



CHAPTER VI.—(Continued.)

Old Charley was fortunately on Front street when the steamer Pile arrived; went on board, met his nephew and escorted him to the new home, where he was installed in furnished rooms as one of the family.

The meeting between Mr. Adolf Moller and his cousin in Vivette was not without some embarrassment to both. She had not expected to see in her cousin a little man in spectacles, and he certainly was surprised to find his Ohio cousin so unquestionably handsome and accomplished. She had just enough French in her make-up not to shock his prejudice, and fully enough American to startle him with her beauty.

The effect of the meeting upon Vivette was different. She had seen—and had recently frequently met—a certain young gentleman whom she could not avoid comparing with her bachelor cousin; though she yet had no suspicion of her cousin's feelings toward herself.

She treated Adolf with great kindness and due respect, which won him all the more because he saw plain enough it all came from her native goodness of heart, without the least tincture of the tender passion he was so anxious to awaken.

Moller was sharp enough soon to observe how matters stood, and took occasion to have a talk with his daughter. "You like your cousin, of course?" said he, seating himself near her in her own room.

"He is very agreeable," replied Vivette. "And knows the world and good society, eh?"

"He is certainly very intelligent, if I can determine. He is also polite, and I like him."

"His family is rich; he is his father's only heir, a hundred thousand or more."

"And so we cousins are both sole heirs. But papa, you are worth more than a hundred thousand dollars?"

"You wouldn't marry a poor man, of course?" continued the father, without attending to her question.

"Why, my dear papa! I am not at all thinking of marriage."

"But what if Adolf should be thinking of marriage?"

"I think it is most time he should, but—"

"But he does think about marriage, and with his wealthy and handsome cousin. Can't you see that?"

"He has never hinted such a thing to me. I had not thought of such a thing."

"Think of just that thing now," said the father, in tones which she had never before heard from him.

After a brief pause Vivette said: "Am I to be compelled to marry, whether I wish it or not?"

"If you are my daughter in heart and dutiful submission—if you are my heir, you will marry only where I approve."

"I shall never marry where you disapprove. I promise that. Do not press this matter, my dear papa, it comes so suddenly."

good traits, which I fully appreciate, with your many other friends, I am always happy to see you. But as too frequent interviews between yourself and my daughter may awaken feelings and hopes in her which are opposed to my plans and can never be gratified, I should not be doing justly toward her, who is dearer than life to me, unless I candidly notified you that for years past my daughter's



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eventual marriage has been already determined upon. I think I am not mistaken in assuming that henceforth you will respect that arrangement—for her happiness as well as your own."

"I am certainly surprised at this announcement, on many grounds," replied Mr. Gust; "but if this arrangement as to the disposition of your daughter meets her approval, you have not mistaken me. I shall not intrude upon her or you. But if she is not a willing party to that usurpation—I can use no other word—you have slightly mistaken me; I am made of more rigid metal."

"Then we understand each other," said Moller, "and with much regret we shall lose you from our social circle."

Understanding these words as a polite request to leave, Mr. Gust retired with such politeness as a man may be expected to assume who has received a blow in the face.

Before he slept that night, Joseph Gust prepared a candid and manly letter for the eye—and the heart—of Vivette Moller. He recounted their first meeting in the court room; his resolve then and there to win her hand and herself if possible; his deep love which had been growing stronger day by day, and all the bright hopes which her bearing toward himself had inspired. Then he repeated the words of her father to him on the previous night, and appealed to her to know if she approved that long-standing scheme for the disposition of her hand and heart and her life to another. He assured her that if indeed she consented to that scheme and would say so without hesitation, it would at least be better for him than doubt. And he pledged himself as a man of honor to respect her final decision.

This letter he sent under cover to Mrs. Dewees (whom he knew very well and who was his friend), and trusted to its reaching Vivette at the academy.

The letter did reach her; but not quite so directly as he had expected. Mrs. Dewees was a shrewd woman. She did not wish to lose the good will of Moller, and she did wish that Joseph Gust's letter should reach Vivette.

So when the letters from the postoffice for the young ladies of the academy came, she mixed that of Mr. Gust with the others, and herself handed it over to Vivette as if coming from the post-office. But Old Charley was equal to the emergency, and had already demanded and received his daughter's solemn promise not to write any letter, note or response to Joseph Gust; and she was too conscientious to break her word.

