

LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS.

When the sound of crashing cymbals and the ringing of bells... Our trip from Sweden to a land to them unknown.

WALTZED HER AWAY.

All society was agreed upon one point—that for me there were but two suitable fiancées—my cousin Gontran, the duke de Lannis, and the Duke de Courtain.

I saw him—at the ball of the De Fresnes. He did me the honor to dance three times with me, and I went home absolutely intoxicated with joy.

That night, after Gabrielle had told me all this, I dived before the mirror and studied my poor little shoulders with their great hollows and had a fit of weeping.

"My angel, what is it?" She took me in her arms. "But I could not speak. The tears choked me. My treasure, you pain me. Speak, dearest."

Then, to reassure her, I managed to say to my mother: "It is because I am thin, mamma! Gontran, last evening, thought I was so thin!"

Thereupon mamma began to laugh. She told me that at 17 she was much thinner than I, and she assured me very solemnly that I would certainly develop.

That winter of my first season mamma took me to a dozen great affairs, but they were occasions of mourning and sorrow, for Gontran was not there.

He did not want to marry. He even told me so. I did not know then that this was by order of my mother.

One day about 4 o'clock in the afternoon—it was the second day of June—mamma came into my room with a look on her face that was new to me.

"She had no need to say more. I understood. All the evening before at the Prince de Veaux's M. de Courtain had been with me, and the next morning his mother had told mamma that her son knew of nothing more beautiful than my face."

Mamma tried to make me listen to reason. If I refused him, I threw away a splendid chance. The Duke de Courtain was the mark at which all the maternal grons were pointed.

For me, I had but one word to oppose to all these just and proper remarks—that—Carmel.

M. de Courtain was perfection. I listened to his praise all the afternoon and hated him. The more he was eulogized the more I turned from him.

My determination began to weaken, I say it to my shame. After all, what advantage there was in being married to a duke of the world very quietly and quite at his ease.

I learned afterward that this also was mamma's doing; that when he was in Japan he had brought me a number of lovely little things, placed in a tiny case that bore my name.

All that year one name was sounded in my ears—Courtain, Courtain, always Courtain. He had all the virtues under heaven. My determination began to weaken, I say it to my shame.

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All winter mamma displayed perfect taste and exquisite sweetness. She never urged, never tormented me. I know, however, that she said to her friend, Mme. de Nelly: "My dear, she will yield before the 26th of June. It must be so."

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