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YOUNG MEN

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MARRIAGE,

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God called the nearest angels who dwell with him above;
The tenderest one was Pity, the dearest one was Love.
"Arise," he said, "my angels! a wall of woe and sin
Steals through the gates of Heaven, and saddens all within.
"My harps take up the mournful strain that from a lost world swells,
The smoke of torment clouds the light and blights the asphodels."
"Fly downward to that under world, and on its souls of pain,
Let Love drop smiles like sunshine, and Pity tears like rain!"
Two faces bowed before the Throne vailed in their golden hair;
Four white wings lessened swiftly down the dark abyss of air.
The way was strange, the flight was long; at last the angels came,
Where swung the lost and nether world, red-wrapped in rayless frame.
There Pity, shuddering, wept; but Love, with faith too strong for fear,
Took heart from God's almightiness and smiled a smile of cheer.
And lo! that tear of Pity quenched the flame whereon it fell,
And, with the sunshine of that smile, hope entered into hell.
Two unveiled faces full of joy looked upward to the Throne,
Four white wings folded at the feet of Him who sat thereon!
And deeper than the sound of seas, more soft than falling flake,
Amidst the hush of wing and song the Voice Eternal spake:
"Welcome, my angels! ye have brought a holier joy to Heaven;
Henceforth its sweetest song shall be the song of sin forgiven!"

Tales and Sketches.

WHEN ELIHU COMES HOME.

All her life long Sara Holmes had had a romance. It began and ended with these words: 'When Elihu comes home.' And though she was but nineteen years old at the time of which I write, it seemed to her on the evening of that burning July day, as she sat in her bedroom, and looked out upon the moonlight fields, that she had been living one or two centuries in this world, and all the time dreaming golden dreams of Elihu, only to find them shivered into atoms at the last.

For Elihu had come. And the time and the manner of his coming was so unlooked for and so unexpected to her, as well as to everyone else that the girl sat there in the moonlight, saying to herself. 'He is here I need never watch or wait for him again. In the next chamber to mine he is sleeping—that is if he can sleep, poor Elihu!' The earliest stories she could remember had been told to her by her mother, about 'Cousin Elihu' and the enormous fortune he had made 'down South,' at a time when fortunes could yet be made in that unhappy land. She had heard fabulous tales of the palace in which he lived, of the negro slaves who flew to do his bidding, of the beautiful carriages and horses that bore him from place to place, and of the jewels, the silks, satins and velvets that fortunate woman would possess who would one day become Elihu's bride.

Other girls had heard these stories also, and the belle of the school at Holmesdale often said that, when she was sixteen, she should 'go traveling,' and find her way down south, and 'set her cap' for Elihu Holmes. That the result would follow for which she looked, no girl among them all doubted, for even 'the master's' stern face softened and smiled upon Rosanna Meadows, when she shook back her golden curls and lifted her large blue eyes, with a blush, to his.

Poor Rosanna! Sara leaned her cheek on her hand, and looked over the hill top toward the village graveyard, where the village beauty was now lying, with her blue eyes closed, her golden ringlets smoothed back from her white brow, and her hands clasped in an unearthly quiet on her breast. Elihu had never known how her girlish heart went out toward him. And now Elihu had come home!

As Sara Holmes grew up, and developed form the tall angular girl into the queenly and self-possessed young woman, the thought would sometimes occur to her, as she stood before the mirror braiding her dark hair, 'If he should come back, would he think me pretty, now that Rosanna is gone?' The broad, low brow, the oval cheeks and dimpled chin answered; the healthful color, the deep, dark eyes, the sudden, bright, bewildering smile, said, Yey.' For there was now a higher beauty than Rosanna's pink and white loveliness had ever been, and the treasures of her mind and heart might well have won an older and wiser man to love her long before Elihu came home.

And now she drew a long breath, and set herself to recall all the incidents of that sudden and startling return.

Tea was over—the milk was strained—and they were all sitting on the front piazza, under the shade of the maples and locusts, while her father read bits from the weekly paper aloud. Her step-mother was knitting; her sister Grace was lining a hat, and her brother Ben was whittling out a toy boat from a bit of wood, while she, Sara, sat beside him and held his tools as he needed them, and lost herself in a reverie about our hero in the south.

A carriage drove up the village road and halted at their gate. The driver descended to his seat and beckoned to her father, who hurried down to the gate to meet him. After talking for some time together, a small trunk was lifted down and left beside the gate. Then the carriage door was opened and a tall figure descended, and, directly after, Ben, who had followed his father in a fit of boyish curiosity, galloped back with distended eyes, whispering loudly:

'Mother—girls! Cousin Elihu has come! And he has lost every cent of his property down south! I heard the driver tell father so! And they have sent him off up here, alone, because they thought he was going to be sick; and there he is, you see, leaning on father and the driver, and he can't but just walk. Isn't it a blamed shame of these southerners?'

'Mercy!' exclaimed Ben's step mother, rising, as they all rose, when the tall, slender figure approached.

Sara looked up with her heart in her eyes, to greet her hero—no less a hero to her for the pitiful history of loss and ruin that she had just heard.

