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FIRST NATIONAL BANK
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OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, Washington City, Aug. 6th, 1863.

WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, in the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress, entitled "an Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States Stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved February 25th, 1863, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking.

Now THEREFORE, I, Hugh McCulloch, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, is authorized to commence the business of banking under the Act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 6th day of August, 1863.

HUGH McCULLOCH,
Comptroller of the Currency.

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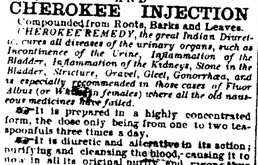

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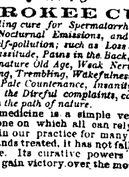

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OUR MARION'S MARRIAGE.

A Beautiful Story.

"Mrs. Crofton! Mrs. Crofton!" How odd it appears to me to be called Crofton, and Mrs. too! I can hardly believe that I am married, although I am writing in this splendid library, and my husband has just left his morning kiss on my lips. It was really wonderful the way it all came about. It would certainly never had happened but for my visit to Mrs. Renton.

Last autumn I was invited with my parents and my two sisters to spend a couple of weeks at Firgrove with the Rentons. Mamma refused at first to let me go, because she thought that four persons were enough for one party, but Mrs. Renton would not listen to her. She said that, apart from the pleasure of seeing me, she found me invaluable when the house was full, because I did a thousand things for her convenience and the pleasure of her guests, which a servant couldn't do, and no other visitor would do; and that she should like to keep me not only two weeks but two years.

My sisters had each a regular outfit for the occasion, but mamma said that I needed nothing. I suppose she was right, for I had a sprigged muslin for the warm days, made out of a dress which Josephine had worn the year before, and for cold weather I had green silk, made of one of Georgiana's. They were pierced a trifle, to be sure, for they had originally been low in the waist, and I wore nothing which didn't button to the throat, but I had a good supply of crimped ruffles to wear with them, and I thought them, and think still, that they were very pretty.

Mrs. Kenton appeared delighted to see me, and although my sisters smiled at my credulity in thinking her sincere, my heart went out to meet her. Perhaps she didn't mean it at all, but I imagined she did, and that put me at ease at once. I still believe that I was right, for she gave me a little room which had belonged to her daughter Agnes, a lovely child, who died when she was only ten years old. There was her portrait, exquisitely painted, and with a heart full of love looking out from the meek blue eyes and coiling itself in the curves of the delicately moulded lips.

There, too, her bookcase—carved rosewood with glass doors—some of the most worn volumes, which were mature enough for girls of eighteen. There, also, were her writing desk and her work basket with the needles in an unfinished leaf, just as she left it. The chambermaid told me that I was the first person who had occupied the chamber since Agnes died; and although I was a little awed, and perhaps a little frightened, when I first went into it, I think its tranquil atmosphere, and the memories of generosity and self-denial which thronged about the beautiful picture, helped me to bear patiently the annoyances which I experienced during my stay.

For there were annoyances which I could not avoid, and which were at times hard to endure, although I ought not to complain, since they occurred in consequence of the favor in which I was held by those persons whom I admired and loved the most. The very first night after my arrival at Firgrove, Mrs. Renton came and sat down by my bed. For a few moments she was silent and I knew by her looks that it made her sorrowful to see me in Agnes's place. So I put my arms around her neck, and asked her to let me be, as far as I could, a true daughter of the house, and do, as far as I knew, all that Agnes would do if she were there there instead of me.

Mrs. Renton did not answer immediately; she wept silently, but I don't think there was any bitterness in her tears. Bye and bye she kissed me without saying anything of Agnes. Instead of alluding to her, she told me that some of her guests were selfish and exacting, and demanded more than their share of attention; that others were feeble and had a claim upon her, while she desired to keep a little time for Mr. Renton, and look a little after the twins, Maggie and Annie. "One day," she continued, "one day, my dear, you will know what these perplexities mean."

I laughed and answered that I should never have a house of my own, for I was so small and dark and awkward that mamma despaired of seeing me married, and I was quite content to remain papa's darling, for that was the title which he always gave me.

Mrs. Renton replied pleasantly that she knew very well from papa how necessary I was to him, but that it was just possible that I might become as indispensable to another as I was to him.

After she left me I lay awake a long time, wishing I could know the very words papa used when he spoke of me to her; for although I knew he loved me very dearly, he never told me so except by the tone of his voice and the warm glance of his eyes.

The principal topic of conversation among a part of the guests at Firgrove was the anticipated arrival of Mr. Gilbert Crofton, a brother of our hostess. Miss Amelia Monkton and her brother Conrad, declared him to be by far the best match in the country. They spoke of him as remarkably handsome, of good family mansion, they said, with a magnificent lawn and garden, a fine library and endless quantities of silver and linen. I heard his name so often that I grew curious, and when a week passed by without bringing him, I said that I hoped we should have a peep at him before we should leave. I was sorry a minute after, for Josephine laughed sneeringly, and Georgiana replied that I expected to make a conquest of him.

He did arrive the same evening, but I saw very little of him, for in the morning there was never any room in the carriage for me to drive, or a horse for me to ride, and if walking was proposed the twins were sure to want me to dress their dolls or help on with a game. Then, in the evening, I was always needed to play the piano for the dancers, or make a fourth at whist or be beaten at chess by old Mr. Blakeman, who was so pettish and quarrelsome over the board that every one but me declined his invitations.

When the fortnight was over my parents and sisters returned home, but Mrs. Renton wouldn't listen to the proposal to take me with them. She said that she had not been able to do anything for my pleasure, and that I must remain until there were fewer guests, so that I might have my share in the festivities of the house. After a deal of talking, mamma consented to leave me, on condition that I would spend three hours in the library every day over my Italian and German.

Mr. Crofton left the same morning that my friends did, and I didn't expect to see him again; nor did I feel any regret; for, whenever he noticed me at all, it was in such a teasing way that I had hard work to appear indifferent. When I was fresh and in good spirits I ached to say something sharp and unmaidenly, and when I was tired out the tears would scarcely be kept back. I think I really enjoyed his absence, when, behold late in the evening he reappeared, accompanied by a young sister, whom he called Angelica, and who was pretty and good natured, and bringing a manservant, three saddle horses and two dogs. Oddly enough, every thing was changed for me from that moment. Angelica (she insisted upon calling her by her first name) took turns with me in playing the piano, and while she was at the instrument I danced with her brother. She also occasionally took my seat at the whist-table, allowed herself to be beaten at chess by Blakeman, and sided me in the nursery games.

One of the new saddle horses was kept for my sole use, and the two splendid dogs were never so happy as when trotting by my side about the grounds or curled up at my feet while I studied my dictionaries and grammars. Mr. Crofton was as teasing as ever when there were listeners about, but he defended me adroitly against Amelia Monkton and the Allans, who seemed to grudge me even a look at his face, and he seldom failed to share the library with me for at least a part of three hours' confinement.

Sometimes he wrote letters, but more frequently he read with me Italian and German poets, instructing me respecting the force and point of the diction, quoting kindred passages from other writers, and explaining such imagery and allusions as I didn't fully understand. At such moments there was in his manner a mingled deference and tenderness which wholly won my confidence, and I sometimes looked up suddenly from my book, half doubting if indeed he were the same person who shot so many sparkling arrows at me in the presence of the other guests.

My wardrobe began to look scanty, and although Amelia Monkton and the three Allans sneered at my evening dress, I should never have thought of asking mamma for anything. Mrs Renton must have hinted to her the propriety of sending me some more garments, for soon after she had added a postcript to one of my letters, I received a handsome silk, cherry and black, beautifully trimmed with lace; a maroon colored merino, with nice velvet ribbons, and a stout walking dress, with extravagantly heavy boots. Amelia and her companions sneered again at my preparations for a winter campaign, but Mr. Crofton, who dropped into Mrs. Renton's private sitting room while she was looking at the articles, exclaimed, upon seeing the boots, that they were just the things I needed, and that he would ask me to try them in an excursion to the Crags, a high bluff which commanded a lovely landscape.

Accordingly, the next morning he made up a party for walking, but he led us purposely, I have since ascertained, through such tiresome paths, and over such wearisome hills, that everybody was full of complaints except Angelica and I, and after that he politely set the rest aside. I enjoyed these walks perfectly, because Mr. Crofton was at once so gentle and so entertaining. It was delightful to listen to fine poetry and spicy anecdotes amid the charming scenery which we passed, and although I could add but little from my own stores to the conversation, yet I am sure my face must have expressed the pleasure which I received.

My sky was not always cheerful. The idea that Mr. Crofton could regard me as anything but a mere school-girl had not occured to me. Mrs. Renton told me and others that her brother was pleased to find in the house a child intelligent enough for a companion, yet too young for flirtation and scandal, and that, were I older, he would not permit himself to offer such marked attentions. Yet Mrs. Monkton and her set made me so uncomfortable by a series of petty annoyances that I dreaded to enter the drawing-room and once or twice I even dined in the nursery with the twins to escape their little malice.

I could not accomplish this, do as I would. I was sitting with Maggie one twilight, holding her hand while she went to sleep, when Amelia and Conrad stopped to talk in the hall. The door was partly open, but they did not perceive it, and as my name was almost the first word spoken, I could not refrain from quietly listening to what came next.

