

A PRETTY COMPANION

By Louise Bedford.

CHAPTER IV.

Janetta only stayed long enough to listen to a few polite inquiries as to whether she had suffered any inconvenience from the accident, then rose and asked leave to retire for the night. "You can go if you wish," said Clarice; "but please don't imagine that Harry and I always need to be left together. I am generally down in the drawing room in the evening. Tonight was an exception. Good-night. Tell me if you are not comfortable."

Captain Merivale rose and opened the door.

Then Janetta bethought herself that it would only be courteous to return down-stairs and wish Mrs. Mortimer good-night. She found her seated before the fire, reading a novel.

"The interview was a long one, and therefore I conclude successful," she said, laying down the volume.

"Miss Seymour is quite delightful, and kinder than words can say," answered Janetta eagerly.

"And you feel the world beneath your feet? So it may be for a time. You will be the reigning favorite, just because you happen to be blessed with a handsome face and figure. Prize them whilst you have them; when you lose them the world will pass you by."

"The world, perhaps; but not those whose love one has won already. I shall think poorly of myself if I have not made a single friend."

It was the second effort Janetta had made in their brief acquaintance to reach Mrs. Mortimer's sympathy; apparently it failed.

"Shall you like it when you see another step into your shoes?"

Janetta rose. I am very tired. Will you think it rude of me if I go to bed?" she said, not answering the question.

Mrs. Mortimer's attitude towards her did not greatly disturb her. She had a bright, wholesome nature, and felt it possible to outlive the lady's unspoken jealousy.

Besides, the days that followed were so full of delightful and exciting experiences that she had no time to trouble her head with what Mrs. Mortimer thought about her.

Clarice Seymour had taken an impulsive liking for her new companion, and poured tokens of her favor upon her. The very difference of character between the girls possibly made the greater friends.

Janetta was strong, self-reliant, and self-contained, even-tempered, and accustomed to give help rather than receive it; Clarice was capricious as the weather—one day all smiles and sunshine, the next at war with herself and the world, railing at the fate that kept her helplessly tied to the sofa.

Yet through all her varying moods she possessed a fascination for all about her; and Janetta condoned her fretfulness and waywardness for the grace and charm that peeped out constantly, even in her most irritable moments, like specks of blue sky on a cloudy day.

"How old are you?" asked Clarice suddenly, when Janetta had been with her for about a week. "I believe you are years younger than I am, and yet you have a kind of motherly way with me when I'm wicked and cross, as I am today."

"I'm two-and-twenty," said Janetta, with a laugh.

"And I am four years your senior, and yet I feel as if I were a child and you a woman; you are so tall and strong, and you make me feel comfortable even when you are sitting in the room. You are making me a monster of selfishness. Do you know you've scarcely been out of the house since you came?"

"I don't want to go out. I'm never dull with you."

"I've told Harry it must not go on," said Clarice. "I've sent him off to hire a bicycle for you, and he'll take you out; it will cheer you both up. I wonder sometimes if Harry will get tired of waiting for me—do you?"

"I think the very fact that you are delicate, and need so much petting and love, would make me love you all the more," said Janetta.

"Ah! that's a woman's view. I wonder if it's Harry's. I often want to ask him, and I'm such a coward I dare not. If he wants his freedom he must ask for it; I will not give it him."

"I think," Janetta said, rising to rearrange Clarice's cushions, "if you fret yourself over imaginary ills you won't be down tonight."

"I shall if you leave me quiet!" cried Clarice, who had not ceased talking for the past hour. "You'll promise that you'll go out with Harry?"

"Oh, yes; I'll go if you like," said Janetta, who was learning that the simplest way of managing Clarice was to humor her whims.

She looked such a picture of grace and strength when she came down ready equipped for her ride, in a neatly-made coat and skirt of some dark material, relieved only by a brightly-colored ribbon in her sailor hat, that Captain Merivale gave her an involuntary glance of admiration.

"My mistress' orders are that I'm to take you for a good long ride," he said, wheeling round Clarice's bicycle.

"She says she has kept you too tightly tied to her sofa."

"It is the place where I like best to be," Janetta answered, with perfect sincerity.

Yet the swift ride through the bright sunshine of the February afternoon was real enjoyment, and the companionship of a clever, cultivated man

LAW MAKERS ARE IN PERIL

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THIRTY THOUSAND VICTIMS.

