

Poetry.

THE LAND OF REST.

Beyond the valley lying low,
Through which our feet so long have trod,
Beyond the hills of purple haze,
That stretch far beyond our gaze,

Literature.

Winged and Righted.

CHAPTER XXVII.

PEARLE MAINTAINS HER DIGNITY.

"Madam! little mistress to whom she
speaking, her to whom she assumes
the lofty and overbearing manner,"
Pearle said to herself, with a scornful
frown of her lip, as she passed out of the aristocratic
mansion and was driven back to her
humble quiet lodgings.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

NO SIGNS OF THE ENEMY.

Pearle had an unusually quiet time in
the school-room after the departure of
Miss Fennelise. Her pupils were docile
and subdued, but she was nearly ill from
the shock of her late experience.
When the last lesson was recited, she
retired to her room with a
raging headache and a heart that
was heavy with sorrow.

CHAPTER XXIX.

PEARLE'S REPLY.

"What a lovely little fairy!" exclaimed
Francis, the second daughter, who
was an impulsive, but really kind hearted
girl of sixteen, and who appeared
perfectly delighted with the little
thing that she had just seen.
"Miss Camilla—a young lady of
nearly nineteen—sneered at her evident
admiration of the strangers.

CHAPTER XXX.

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"But her mother is dead, and Miss Mel-
fert has adopted her, you know,"
returned the sister, with another sneer.
"You do not know how long she has
been dead, and I'm sure it is very kind
of Miss Melfert to keep her looking so nicely,"
perceived Francis, determined to de-
fend the absent mother.

CHAPTER XXXI.

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"I think you have discussed the point
sufficiently," said the mother; "it can't
be nothing to us if Miss Melfert chooses to
adopt her own name, and to receive her
name as Sir Harold Chesnut, and to
recommend her if she was not worthy."

CHAPTER XXXII.

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"You forget that Ambrose will be
coming home by and by, and by that time
he will be bringing friends with him,
and you know what a penchant all men have
for pretty faces, and for one do not wish
to be outdone by a young girl of her
age," replied her mother. "Miss Melfert
is very good-looking, I admit, but she is
very quiet and modest, and appears to
know her place. However, when we have
company it will be a very easy matter
to keep her in the background."

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not long before she had completely won
their hearts.
She had not been a member of the
family for a month before Lady Fennelise
re-remarked upon their altered behavior.
"Must say that Fred and Clara are
vastly improved," she remarked one day,
after having visited the nursery at meal
time. "Miss Melfert has taught them to
be very quiet and civil at table, they are
much more respectful to each other,
and amiable to each other.
But there was chance enough for improve-
ment, and they take to her wonderfully;
but one would think that she had once be-
longed to the queen's household from the
dignity she puts on," returned Miss Fen-
nelise, who lost no opportunity to say
something unpleasant of Pearle.

"She cherished a petty spite against her,
on account of her beauty, and she be-
cause she would not allow herself to be
brownbeaten or snubbed by the haughty
damsel during the hour she had spent
each day reading French and German
with the young ladies."
"Her dignity is not put on," it is
natural to her, and I am glad it is so. If
you would try to copy Miss Melfert in that
respect, Camilla, I should be better
pleased," Lady Fennelise said, gravely.

"Indeed! I think things have come to
a pretty pass, that you should set your
governess above your own daughter," was
the angry and disrespectful retort.

"Miss Melfert's deportment is perfect; I
have no fault to find with it, which I am
glad to say is not the case with your
own, my daughter," replied her
mother severely.

"Don't forget the old adage regarding
a new broom, if you please, mamma. I'll
wager my own neck, that this para-
gon of yours can let her temporarily fly
upon occasion, and I'll prove it to you in
less than a week," snapped the angry
maiden, with a malicious, savage glitter in
her black eyes.

"I shall be exceedingly displeased if
you do anything to offend Miss Melfert,"
said Camilla, "but for what particular
offense she could not have told had she
been questioned."

"She had maintained a haughty and de-
fiant attitude towards her governess since
her advent among them, and made supercilious
and unkind remarks upon every occa-
sion, until the much tried girl began to
fear that her stock of patience would not
hold out long against such assaults. But
thus far Miss Camilla had not been able to
ruffle even the smooth surface of her brow
although inwardly she rebelled at such
malicious and unkind remarks."

"A few days after the above conversation
between Lady Fennelise and her daugh-
ter, a scene occurred in the school-room,
which served to establish her position
in the family upon a surer foundation
than it had hitherto rested."

"Bitter as her experience had been, and
much as she hated her governess, she
nevertheless, when the last lesson was
recited, she retired to her room with a
raging headache and a heart that
was heavy with sorrow."

"She had scarcely settled herself com-
fortably with a wet bandage around her
head, her smelling salts and aromatic
vapor within easy reach, when she received
a knock, and her maid attendant Lady
Fennelise in her bodice."

"With a feeling that the interview would
undoubtedly terminate her labours as
governess in the family, and with great
dignity not disturbed by what, and her
consciousness that she was justified in the
course she had pursued, she went calmly
and confidently forth to do battle for
herself."

