ELECTIVE AFFINITIES.

A Novel.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF GOSTHE.

PART I.

CHAPTER XVI. (Continued.) Edward, with a tolerable successful ef

fort at commanding himself, replied: "Ottilie has been so much spoilt, by living so long with us here, that she will scarcely like to leave us now."

"We have all of us been too much spoilt," said Charlotte, "and yourself not the least. This is an epoch which requires us seriously to bethink ourselves. It is a solemn warning to us to consider what is really for the good of all the members of our little circle-and we ourselves must not be afraid of making sacrifices."

"At any rate I cannot see that it is right that Ottilie should be made a sacrifice," replied Edward; "and that would be the case if we were now to allow her to be sent away among strangers. The Captain's good geniue has sought him out here-we can feel easy, we can feel happy at seeing him leave us; but who can tell what may be before Ottilie? There is no occasion for haste."

"What is before us is sufficiently clear." Charlotte answered, with some emotion and as she was determined to have it all out at once, she went, on: "You love Ottilie; every day you are becoming more attached to her. A reciprocal feeling is rising on her side as well, and feeding itself in the same way. Why should we not acknowledge in words what every hour makes obvious? and are we not to have the common prudence to ask ourselves in what is it to end?"

"We may not be able to find an answer on the moment," replied Edward, collecting himself, "but so much may be said. that if we cannot exactly tell what will come of it, we may resign ourselves to wait and see what the future may tell us about it."

"No great wisdom is required to prophesy here; and, at any rate, we ought to feel that you and I are past the when people may walk blindly where they should not or ought not to go. There is no one else to take care of uswe must be our own friends, our own managers. No one expects us to commit ourselves in an ontrage upon decency; no one expects that we are going to expose ourselves to censure or to ridicule."

"How can you so mistake me," said Edward, unable to reply to his wife's clear. open words. "Can you find it a fault ing what certainty could be promise himself me, if I am anxious about Ottilie's hap. piness? I do not mean future happiness -no one can count on that-but what is present, palpable and immediate. Consider, don't deceive yourself; consider frankly Ottilie's case, torn away from us, and sent to live among strangers. I, at | that, at any rate, he would be able to releast, am not cruel enough to porprose

such a change for her." Charlotte saw too clearly into her husband's intentions, through his disguise. shook a little.

"Will Ottilie be happy if she divides us?" she said. "If she deprives me of a husband, and his children of a father!"

"Our children, I should have thought, were sufficiently provided for," said Edward, with a cold smile, adding rather very worst."

this passion of yours," returned Charlotte; "do not refuse good advice while there is yet time; do not throw away the leaving behind was intolerable. He look means which I propose to save us. In troubled cases those must work and help Dear, dearest Elward, listen to me-can you propose to me, that now at once I of yesterday." shall renounce my happiness! renounce my fairest rights, renounce you!"

"Who says that?" replied Edward, with some embarrassment.

"You, yourself, answered Charlotte: "in determining to keep Ottilie here, are you not acknowledging everything which must arise out of it? I will urge nothing on you-but if you cannot conquor yourself, at least you will not be able much longer to deceive yourself."

Edward felt how right she was. It is fearful to hear spoken out, in words, what the heart has gone on long permitting to itself in secret. To escape only

for a moment, Edward answered, "It is not yet clear to me what you

want.'' "My intention," she replied, "was to talk over with you these two proposals each of them has its advantages. The school would be best suited to her, as she now is; but the other situation is larger, detailed her husband circumstantially | Charlotte talked, without the least em what would lie before Ottilie in each po-"For my own part I should prefer the lady's house: to the school, for more reasons than one; but particularly because I should not like the affection, the love indeed, of the young man there, which Ot. a part of his journey. tilie has gained, to increase."

