

THE JEWELLED TALISMAN
OR
PURITAN AND CAVALIER
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CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)
"I thought your time had come, and that it was I who was to deal with you," said Gabriel, addressing Harleigh, "and so, unseen by you, I raised my hand against you. But it was a lying spirit that whispered in my ear. You need not fear me now."
"I fear no one—not even an enemy, who is not mean enough to steal upon me unawares," was Harleigh's reply.
"My spirit is still exceedingly bitter against you, and I may again be tempted. Yet I shall wrestle hard against the temptation, though you have, as it were, touched the apple of my eye."
"I am not aware that there is any reason for your accusation," said Harleigh. "Is it not known to you that Alice Dale is mine?"
"No, nor to her, either,"
"Why do you say so, Gabriel?" asked Alice.
"When you were no higher than my knee, I said to Nathan Walworth, 'I will serve you seven years, and then seven more added to them, for your niece Alice, even as Jacob of old served Laban for his daughter Rachel.'"
"And did he accept your services on the condition you named?" inquired Harleigh.
"He said if I labored for him, he should recompense me with silver and gold, but when twice seven years were accomplished, if I remained in the same mind, I was free to win the maiden if I could, and he smiled graciously on me, as he said these words."
"And the twice seven years are now gone?" said Harleigh.
"They are. Last evening, half an hour after sunset, they were finished; but there was one standing in my path, who silver apparel was ornamented with gold and silver, such as dazzles the eyes of a thoughtless maiden, and I knew she would not listen to me. So sorely was I tempted to cause my own garments to be adorned with shining gauds, in order to please her eye, and thus obtain favor in her sight, I even listened to the tempter so far as to fasten ruffles of fine lace about my wrists, and mightily did it please my vanity to see them fall over these hands."
"But, after all, you concluded not to wear them," said Harleigh.
"I did. Strength was given me to tear them from my wrists and cast them down into the dust, where I trampled on them with my feet, till they bore no likeness to what had so tickled my fancy. But as it did not seem good unto me that she should be lost, I told the girl Rebecca what I had done, and she rescued them from the dust and dirt, and cleansed them with water and soap."
"A very praiseworthy piece of economy," said Harleigh, "in you as well as in the girl."
"And that I might not again be tempted to adorn myself with them, I sold them to her for the price demanded for such merchandise, thereby making fourpence-halfpenny by my bargain, the dealer having been prevailed upon to abate thus much from the price he at first demanded."
"A sum worth looking after," said Harleigh, with a smile.
"Verily it is to those who would thrive, Silas Watkins told me on my way hither that you intended soon to go beyond the sea. Is it true?"
"It is."
"How soon?"
"In a week or ten days."
"Then I shan't have to strive long with the temptation which urges me to adorn my person with worthless gauds; for when you are gone, I shall no longer have a rival. Come, Alice, leave this ungodly cavalier, and return to your home with me. You belong to me, and it isn't my pleasure for you to remain with him."
"It must be time for breakfast," said Alice, turning to Harleigh. And then drawing nearer to him, she added, in a low voice: "I am alike afraid to go with him or to refuse."
"I should be afraid to trust you," was Harleigh's reply. "Look! If that isn't the glare of frenzy burning in his pale, almost colorless eyes, I know not what to term it."
"And so you can't go without him," said Gabriel. "It is well that he has only a short time to tarry among us, or the temptation to deliver you from the snare which he has laid for you might grow too strong and mighty to resist. But I will shield her from you, if the power is given me."
Saying this, he took Alice by the arm, though she involuntarily recoiled as he did so, and with rapid strides, which showed little regard for her comfort or accommodation, urged her forward in the direction of the house, while Harleigh, though an excellent walker, was barely able to keep so near as to assist Alice whenever the width of the path permitted.

CHAPTER V.
Gabriel, when they had reached the doorstep, relinquished his hold on Alice's arm and turned abruptly away.
"I don't know but that I have been guilty of violating the laws of hospitality," said Alice, as she and Harleigh stood looking after him, as he took his way down a narrow path, which led to a deep and narrow glen.
"You think that you ought to have invited him to share with us the morning meal?"
"Yes; but I so dread to have him present. He has always inspired me with fear, ever since I can remember—a feeling which of late has increased tenfold, and has now become absolutely unendurable."
"His fanaticism has undoubtedly reached that point which approaches alienation of mind."
"Breakfast is ready," said little Ella, whose bright, sweet face suddenly shone upon them from the doorway.
"I wish to speak to you concerning

