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Durrant had come up behind. "Yes," he said calmly. "One never knows how an enervating country may soften one's brain."

He had been a cool good-by and left. She watched his retreating figure, the figure of the active, the strong, the handsome animal, who had scarcely won the better side of her nature at all. He never turned his head. So this was the end!

The bewildering bitterness of it well-nigh paralyzed Rosalys for a few moments. Why had they been allowed—he and she—to love one another with that eager, almost unholy, passion, and then to part with less interest in each other than ordinary friends? She felt ashamed of having cooled herself to him. If her mother had not been beside her she would have screamed out aloud in her pain.

Mrs. Ambrose lifted up her voice. "What are you looking at, child? . . . My dear, I want a little word with you. Are you sure you are attending? When you point your lip like that, Rosalys, I always know that you are in a bad frame of mind. . . . The vicar has been here, and he has made me a little unhappy."

"I should have thought he was too stupid to give anyone a pang! Why do you put such simperings into the churches?"

"Well—he says that people are chattering about you and that young Durrant. And I must tell you that—that, from a marrying point of view, he is impossible. You know that. And I don't want him to make up to you. Now, Rosalys, my darling, tell me honestly—I feel I have not looked after you lately as I ought to have done—tell me honestly, is he in love with you?"

"He is not, mother, to my certain knowledge."

"Are you with him?"

"No. That I swear."

CHAPTER V.

Seven years and some months had passed since Rosalys spoke as above written, and never a sound of Jim.

As she had mentally matured under the touch of the gliding seasons, Miss Ambrose had determined to act upon the hint Jim had thrown out to her as to the practical utility of their marriage contract. If they simply kept in different hemispheres without a word, she had never written to him a line; and he had never written a line to her.

He might be dead for all that she knew; he possibly was dead. She had taken no steps to ascertain anything about him, though she had been aware for years that he was no longer in the army list. Dead or alive he was completely out of the country in which he and she had lived, for his father had died a long time before this, and his house and properties had been sold, and not a scion of the house of Durrant remained in that part of England.

Rosalys had readily imbibed his ideas of their mutual independence; and now, after the lapse of all these years, had acted upon them with the surprising literalness of her sex when they act upon notions at all.

Mrs. Ambrose, who had distinguished herself in no whit during her fifty years of life save by the fact of having brought a singularly beautiful girl into the world, had passed quietly out of it. Rosalys' uncle had succeeded his sister-in-law in the possession of the old house with its red tower, and the broad paths and garden lands; he had been followed by an unsatisfactory son of his, last in the entail, and thus unexpectedly Rosalys Ambrose found herself sole mistress of the spot of her birth.

People marveled somewhat that she called herself Miss Ambrose still. Though a woman now getting on for thirty she was distinctly attractive both in face and in figure, and could confront the sunlight as well as the moonbeams still. In the manner of women who are still sure of their charms, she was fond of representing herself as much older than she really was. Perhaps she would have been disappointed if her friends had not laughed and contradicted her, and told her that she was still lovely and looked like a girl. Lord Parkhurst, anyhow, was firmly of that contradictory opinion; and perhaps she cared more for his views than for anyone else's at the present time.

That distinguished sailor had been but one of many suitors; but he had stirred her heart as none of the others could do. It was not merely that he was brave and pleasing, and had returned from a campaign in Egypt with a hero's reputation; but that his chivalrous feelings towards women, originating perhaps in the fact that he knew very little about them, were sufficient to gratify the most exacting of the sex.

His rigid notions of duty and honor, both towards them and from them, made the blood of Rosalys run cold when she thought of a certain little episode of her past life, notwithstanding that, or perhaps because, she loved him dearly.

"He is not the least bit of a flirt, like most sailors," said Miss Ambrose to her cousin and companion, Miss Jennings, on a particular afternoon in this eighth year of Jim Durrant's obligation from her life. It was an afternoon with an immense event immediately ahead of it; no less an event than Rosalys' marriage with Lord Park-

hurst, which was to take place on the very next day.

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PAYS BACK MONEY

Flour Exporters to Be Reimbursed by Brazilian Government.

THE NEW CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

Approved by the President—Will Result in Bringing Postmasters and Employees Within the Classified Service—Late News.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The department of state was today informed in a dispatch from United States Minister Thompson that the president of Brazil had sanctioned a decree of congress authorizing the opening of a supplement to the sum of 1,200,000 reis (about \$250,000) for the restitution of certain "expedient" duties, against the imposition of which the United States protested.

While the reciprocity treaty with Brazil was in force under the preceding administration our government had reason to protest against the action of the Brazilian government in levying what were known as "expedient" charges upon imports from the United States. These duties fell, as it happened, altogether on flour, in which there was a lively trade at that time. Our protest was based upon the assertion that these duties were in the nature of tariff charges, and therefore in violation of the reciprocity treaty under which flour should be admitted free of duty.