Charlotte, who desired to commit him to little put out, asked who had it brought a definite stee, seized the opportunity, as round there. She was told it was the val-Elward made no immediate opposition, et, who had some things there to pack up. | false teeth out of the mouth of a man to settle Ottilie's departure, for which It required all Ottilie's self-command to who had eaten a big supper and break she had already privately made all pre- conceal her wonder and her distress. pararions, for the next day.

he fancied was an artfully contrived trick to separate him forever from his happiness. He appeared to leave the thing en- that he was gone some distance, and tirely to her; but in his heart his resolution was already taken. To gain time to breathe, to put off the immediate intolerable misery of Ottilie's being sent away, he determined to leave his house. He told Charlotte he was going; but he had blinded her to his real reason, by telling her that he would not be present at Uttilie's departure, indeed, that, from that moment, he would see her no more. Charlotte, who believed that she had gained her point, approved most cordially. He ordered his horse, gave his valet the necessary directions what to pack up, where he should follow him: and then, on the point of departure, he sat down and wrote:

EDWARD TO CHARLOTTE.

"The misfortune, my love, which has befallen us, may or may not admit of remedy; only this I feel, that if I am not at once to be driven to despair, I must find some means of delay for myself, and for all of us. In making myself the sacrifice. I have a right to make a rquest I am leaving my home, and I only return to it under happier and more peaceful auspices. While I am away, you keep possession of it—but with Ottilie. choose to know that she is with you, and not among strangers. Take care of her treat her as you have treated her-only more lovingly, more kindly, more tenderly! I promise that I will not attempt any secret intercourse with her. Leave me, as long a time as you please, without knowing anything about you. I will not allow myself to be anxious-nor need you be uneasy about me; only, with all my heart and soul. I beseech you, make no attempt to send Ottilie away, or to introduce her into any situation. Beyond the circle of the castle and the park, placed in the hands of strangers, she belongs to me, and I will take possession of her! If you have any regard for my affection, for my wishes, for my sufferings, you will leave me alone to my madness; and if any hope of recovery from it should ever hereafter offer itself to me I will not re-

This last sentence ran off his pen-not out of his heart. Even when he saw it upon the paper, he began bitterl; to weep. That he, under any circumstances, should renounce the happiness—even the wretchedness-of loving Ottilie! He only now began to feel what he was doing -he was going away without knowing what was to be the result. At any rate he was not to see her again now-with that he would ever see her again: But the letter was written—the horses were at the door; every moment he was afraid he might see Ottilie somewhere, and then his whole purpose would go to the winds. He collected himself—he remembered, turn at any moment he pleased; and that, by his absence he would have advanced nearer to his wisher; on the other side he pictured Ottilie to himself forced For the first time she felt how far he had to leave the house if he stayed. He sealed estranged himself from her. Her voice the letter, ran down the steps, and sprang upon his horse.

As he rode past the hotel, he saw the beggar to whom he had given so much money the night before, sitting under the the trees; the man was busy enjoying his dinner, and, as Elward passed, stood up and made him the humblest obeisance. habitual with him, but he allowed himmore kindly, "but why at once expect the | That figure had appeared to him yesterday, when Ottiliee was on his arm; now "The very worst is tog sure to follow it only served as a bitter reminiscence of the happiest hour of his life. His grief redoubled. The feeling of what he was ed again at the beggar.

"Happy wretch!" he cried, "you can who see the clearest—this time it is I still feed upon the alms of yesterday and I cannot any more on the happiness

CHYPTER XVII.

Ottilie heard some one ride away, and went to the window in time just to catch a sight of Edward's back. It was strange she thought, that he should have left the house without seeing her, without having even wished her good morning. She grew uncomfortable, and her anxiety did not diminish when Charlotte took her out for a long walk, and talked of various other things; but not once, and apparently on purpose, mentioning her husband. When they returned she found the table laid

only with two covers. It is unpleasant to miss even the most trifling thing to which we have been accustomed. In serious things such a loss becomes miserably painful. Edward and the Captain were not there. The first time, for a long while, Charlotte sat at the head of the table herself-and it and wider, and promises more, when I seemed to Ottilie as if she was deposed think what she may become." She then The two ladies sat opposite each other; barrassment, of the Captain and his apsition, and concluded with the words, pointment, and of the little hope there was of seeing him again for a long time. The only comfort Ouilie could find for herself was in the idea that Edward had ridden after his friend, to accompany him

On rising from the table, however, they Edward appeared to approve; but it saw Edward's traveling carriage under was only to find some means of delay. the window. Charlotte, as if she was a

Edword sau idered—he thought he was | would be fo good as to let him have a | pay the bill.

betrayed. His wife's affectionate speech drinking cup of his mater's psir of silver spoons, and a number of other things, which seemed to Ottille to imply would be away for a long time.

Charlotte gave him a very cold dry answer. She did not know what he meant -he had everything belonging to his master under his own care. What the man wanted was to speak a word-to Ottilie, and on some pretence or other to get her out of the room; he made some clever excuse, and persisted in his request so far that Ottilie asked if she should go to look for the things for him. But Charlotte quietly said that she had better not. The valet had to depart, and the carriage

It was a dreadful moment, for Ottilie. She understood nothing-comprehended nothing She could only feel that Edward had been ported from her for a long time. Charlotte felt for her situation, and left her to herself.

We will not attempt to describe what she went through, or how she felt. She suffered infinitely. She prayed that God would help her only over this one day. The day passed, and the night, and when she came to herself again she felt herself a changed being.

She had not grown composed. She was not resigned, but, after having lost what she had lost, she was still alive, and there was something still left for her to fear. Her anxiety, after returning to consciousness, was aroused, lest, now that the geatlemen were gone, she might be sent away She never guessed at Edward's threats, which had secured her remaining with her aunt. Yet Charlotte's manner served partially to reassure her. The latter exerted herself to find employment for the poor girl, and hardly ever-never, if she could help it—left her out of her sight; and although she knew well how little words can do against the power of passion, yet she knew, too, the sure though slow influence of thought and reflection, and therefore missed no opportunity of inducing Ottilie to talk with her on every variety of subject.

It was no little comfort to Ottilie when one day Charlotte took an opportunity of making (she did it on purpose) the wise observation,

"How keenly grateful people were to us when we were able by stilling and calming them to help them out of the entanglements of passion! Let us set cheerfully to work," she said, "at what the men have left incomplete: we shall be preparing the most charming surprise for them when they return to us, and our temperate proceedings will have carried through and executed what their impatient natures. would have spoilt."

"Speaking of temperance, my dear aunt, I cannot help saying how I am struck with the intemperance of men. particularly in respect of wine. It has often pained and distressed me, when I observed how, for hours together, clearness of understanding, judgment, considerateness, and whatever is most amiable about them, will be utterly gone, and instead of the good which they might have done if they had been themselves, most disagreeable things sometimes threaten. How often may not wrong, rash determinations have arisen entirely from that one cause!"

Charlotte assented, but she did not go on with the subject. She saw only too clearly that it was Edward of whom Ottille was thinking. It was not exactly self much more frequently than was at all desirable to stimulate his enjoyment and his power of talking and acting by such indulgence. If what Charlotte had just said had set Ottilie thinking again about men, and particularly about Edward, she was all the more struck and startled when her aunt begin to speak of the impending marriage of the Captain as a thing quite settled and acknowledge ed. This gave a totally different aspect to affirs from what Elward had previously led her to entertain. It made her watch every expression of Charlotte's, every hint, every, action, every step. Ot-

tilie had become jealous, sharp-eyed, and

suspicious, without knowing it. Meanwhile, Charlotte with her clear glance looked through the whole circumstances of their situation, and made ar rangements which would provide, among other advantages, full employment for Ottilie. She contracted her household, not parsimoniously, but into narrower dia mensions; and, indeed, in one point of view, these moral aberrations might be taken for a not unfortunate accident. For in the style in which they had been going on, they had fallen imperceptibly into extravagance; and from a want of seasonable reflection, from the rate at which they had been living, and from the variety of schemes into which they had been launching out, their fine fortune, which had been in excellent condition, had been shaken, if not seriously in-

The improvements which were going on in the park she did not interfere with; she rather sought to advance whatever might form a basis for future operations. But here, too, she assigned herself a limit. Her husband on his return should still find abundance to amuse himself with.

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