

A Scourge of Doubt. THE ERROR OF LADY BLUNDEN.

CHAPTER XX. With Arthur Blunden's engagement ended the calm, the cheerful indifference to what the future may contain on which he once so prided himself. There is no longer rest or peace for him on earth. Now that he is almost old, fancy seems to him, if possible, more sweet and more desirable than in those happy if slightly trying days when he considered he had some just claim to be.

Yet he himself can hardly tell wherein lies the root and center of his discontent. She is still all that can be wished, and as a friend in misfortune. Notwithstanding the fact that her whole demeanor, nothing brighter or more amiable than the smile with which she always greets him. Yet seldom does he quit her side without feeling that he is feverishly glad, and as a setting to his joyful hopes quotes to himself little passages from songs he fondly believes apply to his own case, or from old-world poems divine in beauty if a trifle rash in sentiment, such as "My true love hath my heart, and I have his, or some fond odds and ends from Shakespeare's sonnets, and so on.

And then comes the morrow and the reaction. She is still as lovely as ever, but she is no longer the same. He feels less sure of her, is pushed, as it were, a whole day's journey from her, and leaves her finally worried, distressed, full of perplexity, and, worse than all, uncertain. Only yesterday, sitting in her drawing-room, with Arthur somewhere near her, she had lifted her eyes suddenly, and as he told himself, with a view to fuller self-torture, without premeditation, and had asked him, "What is the most natural question in the world from her to him."

"Is it true then, Arthur, what I hear, that you are going to marry that pretty girl, the one who always said she had the loveliest eyes I ever beheld. But you might have told me!"

less, he must consider her! and now he is beyond reach, and she cannot tell him ever—of the fact of his specially and tenderly and crushed all thought within her. Where is he now, at the station? Not yet, surely, but where, then? And—where is she? and what is the matter with the mails? How they close and draw together!

With a last natural effort of self-preservation she puts out her hand, and sinks into a low chair beside her. Five minutes later Kitty (who has calculated almost to a nicety the time of Kenneth's departure) enters the room, and then her pale, pale and wan as a snowdrop born of last night's dew, with her hands hanging listlessly at her sides.

"What is the matter with you, my dear?" she asks, faintly, putting her fingers to her eyes in a vain endeavor to recollect. "Did I faint? How foolish of me!" "Well, yes, I really think you did," returns Kitty, who like most people, is a little angry because very frightened. "I thought you had more common sense. But, of course, at such a time you should not have been left alone."

"The last word recalls everything. The soft flickering touch of color that had come so unwillingly to Gretchen's cheek now flies it again, to seek refuge in her aching heart. "I remember it all now," she says tremulously. "He is gone, Kitty—gone! He is gone! He is gone!"

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asparagus tips, eggplant, peas or sliced raw tomatoes, or almost any left-over vegetable; mix with a rich cream sauce. (If tomatoes are used, a pinch of soda must be added.) Season well with salt and pepper. Beat three eggs, whites and yolks separated. Pour in the yolks, then the whites and bake in a hot oven.

THE GARBAGE PAIL. Here is a sermonette on the garbage pail. Text II Kings, iv., 40. Theme—An important factor in home sanitation. First head—beware! Second head—be warned! Third head—be wise! Conclusion—"Watch out! Eternal vigilance is the price of safety!"

TO CLEAN CARPETS. A recipe for a compound which will clean carpets is taken from a trade journal and is as follows: Make a sud with a good white soap and hot water, and add fuller's earth to the mixture. Rub the carpet with a toothbrush. A small scrubbing brush, a large sponge and a pail of fresh water. Some of the cleaning mixture is to be used on the carpet, and the rest on the brush.

TABBY AND HER BABY RAT. Refused to Eat and Reared it as Her Own Offspring. Tabby, our old cat, lived in the barn with her family of kittens, says a writer in the Edinburgh Scotsman.

VEGETABLE SALADS. Squash, onions, beans, cucumbers, asparagus and almost all of the vegetables make acceptable salads. Sprinkle with salt and set aside a few minutes. Slice a layer of beets on a bed of nasturtium leaves and add a dressing of oil and vinegar.

HOT WEATHER ALIMENTS. More Little Ones Die During Hot Weather Months Than Any Other Season. It is a lamentable fact that thousands of little ones die from hot weather ailments, whose lives might be spared if the mothers had at hand the proper remedy to administer promptly.

A CIGAR IN A CHEESE.

There was an extraordinary occurrence recently in a cheesemonger's shop in the Avenue Parmentier, Paris. One of the tradesman's customers had invited five friends to dinner, had purchased a large cheese, and when it was cut into the stump of a half-smoked cigar was found in the middle. The host and his guests marched round in a body to the cheesemonger to demand an explanation and the return of the money or the substitution of another cheese. The tradesman refused all three propositions, and even suggested that they ought to be satisfied, as they had not only the cheese but half a cigar as well.

HIGH TREASON SENTENCES. Only within such a recent date as 1848 was the old inhuman sentence for high treason delivered from the English bench, though an Act passed in 1830 and of George IV's reign abolished the partial hanging, which was one of its most dreadful items.

ARISTOCRATS AS WAITERS. Why it is so cool near trees. It is not shade alone that makes it cool under a tree in summer. The coolness of the tree itself helps, for its temperature is about 45 degrees Fahrenheit at all times, as that of the human body is a fraction more than 98 degrees.

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