

In Peace and War Or, The End of It All

CHEAP. XVII.—(Cont'd).

Brenda and Alice only passed four days in the little hamlet selected for them by Theodore Trist as a safe hiding place; but during that time a great new influence came into Brenda's soul.

She had always been sensitive to the beauties of Nature, but never until now had one of her great world-wide established a longing in her soul—a longing for its constant company which might ease but passionate love. She had hitherto looked upon the sea as an inconvenience to be overcome before reaching other countries, but never had she loved the sea for its own grand incomprehensible sake as she loved it now.

At first Brenda had dreaded the thought of being imprisoned, as it were, in this tiny east coast fishing village with her sister. This was no outcome of a waning love, but rather a proof that her feelings toward her sister were as true and loyal as ever. She feared that Alice would lower herself in her sight. She dreaded the necessary close proximity because she felt that her sister's character had not improved, and could not wear the searching light of a close intimacy.

After an uncomfortable search had been bravely set out subsequent to Brenda's arrival, the younger sister announced her intention of going out for a long ramble down the coast. Alice subsided into a yellow-backed oval. This was a fair sample of her life in exile. Alice deluged her weak intellect with a flood of no particular merit, and Brenda learnt to love the sea.

Only once was reference made to Theodore Trist and then the subject was tacitly tabooed much to the relief of Brenda. This happened during the first evening of their joint exile. Doubtless a sudden fit of communicativeness came over Alice just as they came to the rest of us—at odd moments, without any particular reason.

"Theo," she said, without looking toward the tall, slim form by the window, "has changed."

"I suppose," Brenda said, without much encouragement in her manner, "that we have all changed in one way or another."

"But Theo has changed in more than one way," she said.

"Oh, I never smoke, you know—never. No, thanks," he said, and he capriciously granted, and put his case back with a suppressed sigh. He had not known, but hoped. Then he waited for a reply to his leading and ambiguous remark.

"Yes," mused Hicks at length; "he is. I dined with him the night he left for the Serbian frontier."

"But tell me—what made you think that Trist was out of town?" "Oh, nothing," airily. "Nobody stays in town at this time of year unless they can't help it, that is all! But I suppose these newspaper men hardly think of the seasons. They do not seem to realize the difference between summer and winter—between joyous spring and dismal autumn."

"That is another thing," he said, "about Trist that I do not like. He pretends to despise personal discomfort. It is mere affectation, of course, and on that account, perhaps, all the more aggravating."

"The soldier laughed. "Trist never was carried away by anything. He was a soldier, a tridge, and writes in that beastly note-book of his as if he were at a review. If all his countrymen were being slaughtered round him he would come out with his pencil and take a note of it."

"Hicks gave a few moments' careful attention to the curl of his mustache. Then he glanced curiously at his companion's vacant physiognomy. There was evidently some motive in this sudden attack on Trist. Both these men distrusted the war correspondent, but were in no way prepared to test the value of the force which is said to arise from union. They distrusted each other more."

"Hicks did not confess deliberately to himself that he was in love with Brenda Gilmore, but he made no pretence of ignoring the fact that she occupied in his thoughts a place quite apart. He respected her, and in that lay the great difference. The unkempt and strangely-attired dandy who strutted through the streets who were pleased to throw themselves mentally at his feet were not such as command respect. In his heart he despised them a little for contempt is invariably incurred by affectation of any description."

"And so each went on his way—the idle soldier, the vain artist, and the absorbed journalist, each pursuing his life for good or evil—pressing upward, or shuffling down, according to his bent; each, no doubt, peering ahead as he went, striving to penetrate the blessed veil drawn across the future."

"(To Be Continued.)"

CHAPTER XVIII. Mrs. Wylie had undertaken the task of reconciling Alice and Brenda and her husband without any great hope of success.

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TRUE, ALL THE SAME. The man with the bronzed face and the rolling gait was entertaining an attentive circle of acquaintances when Mr. Button edged up just in time to catch the words.

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