IRENE'S VOW

By CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

CHAPTER III. ments with him, she never said, "I shall

be by the brookside at such an hour;"

but it was understood between them,

Irene rose early that every duty might Be performed, that no one would be able say she neglected anything. Everything intrusted to her was most caresally attended to, in order that she might Sove more time for herself; and so it some to pass that in the early morning, Sefore the others were awake, she spent long, happy hours by the brookside with 3c Hulbert, then hastened home, waitad on her father with such loving atten-Mon, and was so thoroughly kind to Mrs. Cotrel that they could see no flaw in her. Then in the long sunset hours she was Three again; and no one ever asked where went or what she did. The artist was his studio, the mistress of the house resting, as old age loves to rest. There

Sir Hulbert accustomed her to his pressince as the flowers grew accustomed to the sunlight; it had become a necessity to her before she realized it. She might meyer have understood how it became mart of her life but for his absence during one day. The sun was setting, and com in the red glow of the sun. They | Irene?" were sitting under the drooping boughs the willow tree; and he, looking up from the pages of the book, said:

was no one to hold out a hand to save

"This time to morrow evening I shall be in London.

He knew, for the first time, how much cared for him when he saw the love-De young face grow white as death and the shadow of unutterable pain dim the Bright, sweet eyes.

going away?" "Only for a day," he hastened to reply. at could not remain longer if I would."

"I shall not see you all day, then?" she mid, plaintively. "It is rather I who will not see you," Be replied. "The day will seem longer

me than it possibly can to you." "I am not sure," she said, gravely. "You will have a thousand distractions. I shall have nothing to do but think." "What shall you think of, Irene?" he asked, gently. Her fair young face droop-

and from his as she answered: "You know that I will think of you." And the silence that fell upon them both was far more eloquent than words. When the san rose on the morrow she realized all that he had become to her. The bright sun shone in vain, and in vain did the birds sing; her heart was Reavy as lead; there was no light in her eges, no spring in her step, no singing over her work as she went through her duties; no delight in hurrying to the

brookside; all life seemed blank and "What is the matter this morning, Franc?" asked Mrs. Cotrel. "You seem to have lost all life."

"What is the matter, Irene?" asked the artist. "Why, child, all the brightmess has gone from your face; what ails

"What is the matter with Irene to-These jellies will not set, and the cakes | met her in the woods lately?' will not rise; nothing seems right that see does.

Ah! what ailed her? that she, so light at heart, so brilliant, so beautiful, had words-no smiles,

mad her heart gave her no answer. Without him she was like a flower Dr. Kean.

without sun to warm or rain to nourish He had become part of her life-the Best part of it-and what she could do ese could not tell. On the morrow they stood together in the clear morning light, each one chang-

He read in her face that the time enat he loved her. And she knew that ant hour spent watching the sunset. the bad learned with her whole heart to fore him.

Boking with passionate eyes into the been?" brely, drooping face. "Tell me. Do not the afraid that I shall grow vain; tell me, and you miss me?"

"More than I thought I should miss znu," she answered. "And you?"

"L" he replied. "I will tell you; Lon-Jon looked very bright and full of life. Beaw many friends and many friendly faces, but I was so anxious to be back Were with you I did not stop to exchange one word except with the solicitor I went meet. Do you know what this is a sagu of, Irene?"

She made no answer. The golden mornlight quivered on the leaves and in water of the brook; a little bird from the alder tree sang sweetly. He bent his

trene, does not your own heart whisper to you what this means? Why his daughter home. should I miss you? Why should you

miss me?" "Because we are friends," she anexered, gently.

"No, not that; we are now in the land where friends never stand; the light, my Jerling, that never shone on land or sea. whites for us, the golden gate of the golden land opens to us; there can be no goback to the calm regions of friendskip. Irene, my darling, look up at me, not turn that sweet face from me; it

that we love one another. Oh, my seeing, do you hear the words? we love see another!" The little brook might become a big eseam and its mighty tide would become sesouthing before the mightier sweep of loss dat rushed through the girl's heart

when she heard her lover's words.

CHAPTER IV.

