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## Monte Cristo's Baby

By Edith Eaton

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The sea-face of the little town was not very attractive—a mass of wooden structures low down by the water's edge, wharves and docks in front, and a street of stores, saloons and lodging houses behind. Here and there a tall and more imposing building; post-office, church or dance hall. On the hills beyond a few scattered white houses.

A man and a woman stood together on the deck of a small sound steamer that was nosing into port. "So this is where you play tonight?" observed a man.

"Yes."  
"What's on?"  
"Monte Cristo. I am Mercedes; he is the count."

"He is everything now, I suppose. Blanche, I never intended to give you the chance to forget me."

Blanche Garth's husband, the manager of a small theatrical company, had preceded her by an earlier boat to the town where they were to play that night. The quarrel that morning had not been of his seeking. She had goaded him into saying what he had said. When she was alone, she realized this, and a few tears of contrition had fallen as her eyes rested on a card which bore the legend in his handwriting: "To the sweet little woman whose beauty is only overshadowed by her goodness and purity." This had been attached to her last birthday present.

But as fate would have it, on the ferry boat upon which she followed him, was this old love. He recognized her at once as she stepped out of the stuffy cabin for a breath of fresh air. If he had not spoken to her, however, there would have been no recognition on her part, for it was plainly marked on his face and form that if the Alaska gold fields had yielded him a fortune, they had taken heavy toll in his health and strength. But 22, he looked 50.

Blanche regarded him with feelings of mingled pity and envy; pity for his broken-down physique, envy for his newly-acquired riches. Her life and that of her young husband's, merged in each other's, was an arduous, if fascinating one. With a little money behind them, neither would have chosen any other; but as it was, the work and worry of trying to meet expenses, wore upon the nerves of both manager and star of the Zora theatrical company.

"Blanche," said Will Carpenter, entreatingly, "won't you take supper with me after the play? Us two alone? For old times' sake."

Not since she had been married had she taken supper with any man without her husband at her side; but the tenderness of a woman towards one whom she has failed, and a sudden remembrance of her husband's last words: "Then, do as you please; I don't care," caused her to hesitate.

She was not alone, though the man by her side was unaware of that. In the cabin was an old woman and a small baby.

The evening was gloomy and dark and a chill rain was falling. All along the coast the fog horns were sounding reminding one somehow of the weird and melancholy night moaning of cows bereft of their young.

But in the little sitting room of the hotel which Charles Garth had secured for his wife, everything seemed bright and cheerful. It was six o'clock. The table was laid for a light meal. In the middle of the room, like a warm heart, radiating cheerfulness and comfort, was a small stove, brightly burning, while near to it, on a low rocking chair, her baby in her lap, sat Blanche Garth. She had removed most of the child's garments, and, crowing and cooing, it was blissfully stretching its little limbs to the blaze.

The young manager, who seemed very much elated, was explaining to his wife, the quarrel of the morning which lay on the table. It was the offer of the management of a small theater in San Francisco, and meant for the young couple a permanent home and a comfortable income.

"You shall have the necklace you wanted, sweetheart, an automobile (I'd occasionally, and in time—everything else."

Charles Garth bent over and kissed his wife the quarrel of the morning forgotten. He took from her the child and tossed it to the ceiling in his glee, much to its mother's alarm and its own huge delight. Settling it in his arms, he began talking baby talk, the little one smiling and dimpling all over as it returned cooling answers. It was a beautiful child and its bright dark eyes, fixed on its father's face, beamed with unusual intelligence.

The mother watched the pair proudly and happily. But over her happiness there crept a shadow. It was the remembrance of a promise she had made that afternoon—a promise, which, if confessed to her husband, she would be obliged to break. If fulfilled, unconfessed! She shuddered as she conjured in her mind the anger of the man who at that moment was mumbling in her infant's ear: "Goo goo, ba-ba, da-da, ma-ma."

