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BY L. G. MOBERLY.

(Continued.)

"I bear the girl no ill will," she said, with her sweetest smile; "it all happened nearly two years ago, and no doubt Lady Connell has forgotten all about it, if indeed she ever knew. I bear Miranda no grudge; I did my best for her, and she was dissatisfied; but after all what can one expect of a person of that class?" The disdain which the speaker contrived to put into the four last words might have withered the object of them had she been in the least conscious of their utterance. But she was not even aware of Mrs. Bedsworth's presence in the room, but was giving her whole attention and interest, as was her wont, to those who were immediately engaging her in conversation, when a sudden movement amongst those assembled opened a passage way between her and the group of which Mrs. Bedsworth was the centre. Mrs. Grey's eyes were upon her charge, and Mrs. Grey was fully aware of the precise moment at which Molly became conscious of the proximity of the woman from whom she had fled two years ago in fear of her life.

The little widow lost the thread of the conversation in which she was herself taking part, so intently did she watch the girl's expressive face. For an instant a change crept over it. The smile by which it had been lighted died slowly away; the well cut lips closed into a line that was almost hard; the brown eyes, that a second before had been dancing with amusement, hardened like the lips. Then she drew herself up ever so slightly, though even that slight movement had the effect of increasing her height and stateliness to quite a curious extent, and without glancing to right or left, moved down the passage way that had opened amongst the crowd of people.

"How do you do, Mrs. Bedsworth," she said, holding out her hand to that lady, who, for perhaps the only time in her life, looked surprised and taken aback; "I have only just realized that you were here."

Miss Stopher, whose pale eyes were taking in every detail of the heiress' beautiful clothes, whilst her mental efforts were divided between amazement at the effrontery of persons of that class, and eager hope that she might be introduced to this newest sensation, edged herself a trifle nearer to the two speakers, in order that she might miss no word said by either of them. But if she had hoped for something melodramatic in their brief parleying, she must have been deeply disappointed. Mrs. Bedsworth's first surprise, erroneously attributed by Miss Stopher to disgust at Miss Hume's presuming to speak to her, was quickly subdued, and her ready smile flashed out brilliantly as her hand met Molly's.

"My dear child," she exclaimed in her most caressing accents, "how delightful it is to meet you. I had no idea you would be here. Is this toi be the beginning of a second debut?"

The edge to the words was either lost upon Molly, or she skilfully ignored it.

"We have only just come back from abroad," she said; "we have been travelling for nearly two years, and it is delightful to be at home again. Why—surely—that is Stella," she exclaimed, breaking off her sentence abruptly, as her glance fell upon a figure standing a little in the background, talking to a big soldierly-looking man; "I did not see her at first. Oh! poor ittle Stella," she added under her breath, as her eyes ran over the slight form in its sombre garments.

"Poor little Stella, yes," Mrs. Bedsworth answered with a sigh that was genuine enough now, "a wife only so short a time, and a widow at twenty-one." Molly scarcely heeded the last words, the sight of the fair face of her friend of two years ago brought with it a rush of eager sympathy for that friend's trouble, and she moved forward impulsively to greet Lady Bangley. Nothing could have been more eminently becoming to Stella's exquisite coloring than the dead black of her gown, and the shining jet ornaments that lay against the whiteness of her neck, and nestled in the golden softness of her hair; and the eyes she turned upon Molly looked bluer than ever, and more than ever like a child's with their expression of wistful pathos. For a moment she only stared blankly at the tall girl in white who greeted her so eagerly, then a light broke over her face.

"Why, Molly," she cried, "why, Molly! Surely it isn't you. I didn't know you one bit. You look quite—quite different, somehow."

Molly's laugh had always been one of her most charming attributes, and she laughed now, low and pleasantly.

"It is two years since we met," she answered, "and I—have learnt a great many things since then."

"Yes, you have," Stella said dreamily, her eyes wandering from the crown of the other girl's bright hair to the hem of her trailing white gown.

"I never thought—" she went on, then caught herself up with an embarrassed langh and blush.

"You never thought I should learn to behave properly, did you?" Molly answered mischievously; "it has taken me a long time, and I rave given Mrs. Grey an infinity of trouble—but—I meant to learn—and I have learnt." As she spoke her lips closed again in that line that gave such strength to her face, and Sir Ralph, whose eyes constantly returned to their puzzled scrutiny of his new guest, muttered to his neighbour, Mrs. Grantley—

"That girl baffles me. The more I look at her the more certain I am I have seen her before. I know the very way her mouth sets itself in that masterful line, and the turn of her head is equally familiar to me; yet I am sure I have never seen her before."

