THE MAN THAT ANNIE LOVED.

She was crocheting something out of soft scarlet and white wool. Milton Etheredge sat watching her, pretending to read the *Journal* at the same time. She was looking very charming in her buff muslin dress, with pink ribbon at the throat and looping back her brown hair.

Prate as we may of the unimportance of dress, it more or less influences the destiny of us all. Venus herself would be ugly in a tattered gown, and only imagine Apollo in a swallow tailed coat with bright buttons. Annie Huntly knew the value of dress—and, what is more, she knew how to attire herself in just the manner most becoming to her. She was not so much prettier than dozens of other young ladies, but everything about her was in harmony, and people had fallen into the habit of calling her beautiful. She had a clear, wild rose complexion—tolerably regular features—soft brown eyes, and brown hair that was struggling continually to break into curls and ringlets so natural to it.

Milton Etheredge—grave, silent, wise lawyer—wondered within himself how long he had loved this little Annie. He could not remember. Six years ago she had come to them—the dying request of Mrs. Etheredge's best valued friend. The good lady had been a mother to her ever since, and Milton had played the part of a kind elder brother. Annie was eighteen when she came to Grayhead—she was now twenty-five. Yes, he was sure he had loved her for six years. She had made everything so different. Her pretty ways of arranging curtains, and books, and knick-knacks, had brightened up the stately old house wonderfully. Milton thought it was strange how he and his lady mother had ever managed to live without her.

So he sat and looked at her as she made the shining steel flash in and out the bright fleecy wool. Not that he thought of ever being anything more to her than he was now. His love was quiet yet—it had not reached that passionate stage when it will not be subdued by any obstacles. He was old—thirty at least—and it would be childish for him to hope she would ever link her young fresh life with that of a man whose hair was already getting gray on the temples.

But there was something more to destroy the hope, if he had dared to indulge it. At one time, perhaps, he had indulged it, but certainly not now. Annie Huntly had had her life romance as well as other women. It had been sweet at first—painfully bitter at last. It had made her smile graver—her color more fleeting—her manner at times subdued and sad—so Etheredge thought.

Annie and Leigh Richardson had met under somewhat romantic circumstances. He had saved her from drowning at Cape May, when she had ventured beyond her depth; and, after her removal to Graymead, he had followed her there and located himself in the practice of his profession—the law. He had been a constant visitor for two years. People began to speak of them as belonging to each other. and Mrs. Etheredge had, with a woman's peculiar delight, begun to anticipate the wedding supper and the bridal *trousseau*. Etheredge had looked on with a dull pain at his heart, for which he felt half angry with himself. Surely he ought to rejoice that Annie would be so happy, for Richardson was every way estimable, and was rising rapidly in his profession.

Suddenly, however, about two years before the opening of our story, his visits ceased, and he began a vio lent flirtation with Nellie Seymour, the belle of the village. Annie did not die on account of it—she did not even mope, as girls generally do when crossed in love. Her manner was a little more subdued, her laugh less frequently, but she was not heart broken. She put aside the sympathy Mrs. Etheredge would have offered her, quietly, and gave her confidence to no one. Sometimes she met Richardson, but they exchanged no words—not even the ordinary ceremonious greetings of mere acquaintances; they were as completely separated as if an ocean rolled between them.

This night, as Etheredge sat watching Annie, and thinking of all this, he noticed, with a thrill of pain, that she was a little paler, a little more quiet than usual. He remembered that she had met Richardson at the picture gallery that day.

Some magnetic influence in the gaze of Etheredge made Annie look up. She flushed under the serene luster of those dark gray eyes, and her fingers forgot their cunning, and dropped the ball of zephyr she was unwinding. It rolled toward the fire—there was a genuine old ashioned wood fire upon the hearth—and in stooping to recover it, her light sleeve dipped into the blaze. The flames leaped up—Milton sprang forward, caught her in his arms, and crushed out the fire.

She was frightened, weak and dizzy with remembering what she had escaped, and for a moment she stood circled on his arm, her head on his shoulder, her soft hair resting against his cheek. The touch thrilled him with startling power. He was hardly himself. All the love he had so long kept under foot rose up like an unbound tyrant. He pressed his lips passionately to hers—he would have told her then how dear she was to him, but something seemed to hold him back. He would wait a little until the excitement of her recent peril would be over—would wait, and think it over calmly. All that night he sat up, thinking of his course. He loved her with all his soul; he should never care for another woman. But he was not quite sure of the condition of her heart. What if she had still a lingering tenderness for Richardson? He feared she might have. He had seen her kiss a picture which he felt morally sure was his. Would he like his wife to kiss Leigh Richardson's picture? Would he like to think she had ever kissed it? Then he remembered how she blushed sometimes when he looked at her, and took courage. It might be that the old dream could be forgotten in the new. At any rate he would know before he slept, he said, with sudden resolution, and after breakfast he went down town for a walk. He knew a few of the fellows belonging to the Franklin Club, and for the want of something better to do, he sauntered into their room.