But Blanche Garth was a western woman with a western sense of honor. How could she disappoint a man whom she had already cruelly disap-

pointed? How could she break a promise to one who had no authority to compel her to keep her promise?

After the second act, the baby was carried through the hall, up the stage steps and behind the curtain.

"Does an infant appear in the next scene?" asked the stranger of the man who sat behind him.

"No. That's the manager's kid—he that takes the part of Monte Cristo. It's here every night that the mother plays. Has to have its pap between the acts."

The tall gaunt man with the scarred weather-beaten face studied hard the stage curtain.

"Yes," went on his seat companion, "they say the Garths are crazy over that kid."

"H-m," reflectively. "Pretty tough for the child if something should happen to the mother."

"Wal, I guess so. Stranger in these parts?"

"Not 'xactly. Been musing it in Alaska for some years."

"Brought out any dough?"

"Nough for what bread I'll need."

"Good. Partner?"

"The mameluke dogs got hold of him when we crossed over to Siberia. They were hungry."

"Gee!"

"The sailor and his lass are muth in evidence," remarked the stranger, looking around.

"They'd about fill the hall if it wasn't for the fellows from the lumber camps. I'm a logger myself."

"How are things doing across the sound?"

"Hustling for all they're worth. More timber than we can handle. Two shingle mills up within the last three months. There's that kid again."

Seven months old Essie Garth was truly a child of the theater, and the many eyes which followed her as her nurse threaded her way through the audience to a selected seat did not at all embarrass or disconcert the little thing, neither did the fact that the seat chosen was right in front of a gaunt gray man who leaned forward to peer into her tiny face and remarked as he drew back in tones which only she could hear: "She's not like her mother—must take after him."

"Da, da!" responded the child.

The curtain lifted on Charles Garth as the Abbe. The baby's attention was riveted at once, and when he spoke, she gurgled softly, motioning towards him with her little hands and giving vent to what seemed like ecstatic murmurs of approbation.

In the scene when he appeared as the count in gaudy flowered coat, she became more demonstrative, bobbing her little head up and down on her nurse's shoulder, and when the duel with De Villeforte took place, her father, an Edmond Dantes, laying low his antagonist, the infant cowered along in veritable triumph. At least so it seemed to one who was watching her.

"Notice that kid?" asked the logger of the stranger.

Notice her! He had eyes for nothing else. Even his old love, in the role of Mercedes, failed to draw his attention from her daughter.

"It's queer how she knows her father," went on his companion. "She catches on to her mother, too, sometimes; but her dad, she sees through everything."

The nurse turned around to the whispering men, and with a proud glance at her charge, observed:

"That's always the way with a young one whose mother thinks a sight of its father."

When the curtain fell for the last time the stranger stood up.

"If you ain't any place pertickler," said the logger, "and feel a bit dry, come over to Bekins and get acquainted."

"All right," responded the man from the north. But before following his new friend, he lifted the tiny fingers that were clutching the back of the nurse's chair, and, bending his head, tenderly kissed them.

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**Slightly Mixed in Her Periods.** He—I see that punctuation marks were first used in 1490.

She—Why, they had the mark's period before that, didn't they?—Yorl's Statesman.

**Youthful Logic.**  
Mrs. L., a young and inexperienced Sunday school teacher, was at times sorely perplexed how to answer the questions put to her by some of her unusually bright pupils. One day just after she had finished telling the children the story that Adam was the first man God created quiet reigned in the classroom for several minutes. Suddenly up jumped little Rose, and in a piping voice said: "Oh, teacher, you forgot to tell us whether God created Adam right away a man or a baby?" Embarrassed, Mrs. L. looked up to the ceiling and then to the children for an inspiration. Happily she quickly spied Betty's little hand raised above the others eager to answer the question. "Teacher, I am surprised my sister Rosie should ask such a foolish question. Why, God must have created Adam right away a big man, because if God had created him a baby he would have had to have a mother to take care of him."

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