He was a tall, upright, elegant looking man, with a fair complexion, large melancholy blue eyes, a long straight nose, drooping eyebrows, fine lips, and a firmly rounded chin, that somewhat counteracted the listless sadness of the face. His hair was turning gray, and the heavy, golden brown moustache had one or two threads of silver, but with that exception he wore no look of age.

Elihu was well but plainly dressed in a traveling suit of gray. He removed his hat as he drew near the ladies, with a courteous grace; but he looked in vain for the warm welcome from the second Mrs. Holmes and her daughter Grace that he would have received from his own cousin had she been alive.

Mrs. Holmes bowed to him coldly though civilly; and Grace, angry with him and with herself for the sudden collapsing of sundry ambitious hopes which she had never confided to anyone except her mother, swept him her latest dancing school courtesy, and affected not to see the hand he held out.

Elihu colored slightly, and turned to Sara, whose large dark eyes were fixed with a look of tender pity upon his refined and melancholy face.

'You have a face that I ought to know,' he said to her, gently. 'You are my cousin's child, dear Sara! I hoped she would be here to meet me when I came home at last.'

Sara's heart was already full, and this reference to her dead mother caused her tears to overflow.

'Dear Cousin Elihu,' said she, taking his hand in both hers, 'my mother remembered and loved you to the last day of her life. She would have been glad indeed to see you here once more; I am glad, too. All my life long I have looked forward to your coming.'

'But you did not expect to see me return so poor,' said Elihu, sighing.

'Poor or rich, it matters little,' replied Sara fervently. 'You are here at home once more, and that is enough to make us all rejoice.'

'Aye,' said Elihu, looking from her beaming countenance to the cold faces of the rest. 'I should have been glad to bring gold enough to make me welcome. But what has happened has happened, and I do not wish to complain. Cousin Joshua, for my cousin's sake of the old times when you and I were boys together, I suppose you will let me stay at the old homestead for a few days?'

'Eh? Oh, to be sure! Stay and welcome,' stammered the farmer, who feeling the eyes of his wife and his daughter Sara fixed upon him, was like a man between two fires.

So it was settled, and Sara flew about like a good fairy to prepare supper for the wanderer, and afterward, to set in order his room and bed. At nine o'clock he retired, and then the storm burst forth.

The second Mrs. Holmes inquired shrilly, if their home was to be turned into a 'poor farm,' and made the abiding place of every shiftless creature who had wasted his substance in riotous living among 'those negroes'—only to come, at the last, without a penny in his pocket, to be supported by those who had the misfortune to be related to him in a distant way.

Mr. Holmes said, meekly, that 'it wasn't likely Elihu would want to stay long, and that as he had once redeemed the farm, which was heavily mortgaged with his own money, and given a deed of the place to his first wife, he didn't very well see how he could refuse him shelter there if he claimed it—'for a time, at least,' he added nervously seeing his wife's black eyebrows knitting together in a way that he had learned to dread.

Grace upheld her mother in all her denunciations; though Sara thought, privately, that it would have been more delicate had she kept silence, since as the daughter of Mrs. Holmes by a former marriage, she could not be supposed to have any great interest pecuniary or otherwise, in the disposition of the homestead farm.

As for Ben, like most boys of thirteen, he was on the side of right against might, and he did not scruple to say that, for his part, he hoped Cousin Elihu would stay there forever, and that he was sure, if he had redeemed the farm, that he had a perfect right to do so. His sister Sara could have kissed him for the answer, but she kept silence.

The days went on. By every art that a mean and paltry spirit could invent, Mrs. Holmes the second showed plainly to Elihu how unwelcome he was beneath her roof tree. As for Grace, she simply ignored him. And, Mr. Holmes, though he would gladly have been both grateful and kind, was so tamed by nightly curtain lectures, hours long, that he dared not show the ruined man any attention, and only looked at him wistfully now and then, as if wondering when he would be gone.

Elihu's plate, knife and fork were placed upon the table at every meal, it is true. He fared as the rest fared, and his room and bed were the best in the house.

But this was Sara's doing. To her and to Ben, he owed each moment of happiness which he enjoyed in the old house. The sister and her young brother were always glad to be with him, but the other inmates of the house looked over and around him, and even when he ate of their bread and drank of their cup, seemed as if they knew him not. Sara's proud spirit blazed up for his sake at a thousand petty insults and affronts each day. She wondered privately to herself, and aloud to Ben, how Cousin Elihu, with the memory of his past wealth and grandeur fresh in his mind, could endure it! Nor was she surprised when, one pleasant evening just four weeks after his arrival, Elihu told her he must go.

'I cannot blame you, so shamefully have you been treated,' she said, while her heart sank down in her breast, like a stone sinking into the depths of the tiny lake on whose bank they sat. 'But where will you go, Cousin Elihu? What will you do? You were ill when you came here, and thanks to their unkindness, you are not yet well and strong enough to care for yourself. O, it is a shame—a shame!' she broke out again. 'And if you had come rich as they expected, every one of them would have been at your feet!'

Cousin Elihu smiled the smile that always brightened her melancholy face, till in her eyes it was the noblest, handsomest face on earth.

