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A WOMAN'S INFLUENCE



LULU JAMISON

CHAPTER XX. BRIAN'S PRESCRIPTION.

"I believe I am thoroughly tired out, Margaret. I have had a very hard day's work."

Margaret turned from her book as Brian entered the room with these words.

"Have you?" she asked. "How nice you will find your well-earned rest. See, your chair is waiting for you."

"It shall not be empty a minute longer. It is so wonderfully comfortable. Sit there, won't you? I like to see your face; it rests me."

"Then I may consider myself useful, as well as ornamental," she laughed, wondering why the rebellious color should fly to her face in such a disagreeable way.

"When did you get my message, Margaret?" he asked.

"About 4 o'clock, I think. I was sorry you could not come home to dinner. You have had some of course?"

"I had an apology for one," he returned. "I hadn't time for any other; so many important cases brought in today. This hospital practice is worth a great deal to me. I tell you, I was getting rusty, and it has polished me up considerably. I suppose Miss Hilton left, as she intended?"

"She went early this afternoon." This answer was given with a faltering voice.

"Dear Margaret," he said with feeling. "I know how you will miss her. I wish you would let me comfort you. Don't go away."

"Only for a few minutes," she answered hastily. "I am coming back."

"Try to get her promise she returned quickly with a small tray in her hand. 'Only some cake and coffee,' she said, 'to make up for that apology for a dinner. I made the coffee. Do you think you will like it?'"

"Will it? Its fragrance is sufficiently tempting," Brian jumped from his chair, and took the tray from Margaret's hands. "I am just beginning to realize that I am hungry. You will help me to drink it?"

"Of course," laughed Margaret. "I want to show my appreciation of culinary ability. Nora thinks I will be quite a finished cook in time. This is nice, and if we had some Elmwood cream it would be all to be desired. You like it? I am glad. I want you to tell me now the cause of your serious look. It looked ever so long when I came in."

"I am the least bit anxious about you. I fear you are losing the old strength you used to boast of. Don't shake your head so decidedly, I see with an experienced eye. I saw how that ring slipped about when you were pouring this coffee, and seven months ago, when I put it there, Margaret, it was very tight and snug. I want to see it go again. You need the country breeze. I know that Elmwood is the magical medicine which your case demands, and if I prescribe it, I don't believe you will find it so bitter to take."

"And you?" she asked, after a moment's silence.

"That is to be just as you say, Margaret," she returned with a radiant face, "we will both go home."

"When Wilson learned of this decision, 'The fascinations of New York have been exercised in vain,' he declared. 'I think you will find something to regret when you have gone from us. Still, I am sure you will realize a much needed benefit, and in view of that I must be glad that you will so soon enjoy the pleasure of the country. I hope you will not quite forget us.'"

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