

HIS WORD OF HONOR.

A Tale of the Blue and the Gray.

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CHAPTER VI.—(Continued.)

"I fear it will be of little service to the prisoner. There is so much bitterness against the enemy that the mere suspicion of his having come as a spy will suffice to bring the most severe sentence the court-martial can impose. In the interest of our safety, I felt compelled to give you the information and urge the arrest of the suspicious person."

"And I have fulfilled your request, as duty required. My opinion of it we need not discuss. Only I desire to remind you that I have given Lieutenant my word of honor that he shall have honorable treatment. I shall hold you responsible for every insult that is offered him."

Edward shrugged his shoulders and tried to assume a scornful manner.

"You don't seem able to show your prisoner sufficient respect and indulgence. No one intends to insult him. I shall confine myself to preventing any effort to escape, which is always possible. You most positively refused to adopt any further precautions."

"Of course I did. Captured officers are not gagged; that is a measure fit only for spies or traitors."

Edward clenched his teeth. The glance with which he surveyed the captain was full of menace; but Wilson only smiled contemptuously.

"Farewell, Harrison. The object for which you summoned me here is probably baffled; and after what I have learned today I can only congratulate Miss Harrison. I again request that the prisoner shall be neither molested nor insulted until the escort arrives."

He bowed as coldly and formally as before, and left the room. Harrison did not return the salute, but gazed mutely and gloomily after his former friend, who now turned from him with undisguised contempt. The act which

swore, but a sharp, keen glance rested on the speaker.

"Unfortunately, that was to be expected. But as you are so well informed, I presume I am not mistaken in supposing that I have met Doctor Blackwood?"

"Doctor Blackwood—of course," returned the stranger, with the same brevity. "And to whom have I the honor?"

"My name is Thompson. I am a justice of the peace in the city, and a friend of your colleague, Doctor Green. He told me yesterday that you had been summoned for consultation, and that he was going with you to Springfield. But you are alone, I see."

"Yes, Doctor Green was detained by an extremely critical case, and cannot leave town today, so I set off alone. These confounded military disturbances! Not a vehicle could be had in the whole city. I was obliged to ride in this scorching heat."

"May I offer you a seat in my carriage?" asked the magistrate courteously. "My companion can take your horse."

"I thank you. Don't trouble yourself. I'll keep up with the carriage."

Mr. Thompson, who was evidently glad to find some one with whom he could chat away the weary hours, ordered the driver to proceed more slowly, and an animated conversation was soon in full course. The old gentleman did not perceive that it consisted almost exclusively of questions which he answered. He did this, however, very eloquently, and was much pleased with his new acquaintance.

"Yes, I was summoned for consultation," said the physician. "Doctor Green has no doubt about the case, but the patient—"

He paused, apparently seeking just the right words.

The justice of the peace availed himself of the opportunity to dwell upon Mr. Harrison's wealth, discussed the possible losses which the war might inflict upon his property and expressed his belief that a large portion of his fortune was invested elsewhere. The doctor listened attentively, but this did not prevent his scanning the vicinity still more closely than before. He seemed trying to fix every bend in the road, every distant landmark upon his memory, and the house with its doors and terraces received the same scrutiny.

"A fine estate," he said. "Do you think its vicinity to the city will afford it protection? I have the contrary opinion, for it is an open secret that the march of the Union forces is directed here."

"Impossible! How do you know?" cried Thompson, starting from his corner of the carriage in terror.

"I heard it on my journey to the city."

"I heard, on the contrary, that their march was southward, otherwise I certainly should not have left town."

The doctor smiled mischievously at the timid little gentleman, who had turned pale with fright.

"Why, the troops will not interfere with a justice of the peace. At the utmost, you could only be obliged to unite some loving couple within the enemy's lines, in the bonds of matrimony."

"Just as much as you choose," said Thompson, angrily. "I want nothing to do with the enemy. At any rate, I'll inquire about that rumor, and, for the present, remain in the city, which can only be taken by a regular siege."

The carriage now stopped at the house, the gentlemen alighted, and the doctor dismounted from his horse, throwing the bridle to a negro who hurried up.

"Don't unsaddle my horse," he said, carelessly. "I must go back to the city as quickly as possible, and at any rate shall leave before the other gentlemen."

He let the two men precede him and lingered, as if by accident, on the steps, looking after the servant.