leah, but I shall prevail against him."
"The chances are not on your side," said Mr. Walworth.
"You think that her heart has gone out to the ungodly cavalier—that she prefers Clarence Harleigh to me?"
"There can be little doubt of it."
"And do you think it meet that one of the daughters of our little band in the wilderness should be given as a wife to this man? In his hands, her goodly heritage will be naught. It will be consumed in vain adornments for the person and in idle amusements, such as are practiced in the court of Charles Stuart. Ay, it will vanish like the dew of the morning. Nathan Walworth, do you dare give your niece to this man for a wife?"
"She is now of an age to know her own mind. I shall not attempt to control her. She is free to choose between you and him."
"Mind what you do, Nathan Walworth."
"As far as Clarence Harleigh is concerned, I have more than once considered the subject well."
"In your secret heart, you've been conspiring against me."
As Gabriel said this he sprang from his seat, and in his eyes, which were fixed upon Mr. Walworth, was burning the old fire and glaring light.
"Gabriel, sit down, and listen to me calmly," said Mr. Walworth.
"You are my enemy."
"I am not your enemy, neither have I, in thought or in action, conspired against you. Clarence Harleigh's father was one of the dearest friends I ever had. He was more than a brother to me. For many years he has slept with his fathers, but in the son, he is almost restored to me. In personal appearance he is nearly the same, and is richly endowed with all good and noble qualities of mind."
"Which were but sounding brass and the tinkling cymbal; for was he not to our people what a son of the Hitites or Canaanites of old was to the children of Israel?"
"His creed was different from mine, but his conduct was above reproach. His influence tempered my zeal, which other wise I sometimes should have been in danger of carrying too far. Even now it is my besetting sin."
"You are blinded, Nathan Walworth, or you wouldn't thus rise up against me. But I shall have strength to carry this matter through. I shall triumph over my enemies; I shall see them humbled in the dust."
"You are angry now, Gabriel. In the morning your mind will be calmer."
"It would be better for Alice Dale to be in her grave than to be married to that man."
"We will say no more on that subject now," said Mr. Walworth. "It is late; time for you to be at home."
"Last night you invited me to tarry with you."
"Add would now, only you are excited, and the walk will do you good."
Gabriel had reached the door, and was about to lift the latch, when he turned round.
"You little think what danger your Dagon was in this morning," said he. "It is well for him that he means soon to leave the place."
"Don't ask him what he means," said Mrs. Walworth, in a low voice. "When he is gone, I will tell you."
Mr. Walworth was greatly shocked when, as soon as Gabriel was gone, his wife informed him of what Alice had told her concerning his attempting Harleigh's life; yet, on reflection, so strong was his faith in Gabriel's desire to do right, that he thought Alice must have been deceived.

"I will, however," said he, "give the subject serious and careful consideration."
(To be continued.)

About Snakes.
"It is common to hear people speak about poisonous serpents," writes a zoologist. "Serpents are never poisonous; they are venomous. A poison cannot be taken internally without bad effects; a venom can. Venoms, to be effective, have to be injected directly into the circulation, and this is the manner in which the snakes kill. Their venom taken internally is innocuous. Another popular error is the supposition that a snake bites. Probably no creature in the world provided with teeth and jaws has so little power of biting. The jaws are not hinged, but are attached one to the other by cartilage. Thus a snake can have no leverage in opposing one jaw to the other, and could not in this manner pierce the skin. The fangs are driven into the flesh by a stroke, and not by a bite. A snake is harmless unless in coil. From its coils it strikes its head and body forward, and strikes or hooks its fangs into the object aimed at. The entire work is done with the upper jaw, the lower jaw having nothing at all to do with it. A man striking a snake with a hook into a pier furnished an example of the way in which a snake strikes."

Singing Spiders.
A naturalist who has given many years of study to some of the smaller forms of insect life has discovered that certain sorts of spiders are possessed of organs for which there seems to be no use save to create sound. They are mostly used when the little creatures are alarmed, although the opinion is held by some that this is their means of calling to their mates. The alarm idea, however, has some support in the case of the rattlesnake, which is provided with the means of making its presence known whenever an enemy approaches. Whether the possession of organs for creating sound is designed merely as a protection or warning is a point to which naturalists are giving careful and enthusiastic attention.

The Laziest Creature.
A most curious and sluggish creature is the tautawa, a nine-inch lizard, whose home is in New Zealand. The little imitation saurian has the reputation of being the laziest creature ever created. He is usually found clinging to rocks or logs along the shores of rivers and lakes, and has been known to remain in one position perfectly motionless for many months. How the creature manages to exist is a mystery.

