

Carl Bremer's Legacy.

(CONTINUED.) "Oh, my," screamed Bob down the stairs to the housekeeper, "here's a go!

Meanwhile the strangely assorted couple were driven to Vinegar Yard, and, conducted by the young woman, Bremer ascended the greasy wooden staircase of the house, in a squalid room of which the poor invalid lay.

"Back so soon, Lucille," he said—"back so soon! Ah the world all over! Self, self, I know he would not come!"

"No, father, I have not failed," said Lucille, soothingly. "The gentleman is here."

"The patient opened his eyes with an exclamation of joy. He recognized Bremer and feebly put out his hand. Bremer took it between his own, and uttered a few kindly words of recognition and of consolation.

"What has become of that scapegrace?" "My companion when I saw you, do you mean?" asked Bremer.

"Ah, I see, I see," continued the invalid—"not dead, but worse than dead!"

"Much worse," said Bremer. "The invalid lay on his back, restlessly for a few moments, during which no one spoke. Then he said, suddenly—

"Lucille, my darling, do you buy me some lemonade." "Knowing that her father desired her absence, Lucille went. And immediately she had left the room the old man said, eagerly—

"Sir, will you tell me the truth?" "Yes, was the answer.

"Yes," was the answer. "For one instant human nature had its way, and the dread announcement brought the shock it brings to all of us.

"Will you listen to a dying man's story?" "I will," replied the young surgeon, taking his hand, tenderly.

"Heaven bless you," said the old man. "You wonder that beautiful girl should be my daughter?" he continued.

"I am sixty-five. I was a rich man's son. Forty-five years ago I married a poor but beautiful girl. She—Well, she left me—deserted me—Heaven forgive her! She has been dead these forty years. I had no children by that marriage. Well, sir, I earned a fair—nay, a comfortable—living as cashier at one of the theatres—my passion was the drama. People think me poor—I am not; I have saved money."

Bremer could not repress an exclamation of surprise. "It is as I tell you," said the old man. "I have no more money, and my child will not want it. Well, sir, one-and-twenty years ago I married a second time—a beautiful and virtuous actress, who preferred the poor cashier to her richer suitors. I was her forty-four, and she was twenty-three—yet she loved me, sir! She died, alas, when Lucille was born!"

"But, if you have money," said the surgeon, "you should not seem so strange, if only for the sake of your daughter, that you should remain in this state of apparent poverty, and in so wretched a locality."

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"The young surgeon looked astounded. "Yes, sir, I suffered so much in my earlier days—sensitive as I was, then, from that contempt which, when I at last became well off, I was disgusted with everything; I became cynical, and scorned poverty. I was her father's partner, long years had made me a poor man. I liked living in poor localities and I smiled to myself, knowing that, if I disclosed the truth, they would fall down and worship me like a god. When Lucille was born and my wife died, I commenced this obscure life. My wife, while she lived, had every comfort."

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"When Lucille was but two years old, I placed her in the charge of the lady-superintendent of a school of high-class, who knew my family. When at eighteen years of age she had finished her schooling—and she is highly educated, sir—she has had the best masters—I made arrangements for her to continue with Mrs. Dornel, who had then given up her school, and was, I thought, good and excellent company. That good and excellent company has treated her like a daughter. My companion is rewarded for it!"

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"You think that," said Bremer. "That any young girl might love you," replied the old man.

"You wish, then," said the young surgeon, hardly speaking for emotion, "that I should by-and-by marry your daughter?"

"The old man feebly bowed his head. "I have seen her only once," said Bremer; "yet I feel she could love me; but if she should not love me?"

"She will, sir—oh, she will!" exclaimed the old man, clasping the other's hand with a great effort. "I feel that I can already see into the future, and she will—promise me, promise me!"

Here he gasped for breath. Bremer pressed his hand and bathed his clammy brow.

"I promise you," he said, solemnly. "You wish, then," said the old man. "That japped box—my—will—eight—thousand—pounds—my name is Grainger—quick, quick, Lucille!"

"At that moment the young girl returned with the lemonade, and sprang towards her father, on whose brow death was rapidly setting its stamp.

"The old man made a last effort and joined the hands of the young pair, which had been laid up with an unerring smile.

"Try to love each other—husband—wife—protect—Lucille—legally!" His eyes closed, and he fell back.

"Oh," cried Lucille, bursting into tears. "He has left you to me as his legacy," said the young surgeon, solemnly.

There was not much need of trying to love each other, as Carl and Lucille afterwards mutually confessed that theirs was a case of "love at first sight."

"The young surgeon is now a famous man, and he always maintains that he owes his good fortune to the fact of his having paid respect to gray hairs.

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"She is right," declared the surgeon, warmly. "Alas," returned the old man, faintly, "I cannot say she is not!"

"But," said the young man, to prevent the invalid's thoughts from dwelling too much on one subject, "at least tell me how you met with this accident? I can do anything for you? I thought I have removed you to a hospital."

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