# The Second Promise

By HOWARD FIELDING.

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CHAPTER I.

Perfumes appeal to the memory in an extraordinary degree. This is sound scientific doctrine, and it is true, besides. Take that old glove out of its casket, my venerable and lonely friend. You may look upon it with a steady eye, perhaps; but if there linger in it the fragrance of the hand it held so long ago, you dare not raise it to your lips and say you have forgotten.

The sights of spring delight us for their promise, but their scented breeze blows out of the past, and we turn our face toward it. To Arthur Lynde, stretched upon his couch by the open window, the breath of early June came laden with more than a single season's sweetness-with the fragrance of blossoms that had grown to fruit, and ripened, and fallen to the ground. Whether the memories it brought were joyous, or trival, or sad, he turned to the past willingly, for there was no His life lay all behind him. He could look upon it without shame or any sharp regret for opportunities neglected. It had been a happy life and a short one. Thirty years meas-

Among the scenes that came back to him in the spring morning was one of trifling importance; but it came with singular vividness, and great perisis-tance. He was a little boy then, and he had been quite ill, so that he lay in bed while the spirit of the springtime beckoned to him from outside the window, and he could not go. It was hard to wait for returning health, and sometimes he became desperately impatient taxing the ingenuity of his mother to amuse him, but not her love to hear with him.

There was a canary in the cage in his room. His mother had given him the bird, and he felt most tenderly toward He had never before thought its lot hard, but, being then in captivity himself he was moved to pity the little prisoner; so he besought his mother to open the door of the cage and give the bird at least the freedom of the room. She yielded to his entreaties, but, unhappily, neglected to close all the windows. Thus it chanced that the canary gained its freedom altogether and returned no more. Arthur grieved exceedingly, and quite unselfishly, for h thought less of his own less than of the fate of the little bird, which, bred in a cage, was unfit for liberty and would almost certainly perish. To console him, his mother said that the canary would realize its danger and would return, being provided with an infallible ing that the bird did not come back, that it perferred freedom even at the

This small tragedy of his childhood was all in the June breeze, as he lay by the open window and inhaled the scent Suddenly there was a sound in the

room not dissimilar to the whir of a wing, and then a voice cried: "Good morning, Arthur, dear; I've come to keep you company.'

He turned his pale face toward her, and she fluttered down beside the couch and kissed him. She was a picture in the soft tints of the blossoms with blue and gold added.

Don't you feel a great deal stronge this morning?" she asked. "Surely you must on such a day as this." "I wish I could say so truly, for you sake," he replied. "But I am no better today; and, what is much more to be

regretted, I am no worse,"
"Don't speak like that," she cried. "I had hoped so much that Dr. Marston

would help you." "I think the time has come," he said, "to lay such hopes aside. Br. Marston is older in practice and a more com-petent physician than I am. I would have said a year ago that his opinion in such a case was worth more than that of any other man in this part of the world-certainly far more than mine. But it isn't, They are both equally valueless. I do not know what is the matter with me, and neither does he; and that's all about it. His view of the probabilities of the case is exactly what mine is: that I shall lie here for months, perhaps for years, and pass from death-in-life to rest, at my ap pointed hour, which nobody can pre

She drew away from him, and sank into a great chair, sobbing like a child "You always make me cry," she said "If you would only be more cheerful."
"As to that," he replied, "I have a

plan. It is impossible for me to be cheerful, but why should my gloom envelop you? It has done so, for nearly a year, since this illness came upon me Every day you have brought the light of your presence to me, dear little wife, and God knows I am unspeakably grateful. But I am not so selfish as to permit this to continue. This room has been a prison to you as it has to me. I am going to open the door."

She looked at him uneasily. How had she shown him that she felt herself a

'You have tried to do too much," he said; "and the inevitable consequence has come. It is all my fault. My selfishness was very short-sighted. If I had been wise enough at first to regulate your self-sacrifice, I might not now be the burden upon you that I am. You have read to me, talked to me, sung to me, and have been my consolation by day and by night. But what have I been to you? A sorrow and a

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Her lips quivered, and a tear rolled from each of her eyes. She only half undertsood him; but, misled by concience, she thought he was reproving her. It was true that she had found it very hard to give up so much of the gay life to which she had always been ac customed, yet she had done it for his sake. Why should he speak in this way? She took high ground with him. "It is a wife's duty-" she began.

He smiled bitterly. "It is a dead man's duty," he said. to withdraw himself from the conerns of living persons. I have failed n that particular. Let us think less of our duty and more of mine. I am an utterly helpless creature. I canno move either of my legs, and my right hand is just strong enough to hold my left upon my breast as I lie here, hou

after hour." "I love you," she sobbed.