"She found her ladyship in solemn state,
like a judge waiting to pass sentence
upon some criminal."

"There was a grave and troubled expres-
sion in her eyes, however, she fur-
tively scanned the governess' beautiful face,
and marked her graceful and apparently un-
dermined manner."

"Miss Melfert," she began, somewhat
haughtily, and without showing her
the civility of asking her to be seated, "I
have sent for you to learn your version of
the disgraceful scene which occurred in
the school-room this morning."

"On account of which I am as much
grieved as you can possibly be, madam,
since my duty to you, during my stay
here, to be faithful in the performance
of my duties," Pearle answered, with gentle
gravity.

"Please relate just what occurred with-
out further comment," she said, loftily.

"Pearle's form was a trifle more erect;
her head was lifted a little with an
air of conscious pride at this curt com-
mand; but she repeated accurately what
Lady Fennelise had already learned from
each of the three younger children, Cam-
illa's version of the affair, but she
entirely different, and to favor her own
cause."

"I am exceedingly sorry that anything
so unpleasant should have occurred in
the matter," my lady said, in gracious
tones, but at the same time searching the
governess' face before her with something of
curiosity, not unminged with anxiety.

"But," she added, "I trust your native
good sense will prompt you to overlook
the matter, and go on with the lessons as
before. I propose that you be an-
nounced in the same way again."

"Pearle's eyes glowed. Her 'native
good sense' did not prompt her to over-
look so malicious a proceeding, and with-
out some reparation or expression of re-
gret on the part of the offender."

"So you mean that I am not to partici-
pate in the readings at all, until I comply
with your demands?" she asked.

"This was putting it rather stronger than
Pearle liked, and it was what she meant
nevertheless, and so she bowed her head
in assent."

"The girl laughed mockingly, and opened
the book with a glance of defiance at the
young lady."

"For shame, Camilla," whispered Fran-
cisa, with a face crimson with mortification
for her sister.

"Attend to your own affairs, Miss Im-
pertinence! I shall do exactly as I see fit,
and she braced herself for the encounter,
determined not to yield an inch of her
ground."

"Miss Francis, you will read the first
ten lines?" Be careful of your pronun-
ciation, your pauses, and inflection, she
said, ignoring Miss Camilla entirely.

"There was an ominous glitter in that
young lady's eyes."

"By the way," she interrupted, before
her sister could comply with Pearle's re-
quest, and looking at the title of the
book in her hand, "I think you had
better choose the 'Life of Victor Hugo' for
us to read? Do you like his works? Did
you ever read his 'Les Miserables'?"

"Pearle did not seem to care what all
these questions were tending, and not
wishing to seem ill-tutored, she over-
looked the interruption, and answered:

"I chose the work because I thought
the subject would be both instructive and
interesting. I like some of Victor Hugo's
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ance, at least regained her self-possession.
"Miss Fennelise, I will excuse you
from the school-room at once, and I
apologize for the insult you have offered
me," she said, laying her face back down
upon her desk, and speaking as calmly as
if she was asking some simple favor.
The young lady looked the surprise
she could not speak. She had measured
Pearle's nature by her own, and had ex-
pected to see her lying into a lowering
passion at the slightest provocation, that
would cause her mother to dismiss
her on the spot, and she began to feel
exceedingly uncomfortable at the turn
the affair was taking.

"But Pearle's request that she would
leave the room angered her, and folding
her arms defiantly, she retorted:

"I believe I am a lady, and I have
been accustomed all my life to the hon-
our of every one with whom you came
in contact," Lady Fennelise remarked,
with some asperity.

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Pearle's delicate lip curled a trifle at
this question, but she quietly answered:
"Indeed, madam, notwithstanding my po-
sition, I am a gentleman, and what-
ever I do, wherever I go, I intend to
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"I saw something new the other even-
ing," writes a correspondent. A patent
medicine man was selling something or
other from a carriage in which he had a
rather pretty young woman and a gaso-
line lamp. The lady sang one or two
songs very sweetly, and then the man
talked, sang songs and sold nostrums at
a dollar a bottle.

When he had disposed of thirty or
forty bottles he said: "Now gentlemen
before bidding you good-night I will give
you an exhibition of the wonderful mag-
netic powers of my wife, who sits here
by my side. I hold in my hand a com-
mon piece of thread. Now one of you
take hold of the end of it and walk off
and then let all the others take hold of
it, and at the signal which I will give,
she will take hold of the other end and
you will feel the shock instantly."

About one hundred and fifty men
and boys grasped the thread and walked
off about half a block with it. "Now
keep perfectly quiet and you will feel
the shock delicate at first and then
strong enough to tingle at the ends of
your fingers and toes. Are you ready?"
They all said yes.

"Well, then, I will put out the light,"
said he, "and my wife will take the
thread in her hand at that instant."

The light went out and the man's
voice was heard: "What have you in
your hand, my dear?"

"The longest string of suckers I ever
saw in my life," came in a sweet musical
voice, and at the same moment the
horses and carriage were driven off at a
great speed, leaving the crowd holding
on to the string completely dazed.

It was