There were only two or three present, smoking their cigars and idling over the papers. Their business hours had not commenced yet. As he entered he caught the name of Annie Huntley. Fred. Orme, a reckless, young dare devil, was telling a story. Etheredge reddened on hearing her name from Orme's lips, and was about striding forward and calling him to account for it, when Orme's next words arrested him and forced him to listen.

"You see Leigh Richardson was dead in love with her. Never saw a fellow any harder. Well, she is a charming girl—dresses exquisitely. Never saw a better fitting glove and boot than she gets on. Leigh is smart, but I never liked him since he won that silver cup at the boat race. I meant to have had that myself. Too confounded bad I didn't get it."

"So it was," drawled Ed. Harrison; "how you sweat, didn't you Fred?"

"It was hotter than the tropics, and Leigh is one of the cool blooded ones. I said that I meant to be even with him, and I have kept my word. Don't mind telling you the story, fellows, since it is such an old affair. Pass that lemonade, Etheredge—you'll be interested in it, because I've heard it said that you're rather sweet in that quarter. Matters were going on swimmingly, two years ago, between Leigh and Annie. They'd have been married before now, if nobody had interfered. But Dennis and I—you know Dennis?—tiptop fellow! got up a little plan between us, and it worked splendidly. Didn't we raise the deuce? I gained possession of some of Leigh's handwriting, and practiced writing like it. I am an expert at that business, I flatter myself; and in a few days I could fairly beat Richardson with his own weapons. So I wrote a letter to an imaginary chum of his—giving a description of Miss Annie, calling her a soft little thing, telling him how she adored the subscriber, and how the subscriber cared nothing at all for her, but was enjoying a glorious flirtation. Of ourse the subscriber was Leigh Richardson. This note, which was a most insulting one to any woman, we contrived to have dropped where Miss Annie would find it, and the result was even more jolly than I had anticipated. She mittened Richardson the next day, and refused to listen to any explanation he could make, Ha! ha! a good joke wasn't it? Paid him for getting that cup. Always intended to pay him off some way. He felt dreadfully about it! My sister Lucy boarded him at the time, and there was no sleep in the house for his tramping up and down his chamber all night. A little more lemonade, Ed., and I don't care if there is a drop of champagne in it. It's chilly this morning."

Etheredge waited to hear no more. In his present frame of mind he felt as if he could not bear it. He went home and shut himself up in his chamber. After all, Richardson had been true. How bitterly he had been wronged! Annie would repent, and love him more than ever, if she knew the injustice she had done him. That was a woman's nature. She atones for wrong by giving love. And what if an *eclaircissement* should be brought about? Etheredge felt faint and sick. The future shut down dark and blank. And only an hour before he had dared indulge such glowing visions. He saw his duty clearly enough, but it is not always easy to do one's duty. The was a little struggle between his heart and his conscience. A hundred times the temptation beset him to keep his knowledge to himself, and win Annie for his own She would never know that Richardson was blameless, and his great love might make her so happy! At last, he knelt down and prayed over it. He always prayed over those things which were too hard for him. After that, he rose and sat down by the window—felt the west wind on his forehead—saw the pale wintry sunshine gild the long rows of buildings opposite. For him there was no more hesitation. If he could make Annie happy, what matter to him how it was accomplished? He went down to the sitting room about sunset. He knew he should find Annie there. Mrs. Etheredge was away at a society meeting.

Annie was sewing by a shaded lamp. She did not like the glare of the gas. There was a rich color on her cheek over which the loose hair drooped low. Milton Etheredge's heart leaped at sight of her, but he stilled it down and took a seat beside her.

"Annie," he said, "I am an old friend, and I think you will not be offended if I ask you a few questions. Not because I am curious, but because I desire your good more than any earthly thing."

She looked up in wonderment, noticing the strange unsteadiness of his voice and the tremor of the hand laid on hers.

"Offended—with you, Mr. Etheredge!" she said reproachfully; "never that. Go on—I am listening."

