



WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE:

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CHAPTER II.—CONTINUED.

From him this flattery came to her like some delicate perfume, and though her pleasurable emotion struggled with her reason, she was powerless to resist absorbing it.

"You will perhaps tell Maj. Passmore of our—our 'inclinations'?" she asked.

"Would it not come better from you, being your case?"

"Oh, no; I fancy he would value—that is, your declaration would have more weight."

"Very well, if you think so. But let us see; how can it be put? We can't say boldly: 'You must let your niece marry this young fellow, or—'"

"No, that would never do; Maj. Passmore is so dogmatical."

"Ah! I have it! We can say your niece is suffering from a peculiar affection of the heart, and we recommend that you place her under the care of Dr. Plyne."

"Plyne, Plyne, Dr. Plyne—who is he? The name seems familiar."

"A heart specialist, associated with Dr. Wrench here."

"Maj. Passmore looked searchingly from Dr. Laneewood to Helen."

"Is this Dr. Plyne a recent graduate?" he asked.

"He is, and as a matter of fact, I believe, a relation of yours."

"Oh, I see, I see," cried Maj. Passmore, his face assuming a vermillion hue. "Hum! And you, Dr. Laneewood, lend yourself to this feminine conspiracy?"

"Oh, Roger, don't say that," cried Aunt Ruth, timidly.

"Hold your tongue, Ruth!" fiercely. "I lend myself to nothing of the kind—it is my conviction." Then Dr. Laneewood rapidly gave his reasons. When he had concluded, Maj. Passmore said:

"I shall do nothing of the kind. I'll not have him in the house."

"Very well," said Helen rising, "then I relinquish the case."

"I am glad you do. Laneewood, you'll manage it better alone."

"I shall have nothing further to do with it, sir. I agree with Dr. Glade. We have given you our opinion; if you follow your own, you must be responsible for the consequences. Good-day, sir; good-day, Miss Passmore." And with dignified urbanity, Dr. Laneewood followed Helen into the hall.

Maj. Passmore was beside himself with uncontrollable rage.

"Laneewood," he exclaimed from the door, "that girl's bewitched you; she's leading you by the nose—you've lost your wits—you'll regret this, mark my words!"

"Maj. Passmore," said Dr. Laneewood, with exasperating coolness, "I am sorry to see you have permitted your habitual brusqueness to degenerate into rudeness."

Before the irate major could reply, the door was closed, and the two doctors were gone.

"Oh, Gerald, you carried it off splendidly," said Helen as they drove away.

Two days later Maj. Passmore sent Dr. Laneewood a note asking him to call, and apologizing for his conduct. At first Dr. Laneewood declined to ignore the call, but Helen said:

"Yes, do, Gerald, for the poor girl's sake; think of our own case." So Dr. Laneewood answered the summons.

"Are you still of the same opinion?" asked Maj. Passmore when they were together.

"Quite," answered Dr. Laneewood, firmly. "Because if you do not the girl may not live a year, for if her system becomes reduced her constitutional

weakness will supervene, and her decline will be rapid."

"I cannot close my eyes to the danger; still, this young Plyne, I mistrust, is mercenary."

"You are mistaken about that. I have seen him, and I have questioned Dr. Wrench about his ability. He will make his way in the world. He has been a conscientious student, and he will make a successful practitioner. If he remains with Dr. Wrench he will ultimately come into a valuable practice. Therefore, I see no reason why you should oppose his union with your niece."

"She's too young to marry—yet."

"You may withhold your sanction until the irreparable mischief is done."

"This is your own individual conviction?"

"It is."

"Then I suppose I must submit, for Ruth is of the same opinion and never gives me any peace over the matter. I'm anxious to do what is right for the girl, so—if you will be so kind you may bring Dr. Plyne to-morrow."

"I will do so," said Dr. Laneewood.

One morning at breakfast, six months later, Maj. Passmore received by mail the wedding cards of Dr. Helen Glade and Dr. Gerald Laneewood.

"There, Ruth!" he exclaimed, handing them to her.

"What do you mean?"

"No, no, Helen; you can put on your veil, and remain in the shade, and leave us to conduct the matter."

"Very well. Ring the bell, and let us get it over."

CHAPTER III.—MAJ. PASSMORE DISENTS.

When Aunt Ruth and Maj. Passmore came into the room Dr. Laneewood, in his grave, professional manner, said:

"After a long and serious consideration of your niece's case, I have to report on behalf of Dr. Glade and myself, there is nothing to be done, so far as we can aid her."

"You don't mean to say," gasped Maj. Passmore, "that she is hopeless?"

"Well—yes—and no."

"No, no, yes. What do you mean? Has her case been neglected?"

ing his sister the cards, "I told you that girl had bewitched him!"

[THE END.]

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Next to him sat an inquisitive man. He had to ask questions. So he said: "Excuse me, but what is that on your face?"

The sooty man put his hand up to the clean side of his face, rubbed his cheek, looked at his hand and then said, "Nothing."

"No, I mean on the other side," persisted the questioner.

"Oh," said the man, "on this side?" Then he rubbed his hand over the black cheek, looked at his fingers and said gravely, "Dirt."

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