

Poetry.

Could We Know.

Could we know the loss and sorrow
That the days to come may bring...

Literature.

TEMPTATION:

The Lady of Ashurst.

CHAPTER LVII.

THE MARCH OF RETRIBUTION.

Toward morning the clouds again
gathered, there was less chill in the atmosphere...

As soon as the morning meal was over,
Hunter led Evelyn into the library, followed by Frank...

"Oh, Frank, why did you keep me in the dark as to the truth?
When convinced that Mr. Hunter's statement is undeniable...

"But what is to become of my father's family?" she apprehensively asked:
"By my uncle enjoys a liberal annuity from this estate...

"What do you mean by such unbecoming insolence?
Hillo! Tom, Jack, Jerry, come hither, and put these intruders out of my doors."

"My friend, I wish you to understand that you are a prisoner in this house,
which I came hither to inform you is no longer yours...

"That was to be a superfluous undertaking,
retorted the captain, drily: "Speak for yourself, Mr. Wentworth, and bear witness to the truth of what I have stated."

"The two ladies, with Martin and Wentworth,
occupied the close carriage, while Hunter, at his own request, drove over the pony phaeton...

"Oh, Bessie! my father will be so furious!
He will use such fearful language to me that I shrink from the thought of meeting him..."

darling; and Bessie to speak up for both of you
for fear becomes too violent."

"No sooner had the door closed on Evelyn
than Augustus turned toward her and reproachfully asked:
"How could you act as you have done, Evelyn?
You know that by such a discreditable step you risk ending your father's life in a fit of passion..."

"I shall lead a worse life than ever now,
for Leon will have no one else on whom to vent his wrath.
Last night old Hagar could not be found when I needed her services...

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nothing to live on," was the dejected reply.
"My small fortune has been spent long ago, and I am entirely dependent on Leon."

"You find it impossible to bear the
saddest part of last night's scene?
"May I place upon you, Evelyn and Frank will doubtless see that you have enough to live on in comfort away from Mr. Ashley..."

"I am authorized by Delancy to say to you
that it is his intention to leave this country immediately after his marriage.
Mr. Ashley's intention. He was absorbed in the contents of the last newspaper...

"How dare you again appear in my
hither after what I told you yesterday?
Get out of my sight, you odious reptile! and a volley of curses followed.
These were uttered by the advance of Hunter, who sternly said to you that my mother intends to relinquish, in favor of yourself and your son, the large sum bequeathed to her by Judge Ashley..."

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keep her from him. You know that she
was the child left with my sister-in-law by the New York man whose name I could never remember, but when I heard it I knew it again.
Mr. George Allen left her, and I, I can swear, and you took her from there in place of your dead child, in less than a year afterward.
There, I've said all I have to say, but it's to the purpose, I believe."

"The wild expression with which Ashley
had listened to this voluble address, and the rapid fluctuations of her countenance, excited some alarm in the visitors, and Hunter hastened to place a glass of water to his lips.
He presently seemed more composed, and with his anger revived, he furiously demanded:
"Woman, what do you mean by asserting that I have caused you to be poisoned?
I mean just what I say, Mr. Ashley. You may not have meant to kill me, but the medicine old Hagar forced on me by your orders kept me down, and made me foolish.
You knew I was a being that effected when you ordered her to make me take it."

"Wretch! how dare you accuse me of such a thing as that?"
"Because I know the truth, and you know it, Mr. Ashley. I am ready to swear to it in any court in Christendom.
I'd done that with you, but you would not prove to me that Miss Evelyn is really your daughter.
If you want to save yourself from the consequences of your bad life, I will accept it, but I demand that you be ready to offer up, and deal gently with the poor child that has been treated worse than a dog since she came to this country.
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than by any other woman I have ever known;
but that nonsense is all past and gone.
It is only in the verdant days of youth that a man makes himself a fool about women.
If you think that I have turned from what the persons would call 'the evil of my ways,' you make a great mistake.
I am what I am, and I mean to act out my true nature to the end."

"Tear-tears forever! One would think you had a perfect fortune.
Your mind is so full of me to believe that you have a weight of water on your brain, and now I am convinced of it.
Where is that wretched boy of mine? I have neither seen nor heard of him to-day; and as Mrs. Ashley seems to endow him with a snug fortune, he has become of some importance to me."

"The little wretch! I see now how Frank communicated with Evelyn, and I will pay master Maitland for joining with him in his vile and unchristianlike mercenary little villain!
Just let him come within my reach again, that is all!"

Augusta trembled as she saw that he was working himself into one of his white rages; and like the lioness roused to words by which he was assailed.
"Get along with you, I will stand between you and my son, at the risk of my own life."

Before Ashley could utter the furious reply that arose to his lips, a commotion was heard in the house, the door of the room was thrown wide open, and two negroes came in, bearing between them the apparently lifeless body of Maitland, dripping with water.

Laying him at the feet of his appalled parents, one of the men hastened to give the particulars of the disaster.
Maitland had obtained the pony, and gone out shooting mounted upon him; in defiance of the warning of the negro who usually accompanied him.
While near the embankment that surrounded the pond, he fired his gun, into which he had put too large a load; the weapon recoiled, and frightened the pony, which plunged, and threw the lad over the terrace.

A thin surface of ice had formed on the pond, and Maitland went through it into the water; though an expert swimmer, the ice obstructed the motions of his rescuer to such a degree, that when he finally succeeded in drawing his young master from the pond, he was quite lifeless.

With his hair rising on his head, and eyes distended with horror, Ashley listened to this explanation.
He cried out, in a wild tone:
"Retribution! retribution! Ernest Arden, in this hour you are avenged. I left you to perish when unable to help yourself from the wound my hand had given you, and my evil deed comes home to me in the fate of my son! Dead, dead, dead!"

And with the last words he fell forward in a fit.
Augusta was wildly shrieking over her son, but Hunter gently raised her, and said:
"Caln your anguish, Mrs. Ashley, for I am sure that I can save him for you. I am familiar with the treatment of the drowned, and I am certain that the lad is only unconscious.
A little effort will bring him around.
You had better look to the condition of your husband."

The servants raised Ashley, whose life had labored breathing showed that he was attacked by apoplexy.
He was removed to his bed, and a messenger dispatched for the family physician.

Hunter lost no time in commencing restorative measures with Maitland, and in an hour he was quite sensible; but his father never betrayed signs of consciousness again.
He breathed for many hours, but that was all; and in spite of the medical skill brought to his assistance, Leon Ashley breathed his last on the next morning, followed to the land of shades by not a single regret, unless the tender heart of his ill-treated daughter harbored one.

Evelyn remained beside him, and ministered to him to the last; and when all was over, Wentworth took her in his arms, and bore her from the scene of death.

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