On the next evening after Joseph's letter had come to the hand of Vivette, there was a fashionable ball at the Broadway house, given by "The Greys," a crack military company composed of young men of the city's "best society." Joseph Gust was there, and Adolf Moller was there, accompanied by his beautiful and wealthy cousin. The company was gay and fashionable. And if many of the ladies looked upon Vivette with envy for her beauty and wealth, and disdain for her social position as the daughter of "Old Charley Moller," the gentlemen were less scrupulous. She was admired for her unique beauty, and esteemed for her courteous and kindly deportment.

The dancing was upon the floor of the great dining-room with open windows, a few feet from the ground, for ventilation. Vivette danced first with Adolf, then with others, and at length was led out by Joseph Gust, to whom she took occasion to say in a whisper:

"I dare not write; I do not approve my father's arrangement."

Mr. Adolf Moller, who observed this whispered conversation, flushed with anger, walked to his cousin as she stood upon the floor, forcibly drew her arm from that of Gust, and walked her to a seat! Gust stood with folded arms during this scene, the eyes of the whole assembly upon him. But the moment Vivette was seated, he strode boldly to the insulting Frenchman, grasped his coat collar and pantaloons, carried him to an open window and pitched him out bodily into the street!

Then there was a murmur of applause among the young soldiers, soon joined by the women also; and the word good was repeated all over the room.

Adolf Moller did not return—how could he? Gust received congratulations on all sides, danced with Vivette, and shortly after, at her request, called a carriage and escorted her home. And it need not be said there was a good deal of conversation, during that carriage ride, which would not meet the approval of old Charley Moller.

Mr. Gust did not return to the ball-room; but for the remainder of the evening all small talk gave way to conversation about the scene between him and Adolf Moller. Everybody approved his course without exception; and among the women he was already a hero. His manly appearance was admired, his graceful bearing in the dance was praised, and his self-composed demeanor commended. But his vindication of Vivette's right to select her own partner in the dance was "just too good!" as some of the fair ones said, "only it might have been for some one else than Old Charley Moller's daughter."

Next day the newspapers detailed the whole affair with names of all the parties. It had happened in public, and there was no motive for concealment. And so the matter had come to the knowledge of old Moller. But as Adolf had not opened his mouth about the matter, the old man had discretion enough to keep silent concerning it. But he was now aware of certain elements in the character of Joseph Gust upon which he had not calculated. In fact, much as he appreciated the young man's present manly traits he could not wholly forget that this was the same individual whom he had formerly known as modest, unassuming and quiet "Little Joe." Now he knew him better; and he resolved to take action accordingly.

CHAPTER VII. ON THE RIVER: REASONS FOR NOT RESIGNING A CHALLENGE; A CONFERENCE OF RIVALS.

Colonel D. R. Faut advises the frugal housewife to begin to teach her family to live on oatmeal and popcorn. He has just come up from Texas with a string of cattle, which placed end to end would reach into Macoupin county, and declares there are not enough feeders left on the ranches to even supply the demand of the stockmen. He predicts that the retail price of meat has only fairly started on its upward flight, and suggests that the winter will see the great eating public converted into a vegetarian one.

Colonel Faut, who is all right at any point in the trail, is not given to fairy tales. He has supplied nearly 1,000,000 hives from his 200,000-acre pasture in Cameron county and this year he proposes to keep the roast and sirloin producers eating grass on the plains, adding a cent a day for each pound of his bunch of 20,000. It is the strangest condition of affairs in his memory—an honest recollection which goes back to the days when cowboys drove the animals 2,000 miles across an unexplored country into the wilderness around Aurora and Elgin and then shipped to Chicago. Indians and desperadoes harassed cattle men in those days, and while the colonel does not long for old times he laments the fact that prosy civilization has robbed the country of its old-time picturesqueness.

"Meat is high, simply because cattle are scarce," he said. "It would not be without the province of the packing men to form a combine, and they would do it did it mean a nickel. There is no such agreement at this time, probably, because it is not necessary. Stockmen in Texas are paying as high as \$5 a head more for live cattle than ever before, and the demand is twice as great as the supply. Besides this the drought has filled the plains with dead carcasses. There are thousands and thousands of prairie acres without a hoof upon them. The owners who saved their stock are holding it until next year, and the very conditions of things point to a much greater increase in prices than has been experienced."

