

Literature.

TEMPTATION:

OR The Lady of Ashurst.

CHAPTER XLII. BESSIE TRIUMPHANT.

Mr. Ashley was lounging over the latest newspaper when the messenger from Ashurst came over to announce the speedy advent of Mrs. Ashley, accompanied by the young traveller, whose absence from home on his own return had given him so much offence on the previous day.

He threw the daintily worded note his stepmother had written over to his wife, and growled: "My daughter has come at last, but it would have been more respectful if she had been brought home in time to meet me. I shall soon let her see that I am a person of too much importance in her world to be treated with neglect or indifference."

Augusta silently glanced over the note, and Evelyn timidly said: "I am so glad that my sister will soon be with us. I am sure I shall love her, for Frank has told me so many things of her that prove her to be the most lovable."

"I scarcely believed that Master Frank would admit so much as that," sneered her father. "If Bessie is so charming pray why did he leave her to wear the willow, while he made himself a fool about you?"

"The poor girl bowed her burning face, but did not venture to give a reply, which she knew would bring on herself some further taunt, barbed with all the bitterness Ashley so well knew how to infuse into his words."

He smiled grimly at her confusion, and went on: "I wish you to understand that I will have no confidences between you and Bessie. You are not to show her that you are dying for a man who has been her plighted bridegroom for years, for she shall have no such excuse for refusing to obey me when I insist that she shall give her hand to whom my father willed it."

"You abuse the privileges of a newly-found daughter, Bessie, but for the time being something must be conceded to you. I suppose Evelyn is a poor sensitive little fellow, and you will soon find that there is little in common between you. You are a dash, bright creature that any man would be proud to have as a child, but she is a poor insignificant little mite, and not a particle of pride or spirit in her."

"Well-take her under your magnificent protection, and her father will not be so angry with you, but you will not have a word to say to me. For her shame, sir," said Bessie, indignantly. "How can you speak to the child you know nothing of in such a manner of the one you have yourself reared? You have made my sister afraid of you, and now you taunt her with trembling in your presence."

"Mrs. Ashley was alarmed at this retort, and hastily interposed by saying: "My dear Bessie, you are going too far. Do not forget the respect that is due to your father."

Frank and Evelyn to confer privately together. Maitland, delighted with his new companion, showed her the favorite haunts he had already discovered, desecrated on the delights of hunting and fishing, to which amusements he declared he meant to devote his life. Evelyn, a girl of noble and noble blood, was skilled in woodcraft, and had already taught him how to angle successfully.

Bessie listened to the conversation with a smile, and replied to him in such a strain that Maitland declared she was a jolly girl, and worth two of Evelyn, who was angry with him because he had got her and Frank in a scrape with the governor. He had not meant to do any mischief, but he thought it was duced hard that his sister should think he could be mean enough to tell tales on her."

Bessie consented to his promising to place the affair in his right light before Evelyn, and when they gained the edge of the pond she sat down on the embankment, and assisted him to arrange some fishing tackle which had been left there the day before. While she was thus employed, Maitland saw a few waders, and presently returned with paper-filled with ground-worms, to be used as bait.

Declaring that he would catch a mess of fish for her dinner, he allowed her to select a place for him as far as possible from the other anglers, and he intended to sit himself in, in counsel with Frank and Evelyn, when they made their appearance. Glad to give the lady any employment that would keep her quiet, she watched the bobbing of the cork upon the water, indulging her own thoughts on all that had lately transpired. Maitland soon became so absorbed in his efforts to secure a fish which nibbled at his bait, that he ceased to interrupt her by any exclamation.

Nearly half an hour elapsed before the governor and then the appearance of Bessie arose and said to her young companion: "Frank and Evelyn are coming, and we shall be sure to talk, and prevent the fish from biting, little brother, will take them to the other side of the pond, where you can see, but not hear us."

He nodded his head and briefly replied: "All right, you may go, but you know what to do all at once." Accepting the compliment with one of her beaming smiles, Bessie wound her arm round Evelyn, and he had to a shaded nook near the spot on which the fatal duel had been fought so long ago. Neither of the girls was aware that this was the scene of the sad event which had long made Ashurst a name to the natives. Frank was better informed, but he wisely kept his own counsel, and the three sat down beneath the shade of a tree, and he and Evelyn sat on the terrace which surrounded the pond, and Frank at their feet.