There was no more question of friendmis between them; that was forgotten. Mr. Hulbert was able to smile at himself he remembered how cautiously he the birds woke her with their singing and

been more successful. The girl had lost It was a new life to Irene Darcy; she all her dainty, pretty shyness,. she was bever thought to ask herself if it were quite at her ease with him; she had lost eight or wrong, whether she was keep- all her nervous constraint and indifferbe a secret from those who loved her ence. With eloquence he had persuaded sest or not. She soon ceased to think or her that she was doing no wrong in temember anything else except that she keeping these claudestine meetings seto see Sir Hulbert every day, and cret from her friends, but that she was being him had grown dearer than life doing something brave and heroic, tramher. She made no positive appoint- pling the prejudice of the world under foot. So, day after day, the love between them grew deeper and dearer, day after day the girl's face grew more and more lovely, until Sir Hulbert, accustomed as he was to the fairest faces in Europe, was dazzled by her beauty.

It happened that one most beautiful evening, when the sunlight seemed fairer than ever, Sir Hulbert, hating the hour which would part them, walked with her some little distance home.

They had not gone very far before a dark shadow fell across their path .and looking up. Irene saw the kindly, shrewd old face of Dr. Kean, the doctor who had ntroduced her to the world, and who had closed her mother's eyes.

"I did not think to meet you here, child," he said. "How are you?" The lovely, flower-like face drooped

from his, the sweet eyes fell, the little, white hands trembled. She had no words n which to answer him. He looked from the delicate, lovely face to the dark, handsome one, and something like a frown came over his.

"I have not seen you once for the last fortnight, Irene," he said; "whenever I have called, you have been out. I began to wonder when I should see you again. the waters of the pretty brook were crim- Will you introduce me to your friend,

She blushed crimson, Sir Hulbert came to the rescue; he could noth endure to see her in distress.

"I shall be much pleased, Dr. Kean," he said, "to make your acquaintance. I have heard wonders of your skill. I am visiting Lord Arundale, and you stand very high in his lordship's good graces."

It did so happen that there was no person on earth for whom the good doctor had so much respect as for Lord Arundale; the very name was a passport to his esteem; his face relaxed, the last frown disappeared, as he said:

"You are a visitor of Lord Arundale's? I am most happy to make your acquaint-

It did not occur to the good doctor how cleverly the handsome young aristocrat had evaded the introduction, and how completely he had forgotten to ask his

Sir Hulbert smiled his frankest smile, "It is through Lord Arundale that I first had the pleasure of seeing Miss Darcy," he continued, "and a very great pleasure it was. I met Miss Darcy just now in the woods here, and begged to have the pleasure of seeing her home," added Sir Hulbert.

Dr. Kean was the last man in the world to tell tales or to make mischief; but in some way he considered himself responsible for this motherless child. He knew how unprotected she was; the dreamy artist father and the old grandmere were no protectors for her; he was haunted by the memory of those beautiful faces, the girl's so fair and tender, the man's so dark, so full of fire. Certainly the young stranger had spoken but in the most frank and candid manner; yet it would be just as well to know if the artist knew of the friends his daughter made.

When the doctor met Santon Darcy he oby?" asked the old servant, Jacqueline. said to him: "Did Irene tell you that I "No, I do not remember it," was the

"I met her with one of the very handsomest young men I ever saw, walking in the woods. I say nothing, I insinuate "What ails me?" she asked herself; nothing; but if it were my daughter I should like to know something of its' said

> "Whatever I ask Irene will tell me," said the artist, proudly.

And the doctor, with an expressive shrug of his shoulders, walked away. Although he was habitually a dreamer, Santon Darcy roused himself to think over the old doctor's words. He met Bad come in which he might safely say Irene as she came in from a long, pleas-"Irene," he asked, in that gentle voice

of his, which had in it always a sugges-"Did you miss me, Irene?" he said, tion of tears, "Irene, where have you "Watching the sunset in the woods,"

she replied.

"Have you been alone?" he asked. "No, I was not alone, papa," she re-

"With whom were you, Irene?" he asked, gravely, and she answered, frankly: "I told you that I had met Lord Arundale, papa, and this gentleman is visiting him; a friend of his. I have seen him often since, and he brings me part of the way home.