"This is the first time since the war that cattle have been worth more on foot than dressed. In other years it has been the custom to drive large herds into the Indian territory to fatten, but this year the growers are only shipping in car lots and holding every animal possible. The same conditions exist all over the western country, and I tell you, for once the people are not being robbed by a combination, but they are paying for meat exactly what the increased quantity of cattle makes absolute necessary."

Butter for Japan.—Mr. Kaupisch, of the Vancouver creamery, informs us that the company has just put in a separator at the Woodland creamery, which place will be used as a skimming station to gather the milk from La Center, Etna and other portions along Lewis river. The station is handling from 12,000 to 15,000 pounds of milk per day. The main creamery with the station is now making in cheese and butter the equivalent of 4,800 pounds of butter per day. Besides supplying eighty-one retail stores in Portland, the company is shipping 3,000 pounds of butter every twenty-one days to the markets of Japan.—Ex.

The Southern Hog.—The south is turning to hogs of late, so far as to raise its own pork—as cotton has been in the dumps with wheat. Among the feed one writer indicates as useful and available for them are: Bermuda grass, peanuts, potatoes, pumpkins, kershaws, squashes, melons and artichokes, with which very little corn will be required. His practice, he says, is to pour great baskets of squashes into the feeding pens every afternoon, with some watermelons and cucumbers. Sorghum is used also, but peanuts are preferred. On the whole, the bill of fare seems rather aristocratic for swine.—Ex.

Swallows have been seen at sea over one thousand miles from land.

Breeding and Feeding.

A well-known breeder of Aberdeen-Angus cattle has been relating how he breeds and feeds cross-bred cattle on his Scottish farm. It may be well to see if a wrinkle cannot be got from his practice. He buys a number of cross-bred heifers, which he mates with a Fokled Angus bull. He allows the heifers to suckle their calves the following year, and at weaning time the inferior heifers are fattened off, the best being sold again, and sold as calving cows. To augment the number of stores thus obtained, he adopts a most useful and exemplary system. He gives the use of his black-pollled bulls to all neighboring cow-keepers on condition that he gets the calves. The owners of the cows, to whom the milk supply is all-important, part with the calves cheaply and quickly. These youngsters have, therefore, to be reared by hand, and for the first ten weeks they are fed with new milk. From this point they are gradually transferred to a fresh diet of skim-milk, linned and oatmeal porridge, and at four or five months they are entirely weaned, and are given cakes and meals along with grass. The suckled calves receive no supplementary food until they are weaned, at the age of seven or eight months. The calves are then put together, and fed with autumn tares, followed by turnips, and about three pounds each per day of cakes and meals during the first winter. They get no artificial food when on the grass the following summer, but when driven into the courts early in autumn, turnips and sometimes potatoes, are fed in liberal quantities. The cake and meal feeding is also resumed, and the daily allowance gradually increased, until at twenty months, each animal receives over eight pounds. They are generally ready for the fat market at from twenty to thirty months. This system is found profitable even at present prices, but it is insisted that the best and purest class of bulls only be used. The breeder referred to employs Aberdeen-Angus sires from his pedigreed herd, but he suggests that pure-bred short horn bulls might be equally satisfactory. The heifers he buys for breeding from are generally cross bred Irish, and he serves them about April or May, when about eighteen months old.—Mark Lane Express.

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The French Government proposes to impose fines upon railway companies for trains that start after the time mentioned in the time tables.

In China, which has long been known as "the land of opposites," the dials of clocks are made to turn round, while the hands stand still.

One of the rules in force at the new University of Chicago is that every student must take at least one hour's physical exercise every day.

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VARIETIES. Brazil has 3,200,000 square miles, or about the area of the United States, excluding Alaska. In Mexico two substitute jurymen act with the regular jury, so that sudden illness will not affect the verdict.

A Londoner makes money by lending \$1,000 notes to be exhibited at weddings as the gift of the bride's father. The skeleton of an average whale is said to weigh no less than 50,000 pounds. This is not a fish story. The whale is not a fish.

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Ex-King Behanzin's crown, from Dahomey, has just been placed in the anthropological collection in the Louvre. It is of burnished copper, gilded with precious stones, and is of colossal size. By an Italian law, any circus which does not perform every act promised on the printed programme, or which misleads the public by means of pictures, is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars for each offense.

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