The Honest Thing to Do.
The honest thing to do is to do a thing for the sake of the thing itself—because we love it, because we believe in it, because we want to do it, because we feel that it is the one thing of all other things that we feel we can do and would like to do. Then we bring mind and heart together, and that is a commodity that nothing can withstand in its highest and best results. Then we bring an honesty of purpose and a power of energy that always make for success to a cause and an ennobling influence to ourselves. For that one thing, every woman should search herself to find. What is the one thing, above and beyond all things, that I would like to do and feel that I can do it? Is the question she should ask herself. When we become honest with ourselves we become effective, says the Pittsburg Press. We need have no fear that this confinement to one expression of ourselves will have a narrowing influence. There is no way of knowledge that does not open to us all other ways. The study of any single life leads to the history of the world.

Women's Doings.

THE PLAIN GIRL.
THERE are a few regular occasions on which every pretty girl feels inclined to give vent to her feelings by a "good cry." One is when her plain sister enters into the bonds of matrimony with an exceedingly good-looking man.
It is very mortifying, if you happen to be pretty, to be left out in the cold, and the pretty girl never has understood, and never will understand, how it is. And perhaps it is really a good thing for the beauty of the family that she is so ignorant on this matter. If she fully comprehended the brain workings of that strange creature, man, matrimony would lose its dearest charm.
The handsome man marries the plain girl. Cry as we will, this is a fact, and one that we may test the actuality of every day if we will.
To take up the question of forlorn beauty. Why is it? A man who is good-looking must admire beauty. He does admire it; he cannot help himself. Then why, the pretty girl inquires, does he marry her plain sister?
The answer may best be found in the answers of twelve intelligent men on the subject of choosing a wife. Each one stated seriously what qualities he would look for in a possible partner and set them down in order, the most important first, the less important following.
Taking an average, their ideal was to be as follows: First, kind-hearted, true and sympathetic; second, lively and fond of children; third, proud of herself for the sake of her friends; fourth, a good housekeeper and a busy bee; fifth, a graceful figure and beautiful; sixth, wealthy and clever.
The plain girl scores at once with her sympathy; it is her chief and most powerful weapon against a man. The girl with good looks has no need to find friends by being sympathetic, and it is doubtful if people would believe her sympathy to be genuine. At all social gatherings the plain girl is so much alone that her manner appears at once modest and retiring. Let a handsome man give her half an hour of his company and her whole mind is bent on being agreeable. But the pretty girl has a score of men to talk to, and falls into a habit of inattention. The pretty girl has a harder time than the plain girl.

Book, Tray or Embroidery Holder.
The invention shown in the accompanying drawing has other uses besides that for which it is being utilized by the young lady, being provided, in addition to the embroidery hoops, with a tray, bookholder and writing outfit. The object is to produce a device which can be attached to a chair, table or bed rail, with an adjusting clamp to support the frame in a convenient position for embroidering, reading, writing



With the Dressmaker.
A pretty skirt that is just completed is of lavender silk. The ruffles, which are of all the shades that contrast well with lavender, are bound with the silk and fasten to the skirt with tiny gold buttons. The petticoat is both economical and dainty.
A robe of nainsook, with a yoke formed of tiny tucks and a bolero effect edged with ruffles of lace, is the latest. The neck, which is high in the back, but V-shaped in front, is edged with Val ruching. The full elbow sleeves are ornamented with ruffled edges.
Colored muslin and batiste are quite as fashionable as white. Pale gray, trimmed with yellow ribbons and lace, is considered especially smart. Pale pink and blue, trimmed in white lace, is also much worn. Some of these gowns are made in the old-fashioned style of baby waist and have a narrow fichu edged with lace.
A new and sensible idea is the combination silk and muslin petticoats. The petticoat itself is of taffeta silk. At the place where the usual accordion plaited ruffle begins there are buttons, pretty white buttons, but of good, substantial size. To these buttons are fastened ruffles of muslin. The ruffle is bound with the color of the silk petticoat and has small loops of silk sewed to it. To one taffeta skirt one may have a dozen ruffles, and the laundering is an easy affair.
The color of the eyes should determine the choice of the dress and millinery. A blonde may wear pure white with advantage, but the brunette nearly always looks better in cream-colored fabrics. This ought to be more generally recognized. Brown eyes and a brown dress go well together. Blue-eyed girls should wear blue as often as possible. The tan shades are not often suitable for slim figures. Black satin intensifies the effect of round shoulders. Dull black is the best choice for a fair-haired woman, while a brunette must order something brilliantly black if she really wishes to look her best.

