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CHAPTER XXVIII. When a Woman Would.

The two pleasantest days of a woman are her marriage day and the day of her funeral.—Hippox.

My garden at the Willamette might as well be a desert. I have not seen it since I left it. I have not seen it since I left it. I have not seen it since I left it.

From Fort Vancouver to the missions at Wallatpu was a distance by trail of more than two hundred miles. This I covered on horseback, rapidly, and arrived two or three days in advance of the English.

One old brown woman, unhappily astride a native pony, I took to be Thelma, my lady's servant, but she rode with her class, at the rear. I looked again, and I found the baroness, clad in buckskins and blue cloth.

CHAPTER XXIX. In Exchange.

Great women belong to history and to self-sacrifice.—Leigh Hunt.

For sufficient reasons of my own, which have been explained, I did not care to mingle more than was necessary with the party of the Hudson Bay folk who made their quarters with the missionary families.

"There is today no news of the quality which we then communicated. They knew nothing of Oregon. I knew nothing of the east. A national election had been held, regarding which I knew not even the names of the candidates of either party, not to mention the result.

"I can see no reason for abandoning it," said she. "There are some thousands of our people, men, women and children, who have crossed that trail. Why should not?"

"The distance is the same, and the method is the same." I ceased to argue, seeing that she would not be persuaded. "At least, madam," said I, "I have done what little I could in securing you a party."

"Then let us not speak her name," said she. "You are a good special pleader," said she; "but you do not shake me in my purpose, and I hold to my terms. It does not rest with you and me, but with another. As I have told you—as we have both agreed—"

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CHAPTER XXX. Counter Currents.

Woman is like the read that bends to every breeze, but breaks not in the tempest.—Bishop Richard Whately.

The Oregon immigration for 1845 numbered, according to some accounts, not less than three thousand souls. Our people still rolled westward in a nightly wave. The history of that great westward movement is well known.

I made the journey across the south Pass, the snow being now beaten down on the trails more than usual by the west-bound animals and vehicles. Of all these now coming on, none would get farther west than Fort Hall that year.

Here, then, I must winter. Yet I learned that Joe Meek had outfitted at Laramie almost a month earlier, with new animals, had bought a little grain, and, under escort of a cavalry troop which had come west with the wagon train, had started east in time, perhaps, to make it through to the Missouri.

There was nothing for me to do except to wait and eat out my heart at old Fort Laramie, in the society of Indians and trappers, half-breeds and traders.

land supplies were as good as any purchasable. What could be done, we now had done. Yet, after all, Helena von Ritz had her own way. I did not see her again after we parted that evening at the Mission. I was absent for a couple of days with a hunting party, and on my return discovered that she was gone, with no more than brief farewells to those left behind; Meek was anxious as herself to be off; but he left word for me to follow on at once.

CHAPTER XXXI. The Payment.

What man seeks in love is woman; what woman seeks in love is love.—Housaye.

When I reached Washington it was indeed spring, warm, sweet spring. In the wide avenues the straggling trees were doing their best to dignify the city, and flowers were blooming everywhere. Wonderful enough did all this seem to me after thousands of miles of road scenery of bare valleys and rocky hills, wild landscapes, seen often through cold and blinding storms amid peaks and gorges, or on the drear, forbidding plains.

Used more, of late, to these wilder scenes, I felt awkward and still half-savage. I did not at once seek out my own friends. My first wish was to get in touch with Mr. Calhoun, for I knew that so I would most quickly arrive at the heart of events.

He was away when I called at his residence Georgetown Heights, but across the street I heard the wheels of his omnibus, and presently he entered with his usual companion, Doctor Samuel Ward. When they saw me there, then indeed I received a greeting which repaid me for many things! This ever, we all three broke out in laughter at my uncouth appearance. I was clad still in such clothing as I could pick up in western towns as I hurried on to the Missouri eastward; and I had as yet found no time for barbers.