Residents of the City Are Prostrated with the Epidemic—Impedes Official Business—Attacks the Senators—Bureau Work Almost at a Standstill.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The epidemic of grip has prostrated the capital. Thirty thousand residents of Washington were suffering with the plague last night. The work of the government is seriously impeded. Officials high and low are fighting the baleful microbe, and affairs of state must for the moment stand aside.

The president is confined to his bed with influenza, and on the order of his physician he is not bothered except upon the most urgent business. None of the cabinet officers are permitted to see him, and Secretary Cortelyou is in sole charge of the executive office. Secretary Hay is fighting a most persistent case of the plague. He has been obliged to give up all attempts at directing the affairs of his office. Assistant Secretary Criddle of the state department, is gradually recovering from a ten days' battle with the disease.

Attacks the Senators.

In the senate the little Russian invader has played havoc. Senator Depey is confined to his home. Other senators who are down with the grip are Wilcox of Colorado, Beveridge of Indiana, Quarles of Wisconsin, and possibly more who have as yet made no report as to the cause of their absence.

Speaker Henderson has just returned to find the gavel in the house after a siege of several days. Among prominent members of the House who are taking sick leave as a result of the infection, are Seneca Payne, Kahn of California, Heatwole of Minnesota, Brick of Indiana, Wilson of Idaho, Cousins of Iowa, Robinson of Nebraska, and Cox of Tennessee.

But official life is not alone engaged in fighting influenza. Society has been struck. Braux and belles of the most exclusive circles are taking quinine with the same regularity as the humblest department clerks. Among the very known residents of the capital who are suffering are Mrs. Stewart, wife of the senator from Nevada; Mrs. Haasbrough, wife of the senator from Dakota; Mr. Goleny, secretary of the Russian embassy, and Mrs. Fred McGuire, wife of the president of the board of the Corcoran Art Gallery.

Bureaus Are Crippled.

It is in the great departments of the government however, that the disease has made its presence most strongly felt. Nearly 10 per cent of the employees of the federal offices are either on sick leave or are barely managing to carry on their work despite attacks of the influenza. Inquiries made yesterday at the various departments show that among the clerks in each of the great divisions there are the following number of grip cases:

Treasury department, 300; agricultural department, 90; war department, 200; navy department, 35; postal department, 80; interior department, 400; department of justice, 10; census bureau, 200; government printing office, 300; department of labor, 5; bureau of engraving and printing, 200; government of the District of Columbia, 200; total, 2,020. In some divisions the work of the departments is seriously crippled by the absence of employees.

With all my boasted independence, I've forgotten my position," she said to herself reddening with vexation; but her resolve was taken at the risk of vexing Clarice, she would have no more walks or talks with Captain Merivale.

She did not make her way as usual to Clarice's room that afternoon when she came in from her walk. She felt as if her inward annoyance might find expression in her face. She was considerably surprised as she entered her bedroom to hear the quick shutting of a drawer, and Mason, with some appearance of confusion, began to close the window and draw the blind.

Janetta was certainly not suspicious by nature, but the girl's manner made her feel certain that she had been tampering with her things.

(To be Continued.)

MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE.

The Only Man in the British Cabinet Who Could Speak French.

When the Marquis of Lansdowne was governor-general of Canada he had to make a speech to the French-Canadians, says M. A. P. With all its loyalty to the English connection, this little bit of transported France adheres very rigidly to many things French, and especially to the purity of the French tongue—at least as it was spoken in the eighteenth century. Few viceroys have ever ventured accordingly to leave the safe security of the English tongue, and it was with some trepidation that the French-Canadians heard that Lord Lansdowne was going to deliver a speech to them in their own language. But he had scarcely uttered the word "messieurs" when the whole audience burst into cheers; they recognized at once the accent of the true French tongue, the accent only possible to a man of French blood, and one who had spoken French as his mother tongue. It is perhaps this accomplishment which had something to do with Lord Lansdowne's latest appointment. When some one remonstrated with Lord Salisbury for retaining the two offices of prime minister and foreign secretary, his reply was that he could not help himself, there was but one member of his cabinet who could speak French, and that was Lord Lansdowne. And now Lord Lansdowne will receive the foreign ambassadors every Wednesday afternoon, and whatever else may be found fault with, his French will be faultless. Lord Lansdowne's mother was a daughter of Gen. Flahaut, one of Bonaparte's officers.—Toronto Star.

