



CHAPTER XIX.—(CONTINUED.)

Ralph bent for Judge Ireton, Imogene's father, but the fatal news had already reached him, and it had been too much for the proud old man.

Imogene was confined to the room in the third story, which was made as comfortable as might be for her use.

Governor Fulton prepared to return home, and he insisted on taking Helen with him.

"Mr. St. Cyril," she said, "I am going to start for home today. Let us shake hands and part good friends."

"Do you think I have been very naughty with you, Mr. St. Cyril?" she asked, demurely.

"Yes, I do. You have treated me shamefully, when I have loved you so!"

"Indeed, well, I wasn't aware I had been so wicked! Will you ever forgive me?"

"Do you wish me to?" "I don't much care—if you do?" "And if I do not?"

"Gee, I shall be sorry." "Helen, one thing tell me. Do you love me?"

"Let me go! I won't tell you!" "You shall not go until you do tell me! And here is your honored father to witness your assertion."

"What? how? What is the meaning of this? I don't understand."

"You don't see it, do you, papa?" said Helen, saucily.

"I really don't think I do," said the governor, slowly.

"I love your daughter, sir," said St. Cyril, manfully.

days we have been together? You know that I love you?" Her blushing silence answered him.

"I did love you. O Lynde! I suffered so much because of it! And I never dared to think you would care for me."

"My darling! I trust in God the suffering is o'er past. The joy is begun."

CHAPTER XX. MOGENE TRENHOLME'S condition did not improve.

any benefit. She became so dangerous that he did not trust any of the servants to take her food.

It was the first of September—a wild night of storm and wet.

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"Keep off, all of you!" she cried. "I am to be married! Don't murder me on my bridal day!"

He rushed toward her, tearing away the blazing obstacles that intervened between them.

Ralph's loud cry of horror brought the servants to the spot, and the flames were stayed.

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COMPENSATIONS. Cleon hath a thousand acres, Ne'er a one have I;

Cleon dwelleth in a palace, In a cottage I;

Cleon hath a dozen fortunes, Not a penny I;

Cleon true, possesseth acres, But the landscape I;

Cleon is a slave to grandeur, Free as thought am I;

Cleon fees a score of doctors, Need of none have I;

Cleon sees no charms in Nature, In a daisy I;

Cleon hears no anthems ringing, 'Twixt the sea and sky;

Cleon sings to me forever— Earnest listener, I;

Cleon stands with all attendants— Who would change? Not I.

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don't know why. Now Mrs. Perkins, look around this kitchen, and tell me what you would do if you lived here."

Mrs. Perkins took a leisurely survey of the premises, letting her eyes rest on one portion after another with meditative slowness.

"Well?" said Hector.

"In the first place," said Mrs. Perkins, "I wouldn't have this room for a kitchen at all, if I lived here. It's damp."

"Damp?" echoed Hector.

"As blue mould," answered the oracle. "The cellar under it isn't properly drained, I am certain."

"Where do you get your water?" asked Mrs. Perkins.

"From the spring under the hill."

"Do you mean that your wife has to bring all the water you use up that hill?"

"Except the wash-water. That she dips out from the hoghead under the eaves," explained Hector, rather discomfited.

"My goodness me!" exclaimed Mrs. Perkins, wringing her plump hands in comical dismay.

"It's what we've always done," said Hector. "I bring a couple of pails in the morning before I go to work, and after I come home, but—"

"Nonsense! a mere 'rop in the bucket!' said Mrs. Perkins. "What you want is a sink with water pipes laid from the spring, and a good cistern with a pump in the kitchen, and a washing-machine."

"What's that?" asked Hector.

"We'll show you one if you'll come over to our house," said Luzon Perkins, cheerfully.

"And stationary tubs in the cellar," added Mrs. Perkins, "and a hot water boiler back of the stove. That's the way to break down work instead of work breaking you down."

"I'll do it," said Hector. "I'll have these things all fixed up while Cynthia is at her mother's if you'll just help me with your experience."

Mrs. Perkins nodded approvingly. "It will add ten years to Cynthia's life," said she.

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