"Annie, you were once engaged to Leigh Richardson?"

Her head drooped lower; the crimson came and went in her cheeks.

"I was," she said, in a low voice.

"You loved him and he loved you—was it not so, my child?"

"We called it love."

"And you thought him false?"

"As Satan himself!"

"What if you knew that he was not false—that he was true to you always—that the contemptible letter which you read, purporting to have been written by him, was a vile forgery—what then?"

She was looking at him in mute surprise. She drew a long breath.

"Was it a forgery?"

"It was. I have just heard the history of it. An ill natured acquaintance of Richardson's, to gratify a petty revenge, wrote the letter and dropped it where you would be sure to find it. Leigh Richardson was real and true."

She sat very still before him, not a line of her face changing. He waited for her to speak, but she did not seem disposed to do so.

"Annie, my dear child, shall I speak to Mr. Richardson about this mistake?"

"If you please. I would like him to know that he is clear in my eyes. I think he would be glad to know it. Tell him just how it was, and ask him to forgive me if I was harsh with him."

"Is that all?"

"That is all."

"Annie!"

"Mr. Etheredge!"

"Pardon me for pursuing the subject, but, if you still care for him, you will want to speak [illegible] yourself."

"But I *do not*"

"You do not?"

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"Is it because you love another."

"Yes," she said, quietly, "it is because I love another."

"And that other?"

She rose abruptly, and flung off the detaining hand he laid on her arm.

"You have no right to ask me that!" she said hoarsely. "Let me go! You torture me!"

"Torture you, Annie, I?" What possessed him he did not know—perhaps, something her eyes said to him made him bold. He put his arm around her and drew her to his side.

"Annie, if you love another, I must give you to him. Your happiness shall be secured, though mine be shipwrecked. I did not mean to tell you, darling; but I love you so, it almost kills me to think of losing you. O, Annie! my little, lost Annie!"

Her face grew rosy as the morning. She put her arm around his neck.

"Not lost, but found," she said, softly.

"Annie," he cried, breathlessly, "do not deceive me! What of the picture I saw you kissing?"

She laughed a little, and crimson with confusion drew the locket from her bosom, and held it up to him. He saw his own face.

"Forgive me, Milton. I got it of the artist, and have worn it these two years. Leigh Richardson is nothing to me—you are all."

The Next German War.

The other day a simple minded German called on a grocer to pay a bill, giving him a $10 note. The grocer examined it closely, and said: "Hullo, where did you get this note?" "Vot is de reasons mit dis note?" replied the honest Teuton; "don't she vash good, hein?" "Good?" answered the grocer; "why, you're a lucky man—that note is worth $10.50" "Ish dot so? Why for?" "You see the signature over here, don't you?" "Dose things like a corkscrew mit de worms? Yah." "Well, that's Spinner's signature." "Vell." "Well, Mr. New is now Treasurer of the United States." "You don't tole me so. Vell." "Well, and notes signed by Spinner are getting scarce, and people pay five per cent. more for them than for the new issue." "By shiminy, ish dot so?" "Yes. Lemme see your bills. Why, every one of them is a Spinner! Man alive, your fortune is made." In pursuance of the grocer's advice, Mr. Schneider called at the Sub-Treasury, Saturday afternoon, to get the premium on his bills. What success he had it is impossible to state, but he was seen later in the evening lurking round the street by which the grocer must go home, and on being accosted by an acquaintance the following conversation took place: "Der peebles von Sharmany fights well, hein?" "Oh, yes; the Germans are unquestionably a military nation of the first class." "Some big fights, hein? Leipsic?" "Yes." "Und Sadowa?" "Yes." "Und Koniggratz?" "Certainly." "Und Worth, und Mars-la Tour, und Gravelotte, und Sedan?" "Of course, of course." "Dose was all big battles, und der Deutsch licked?" "Yes." "Vell, you joost waits till dat grocery store shuts himself, und you saw a Deutsch victory vot makes you forgot all dem little ones."—*Chicago Tribune.*

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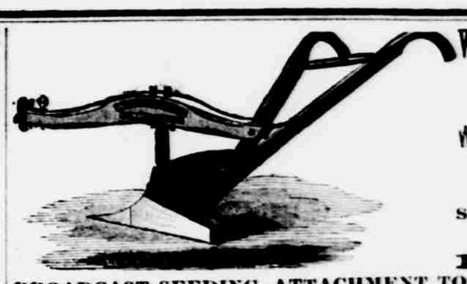
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