

THE RED CLOUD

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AN OLD MAN'S LOVE.

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CHAPTER VII.—CONTINUED.

"I am the gentleman," said Mr. Whittestaff, holding himself somewhat more erect as he spoke. The position was difficult. He could see that John Gordon looked upon him, William Whittestaff, to be an unfit person to take Mary Lawrie for his wife. By the tone in which he asked the question, and by his look of surprise when he received the answer, Gordon showed that he had not expected such a reply.

"What an old man like you to become the husband of Mary Lawrie! Is this the purpose for which you have taken her into your house, and given her those good things of which you have boasted?" Thus Mr. Whittestaff read the look and interpreted the speech conveyed in Gordon's eye. Not that Mr. Whittestaff had boasted, but that he read the look. He knew that he had assumed a special dignity as he made his answer.

"Oh, indeed!" said John Gordon. And now he turned altogether round, with his full frowning eyes fixed upon poor Mary. "If you knew it all, you would feel that I could not help myself." Thus Mary would have spoken if she could have given vent to the thoughts within her bosom.

"Yes, sir. It is I who think myself so happy as to have gained the affections of the young lady. She is to be my wife, and it is she who must name the day when she shall become so. I repeat the invitation which I gave you before. I shall be most happy to see you at my wedding. If, as may be the case, you shall not be in the country when the time comes, and if, now that you are here, you will give Miss Lawrie and myself some token of your renewed friendship, we shall be happy to see you if you will come at once to the house, during such time as it may suit you to remain in the neighborhood. Consider me the difficulty of the invitation. Mr. Whittestaff carried himself as well as might have been expected.

"Under such circumstances," said Gordon, "I can not be a guest in your house." Thereupon Mr. Whittestaff bowed. "But I hope that I may be allowed to speak a few words to the young lady, now in your presence."

"Certainly, if the young lady wishes it." "Ah, better not," said Mary. "Are you afraid of me?" "I am afraid of myself. It had better not be so. Mr. Whittestaff has told you the truth. It is to be his wife, and in offering me his hand, he has added much to the infinite kindnesses which he has bestowed upon me."

"Oh, if you think so!" "I do think so. If you only knew it all, you would think so too. How long has an engagement existed between Mr. Gordon and Miss Lawrie could not bring herself to give an answer.

"If you are not afraid of what he may say to you?" said Mr. Whittestaff. "I am certainly afraid of nothing that Mr. Gordon may say to me. Then I would accede to his wishes. It will be better to have it over." Mr. Whittestaff, in giving this advice, had thought much as to what the world would say of him. He had done nothing of which he was ashamed, nor had Mary. She was sure she would not depart from it. It would, he thought, be infinitely better for her, for many reasons, that she should be married to him than to this wild young man, who had just returned from the diamond mines, and would soon be imagined to be rich again. But the young man had asked to see the girl whom he was about to marry, alone, and it would not suit him to be afraid to allow her so much liberty.

"I shall not hurt you, Mary," said John Gordon. "I am sure you would not hurt me." "Nor say an unkind word." "Oh, no! You could do nothing unkind, I know. But you might spare me and yourself some pain."

"I can not do it," he said. "I can not bring myself to go back at once after this long wait, and I must do so without having spoken one word to you. I have come to England on purpose to see you. Nothing shall induce me to abandon my intention of doing so but your refusal. I have received a great blow and it is you who must tell me that there is certainly no cure for the wound."

"There is certainly none," said Mary. "Perhaps I had better leave you together," said Mr. Whittestaff, as he got up and left the room.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

The State of Louisiana has imposed a license fee of five dollars on all newspapers.

William H. Vanderbilt is not the richest man in the world. Lord Rupertwood, of Melbourne, Australia, is said to be worth \$20,000,000.

Little Miss Susie Robinson, Edward, Washington County, has been visiting her grand-grandmother's sister, and she is said to be enjoying similar felicity.

Mr. Spurgeon's household is a scene of domestic peace. He told his friends and to celebrate his fiftieth birthday and his wife had never differed upon one question.

The author of a new Boston novel seems fond of red. One of the young men in the book has a red-tanned face and amber hair.

An alphabetical list of the persons in thirty-two novels of Sir Walter Scott has just been compiled.

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