

LOVE LIES BLEEDING

"But Bob, it's hopeless, impossible. I was mad when I asked her to be my wife. I should be madder still if I persisted. She has a shady history, though not her fault of course. Between ourselves it's the kind of thing that would do for a man utterly if he married her. Oh! I know it's an awful thing to say, but you and I are like brothers, and I must try and explain it to you. You know my old father? A rare good sort, but stiff as buckram and as old-fashioned as the lace on my great-grandmother's Sunday cloak. It would kill him, and I simply can't face it—that's all. Bob, I can't say any more. Will you do it?"

"Why not tell her yourself, like a man?" said I. He made a despairing gesture. "You don't know Ivy," he said. "It's impossible, Bob, I couldn't face that; either way I am between the devil and the deep sea—the devil of my father's wrath and the deep sea of her!"

"Misery," I suggested. "Yes, I'm afraid that's the word for it," he said, knocking the ashes from his pipe with a hand that trembled. "Don't let me know anything about it, but do it, Bob; do it somehow or other—my whole future is at stake."

"I am going to do it," said I. "Give me her address and I'll go this afternoon. I merely wish to mention, however, that you are a confounded cad!"

"Is Mrs. Dare at home?" I asked, standing on the doorstep of a dingy little house off the King's road, Chelsea. "I expect her in every moment," said the landlady graciously. "Second floor, sir! I'm afraid the stairs are rather dark."

"Dark they certainly were, for I could see nothing whatever but the curtain of November fog which entirely enveloped the dingy landing. I stumbled up stairs, however, thankful that the landlady did not offer to accompany me, and entered Mrs. Dare's apartments. As I waited one or two little trifles caught my eye, and as I prided myself on being a judge of human nature they had for me their full significance. The first was a child's headless horse, evidently thrown down after a game of play.

"Humph! Her child is often with her—an affectionate mother, therefore has a heart," said I to myself. The second trifle was a bunch of violets standing in a cracked jug of water. "Fond of flowers," I said. "Perhaps he used to give her violets. Yes, certainly she has a heart."

The third trifle was a volume of Shelley. A slight rustle at the door and then the handle was quickly turned and a young woman entered the room. "Better late than never!" she cried, addressing my back, which was all she could see. I wheeled around at once. As she saw a stranger's face she gave a cry of horror.

"Oh, pray excuse me, I thought you were a—great friend." "I have come from a great friend. I mean Lord Belmorris." "Oh, is he ill? Don't, pray, don't say he is ill, for I could never get to Belgrave square and nurse him—at least!"

Here she stopped and blushed. "Oh, I know all about it," said I, "but he is not ill, Mrs. Dare. He is hunting today with the Pycheley, and tonight," I continued brutally, "he is coming to town, and he will be at the Savoy. So you see he is not ill!"

Now do you understand, Mrs. Dare?"

She looked wildly around at me, at the room, at the patch of faint blue sky to be seen from the window. "Oh, Harold!" she said. "Oh, Harold! Harold!"

She flung herself upon the sofa, clasping in her hand the headless wooden horse. I supposed, poor soul, she did not know what she was doing. She muttered again to herself disjointed phrases in which I could only catch an echo of his name. I had done my duty, and my task, so far as Harold was concerned, was over. Few words had passed between us, but she fully understood. Something, however, kept me from leaving the room at once. I stopped by the sofa and looked down at the slight figure shaken with sobs.

"Do you love him," I asked, "even now?" "Something in my tone must have stung her, for she sprang to her feet. "No, no, of course not! I don't love him any more. It's only my pride that suffers; that's all. Listen! I knew I was not a good match for Harold. I had no money to begin with, and a bad, I mean foolish, husband, who gambled and dragged his name in the dirt; then when he died, poor fellow, I was left penniless with a child, my only comfort. I told Harold all this so often, but he would not listen. He followed me and begged me, and at last I gave in, and now he is treating me like—like!"

I placed my hand before her mouth. "No, don't say it," said I. "Rather tell me again that your love for him is dead!" "It is! It is!" she said passionately. "Oh, don't you believe that love can die, even at its strongest, in a moment from a shock like this?"

She recoiled, and I caught her in my arms as she fainted. "Yes, love can die in a moment," I said, looking down on the small white face and the curling masses of hair on my arm. And in a moment also love can be born—love, the king, who enters unannounced. Lo! Even then I heard the flutter of his wings.

Six months later Lord Belmorris was married at St. George's, Hanover square, before a large and fashionable congregation, including royalty, to the great American heiress, Miss Dollars. But his best man was not his old pal, Sir Robert Hastings. He was sitting at that moment in a top room in Smith street with his hand in that of a brown eyed girl, and his arm around a little fair haired child.—Madame.

Monkey Beat the Cobra. A monkey and a cobra fight was witnessed by some persons a couple of days ago about a mile or two up the Osboor road at Bangalore. A large monkey disturbed a large cobra, which was basking in the sun about a hundred yards from the road. The infuriated reptile gave the monkey chase, but he took the matter easy till he got to a rock. While perched there the snake, which had been in close chase, reared up almost to full length and with open hood darted at the monkey. But the latter dodged and ducked on the defensive and allowed the reptile to strike forcibly each time against the stone. This went on for a considerable time till the snake lay out at full length, bleeding and exhausted. Then the monkey seized the snake and rubbed its head clean off the trunk and afterward climbed a tree, when the persons who had witnessed the interesting encounter treated the victor to Indian corn and sugar cane.—Lahore Tribune.

Kingsley and the Butterfly. Charles Kingsley loved well "both man and bird and beast." This feature in his character was curiously displayed one Sunday in church. He was just about to enter the pulpit to preach his sermon when all of a sudden he disappeared from the view of the congregation. What was amiss? It was soon seen, however, that nothing serious had happened. He had only stooped in search of something on the floor, which, when found, he had taken to the vestry. And what was this something, do you think? An injured butterfly which was fluttering about on the ground. Being unable to fly away owing to its injury, Kingsley was afraid it might be trodden on, and so he had interrupted the service of the church until he had removed the wounded insect out of harm's way.

Washing Lace Handkerchiefs. By putting lace handkerchiefs in warm water in which are a few drops of ammonia and using castile soap they are easily washed and made a beautiful clear white. Then do not iron, but spread the handkerchief out smoothly on marble or glass, gently pulling out or shaping the lace. Just before it is entirely dry fold evenly and smoothly and place under a heavy weight of some kind, and you will find handkerchiefs lasting twice as long as before.

To Polish. The best thing for polishing windows is a small hand mop made of scraps of chamolis. Pieces no larger than a dollar can be used, and if well worn it will work so much the better. String them all together on a piece of strong twine, then tie together in a bunch. When dirty, wash it out, dry and before using rub it soft beneath your hands.—Good Housekeeping.

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Additional east-bound local trains will run daily, except Sunday, as follows: Leave Chambersburg 6:00 a.m., leave Carlisle 6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m., leave Mechanicsburg 6:15 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:02 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:37 p.m.

Table with 10 columns: Leave, no., 1p.m., 3p.m., 5p.m., 7p.m., 9p.m. Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Lillsburg, Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, Newville, Shippensburg, Waynesboro, Chambersburg, Greenocastle, Hagerstown, Ar. Winchester.

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