The Brazilian government claimed that these really were excise duties and that the government did not intend to tax the flour as a commodity. The duties were, however, finally provided and the Brazilian government abandoned the duties. The American firms who had exported the flour immediately presented claims for refunding of the duties they had already paid, and after a long negotiation the Brazilian government promised to pay them.

PERUVIAN CABINET.

Word reaches here of the appointment of a new cabinet in Peru as follows:

Don Antonio Renteria, president of the cabinet and secretary of the home government, police and public works.

Dr. Don Melito S. Albaracani, secretary of justice, public instruction and charities.

Colonel Don Domingo J. Parr, secretary of war and navy.

Don Federico Bressani, secretary of the treasury and commerce.

The appointment of this cabinet gives assurance that the new government is on a stable basis and that the evil effects of the late revolution have been overcome. It is expected that a minister will be sent to Washington at an early date. Peru has been without a representative here since the late revolution began.

NEW CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

The president today approved the amendment to the new civil service rules, which will result in bringing many postmasters and their employees within the classified service. The amendment is as follows:

Whenever, by order of the postmaster general, any postoffice shall be consolidated with and a part of another postoffice where free delivery is established, all the employees of the office thus consolidated whose names appear on the roll of said office approved by the postoffice department and included in the position as postmaster or assistant postmaster, shall from the date of said order be employees of the said free delivery office, and persons holding on the date of said order the position of postmaster or assistant postmaster shall be assigned to any position therein and given any appropriate designation under the classification act which the postmaster general may direct.

It is the intention of the postoffice department to consolidate many offices throughout the country. The amendment today sent to the president a draft of the proclamation opening the New Peruvian Republic to settlement. It is suggested that the opening of the lands be fixed ten days later than the time at which he appended his signature. This will give time for the proclamation to reach the land offices before the lands are opened to settlement.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Secretary Smith has written a letter to E. Ellery Anderson, replying to various communications relative to the patenting of lands in the United States. The secretary says that in view of the fact that congress at its coming session will in all probability take action on the matter he deems it best to advise at this time to pass on such matters.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The Interstate commerce commission today heard arguments in cases brought by the Commercial club of Omaha, Neb., charging the railroad centering in that city with discriminating against the city. It is charged that the rate schedules are so arranged as to operate in the interest of Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Paul and other points to the prejudice of Omaha.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Ex-Senator Maudslayi had a short conference today with Secretary Charles D. Smith, replying to various communications relative to the patenting of lands in the United States. The secretary says that in view of the fact that congress at its coming session will in all probability take action on the matter he deems it best to advise at this time to pass on such matters.

Washington, Nov. 9.—News reaches Washington from Corea that a new minister to the United States will soon be sent to that city. The name of the late minister, who died from cholera, was on leave in Corea.

LAST TO LEAVE MEXICAN SOIL.

Remarkable Career of General Jordan.

New York, Nov. 9.—General Thomas Jordan is said to be dying at his home, 124 East Fifth street. General Jordan was a classmate of General Sherman and was chief of staff to General Beauregard. He was made a brigadier general just before the close of the war by the Confederate congress on the recommendation of Jefferson Davis. He was killed at Vicksburg in 1863.

He served all through the Seminole campaign and afterwards in the Mexican war, where he served in the quartermaster's department. At the close of the Mexican war he was the ranking officer, all the others in charge of the troops being dead or disabled, who had charge of the removal of the United States army from Texas. General Jordan is said to have been the last of the United States army to take his feet from Mexican soil after the close of the Mexican war.

Kansas City, Nov. 9.—Herman Goldberg, an insolvent merchant of Raton, N. M., recently shipped a part of his stock of goods to B. Rosengren of Chicago. Creditors in Kansas City were advised of the move, and the goods were attached at the Santa Fe depot.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—The "Winter Circus," a place of amusement conducted in this city for some time past by Frank Hall, the well known comedian, with several others, has failed.

DESMAYES WRITES A BOOK.

Will Make Things Lively for Hoke Smith When Congress Meets.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The Times this morning publishes an extract which fills three and a half of its columns from a pamphlet which the earl of Desmayes is just issuing, giving a complete history and an explanation from his standpoint of the American cup races and containing also an appendix which adds the correspondence upon the subject which has passed between Lord Desmayes and his representatives and the American cup authorities and other persons concerned in making the arrangements for the later proposed contest.

Most of the matter contained in the pamphlet and appendix has already been published, but it is announced that it is published now again in response to numerous requests for fuller information on the subject. Lord Desmayes' statements are concluded with the following language: