



By The Duchess.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Joyce, on the whole, had not enjoyed last night's dance at the Court. Barbara had refused to go, and she had gone home with her mother...

Well, she shall be rewarded now, dear child! He will make her happy for life by laying his name and prospective fortune at her feet! To-day he will end his happy bachelor state and sacrifice himself on the altar of love.

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In spite of the terrible self-control she has taught herself, Lady Baltimore's self-possession gives way. Her brain seems to reel.

"Oh, I thought so-I have touched her at last, through her pride," thinks Baltimore, watching her with a savage satisfaction, which, however, hurts his hobby.

"What a darling girl! You know I never can get on with her son. He is sweet on terms with her son. He is sweet on terms with her son. He is sweet on terms with her son.

"Oh, dear, no!" Pansy Dicky still looking expectant and Mrs. Blake uncomfortable. She is racking her brain to try and find some person who might have told her, but her brain fails her.

"Here you heard," says Mrs. Blake, "that Mr. Beauclerk is going to marry that hideous Miss Maliphant? Horrid Manchester person, don't you know? I can't think that Lady Baltimore sees in her anything but a plain, homely creature."

"I'm really afraid," says Dicky, "that somebody has been hearing you this time, Mrs. Blake, generally. I happen to know for a fact that Miss Maliphant is not going to marry Beauclerk."

"Indeed?" says Mrs. Blake, "I think, perhaps, with a sharp glance at Joyce, 'I mistook the name of the young lady.' I certainly heard he was going to be married."

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On July 1, 1898, when the battle at El Caney was hottest, a curious observation among the Spanish soldiers was made in one of the trenches which dominated the town.

"If you want day and date, I'm afraid I shall not be able to supply you. It has been growing in my mind for some time--the idea of it, I mean--and last night you brought it to perfection."

"If you already forgotten all the complimentary speeches made me? They--with a sardonic smile--are so sweet to me that I shall keep them ripe in my memory until death overtakes me--for that is the only thing that will do me any harm."

"That is a direct and most malicious misquoting of my words," says she, emphatically.

"Is it? I confess that was my reading of it. I accepted that version, and, thinking to do you a good turn, and relying on your good nature, I read it to you."

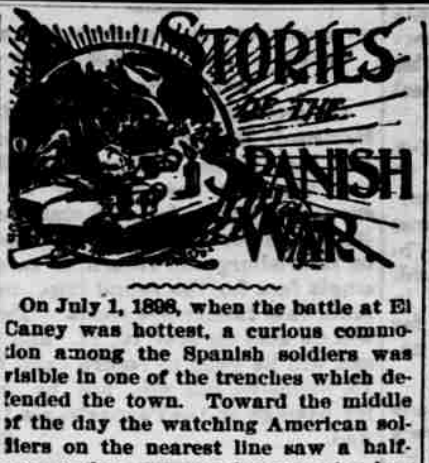
"There, there, there!" says she, with a rather wild sort of sigh. "Why should I waste a single emotion upon you? Let me regard you calmly, casually, come now. It is the saddest thing in the world to see how she treads down the passionate, most natural springs within her against the injustice of life."

"You mean that she refused to go with you?"

"In the very blindest language, I assure you, I left nothing to be desired, believe me, in the matter of lucidity. 'No, she would not go with me. You see there is not only one, but two women in the world who regard me as being utterly without charm.'"

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LAW AS INTERPRETED.

The presence of a stenographer for the State's Attorney in the Grand Jury room during the taking of the testimony of witnesses, and the taking and transcribing of such testimony in full, is held, in State vs. Brewster (71), 42 L. R. A. 444, insufficient to abate the indictment, in the absence of any statutory provision or any prejudice to the accused.

Employment to secure the passage of ordinances for paving streets and alleys, if a compensation which is in part contingent upon success in obtaining the necessary ordinances and securing the contracts is held, in Crichfield vs. Berdine, 42 L. R. A. 291, to be void on grounds of public policy, because tending to bribery and corruption.

An ordinance requiring abutting owners to keep sidewalks free from snow as they are required to do almost everywhere, is held, in State vs. Jackman (N. H.), 42 L. R. A. 438, to be unconstitutional as a taking of property for public use without just compensation.

A stipulation that a life policy is incontestable after three years from date and the payment of three full yearly premiums is held, in Massachusetts Benevolent Loan Association vs. Robinson (Mass.), 42 L. R. A. 291, to be valid and applicable to defense based upon misrepresentations or warranties, whether fraudulent or otherwise.

A contract by an insurance agent to keep a person's property insured in his company is held, in Hamspeck vs. Patton (Ga.), 42 L. R. A. 137, to be invalid unless the company consented, because the agent cannot act in a double capacity, and this contract would require him to perform inconsistent duties and require the consent of both parties.

A provision that a life insurance policy shall be incontestable after one year is held, in Cement v. New York Life Insurance Company (Ct.), 42 L. R. A. 247, to be neither unreasonable nor contrary to public policy, while it is held applicable to fraud in procuring the policy, it is held applicable to the defense that the plaintiff had procured the issue of the policy and its transfer to another company.

Soon there were fifteen of them out in the open, in the full sweep of the American fire.

Some of them ran to head off the pig and others pushed up behind to catch him. The pig wheeled and dodged, and the soldiers followed and dodged after him. Their voices rose in chorus of Spanish shouts. Up and down went his legs, when a soldier's hands were on him he would make a twist and wriggle himself away.

He was thirty minutes after six, the exact hour of sunset of the Sabbath day, while the evening lights were being kindled, that the soul of Stephen J. Field, the great, David weeps out the text. More appropriately than when originally uttered we may now utter this resounding lamentation, "Know ye not that there is a price and a best man fallen this day in Israel?"

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