"You pity me at this moment, but we me you cannot. Hereafter, when both of us are freed from the limitations of the flesh, it may be possible But in this world, encumbered by these mortal bodies; love means life and health. At is reciprocal. It is sentiment inspired by nature for her own purposes, and terminable at her pleasare. No human will can summon it or hold it. Am I the same to you as I was? Does your heart leap at the sound of my voice and tremble at a caress? I yould not have it so. It would be unnatural, monstrous."

She tried very hard to turn him from his gloomy and desperate trend of thought. "I am waiting," she said, "till you

are well again." "Dear little girl," he said gently, "I think it would do me good—" mall never be well. And now let's see "My dear child," he said, "of course I hall never be well. And now let's see spoken too bitterly, and have frightned you. And yet it is my wish to make you happy. Listen! I want you to go out into the world, and live your

What! Go away from you?"

f mine whenever you wish to have a ook at me. I'll always be glad to see you. But don't ever think that you instinct as a guide. Believing implic- must come. Go out into society, and itly what his mother said, and observ- have people come here if they can stand it, knowing that my body's in the Arthur accepted the logical conclusion house. Get your old friends back again, and make new ones, both men and woen. Dance, and play tennic, and ride-

in the park as you used to do. Spend a lot of money. There's plenty of it. I nly wish I could help you do all these things, but, as I can't, you must do hem twice as hard. And every time a loomy thought of me comes over you, say to yourself: 'I'm doing what he wants me to do. I'm doing what will make him the happiest.' And if you fall in love--'

"Arthur" I've proven to you that you can't love e. And love comes when you least expect it. Suppose, just for the sake of the contract we're to make, that you really do find some handsome and agreeable fellow who very naturally has forgotten that I am alive, and proseds on the theory that I am not; and uppose, further, that you find yourself thinking of him oftener than is really ecessary, will you promise to come to



She Fell on Her knees Beside the Couch

ontract I mentioned. It's like this You're to be perfectly free, and absoute mistress of your own beart and conduct. I renounce all claims. And a consideration of my generosity, gree to tell me when you fall in love with somebody else."

She fell on her knees beside the ouch, and, clasping his hand, shed

"I have been cruel to you," she sobbed. I have let you see that some-times I was restless and impatient of my duty. And this is my punishment. You have ceased to love me, and you no longer care what I do. You wish to drive me away from you."

"Promise!" "To love you always."

"You made that promise two years ago-to love me while I lived. You ave kept it. You have loved me while I lived. Now for the second promise. You would remember me in my grave if a new love came to you, and would hesitate for the sake of that memory. Your faith would whisper to you: 'He knows. Will he forgive?' I tell you in advance, I will. But, in this living death, I crave the power of the angels. would knows Will you promise?"

And, protesting that it was a sacrige, she promised. Then he spoke very calmly and cheer-

fully to her.

"You see I had to make a scene of this," he said, "or we never should have came to any decision about it. I've tried, before, to make you go back into society, but you would not understand me. It was necessary to startle you as I have done. But after you think it over you'll see that I have only onsidered your health and happiness. As to what I've said about love, it's all true enough and I hold you to your promise. But don't make a nightmare of it. You're not obliged to fall in love with somebody else, you know, just be cause I've suggested the possibility. You're not obliged to do anything, in fact. That's the point; you are free. We've discussed the subject, and we've decided that it is not your duty to give all your waking thoughts to me; that, in short, you are absolved, by the nature of the case, from any duty whatever so far as I am concerned. Your own self respect is quite enough. And

run away and play, little girl, with a gov'ment of the United States. I car-

ight heart."
He would not permit her to speak soriously any more. He forced her to leave him, and promise that she would go out into the air. Presently he saw her in the gard whence she threw a

A little later she was in earnest conference across the garden fence with a big, good-looking young fellow who was ridiculously encumbered by a great variety of quadles and boxes. Lynde recognized him as Walter Carroll, a great swell in college athletics up to his graduation a year before. He passed on and directly Mrs. Lynde ran "I did hope," he said, with quiet breathlessly into her husband's room. "Arthur," she said, "if you really mean it-"

He turned pale and then laughed. "Upon my word, you startled me," he cried. "Walter is a very fascinating est when she bids them part, suffer the young man, and-

'Now, don't be absurd any more What I want to know is whether you



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have me stay with you today. Because there's a tennis tournament, and they're one girl short, and I can play with Walter Carroll in the doubles. won't make any difference about my being out of practice, because he can beat all the rest of them put together. Those were the prizes he had in those packages. They're making him do all the work, just as they always do, because he's so obliging. Now don't you

what's to be done about it. I have think so. Play, by all means, and win a prize. I don't see how you can help it, considering the number of them. Now run away, and get out your prettiest tennis dress and—" She was gone like a flash.