To this simple-mindtd man, who lived in his visions, this seemed natural and frank enough. No warning of a terrible tragedy came to him, no revelation that the beginning of the crisis of Irene's life handsome face over hers, as he was at hand. He thought it was merely who believed it an act of kindness to see

"It is very kind of him, but you must not accept such acts of attention, Irene: you are not a child now; indeed, it fills me with wonder to find you are almost a woman, my dear. You must not speak to strangers or walk with them, no matter who they may be, and I advise you strongly not to go where you are likely to

meet this person again." "I will do as you wish, papa," she said,

gently. As she uttered the words all the brightness of life died away from her. For the first time, she realized the intensity of her love. The artist went back to his trysting place, fully determined to tell pictures. Irene went to the pretty little him that while she could not bear to part drawing room where she could think at

leisure over what had happened. "I will not be unhappy," she thought.

"I will not be unhappy." She decided in her own mind that she would see Sir Palbert as usual on the day following, and tell him what her father had said.

It was a fatal suprise for her, though "I do not know how I have lived." she made all his advances under the the flowers were all rejoi ing in the morn- said, with a shudder. "Sir Huibert, anof friendship. Nothing could have | ing air. She stood before him, tall, slen- other such week would kill me."

der and stately as a lily, so loving that any man might have laid down his life

ing, sweet; and yet there is a shadow over you," he said. "All shadows," she said, "vanish in the sun. If I had a trouble, it has gone, now

that I see you." "Have you a trouble?" he asked. "Either let me share it, darling, or give it to

"My trouble is about you," she said. "About me, Irene? Ah, then I shall soon end it. There would be no way in which I would allow myself to trouble you. Tell me what it is.'

He drew the slender figure pearer to himself with a loving clasp. Ah, what a haven of rest was this broad breast and loving heart of her lover-what a haven of rest the clasp of these arms! It could not be that she was to lose them? "Tell me what has troubled you.

Irene." he said, and she told him. His face darkeend.

"I knew there would be mischief when saw that tiresome old doctor," he said. She looked up at him in sudden alarm. "Shall we be parted?" she asked, while the beautiful face grew white as death. With passionate words he answered:

"Never in this world. You love me, Irene, do you not?" "Better than my life; better than all the world besides; but I must obey my

father." she answered. "Leave it all to me; I will not ask you to disobey him; I only ask one favor, Irene. Meet me here again this evening, and I will tell you what I have decided. Will you do this?"

The last hope of her good angel, the last chance of her life died as she said: "Yes."

CHAPTER V.

"We need never part, if you will consent to one thing. Irene, and that is a secret marriage. In time we can make it known, but at first, and for the present, we must keep it a dead secret. What do you say?"

With these words Sir Hulbert announce ed his decision

Slowly enough the rose bloom died from Irene's face and a white look of pain came into it; slowly the love-light died from the beautiful eyes, and the shadow of despair took its place. She spoke no word, but the golden head drooped more heavily on her lover's breast.

"You do not answer me, Irene," he

She broke from the clasp of his arm with a little shudder as of cold or nain "A secret marriage," she said; "that mere. I-I cannot, Sir Hulbert; it would not be right.'

He understood the delicacy of her nature far too well to attempt just then to argue with her, but in the far distance he already saw his triumph.

"Not right, my darling. I have never heard that a secret marriage was not right. It may not always be wise; but I will not persuade you; it shall be as you will; I will not urge you to consent to anything in the world you thought not

She looked at him through a mist of "You know, Sir Hulbert," she said gently, "that I have not been brought up quite as other girls. My father has held but one idea up to me, and it is that one day I must go to my mother in heaven. She loved me so much, yet she hardly saw me before she died. Now, Sir Hulbert, you are so much wiser, so much better than I, will you tell me if I could is not my baby girl, whom I left so young: this is a girl with a great, dark

secret over her, soul; and she would not love me, would she now, Sir Hulbert?" For shame and for pity's sake he should have fallen on the long grass and buried his face there. He should have trembled as he stood there, bold, defiant and handsome. As it was, the question startled him with a keen, sharp pain. This dead mother in heaven was like an enemy to him. He did not dare, reckless as he was, to answer her. The girl went on

in a low, plaintive voice. "It is not long since someone said to me that 'where there is secrecy there is guilt.' If that be true of ordinary marriage, what must it be of a secret mar-

riage?" "You are too much of a philosopher, Irene, to love very much," he said in a tone of bitter disappointment. "How foolish I was to think you would do any-

thing in the world for me.' She answered him only by bitter tears and sobs. He might have had mercy on her, she was so young and so fair.