BRIDE DRINKS TOAST IN ACID.

Lillian Schilling, Young and Beautiful, Kills Herself.

New York, Jan. 14.—"Drink to my twenty-second birthday. You'll never see another," cried beautiful Lillian Schilling to a score of merry friends whom Mrs. Henry Harris, 193 Scholes street, Brooklyn, whom she was visiting, had invited to surprise her.

With shouts of merriment and laughter her prophecy the toast was drunk, and Mr. Harris, the host, laughingly gave the young woman 22 blows on the back in token of the day.

As the guests applauded the one in whose honor they were gathered sank back in a chair.

"I'll never see another," she moaned again. Her face turned livid and she fell to the floor.

"I've killed myself," she gasped as the wonder-struck guests gathered about her. "I'll never see another birthday. I killed myself because all my happiness was gone."

They noticed then that her glass had fallen to the floor. The yellow liquid it had contained already was discoloring the carpet. The toast she had proposed she had drunk in carbonic acid.

An ambulance hurried her to St. Catherine's hospital, but just as she was put on a cot she died.

She was a bride of only a few months. Several weeks ago she quarreled with her husband and went to live with her friend, Mrs. Harris.

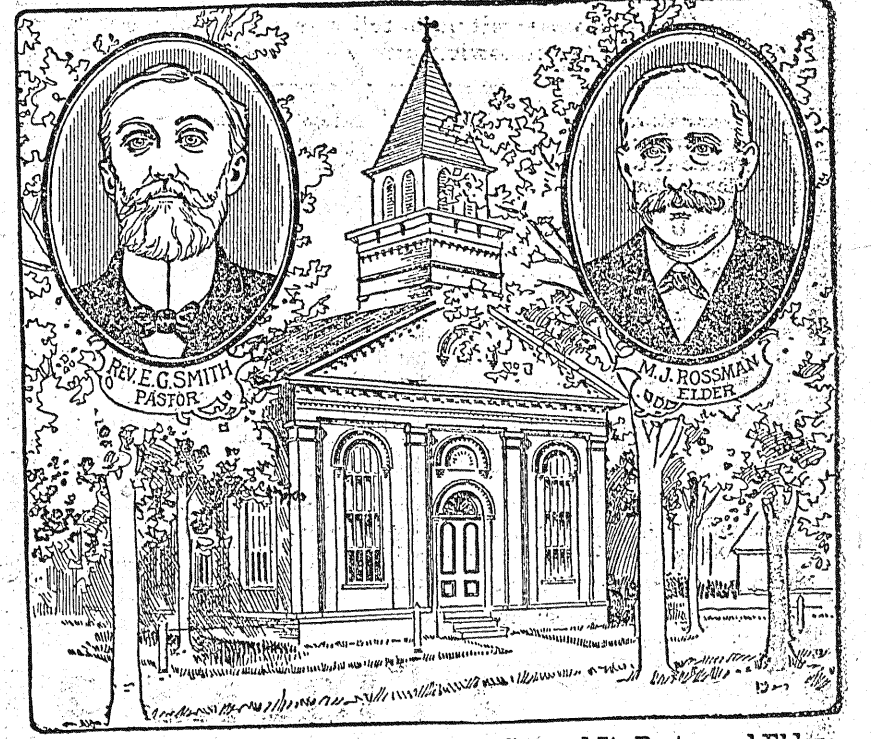
Coal Vein Found in Michigan.

St. Joseph, Mich., Jan. 14.—The citizens of the village of Eau Claire, 15 miles east of this city, are in a fever of excitement over the discovery of a rich coal vein on the William Denn farm, three miles west of the corporation limits. Several prospectors from the coal regions of Pennsylvania, who have been examining the ground in this vicinity, have expressed their opinion that not only the territory where the Denn vein has been found is rich with coal, but the entire Eau Claire district contains large quantities of coal.

Book Made of Money.

A devout Spanish lady, who was an enthusiastic admirer of the Pope, recently sent him a present of a book. It consists of 250 leaves, elegantly bound. Each leaf is a duplicate of its brother and is simply a thousand-dollar note.

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