'Never mind them, Sara,' said he; 'you and Ben have been so good to me that I have scarcely noted the rest. So good that—'

He paused and looked at her.

'Sara, when I am gone, shall you miss me?"

The tears rose to her eyes.

'O, how can you ask? You know, Elihu, that when you go I shall think of you among strangers, poor, perhaps ill, perhaps dying—'

She hid her face in her hands and sobbed aloud.

Elihu waited till her grief had exhausted itself, and then took her hand.

'What you say is all very true, Sara. I am not fit to go out into the world alone. Will you go with me? You have a good home here, I know, but if I have you to work for, I will soon give a better one. And by and bye Ben can come to us, and we will make a man of him. Will you be my wife, Sara?

She looked at him with all the solemn fervor of a woman's love and devotion shining in her eyes.

'If you will take me, Elihu, and let me care for you, I shall be the happiest creature on earth. From the moment when I saw you come in at the farm gate, from the moment when I knew that your fortune was gone, and that you were ill and alone in the world, I have prayed that you might love me. I don't care where our home is or what it is, so that we share it together. I can be happier with you in a log hut than I could be with any one else in a palace; for you need me, Elihu, and I—I have thought and dreamed of you, and. I really believe, loved you from the day when my mother first told me about you, when I was sitting at her knee.'

'So they were betrothed, and, after a storm at the farm house, when her dicision was first made known, Sara followed the fortunes of her lover to a distant city where they were married.

Ben went with her as her protector and 'best man.' Her father kissed her and cried over her, as he bade her farewell, and put a pocketbook containing five hundred dollars into her hand for the wedding portion.

'I can't go with you to give you away, my dear, and I can't let you be married here,' said the poor man. 'I shall never hear the last of it if I do; and I'm getting old now, and I want peace and quiet in my own home. But God bless you, Sara, and your husband that is to be. Poor Elihu! Your mother loved him dearly, and I don't know a fault he has in the world, except that he is poor.'

So, strengthened by her father's approval and blessing, Sara approached the altar to consecrate her life to the hero of her dreams.

The ceremony over they drove to a first class hotel, and breakfasted in a style that made Sara tremble for the future. And after breakfast Elihu laid a package before her, and a casket by the side of her plate.

'My first present to my wife,' said he.

'As for you, Ben—'

A cry of delight from Ben made his sister turn round to look at him. The boy was glorious in a gold hunting watch and chain.

'Open your casket, love,' said her husband, smiling.

She obeyed and a river of light seemed to flash upon her from the diamonds within. At the same moment her husband broke the seal of the package; and showed her a bank book incribed with her name.

'Ten thousand dollars are deposited there, subject to your order,' said Elihu, carelessly.

'Ten thousand dollars! and the watch! and the diamonds!' gasped Sara, turning pale. 'What can it all mean!'

'I know,' broke in Ben, with a joyous laugh. 'Cousin Elihu has only been pretending to be poor all this time. Nicely sold all those people at the farm will be!'

Sara turned to her husband. He smiled and drew her closely to his breast. From that happy day not a wish of hers or Ben's has been ungratified. And all the romance of her life began instead of ending (as she for a time supposed) 'when Elihu came home.'

Miscellaneous.

Take Time to Rest.—Most men and women must keep in the traces, and keep pulling, the year around. All the more, therefore, it is their duty to take things easier as the hot weather comes on. Take longer rest at noon. Put on less steam when you are at work. Snatch a Sunday now and then from the middle of the week. You can't? You can. People find time to be sick and to die. They can just as easily find time to rest and keep well. Everything does not depend on finishing that dress or fencing that field; on 'putting up' so much fruit or catching so many customers. Better that the children should wear old clothes than that their mother should be laid aside by a fever. Better that the corn crop be a little lighter than that there should be no one to harvest it. Let us have shorter sermons and fewer of them on Sunday; longer recess for the children at school on week days. Put up the store shutters earlier at night; prepare plainer meals in the kitchen. Take a noonday nap yourself, and give your employees a chance to go a fishing of an afternoon now and then. That only is duty which the Lord lays upon us, and he is not so hard a master as we sometimes suppose.

The Spring Time and Immortality.—It was said of the celebrated John Randolph, of Roanoke, whose views were generally conceded to be skeptical, that in walking out one lovely spring morning on his plantation, accompanied by his favorite negro, Tom, he reached an elevated piece of ground, where the beauties of one of the finest Virginia landscapes burst upon him.

The trees were clothed in their vernal blossoms, and the meadows laughing in variegated hues, and the sun in the clear blue sky shown down on the quiet river, as it glided silently along. 'Tom,' said the eccentric Randolph, 'do you see all that?' 'Yes, I does, massa.' 'Well, Tom, when anybody tells you, after this, that there is no God, just call him a liar.'

There is too much in the language of the spring time, not to leave a fixed and lasting impression, and there is a lesson in the blue-eyed violet and rosebud which points as strikingly towards that which is immortal, as do the sterner and more striking truths which are registered in the frowning mountain's peak, or the live thunders which leap and play upon its summit.

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