband away, never to return. In vain I argued that she would live a lifetime in danger of his discovering the fraud and the longer the delay the worse would be the consequences when the discovery was made. I saw nothing for me to do under the circumstances but to wash my hands of the matter and leave her to her fate, whatever that fate might be.

Another girl was born to the pair, and after that children kept coming—all girls—till there were five children including the foundling. He was a fine little chap, with a loving and lovable disposition.

Everard Ward—he was named for his departed—grew up to be a treasure. He would have liked to go to college, but was so necessary to the happiness of the rest of the family that they could not spare him from home. Ward senior was doing a fine business, which he owned, and longed to have Everard with him. So the boy, too fond of his father to disappoint him, entered his counting room and was soon able to relieve the head of the concern of many annoying details.

On the day Everard was twenty-one years old a man called on him and told him that he would like to have him go out with him where he could impart a secret. The man was over sixty years old and evidently a gentleman. He took Everard to a private room in a lawyer's office, closed the door and said to him:

"You are not Everard Ward. You are Lawrence Farwell. You are a foundling. I promised your mother that I would keep track of you and if certain persons who were heirs to certain property died before you I would advise you of the fact and enable you to claim that which such deaths would place in your hands. You were born in wedlock and today, your birthday, are entitled to a property worth about $200,000."

The rest of the information the gentleman gave Everard—who his real father and his real mother were and why he was abandoned—does not necessarily form a part of this story. That it was all true the young man had no reason to doubt, for his informer showed him proofs which he had carefully kept for years and offered to turn over to him the fortune he referred to and of which he was executor. Everard instead of being made happy over the discovery appeared to be very much pained. He asked why his reputed mother had adopted him, but on this point the only information the gentleman could give him was that his supposed parents had been living abroad and that on the coming of the child they had been reunited. For any further information the gentleman referred him to me, the family physician, as the only person at all likely to know. Everard came to me, and I told him the story as I have told it to you.

Here was a crisis in the young man's life. If he accepted his inheritance his reputed father would lose that he had for twenty years been supposed upon by his wife and that a boy he loved so well was not his own son. A fortune of $200,000 was the price that he would receive for permitting this blow to fall upon those he loved. True, the means he would receive would enable him to lavish luxuries on them. But they were comfortably situated, having neither poverty nor riches. Everard asked my advice as to what he should do in the premises, but I declined to give it, leaving him free to act upon his conscience and his wishes. He told me he would think on the matter.

When I saw him again and asked him what was his decision he told me that not a million would tempt him either to risk trouble between his father and mother, to wound his father by telling him that he was not of his flesh and blood or even to let his sisters know that he was not their brother.

I asked him what he would do with the estate that belonged to him, and he told me he had made arrangements on condition of absolute secrecy to turn it over for the endowment of a charitable institution.

And so it was that this young man declined a fortune rather than give pain to the woman whom he loved as his mother or the man who supposed he was his father. The baby who two decades before had reunited husband and wife and been the indirect cause from which had sprung a happy, loving family now turned aside riches rather than wound any one of those he loved so well.

Whence came the love that induced this sacrifice if not from association? The real father and mother had no place in the child's brain or affections. The supposed father loved and was loved as truly as if the boy were a reproduction of himself.

When Dr. Gardner had finished his story Dr. Fisher thought for a few moments, then said:

"I think, doctor, that you have rather given an illustration of a noble character than proved your case. I grant you that association has a great influence. I grant that in this case the supposed father loved the boy he thought to be his own with a stronger love than he might have loved a son of whom he was the real parent. But his own son might have been a miscreant, while his supposed one would make almost any one love him. It is possible that if, in addition to his nobility of character, there had been the additional tie between the two their affection for each other might have been even greater than it was."

"I grant all you say, doctor," replied the other, "but I nevertheless hold that between consanguinity and association, especially among those naturally fitted to love, the latter is far stronger than the former."

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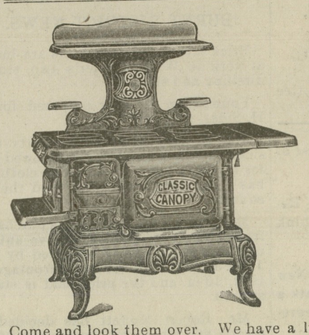

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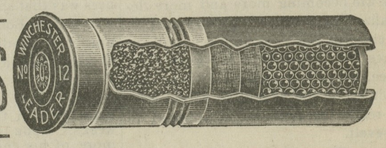

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