"We have had no word from you, Nicholas," said Mr. Calhoun presently, "since you left Laramie, in the fall of eighteen forty-four. This is in the spring of eighteen forty-six! Meantime, we might all have been dead and buried and none of us the wiser. What a country! 'Tis more enormous than the mind of any of us can grasp."

"You should travel across it to learn that," I grinned. "Many things have happened since you left. You know that I am back in the senate once more." "And about Texas?" I began.

"Texas is ours," said he, smiling grimly. "You have heard how? It was a hard fight enough—a bitter, selfish, sectional fight among politicians. But there is going to be war. Our troops crossed the Sabine more than a year ago. They will cross the Rio Grande before this year is done. The Mexican minister has asked for his passports. The administration has ordered Gen. Taylor to advance. Mr. Polk is ready for annexation with a vengeance. Seeing a chance for more territory, now that Texas is safe from England, he plans war on help and defeat. Mexico! We may hear of a battle now at any time. But this war with Mexico may yet mean war with England. That, of course, endangers our chance to gain all or any of that great Oregon country. Tell me, what have you learned?"

"I hurried on now with my own news, but as I might, I told them of the ships of England's navy waiting in Oregon waters; of the growing suspicion of the Hudson Bay people; of the changes in the management at Fort Vancouver; of the change also from a conciliatory policy to one of half-hostility. I told them of our wagon trains going west, and of the strength of our frontiersmen; but offset this, just as I might, by giving facts also regarding the opposition these things met. Mr. Polk is a man," said Calhoun, walking up and down, his head bent. "England is prepared for war! How much are we prepared? It would cost us the revenues of a quarter of a century to go to war with her today. It would cost us fifty thousand lives. We would need an army of two hundred and fifty thousand men. Where is all that to come from? Can we transport our army there in time? But had all this bluster, then we could have deferred this war with Mexico; could have bought with coin what now will cost us blood; and we could also have bought Oregon without the cost of either coin or blood. Delay was what we needed! All of Oregon should have been ours!"

"But, surely, this is not all news to you?" I began. "Have you not seen the Baroness von Ritz? Has she not made her report?" "The baroness?" queried Calhoun. "Not a word. I have not seen her since she left. Did she indeed sail with the British ships from Montreal? Did you find her there in Oregon?" "Yes, and lost her there! She started east last summer, and beat me fairly in the race. Has she not made known her presence here? She told me she was going to Washington."

"He shook his head in surprise. 'Trouble now, I fear!' Pakenham has back his best ally, our worst antagonist." "That certainly is strange," said I. "She had five months the start of me, and in that time there is no telling what she has done or undone. Surely, she is somewhere here, in Washington! She held Texas in her shoes. I tell you she holds Oregon in her gloves today!"

"I started up, my story half-unfold. 'Where are you going?' asked Mr. Calhoun of me. Doctor Pakenham looked at me, smiling. 'He does not inquire of a certain young lady—'" "I am going to find the Baroness von Ritz," said I. I flushed red under my tan, I do not know; but I would not ask a word regarding Elizabeth.

Doctor Ward came and laid a hand on my shoulder. "Republies forbid," said he, "but men from South Carolina do not. Neither do girls from Maryland. They will by here the innermost secrets of their hearts.—London Globe.

"That is what I am going to find out." "How then? Are you going to Elmhurst as you look now?" "No, I shall find out many things by first finding the Baroness von Ritz." And indeed they could make further protests I was not and away.

I hurried on to a certain side street, of which I have made mention, and knocked confidently at a door I know. The neighborhood was asleep in the warm sun. I knocked a second time, and began to doubt, but at last heard slow footsteps.