"She has a very remarkable personality," Mrs. Grantley answered, dooking earnestly at Molly through her pince nez; "whatever her origin, it might safely be prophesied that a girl with a chin and mouth like hers would rise in the world. The legacy was only an incident in her career. That girl must have come to the surface, fortune or no fortune."

Mrs. Grantley, the wife of a neighboring squire, was a lady of much discernment, and of remarkable powers of observation, and throughout the dinner and the evening that followed, she saw enough of Molly Hume's bearing and manners to feel that she was justified in her opinions of the new heiress. It so chanced that later in the evening she found herself in close proximity to Mrs. Bedsworth, with whom she had a slight acquaintance, and vaguely connecting that lady in her mind with the girl of whom her thoughts were full, she said with a smile—

"Miss Hume is the centre of attraction tonight. I cannot help thinking that she will create a considerable sensation in town." Having spoken the kindly lady was disposed to regret having said the words, for her quick glance caught the gleam of something unfriendly in her companion's eyes, and saw the acidity in the smile that was intended to express nothing but sweetness.

'Perhaps she will make a sensation this time," Mrs. Bedsworth said with some acerbity; "she failed at her first experiment; but of course, she was terribly crude two years ago. Still—with her money she ought to carry everything before her."

"It isn't so much her money that will carry things before her; it is she herself," Mrs. Grantley said, almost brusquely. "As I was saying before dinner to Sir Ralph, a girl with that face and character is capable of doing and being practically anything she chooses."

"I wonder that no one has wanted to marry her," replied the other lady, the acid quality of her accents becoming more apparent. The general admiration expressed for Molly, and the attention the girl had attracted during the whole evening, had at last succeeded in wearing down the very thin surface veneer of pleasantness that covered Mrs. Bedsworth's venomous little soul. "I quite thought she would have come back engaged after her long absence abroad, though she will naturally not wish to be married until next year."

"Why should she wish to wait till next year?" Mrs. Grantley questioned, looking puzzled and interested.

"Oh! I thought, of course, you knew all her story," came the rather sharp retort. Mrs. Bedsworth's patience was wearing thinner and thinner, as her keen eyes noted the constant throng of men and women who surrounded Molly. "She will lose her money if she marries before next year. It was left her on condition that she either married Alan Dayrell within three years, or remained unmarried for that time. If she marries before the three years expires, Mr. Dayrell gets the fortune, which indeed ought to be his in all right and justice."

"I remember some of the details now you mention them," Mrs. Grantley said thoughtfully, her eyes still watching the girl in white with her crown of sunny hair; "in leaving his fortune in this way it was obviously Mr. Haines' intention that Mr. Dayrell should marry Miss Hume."

"Oh, obviously," Mrs. Bedsworth's lips curled; "it was so likely that a fastidious man like Mr. Dayrell would consent to marry a servant girl, which you must remember Miranda Hume was at the time the fortune came to her."

The increasing tartness of Mrs. Bedsworth's tones served to bring back to her listener's memory more details of the famous will, and of the events of two years ago; amongst her other hazy recollections she did not remember the engagement between Stella Bedsworth and Alan Dayrell. Had she done so, she would probably not have made the remark she now proceeded to make; and possibly the train of circumstances that subsequently followed the remark might not have taken place.

(To be continued.)

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As it is expected that the money to close the Champlain fund will soon be in interest in the matter of location increases. Here are the views of another correspondent:

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Feb. 11, 1907.

Sir,—I notice in your issue of this morning a letter urging Market square as an ideal site for our new Champlain monument. Under existing circumstances I cannot agree with him. Were Market square all that it ought to be much might be said in favor of it but it is far from being a desirable spot at the present time. It is unpaved and apparently uncared for. The sidewalk and approach to the slip are little better than a disgrace to any city which pretends to modern ideas.

It may be urged that these things will be remedied. They may be about the time of the fourth centennial celebration in 2004 but in the meanwhile our citizens should choose a spot that will at least show the statue to advantage. Such a site, I think, can be found in the centre of Queen square. There we have a high elevation with a commanding view of the harbor in the distance. In summer the grass and flowers would contribute much to make the surroundings all that could be desired. The monument standing alone and undwarfed by surrounding buildings could be seen by tourists to the best possible advantage.

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A very enjoyable time was spent in St. Rose's hall, Fairville, last evening, when Branch 184, C. M. B. A., gave a dance and entertainment. The entertainment consisted of the presentation of the drama, Cast up by the Sea, by the St. Rose's L. A. D. Club.

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