"I believe that I am president of the club," said Bessie, laughing. "As our ship of state threatens to wreck on the breakers ahead, we must agree on some measures by which a life preserver at least may be made available. Evelyn would prefer everything by this time, Frank?"

"Yes—she knows that in you she has found a fast friend and a courteous devotee. She is quite of course, to trust you to extricate us from the snarl into which we seem to have fallen."

"Yes, dear sister, Frank has expressed my feelings exactly. I love you and I trust you." "Oh, ye of little faith, why did ye not stand up for yourselves, and fight your own battle as fiercely as I must wage it for you?" she smilingly asked. "Do you not know that the surest way to conquer such a man as Mr. Ashley is to show him that you will not be trampled on? Here you are, Evelyn, with almost the dower of a princess, submitting to be put upon your knees, you are actually supporting my father and all his dependants on your mother's property, yet you are afraid to say a word for yourself in the presence of your tyrant."

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could not have known what you were doing when you gave it. 'Tis not binding on you, my love—if it were, our happiness would be forever wrecked. Speak, my angel, and say that you will fly with me from persecution and ill-usage. Let my uncle curse: God will never listen to the importunings of such a blasphemous man as he is. Oh! Evelyn, consent to escape from his cruel tyranny, and take shelter in the loving heart that yearns to protect you from his violence."

Many conflicting emotions swept over the face of the young girl while Frank thus appealed to her, and both her companions waited with intense interest for her reply. In a tremulous voice, she at length said: "I will pledge myself to your wishes thus far: let us use every effort for two more months to bring my father over to our views. Bessie seems to have gained great influence over him already, and we cannot tell what concessions she may gain from him. It is our duty to try every means to obtain his consent to our union before adopting extreme measures. Should they eventually prove necessary, I will not recoil from them when the time to act arrives."

Wentworth looked disappointed, but Bessie said: "That is as much as you should reasonably expect, Frank, and I am satisfied with it. When you come, then, in which to use such spells as may chance to soften a selfish and flinty heart. My adorer will not appear here as a marplot till December, for I have prohibited him from making his pretensions known till he comes to the wedding at the Oaks. In this brief interval we must do or die in the thralldom which has already broken your spirit, Evelyn, and so changed Frank, that I scarcely know him for the same being."

"Ah, Bessie, you may just who never felt a wound, but Evelyn and I have writhed beneath the infliction of your father's tongue, and you have yet to find out how it can sting and embitter those on whom his anger falls. But for the sake of Evelyn, I should long since have cut myself beyond the reach of his vituperation."

"Please, Frank, don't speak so harshly of him; he is my father, you know," pleaded Evelyn, "and, in spite of all, I love him."

"They were suddenly electrified by the voice of Maitland, shouting just behind them: "So Frank's been giving it to the governor, has he? Hoory for him! I say; and you're a spooney, Evelyn, to talk about loving such a hard case as he is to you."

Engrossed in their conversation, they had utterly forgotten the lad; he had stood wearily of his unprofitable employment, and the unskillful angler was nibbled away without looking at the expected prey, and Maitland put aside his rod, and moved around through the woods that he might give them what he called a proper scare. He glanced at the faces before him, and again shouted: "Hoory! aint that jolly! Why, you two girls have gone as white as paper, and Frank looks as if he could eat the bread out of us. What have you been doing, her putting yousef; you are actually supporting my father and all his dependants on your mother's property, yet you are afraid to say a word for yourself in the presence of your tyrant."

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"I think I can enlighten you. My father said that he had sought to intimidate me, so he adopted a milder method of treatment. From me he will not be a whit the less exacting when it becomes a question of obedience to his orders, but he has sought to make his hands by less harsh means than he has used with Evelyn."

"I believe you are right in that. But now are we to enter the depot? Will that be the question to settle now?" "Of course; we have seized the only chance we shall be likely to obtain to speak freely together on this subject, and we must make the most of it."

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