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THE FLOWER OF GALA WATER. LOVE STORY.

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CHAPTER II. CONTINUED.

Jessy was helping her with her boots and habit as he spoke, and as soon as the last button was in place Katherine drew her crimson Rob-Roy cap tight over her brows and went singing into the room. They stood for minutes at the open door and watched her head-long race through the swirling wreaths of vapor, her vivacious cap the only point visible in the gray banks; yet for those few moments they heard her voice as some higher note pierced the wet shroud in which she was enveloped.

"Will no one tell me what she sings?" queried the minister, as he turned pleasantly to his friends, and Jessy took up the verse and finished it. "Perhaps the 'platinos' numbers now, and I'm sorry for it."

Jessy was partially right, and it was not Katherine's nature to sing sad songs. Besides, the wind and the rain made her happy, and her heart refused to believe that Richard Mowbray had gone away forever.

"People do not come into life for nothing," she argued, "and it was into my life he was sent. The old ring and the old friendship fate could manage. And it is far more likely he came for my wealth than for my love. At any rate, I will believe that."

To such thoughts, mingled with the exhilarating storm, she reached. Levens-hope in high spirits. Her habit was waterproof, and she hung it off with a laugh, and then removing her cap, she shook her hair free again. Her cheeks were rose, and the rain-drops lay like dew upon them. Her eyes sparkled, her mouth was curved with smiling, and she brought the very spirit of youth and vital joy into the room with her. Jamie Winton was sitting by the window pretending to read. He was really watching for Katherine.

"Why, Jamie?" she said. "Will any kind of a storm keep you away from Levens-hope?" "No, while you are here, Katherine. I have been so busy, but I knew you would be annoyed if I came to meet you."

"Indeed I should! This lovely ride to the manse is the last shred of liberty left me. I do not know what I should do without it. Every other hour of the day is, in some way or other, under his control and surveillance."

"Uncle's words are always worse than his intents, I think." "He says he is going to send me back to school."

"What have you been doing Katherine?" "I was, it seems, too civil to a guest, and not attentive enough to you. Winton scolded me painfully, but he replied with a great deal of spirit."

"Uncle Brathens is too interfering in my personal affairs. I have not complained of your treatment, Katherine. Even if I had cause for complaint, I should not ask him to interfere."

"And Jessy was quite as attentive to Mr. Mowbray as I was." "Yes," he answered, but the tone was dubious. He felt that Jessy had a freedom in this matter that Katherine ought not to claim; but then it was useless to say so. Then there was a few moments of embarrassed silence. Katherine wanted Winton to continue the conversation about Mowbray, and Winton knew this, but the subject was a painful one; he could not instantly compel his own acquiescence, and while he hesitated Katherine asked, with forced indifference:

Katherine were singing away as if the bird of Levens-hope was in the very height of perfect health. "Have you quarrel for me in order to quarrel, uncle?" "Quarrel? Who speaks of quarrelling? Think of yourself, James Winton! I sent for you because I want you and Katherine Janfarie to tie yourselves together as soon as may be. I am tired out with so much love-making in my house. I have finished my own share of that silly business, and it is not pleasant to have song-singing and reel-dancing and such like lavers night after night."

"I cannot marry Katherine until she gives me permission." "Permission, indeed! I wonder who is her guardian? I have given you permission. I have given you leave to do as you please. I will allow her to choose any day between this and Michaelmas."

"I will tell her nothing of the kind, sir. I doubt if Katherine and I will ever marry. I do not think she loves me, and I do not wish to marry her unless she does."

"Are you gone clean daff, James Winton? You will marry Katherine, of course, you will! I intend to see to that. Do you think I will have dead folk worried out of their graves and live folk worried into them for Katherine's nonsense?"

"Katherine's feelings are to be consulted." "Katherine's feelings! Heard you ever the like? A bit of a school-boy, that has not come to her feelings, and more than she has come to her reason. I will remind you that I hold a mortgage on Winton lands, and that you are looking to Katherine's money to pay me."

"I am doing nothing of the kind, sir. I would not marry Katherine for her money. I do not care for her money." And Winton snatched his fingers passionately almost in his uncle's face.

"You are a born fool, then? The man of this day who does not care for money can go out of date and break his heart if he likes to. Out of my reason, away, sir! You have made me a great deal of work, and likely as not I shall bid awake all night for your ridiculous nonsense!" Then he rang the bell furiously, and called out at the same moment: "Helen! Helen! Come you here! Helen, send for Masgrave! Peter Symington, ride for the doctor! I have had a child! I'll be having a fever next! What kept you, Helen? And so on, until Winton was glad to escape the rapping, unreasoning voice. The child and the drifting vapors were more kindly and comfortable companions.

The next morning the lady was still sick and the house was wretched, but the mist was so thick Katherine did not dare to go over the hills. This condition continued for four days. Then Sabbath came, and she found her way to church, and afterward to the manse; but there was no great comfort in either place. The minister was preoccupied, and Jessy never named Mowbray. Moreover, she treated Katherine some question about him as if the subject lay with her.

"He has forgotten our very existence, I dare say, Katherine; and we need not worry ourselves about his. He is seeking pleasure, and I would not wish to hinder him. I am quite sure that he will first struggle to get up with the views, the driving, the fishing, the sight-seeing and the other bonnie lassies that he will dance a reel with."

"Then I am real sorry, Jessy. I liked him more than that, and I will tell you more." "Dear, why should you? Men are never to trust to. Father said this one would be 'daughters'."

"Oh, Jessy, if you would love me a little!" Then Jessy understood her friend's trouble, and she talked sensibly in answer to her. Mr. Mowbray, she could therefore be willing to see the marriage consummated, but that his party might prosper. But about the evils that afflict the State is utterly silent.

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BUTLER'S ARGUMENT

Vigorous Reply to His Letter to Mr. Wilcox.

DEFINING HIS PRESENT POSITION

On the Constitutional Amendment—The Fallacies of His Reasoning Are Fully Exposed.

Senator Butler has published in the Constitutionalist a letter to Mr. George Wilcox, defining his position in reference to the Constitutional amendment. In brief, he says that he has seen much of the evils of the amendment, and he is not prepared to recommend its adoption. He says that the amendment will result in a more efficient government, and he is not prepared to recommend its adoption.

Again, he remarks that while he is not prepared to recommend the amendment, he is not prepared to recommend its rejection. He says that the amendment will result in a more efficient government, and he is not prepared to recommend its adoption.

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