"Well, I didn't think she'd take this "Now, don't be frightened. Of course quite so easily," mattered Lynde, "but cou'll live here, and run into this cage then I never did understand women." (To Be Continued.)

### FIVE LITTLE TALES.

All Bright and Epigrammatic, and Deeld edly to the Point.

Judge Jeremiah Black for a long time wore a black wig. On one occasion, having donned a new one, he met Senator Rayard who thus accested him: Why, Black, how young you look! You are not as gray as I am, and you must be twenty years older."

"Humph!" replied the judge; "good son; your hair comes by descent and got mine by purchase."

In a civil action on money matters the pinintiff had stated that his financial position was always satisfactory. examination he was asked if he had ever been bankrupt.

'No," was the answer. "Next question was: "Now, be careful; did you ever stop payment?"

'Yes," was the reply. "Ah," exclaimed the counsel. "I thought we should get at it at last. When did that happen?" "After I paid all I owed," was the re-

James T. Brown, of Indiana, was once engaged in a case in the circuit court of that state, and was laying down the law with masterly ability when the judge remarked that he need not argue the law of the case, as the court understood that perfectly. Mr. Brown replied, with much meekness, that he "merely desired to talk about the law as it is in the books, which would be entirely different law from any his honor was acquainted with."

As the train stopped at a small town In Virginia the mail bag was thrown to negro boy of perhaps 15 years, who tarted off at a brisk run to the postoffice. But a larger boy, turning a corner, suddenly ran into the mail carrier and overturned him. As soon as he re-covered himself he turned upon the ag-

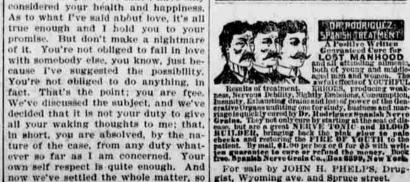
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sons who had awakened him with carols on the previous night, he inquired their

business. "Well, sir," was the modest rejoinder, "we are the waits." "I am not surprised," was the unex-

pected reply. "We are come," they continued, "for

dignity and a pity for human nature in his tone, "that you had come to apolo-

. SLEPT ON THE FLOOR.

This Was the Informal Custom of the

Ancients, The ancients slept on the floor or on a divan covered with skins. During the Middle Ages beds were made of rushes, heather or straw. It is believed that teather beds were known to the Romans, since a mention in one of the poets of men so luxurious that they slept on feathers is supposed to refer to this kind of bed. Heliogabalus had an air cushion and also an air mattress, 218 or 222 A. D. Feather beds were employed by the

better classes in England during the days of Henry VIII, though they were considered fuxuries and were expensive. The bedsteads of the Egyptians, Romans and Greeks closely resembled our ouches. The Russian peasants place their bods on top of the family oven for the sake of the warmth given forth by the fire. To the present day bedsteads in Holland and some parts of Germany are fitted up with two feather beds, on one of which the sleeper lies, while the other is used for covering.

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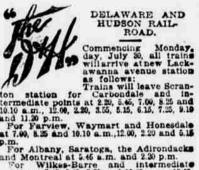
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Leave Scranton for White Haven, Hazleton, Pottsville and all points on the Beaver Meadow and Pottsville branches, via E. & W. V. R. R., 6.40 a.m., via D. & H. St. R. at 7.45 a.m., 12.06, 2.28, 4.90 p.m., via D. L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, 11.20 a.m., 130, 150 p.m.

i. R. at 7.45 a.m., 12.06, 2.38, 4.90 p.m., via D. L. & W. R. R., 5.00 8.08, 11.20 a.m., 130, 1.50 p.m.
Leave Scranton for Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 7.45 a.m., 12.05, 2.38, 4.90, 11.38 p.m., via D. L. & W. R. R., 5.00, 8.08, 11.20 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
Leave Scranton for Tunkhannock, Towanda, Elmira, Ithaca, Geneva and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05 and 11.35 p.m., via D. L. & W. R. R., 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
Leave Scranton for Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and all points west via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05, 8.15, 11.38 p.m., via D. L. & W. R. R. and Pittston Junction, 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.30, 8.50 p.m., via D. & W. R. R., 8.46 a.m., 12.05, 8.16 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.46 a.m., 12.05, 6.06 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.46 a.m., 12.05, a.10 p.m.
Pullman parlor and sleeping or L. V. chair cars on all trains between L. & B. Junction or Wilkes-Barre and New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, and Suspension Bridge.

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Erie and Wyoming Valley. Trains leave Scranton for New York and intermediate points on the Erie railroad at 6.35 a.m. and 324 p.m. Also for Honesdale, Hawley and local points at 1.35, 9.45 a.m., and 3.24 p.m. All the above are through trains to and from Honesdale. from Honesdale.

Trains leave for Wilkes-Barre at 6.40 a.m. and 3.41 p.m.



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