

Family Circle.

(From the Christian World.)

MARGARET TORRINGTON:

ON THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

By the Author of "Violet Vaughan," "Sir Julian's Wife," "St. Beatha," etc.

"So He brought them into their desired haven;"

PSALM CIV. 30.

(Continued.)

Such was the party to whom I was introduced; and in another minute Sibyl had left the room, and I was standing before Miss Hollingsworth awaiting her pleasure. She motioned me kindly to a seat, and gave me a book to read, while she continued intent upon the exercises on which she was engaged. As I quickly found, my new governess, though gentle and considerate, was a rigid disciplinarian, as indeed, it behooved her to be if she wished to maintain her authority in that house. I had heard from nurse already the story of "our governess," how one hand had succeeded another in rapid succession; how there was a "mademoiselle" at one period, and a "fräulein" at another; how ladies, young and old, handsome and ugly, competent and incompetent, had essayed the education of the Misses Crofton; and how one and all had miserably failed, either being summarily dismissed or dismissing themselves, till Miss Hollingsworth arrived, and gathered up the reins of authority so skilfully as to keep in reasonable order the untamed and hitherto untamable creatures in the school-room. Only, she never would receive Gassie as one of her pupils; she firmly declined the charge, and, quietly stating her intention of relinquishing her post if that extraordinary young lady entered her precincts, succeeded in carrying her point.

Twelve o'clock came, and the books were put aside. Leonora, with a yawn, declared she was insufferably tired; Fanny ran away to prepare for her drive; Eliza, saying something about rabbits, disappeared also; while Bell, all pout and frown, and angry hurried gesture, scribbled away furiously at her translation. Miss Hollingsworth was carefully wiping her pen, and preparing, I know, to take a nap, when Leonora came rapidly up to the fire-place where I was sitting.

"So you are Margaret Torrington?" she said, with something of Sibyl's imperious tone and look; but with her haughtiness there was mingled something of a gentler, softer nature. At least, I thought so as I met the full gaze of her deep blue eyes, and admitted that I was Margaret Torrington.

"You have been crying? Has Sibyl been tormenting you? I thought she looked in a worse temper than ever when she brought you in."

"Nora! Nora!" said Miss Hollingsworth, reprovingly.

"It's of no use Nora-ing me, you know, Holly. When I want to speak, and I am not going to say anything wrong, Margaret is as kind, and I may ask her as many questions as I like."

"My dear, I do not wish to interfere with your liberty of speech; you are old enough to govern yourself; only be careful that you do not ask your cousin questions which it may be painful to her to answer. As a rule, people are not much given to proclaiming the cause of their tears."

"I only want to know if Sibyl has commenced her pranks?"

"You had better let Sibyl alone. At any rate it would be more generous to leave your cousin to form her own unbiased opinion of your sisters."

"Oh, dear, Holly, how dreadfully precise and good you are! It all comes of your being an old maid."

"Thank you, my dear, in the name of the whole single sisterhood, to which, most undoubtedly, I belong. It is no small compliment you pay us; goodness is the best of all attributes, and precision is by no means to be despised."

"Do hush, Holly; you are not simply good, but provokingly so; you never do anything till you have satisfied yourself as to its being the very best thing that you could do under the circumstances. Now, I like to please myself, and go my own way without reference to other people."

"That can never be, Nora. We are essentially dependent creatures, and the freest among us cannot be actually independent; we are only units among thousands, each one a separate unit, like ourselves, with a separate will and separate circumstances, which yet are inseparably connected with the whole mass. I tell you, Nora, that you will never—no, never—have your own way continuously in this world."

"That is hard, Holly. Have you never had your own way?"

"Miss Hollingsworth shook her head, and smiled rather sadly as she replied: "Very seldom! Whenever I have set my heart upon anything or any plan, adverse circumstances have generally interfered, and whenever I have obstinately and violently, as it were, determined to have my own way, I have generally succeeded in having it, and."

"Well, Holly, why do you pause? Of course, one may get one's way in time, if one battles for it long enough and heartily enough."

"Precisely. I always found that if I strove hard enough I gained my end; but, Nora, I never strove and so succeeded but repented of what I had done. Why should you repent? It is a lesson to me. I generally found out that I had been utterly mistaken in my estimate of the thing so ardently desired. When at last I had my will, I had either ceased to care about it at all, or I discovered that my seeming good, brought with it actual and unmistakable evil. That which in my blindness I had coveted so vehemently as a rich, untinged blessing, often turned out to be a weary, corroding care—perhaps a veritable curse."

"Well, perhaps you were peculiarly unfortunate. Some people are born, as you say, to 'knock under' to the wills of others. Some must rule, and some must obey—some must lead, and some must follow. Now, I mean to be a ruler and a leader in the world to which I belong."

"It will be just as God pleases."

"Don't, Holly! That is unfair of you! You know I cannot, dare not, contradict you. Of course, I believe in God's power, and all that; but I believe also in my own—well, what you call my 'own forces.'"

"It is quite right of you to believe in them to a certain extent. If I gave you a thousand pounds to expend in advancing your interests in life, it would be right that you should properly appreciate the value and the power of money; but it would not be right that you should spend the sum wastefully and injuriously to yourself, also without one thought of me, the giver."

"Of course not. When you do give me a thousand pounds, Holly, I will spend them wisely, and be only grateful. Now, please, do not preach any more. My forces will be measured with Sibyl's pretty quickly, for I am determined not to be kept in the schoolroom after Christmas."

"I will come out!"

"Is the schoolroom so very miserable a place, Nora?"

"On the contrary, I am sure it is the happiest corner in all the house; only, I do not like to be compelled to remain in it against my will."

"Sibyl says when she was the middle daughter that she was 'lovely and happy'."

"I am sure it is."

(To be Continued.)

MARKETS.

Revised every Wednesday, for the Visitor.

COUNTRY MARKET.

Butter, in Brins, 1 lb.	0 17 to 0 19
Roll, 1 lb.	0 14 to 0 15
Beef, 1 lb. quarter	0 05 to 0 07
Buckwheat, 1 cwt	1 00 to 1 10
Calfskins, per lb.	0 12 to 0 14
Cheese 1 lb.	0 11 to 0 12
Chickens, per lb.	0 10 to 0 11
Cordwood, at the station	0 10 to 0 11
Eggs, 1 dozen	0 18 to 0 20
Geese, 1 lb.	0 10 to 0 11
Hams and shoulders	0 10 to 0 11
Hides, per lb.	0 05 to 0 06
Hay, 1 ton at the Hay Market	0 00 to 0 10
Mutton, 1 lb.	0 06 to 0 07
Lamb, per lb.	0 05 to 0 06
Lamb Skins, 1 lb.	0 05 to 0 06
Oats, per bushel	0 45 to 0 50
Peas, per bushel	0 20 to 0 25
Starch, per lb.	0 07 to 0 08
Tallow, per lb.	0 07 to 0 08
Turnips, per bushel	0 10 to 0 12
Veal, per lb.	0 04 to 0 05
Wool	0 25 to 0 30

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Apples, per bushel	0 10 to 0 15
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Barley, 1 lb.	0 00 to 0 05
Butter, 1 lb.	0 17 to 0 18
Chickens, per lb.	0 10 to 0 11
Cordwood, 1 lb.	0 10 to 0 11
Pollock, 1 lb.	0 25 to 0 30
Hay, 1 ton	0 00 to 0 10
Shelton, per lb.	0 05 to 0 06
Bay, 1 lb.	0 00 to 0 05
Dried Herring, 1 lb.	0 00 to 0 05
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