"Irene," he said, gently, "do not weep so bitterly. One word at any time will bring me to your side again; you have but to say 'come' and I will fly to you. Perhaps when you have thought it well over, a secret marriage may not appear so dreadful to you.'

She answered him only by bitter tears, and something like remorse did come over | the Kedron, and into this aqueduct the him when he saw the beautiful face all | beautiful, cool, clear water had run wet with tears; still he said to himself if he were to conquer in the end he must

"Irene," said Sir Hulbert, "let us try, before we decide, let us try if we can live without each other. We need not part just yet. I can remain at Lord Arundale's. It is Tuesday now! take a whole week to think it over, and let us meet here next Tuesday, just one week a question of the politeness of a stranger, from to-day, to decide whether we shall part forever or never part more. What do you say, my darling?"

"I will do anything you wish," she said, glad of any pretext that delayed the fatal

parting. "Then it shall be so," he said. "Next week shall decide our fate-next Tuesbe for weal or for woe. Forever to love of the phrase "glove money." each other, or forever to part. Next Tuesday, Irene, how shall I live until the day comes?"

He kissed the tears from her eyes and left her the most miserable and desolate girl under the summer sun.

The following Tuesday she was at the with him, neither could she consent to a secret marriage.

"My darling," he cried, "how could we fancy we could ever part?" She clung to him weeping and sobbing. The pretty, coquettish hat had fallen on the grass, the golden hair lay in rich. shining waves over her shoulders, her little white hands clung to him.

"How did we ever dream that we could live away from each other, Irene?" he said. "This one week has been like a long year to me."

"You look fresh and fair as the morn-And then, looking into her face, he

"I was to come for my answer to-day, Irene. What is it?' He kissed the silent lips.

"You have no words for me. You know the old proverb, darling, that silence gives consent. May I take your silence for the sweetest consent ever given?" Then she found courage to speak.

"I cannot bear the parting," she said, hurriedly, "and I cannot bear a secret marriage. You, who are so clever, you must find some other course for us." (To be continued.)

Savings Bank Interest. When the Vermont Legislature in 1900 passed an act providing that the trustees of savings banks and savings institutions in that State should regu late the rate of interest or dividends not to exceed 1% per cent semi-annual ly upon the deposits therewith, it an ticipated a course of action which has now, to all appearances, forced itsel: upon the savings institutions of the Em

pire State. While some of the stronger Vermont institutions. like the Burlington Sav ings Bank, could easily pay 2 per cent semi-annually, some of the weaker sayings banks experienced great difficulty in keeping up the rate, owing to the larger percentage of cost of doing busi ness, practically the same machinery being necessary for the carrying on of a small business as a larger one.

Some of the smaller institutions did not feel like reducing their rate of interest or dividend, for they realized that if they adopted a smaller rate while the stronger institutions continued to pay at least 4 per cent, depositors would be inclined to withdraw their savings and place the same where a larger rate could be secured. In this emergency, says the Burlington Free Press, an appeal was made to the Legislature to establish a uniform rate. above which no savings institution could go in the regulating of interest or dividends, and the act in question was the result.