Reflection of a Bachelor Girl.
If all men were wise all women would seem sensible.
Women value dress because men value it so much more.
Men are not nearly so wise as women let them think they are.
More women would be angels if more men cared anything about heaven.
Most men look at a pretty girl as if she had been born expressly on their account.
Most men divide women into two classes—their mothers and sisters and all other women.
A woman can seldom stop to look in a corset shop window because there are so many men around.
Man's consistency permits him to take beer in winter to keep him warm and in summer to keep him cool.
Many men in a restaurant give the impression that they are there not so much to eat as to talk to the waitresses.
A man can earn \$10,000 a year, and yet he has to marry some little woman with \$1 a week spending money just to make himself comfortable.
Men will never concede that a woman knows anything, yet some men spend all their time fussing because some women don't know more than they do.
Baby's Hammock.
Hammocks in which a child of 5 years or under may take summer naps in the open air are swung on folding frames. Upright corners and cross pieces of half-inch wire support a gauze canopy that is effectual protection from flies and mosquitoes.
Rattan Chairs in Favor.
There is a continued demand for rattan furniture upholstered with bright cretonnes. Chairs of this kind are so decorative, so comfortable and so inexpensive that they are practical for all classes of people.

Household Hints.
To keep things bright wash them well with hot soda and water; then dry and polish with a little powdered whiting and a clean cloth.
For dingy or rusty gold or steel beads, and also gold or tinsel embroidery, burn alum, pound it fine and sift through coarse muslin. Apply with a soft brush.
The proper way to wash milk and cream jugs is always to wash them in cold water first. If they are put straight into boiling water it has the effect of causing the milk to sink into the ware.
If there is no lacquer on the articles, spirits of salts, used carefully with a little whiting, is a good thing for bringing a polish on brass. If much tarnished it must be allowed to stay on a short time for the acid to penetrate.
Fruit stains may be removed from linen as follows: Tie up some cream of tartar in the stained part and let it boil in soapuds for a few minutes. Then wash and rinse in clear water and the stain will be gone.
When one wishes something light, a little different from the enameled bedroom furniture, there is something new in furniture which cannot be found anywhere—sycamore finished in the natural wood. These sets are simple in design, being made on straight lines, with tall, slender, square posts, tapering at the ends.
An excellent way to use again a little left of a vegetable like peas, beans, or corn is to add to one cupful of the left-over a cupful of hot water and salt, wash, strain, and reheat. Blend a half tablespoonful each of butter and flour, season, and stir in the vegetable liquor. Add a half cupful of hot milk and serve.



The Cup that Cheers.
A good many superstitions are connected with "the cup that cheers;" here are a few of them: When the tea is made and the lid of the teapot is forgotten for a minute or two, it is a sure sign that some one will drop in for the meal.
Two spoons, put by chance into the saucer of a maid or bachelor, denote that he or she will be married within a year.
Putting cream into your tea before you sweeten it will bring you love troubles.
A tea stalk floating in a girl's teacup is a "bean." She should stir her tea briskly and then hold the spoon upright in the center. If the "bean" be attracted toward the spoon and cling to it a gentleman visitor may be expected some time that evening. If, however, the "bean" go to the side of the cup the visitor will not come that day.

Breakfast Rolls.
These rolls are to be eaten hot, and are made with half a pound of flour, two ounces of butter, one heaping tablespoonful of baking powder, half a teaspoonful of salt, and one gill of milk. Put the flour, baking powder, and salt into a basin. Rub the butter lightly into the flour with the tips of the fingers until quite fine. Mix to a very dry dough with the milk, doing this by degrees for fear of making it too moist. Roll out quickly to about an inch in thickness, stamp out with a round cutter, and place on a baking-tray sprinkled over with flour, and bake in a quick oven for fifteen minutes. Serve in a serviette on a hot mudfish.

Mock Poached Eggs.
This is a sweet dish made with preserved peaches. The other ingredients required are spongecakes, one glass of wine, cream, and a little spinach green coloring. Cut the spongecakes into rounds and flavor them with a little wine. Whip the cream and put a round spoonful on the top of each piece of spongecake, sprinkle the peaches well with caster sugar, and put a little wine on each; then place a half peach on each round of cake and it will partly sink into the cream. Add the few drops of spinach coloring to the remainder of the cream and put a pale green border round each cake. The cream should be sweetened and flavored with vanilla before whipping.

Mock Bisque.
One can tomatoes, three pints milk, one tablespoon flour, one tablespoon butter, one small teaspoon soda, one teaspoon salt, pepper to taste. Stew the tomatoes till tender. Mix the flour with enough of the milk to make a smooth paste, and boil the rest of the milk. Then add to the milk the flour, butter and seasoning, and when thickened remove from the fire, and strain into it the tomatoes. Bring it once more to a boil. Then add the soda, and serve at once.

Tomatoes and Mushrooms.
Put on a pint of tomatoes in a saucepan and cook for fifteen or twenty minutes until nearly all the water has evaporated, season with salt and pepper, add a generous tablespoonful of butter, a tablespoonful of bread crumbs and half a pint of fresh mushrooms chopped fine. Cook until the mushrooms are tender. Have some bread cut in nice slices, toasted and slightly moistened with warm milk. Pour the tomatoes and mushrooms over it and serve very hot.