"How ridiculous Gilbert Crafton's manner is toward that absurd child," said Amelia.

"She isn't absurd, and he isn't ridiculous," responded Conrad. "She is a bright little thing, homely to be sure, but perfectly unassuming, and good-natured almost to a fault; and he, I imagine, is glad to come across one of the sex who doesn't flatter him, and who doesn't say 'yes' eternally to his remarks and propositions, however extravagant they may be."

"At any rate it isn't right for him to be so exclusive in his attentions. By and bye she will think he wants to marry her."

"Perhaps he will want to marry her, but I lose my guess if she isn't as much astonished as anybody when he tells her so, if ever he does. One thing, however, is certain, Amelia, you only lower yourself by joining these ill-bred Allans in snubbing Miss Marion. I have seen Crofton's face turn absolutely white with rage when Clara Allan had stung her with her mean, suspicious shafts."

The speakers passed on, leaving me grieved and angry, and crushed beneath the vague sense of injustice which I could not entirely understand. I half resolved not to go down to dinner, and then I remembered that Angelica was gone, and no one would be willing to play for the dancing, or to bear poor Mr. Blakeman's pettishness; so instead of indulging myself in an unhappy evening alone, I made my prettiest toilet, did my duty thoroughly and cheerfully, and was rewarded by a precious half hour with Mrs. Renton in her room before retiring to mine.

The Mocktons and Allans departed, and two other sets came and went, but my hostess still found some excellent reason why I should remain, especially after Angelica had left. For two weeks we had an old gentleman who wanted somebody to read to him every day, so I gave my three hours of translation, a good exercise for me, and pleasant for him, since I always selected something lively, if not positively comic. Next an aunt of Mrs. Renton's arrived, who was nearly blind. Usually, during her visit, Mrs. Renton was her constant companion. She walked, and drove, and sat beside her, describing everybody and everything about them, and suggestions which in conversation are telegraphed by the eyes. But I took her place, a great relief to her and no hardship to me, especially as Mr. Crofton sometimes assisted me for an hour, thus giving me time to run about the grounds and fulfill my promises to mamma.

I had been at Firgrove three months when papa wrote me that he could no longer spare his darling. Mr. Crofton brought the letter to me in the library, and stood waiting for me to read it, after which he wished me to join Mrs. Renton and himself in a walk to the Crag.

"What does papa write?" he asked, as I began to fold the sheet.

"He writes that I must go home directly, for he cannot spare his darling any longer."

Then Mr. Crofton said gravely and tenderly, "Neither can I spare my darling."

Notwithstanding he was so serious, I thought he was making sport of me. My cheeks crimsoned and my eyes flashed, and I said, "When you have teased me heretofore, Mr. Crofton, it has been on different subjects. To make sport of me now amounts to an insult."

"I am not making sport of you, Marion," he answered very gently. "I have loved you, God alone knows how much, ever since the first week of our acquaintance, when you moved so quietly about sending peace and sunshine through the discordant elements of my sister's house, I ought to have spent this autumn at Aspinfold, but I could not leave you. I cannot part with you now, Marion. Let me try to make you love me."

He took my hand as he spoke and looked full into my eyes. I think he saw there an answering fervor, for that moment I became conscious of my affection for him—an affection that had been strengthening hour by hour for many days. He must have seen it, I am sure, for he snatched me up in his arms, and carrying me straight to Mrs. Renton's sitting-room, he exclaimed, "Mary, I have won her."

I expected that Mrs. Renton would be overwhelmed with astonishment, and perhaps anger, but she embraced me quietly and warmly, and said, "Three months ago, dear Marion, I knew that you would one day be Gilbert's and mine."

Mrs. Renton accompanied Gilbert and me to my home. Papa was silently happy to see me again, silently sad at the thought that he had ceased to be first in my heart; but I cannot describe the reception mamma and the girls gave us. There was a refined deference in their manner toward my companion, which I never saw them exhibit before, and to me they were, for the first time, heartily affectionate. The period of petty neglect, and a small snubbing was over, as also was that of dresses made to disregard garments. Scarcely, indeed, was Mrs. Renton out of the house, before mamma started for the city to commence preparations for a splendid bridal outfit.

I can with difficulty persuade myself that that was six months ago, or that I am really writing in this noble library, with my husband's kiss warm upon my lips, and the servants' "Mrs. Crofton" echoing in my ears.

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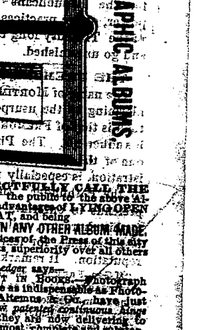

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