Helps to Detectives. Each of us carries with us, every day of our lives, a number of unconmeans unknown to my father or grand- | sidered things by which, if necessary, detectives could easily identify us. Take clothes first of all. A man, as a rule, gets all bis clothes from the same tailor; but, whether he does nor not, and however carefully he endeavors to cut off every tag and mark, that tailor would have no difficulty in identifying the garments he has made. Thread. stitching, buttons, lining-all tell their own tale. More particularly so do what tailors call "specials." These are simply special pockets-fountain pen and pencil pockets, eyeglass pockets, watch pockets lined with wash leather, cigar, ticket, flask and inner waistcoat pocket. A watch has frequently brought a criminal to justice. The man who has ever gone to a good dentist has left behind him a lifelong record which would enable that practitioner to identify him with absolute certaingo to my mother if I should consent to ty. Such a dentist makes note of every a secret marriage? Her face, they tell tooth he stops, and more particularly me, is full of light, but she would turn what he puts in it. Stoppings are of it from me. I fear she would say, 'This | dozens of different kinds in these days. Plain gold or plain amalgam is comparatively rarely used. Gold and platinum in various proportions and many other metals are employed, so, that, unless a criminal has all his teeth pulled out, he can most certainly be identified. Even then a plate is as sure a clue as a coat.

No Longer Dry. Until recently, the Pool of Siloam has been for ten years only a name. Visitors to Palestine who visited this famous spot during that time found that its healing waters had vanished. This was a great blow to the inhabitants, but recently the waters of Siloam have been made to flow once again, and there has been great rejoicing in the holy land. It appears that Jerusalem has been especially short of water of late, and it occurred to some of the inhabitants of Siloam to try to find out whether the spring which used to supply the pool was really dry. Tons of accumulated rubbish were cleared away, and after about a month's work the spring was found. The excavators discovered behind some fallen rocks an old aqueduct running away into the valley of

and been wasting for years. Alpine Water Power. Gigantic water power developments are projected in the Alps. There are now in the French Alps forty-three factories supplied by 250,000-horse power. electrically generated. Engineers estimate that 3,000,000-horse power is now

running to waste in the Alps.

New Year Gifts. When pins were first invented they were favorite New Year presents. Afterwards the money was given to buy the pins, and thus arose the term "pin day. We shall meet here, and it shall | money." The same account is given

New Vessels for the Navy.

The vessels built or authorized by Congress since the Spanish war more than equal in tonnage the regular naval | together." vessels we then had. The effectiveness of guns has also been doubled.

To Aid Norwegian Farmers.

A law prevails in Norway to aid the people in securing land. The Government provides a sum of \$500,000, which is lent to industrious farmers to enable them to buy farms.

In a town of a certain size, if a girl gets as many as three new "sets" of underwear at once, it is ground for a marrying story.

THE PRIEST AND THE SCRIBE.

Sporting Reporter's Troubles Trying to Describe a Church Ceremony. that I have noticed in the conduct of newspaper," said a prominent Roman Catholic clergyman of this diocese in talking with a Sunday Inter Ocean reperter the other day, "is the absolute ignorance of our church matters that the average reporter detailed to write of them exhibits. One would suppose that the papers would select men for such duties who were qualified for the work by reason of being members of the church, or who at least had such a general store of information as to enable them to approach their assignment with the spirit of intelligence.

The reverse seems, however, to be the

"I am impelled to make this criticism by an experience that I had at the Holy Name Cathedral a short time ago There was an imposing church ceremonial to take place in which I was ! take part with scores of other priests of the archdiocese. A short time before the services were to begin a reporter for one of the papers came up to the parish-house for information. and, seeing me there, asked me to tell him in advance just what was going to be done. I sat down and he pulleout his pad of paper and began to take notes. In my description of the ceremonies I mentioned the acolytes. He stopped his writing and looked up at me with a puzzled expression.

"How do you spell that?" he asked "I told him and he put it down, Then

he looked up again and asked: "'Say, what are acolytes, anyhow?" are, and then went on with my descrip- twitches of the eyelids in a minute, tion of the ceremonies. In doing so I which enlarges the tiny muscles and mentioned that the brothers were to take a certain part. Again the reporter looked up and asked:

" 'Say, what brthers?' "I gave him a brief explanation o the brothers, and he took it all it When I had concluded he fired another

question at me; " 'Say, what's the difference between

the brothers and the priests? "It was now my turn to ask questions, and I did so. 'What is this, any- but some distance in front, An avhow? A theological class? I inquired. What kind of work do you do for your, infantry rifle has shown a muzzle paper, young man! Horse races?