An unmistakable expression of satisfaction flitted over his face as he saw that the animal was led to a stable close by the house.

Edward Harrison received the new arrivals, and the loquacious Mr. Thompson instantly presented Doctor Blackwood, sparing the latter any explanation by relating in detail the cause of Doctor Green's absence. Then he introduced his clerk, a pale, effeminate fellow, whose manner was excessively timid and deferential, and of whom no notice whatever was taken.

Meanwhile, during the last half hour Edward had had time to regain his composure. These visitors must, of course, obtain no glimpse of the catastrophe which had happened here.

He expressed in courteous phrases his regret for having troubled the magistrate in vain, his uncle's condition had changed so suddenly for the worse that it was impossible to have the wedding take place that day. Miss Harrison was in a state of the utmost anxiety and excitement. Then, turning with the same courtesy to the physician, he added:

"You are welcome, Doctor Blackwood, though I fear you can give us no consolation. We were prepared for the worst long ago, yet a physician's presence is always a satisfaction. I suppose Doctor Green has told you about the case?"

"Yes," replied the doctor, whose sharp keen eyes raised steadily on the young man's face. "So I should like to go to the sick room at once. Pray, don't trouble yourself. I prefer to see the patient first alone, and will then inform you of the result of my examination."

(To be continued.)

Self-Mastery.

He who has mastered himself, who is his own Caesar, will be stronger than his passion, superior to circumstances, higher than his calling, greater than his speech. Self-control is the generalship which turns a mob of raw recruits into a disciplined army. The rough man has become the polished and dignified soldier; in other words, the man has got control of himself and knows how to use himself. The human race is under constant drill, says O. S. Marden in the St. Louis Republic. Our occupations, difficulties, obstacles, disappointments, if used aright, are the great schoolmasters which help us to possess ourselves. The man who is master of himself will not be a slave to drudgery, but will keep in advance of his work. He will not rob his family of that which is worth more than money or position; he will not be the slave of his occupation, not at the mercy of circumstances. His methods and system will enable him to accomplish wonders, and yet give him leisure for self-culture. The man who controls himself works to live, rather than lives for work.

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Robert G. Ingersoll was not always the tactful lawyer he became in his maturity. Early in his career he found himself as counsel for the defense in a murder case, with a fussy old doctor as principal witness against him. Thinking he saw a chance to be brilliant he sarcastically proceeded to bully the witness by commenting upon doctors' mistakes. "Doctors make as few mistakes as lawyers," asserted the old man. "A doctor's mistakes are buried six feet under ground," was the reply. "Yes, but a lawyer's mistakes are hung as many feet above the ground," was the reply. "And that is just the difference." The jury saw the point, and Ingersoll lost the case.