There appeared at the crack of the door the wrinkled visage of the old serving-woman, Thelma. I knew that she would be there in precisely this way, because I had seen her in the past. She paused, scanning me closely, then quickly opened the door and allowed me to step inside, vanishing as was her wont. I heard another step in the half-lit hallway beyond, but this was not the step which I awaited; it was that of a man, slow, feeble, hesitating. I started forward as a face appeared at the parted curtains. A girl's eyes welcomed me in turn. A tall, bent form approached me, and an arm was thrown about my shoulder. It was my whilom friend, our ancient scientist, Von Rittenhofen! I did not pause to ask how he happened to be there. It was quite natural, since it was wholly impossible. I made no wonder at the Chinese dog Chow, or the little Indian maid, who both came, stared, and silently vanished. Seeing these, I knew that their strange protector must also have won through safe.

"Ach, Gott! Gesegnet Gott! I see you, again, my friend! Thus the old doctor. "But tell me," I interrupted, "where is the mistress of this house, the Baroness von Ritz?" He looked at me in his mild way. "You mean my daughter Helena?" "Now at last I smiled. His daughter! This at least was too incredible. He turned and bent over a table, a little to the right, and held up before my eyes a little black clasp of shell. Then I knew that this last and most impossible thing also was true, and that in some way these two had found each other. But why? What had he now mean?"

"Listen now," he began, "and I shall tell you. I was in the street one day. When I walk alone, I do not much notice. But now, as I walk, before my eyes on the street, I see what? This is the 'Tah Gook.' But she shall tell you nothing but the truth. I see nothing but a woman, young and beautiful. Ach! what should I do but take her in my arms!"

"It was she; it was—" "My daughter! Yes, my daughter. It is Helena! I had not seen her for many years, long, cruel years. I suppose her dead. But now there we were, standing, looking in each other's eyes! We see there—Ach, Gott! what do we not see? Yet in spite of all, she was Helena! But she shall tell you. He tottered from the room.

I heard his footsteps pass down the hall. Then softly, almost silently, Helena von Ritz again stood before me. The light from a side window fell upon her face. Yes, it was she! Her face was thinner now, browner even than it was its wont. Her hair was still faintly sunburned at its extremities by the western winds. Yet hers was still imperishable youth and beauty.

I held out my hand to her. "Ah," I cried, "you play me false! You ran away from me! What miracle did you come through?" "I confess my defeat. You beat me by almost half a year." "But now you have come," said she simply. "Yes, to remind you that you have friends. You have been in secret all the winter. Mr. Calhoun did not know you had come. Why did you not go to him?"

"I was waiting for you to come. Do you not remember our bargain? Each had to expect you. In some way, I scarce knew how, the weeks were won." "And now I find you both here—and your father—where I would expect to find neither. Continually you violate all law of likelihood. But now, you have seen Elizabeth?" "Yes, I have seen her," she said, still simply.

I could think of no word suited to that moment. I stood only looking at her. She would have spoken, but no instant raised a hand as though to demand my silence. I heard a loud knock at the door, peremptory, commanding, as though the owner came. "You must go into another room," said Helena von Ritz to me hurriedly. "Who is it? Who is it at the door?" I asked.

She looked at me calmly. "It is Sir Richard Pakenham," said she. "His is his usual hour," he will send him away. Go away—quick!" I hadly passed behind the screening curtains into the hall, even as I heard a heavy foot stumbling at the threshold and a somewhat husky voice offer some sort of salutation. [To be Continued.]

The End of the World. The scenes of dissipation that have recently taken place among the Hungarian peasantry serve to remind one of the old truism that human nature has not changed very greatly in a thousand years. The Magyar laborers were convinced that the end of the world was at hand, and took the arrival of the comet to be an augury of the near approach of the catastrophe. The parish priest, good, faithful man, warned them to prepare themselves by due penitence and the proper religious exercises; but the pleasure-loving folk instead gave themselves over to rioting and feasting. They and their priest were soon disillusioned when the appointed day passed without anything occurring; but their fright had exactly the same effect as the universal belief that the end of the world would come in the year 1000. 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