"'Mostly sporting,' he answered, not with a maximum velocity of 2,132 in the least abashed. 'I never tackled feet per second of ten feet from the a proposition like this before, and it is just so much Greek to me. Sporting news is pretty dull just now, so they sent me out on this.

"He was so frank about the matte and realized his own limitations s well that I couldn't feel angry with him, and actually had to laugh at the bewildered air with which he ap proached the whole matter. I fixed him up as well as I could, but never! perfect pretection. had the courage to look at the report that his paper printed."-Chicago Inter

Where Men Eat to Live.

"The Trappist Monks consider eat ing to be a necessary evil," says John Ball Osborne in Lippincott's March Magazine, "and curtail it to such a degree that one step further would be suicide. Dinner, to which scarcely 15 minutes is devoted, consists of a mess of vegetables boiled in water without butter or salt and served in a crude earthenware bowl, a slice or two of I have met before.' rye bread without butter, and a mug of milk or water as a beverage. Supper is the barest apology for a meal, being nothing more than bread and water. The guest-master did not mention breakfast; if there be such a meal, it probably consists merely of a glass of water. A slight relaxation of this dietary is allowed to invalids, who may have two eggs a day, while on extraordinary occasions, such as a fuperal feast in honor of a departed friar, the monks revel in an egg apiece. They are strict vegetarians, and a Trappist must be in the very jaws of death before he will consent to eat meat. How these poor, untiring toilers can exist on such feeble food surpasses my comprehension; and yet I saw individuals at Westmalle who had been undergoing the rigid regime for half a century. The majority of the veterans, however, were haggard, sad faced and gaunt, and bore no resemblance to the proverbially sleek, jolly, rotund monks

of the cloister." The Moon Kept on Shaning. A certain well known judge was once violently attacked by a young and very impudent counsel. To the surprise of everybody, the judge heard him quite through, unconscious of what was said by those present, and

After the adjournment for the day and when all were assembled at hotel where the judge and many of the court olk had their refreshments, one of the company asked the judge why he did

not rebuke the impertinent fellow. "Permit me," said the judge, loud enough to attract the attention of the whole company, among whom was the barrister in question-"permit me to tell you a little story. My father, when we lived in the country, had a dog, a mere puppy. I may say. Well, this puppy would go out every moonlight night and bark at the moon for hours

The judge paused, as if he had finished.

"Well, what of it?" exclaimed half a dozen of the audience at once.

"Oh, nothing-nothing, but the moon kept shining on, just as if nothing had happened."

Chinese Woolen Workers. In San Francisco 570 Chinamen are employed in factories making under-

wear for women and children. Girls

are totally unable to compete with

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Due to Nervousness,

"The constant blinking of the eyes is due to nervousness, and unless it is nipped in the bud it will develop into a positive affliction," says an eye specialist. "Naturally blinking is necessary to clear and moisten the eye. By natural blinking I mean about ten to the minute. The nervous blinkers, on the other "Briefly, I told him what acolytes hand, will often get a hundred sets up an irritation that eventually effects the sight. Many children seem to acquire the habit unconsciously, and parents do not exercise suffici nt care in trynig to break them of it."

Velocity of a Bullet.

It appears that the greatest velocity of a rifle ball is not at the muzzle, erage of ten shot with the German velocity of 2,063 feet per second,

It is said that only the steel bullets of the Austrian Mannlicher rifle can pierce the bullet-proof coat of finely textured silk recently invented by M. Szecezpanik. Against the ordinary bullets, as well as saber cuts and thrusts, the garment affords

Only good swimmers are acceptable as recruits in the German army. The best swimmers in the service are able to cross a stream several yards in width even when carrying their clothing, rifle and ammuni-

Had Met Before. Hostess-"Miss Beautie, Mr. Good-

Mr. Goodheart-"Miss Beautie and

Miss Beautie-"Why, so we have. I thought your face seemed familiar." Mr. Goodheart-"Yes, 1 am one of the men you accepted last summer."

The digestive apparatus of the horse measures 100 feet-small 75 feet. large 25 feet.

KIDNEY TROUBLES.

Mrs. Louise M. Gibson Says That This Fatal Disease is Easily Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-

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