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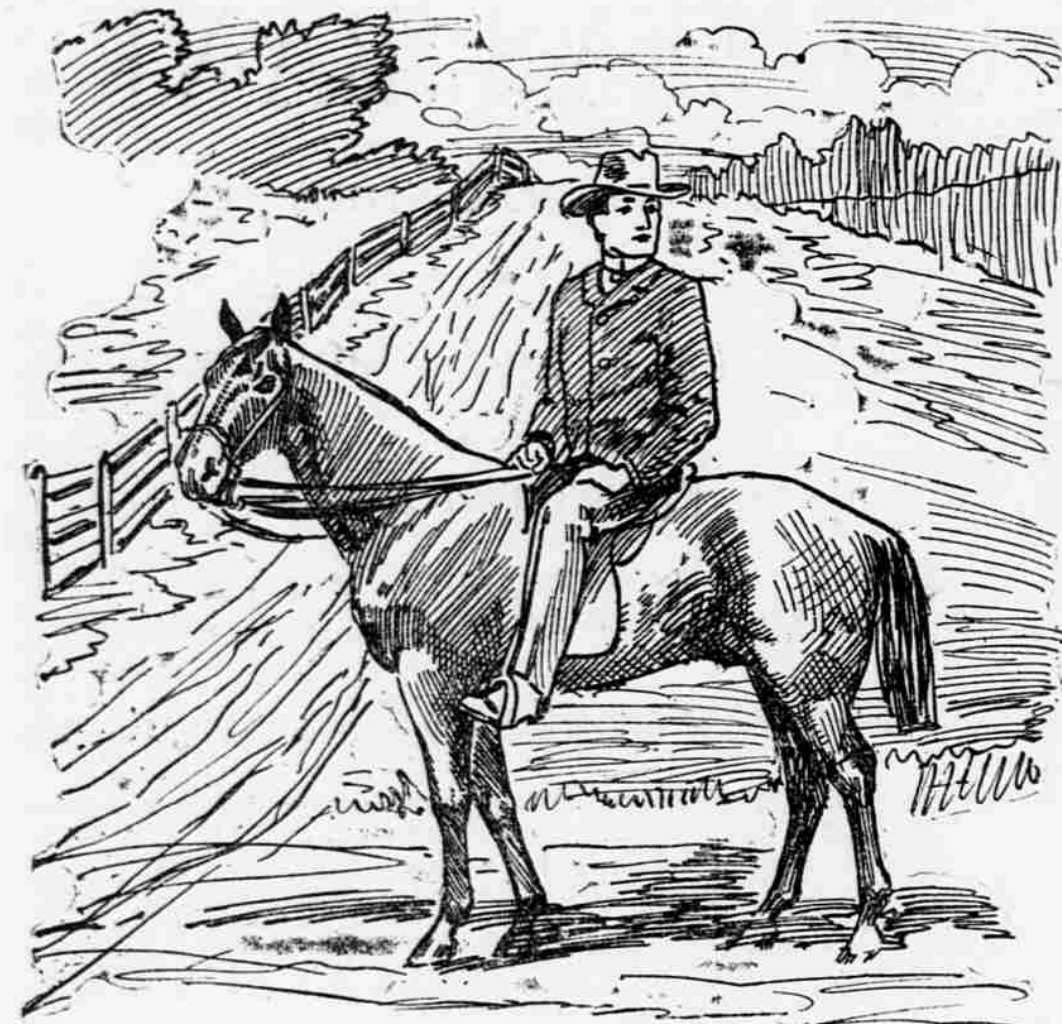
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CHAPTER VII.

A horseman, who was evidently a stranger to the road, was trotting toward Springfield. He scanned every object very closely, and sometimes even seemed doubtful concerning the direction to pursue. He wore civilian's dress, a gray summer suit suited to the climate. Now, at a point where the road branched in two directions, he checked his horse irresolutely, pondered a few minutes and then waited for a carriage approaching him from behind. It was a light open vehicle, occupied by two gentlemen. The stranger, bowing, said:

"Pardon me. I am on my way to Springfield, and don't know whether to turn to the right or the left. Perhaps you will be kind enough to inform me?"

"You must take the right-hand one, sir," said the older of the two, a little withered man, with gray hair. "But we are going to Springfield, too; and if you will join us you cannot miss the road."

"With pleasure. I should not like to go out of my way, as I am in a hurry."

The rider urged his horse to a faster trot as he spoke, in order not to fall behind the carriage. The old gentleman eyed him curiously.

"You are in a hurry?" he repeated. "I suppose things are very bad at Springfield."

"Very bad!" was the laconic an-

"Poor Mr. Harrison!" observed the justice.

"Yes—poor Mr. Harrison! You know him, too?"

"Certainly; he always spends half the year at Springfield with his charming daughter. It is hard for the young lady that her wedding should take place under such sorrowful circumstances."

The physician started. Again a swift, searching glance scanned the old gentleman's face.

"Wedding? At her father's sick-bed?"

"That is the reason. He probably knows that the end of his life is approaching, and wishes first to place his daughter in her husband's arms. At least that is what Mr. Edward Harrison told me when he asked me to perform the marriage ceremony at Springfield. Under the circumstances, I could not refuse, and am on my way there."

"Edward Harrison? A relative of the sick man, I suppose?"

"His nephew, and, through this wedding, also his heir. Miss Florence is the only child."

"But this haste is incomprehensible!" said the physician, whose lips curled in a smile of cutting sarcasm. "I heard from my colleague that but a short time ago the young lady was bound by other ties."

"Yes, I have heard so, too. Some romantic youthful love affair, which probably was not meant to be taken seriously. The lover, a young officer, is said to have entered the Union army, which, of course, ended the matter. At any rate, the young lady will be Mrs. Harrison this evening, if God so wills."

"Certainly—if God so wills." The tone was so peculiar that even unsuspecting Mr. Thompson noticed it.

"What did you mean, sir?" he asked.

"Nothing especial; I merely repeated your pious words."

The mansion of Springfield was now visible in the distance; they were already driving through the plantation.