Selected Story. Major Desmond's Wife,

BY HELLEN FOREST GRAVES

It was just the very spot for lovemaking-a rustic summer-house beside the river-all lovely and odorous with the b'ue clusters of Wistaria blossoms and the creamy curls of spicescented honey-suckles; while afar off in the woods, a whip-poorwill was murning his plaintive strain, and the full moon, a globe of luminous pear, was rising behind the trees on the opposite shore.

Mrs, Cleremont sat among the honeysuckles, in black silk, trimmed with deep folds of crape. Bugles glittered on her scarf, and her bandkerchief was bordered, inch-deep, with black, while her glossy hair, banded underneath the widow's cap, and her large velvet-dark eyes, matched the crape and burgles to a charm.

Major Desmond stood opposite leaning against the rustic post of the summer-house door.

'My dear major, you surely cannot be in earnest, said the widow, daintly handling a small gold-stoppered smelling-bottle.

Why shouldn't I be earnest?" de manded the major, with great composure. 'Of course I'm in earnest, Mrs. Cleremont, I love you! Won't you marry me?'

The widow glanced up-then dow and feigned to be overcome with th most graceful confusion.

'The mischief take the man thought she to herself. 'Why couldn' he have kept his senitments to him self until Gerard Jussington had pro posed? Desmond is rich and well bred, but Jussington is worth half million, at the very least. I must postpone the crisis, some way or oth

Thus she meditated behind the cav ert of her black-edged pocket handkerchief, while Major Desmond thought how handsome her eyelashes

'Dear Major Desmond,' she mus mured at last. 'I will be frank , with you. I have a dear daughter b arding-school.'

'I know that,' said Desmond, a lit tle puzzled; but what on earth bave I got to do with that?"

'Much. I have promised dear Ju-Let never to marry again without her consent. I own that it was a rash, inconsiderate promise, but nevertheless I feel sacredly bound by it. Oh, the major. Major Desmond, dare I ask you to go and see my child-to plead with her for her mother's happiness?'

'It's a dended embarrassing sort of a job!' said the major, stroking his monstache. I say, Mrs. Cleremont, suppose we get married first and ask Miss Julie's permission afterward?' The widow shuddered.

my Juliet sanctions her mother's Fate is certainly on my side at last! chice l'

'And you won't break it?'

'I could not!' sighed the widow. Then I suppose there's no help for it? said Major Desmond. 'Well, I'll take the first train for New York, tomorrow morning.'

'Must you go so soon?' coold the w dow, secretly infuriate at this very un accessary haste.

'The sooner the better,' said Major De mond, gallantly kissing the plump han I, with four dots of dimples at the joints and pink nails, that lay over the rail of the rustic seat.

'Tae great fool!' said Mrs. Cleremont, when at last she was left to harself. 'If I was a man, I know won lu't make such a ninny of my self. And now to bring Cerard Jussington to the point as soon as possi-

Mademoiselle Chenille's Day Barding Establishment, on Madison Avenue, in new York, was thrown into a sort of gentle excitement, the m x afternoon, by the unusual an-

'A gentleman to see Miss Clere-Mademoiselle Chenill looked doubt

ful, and shook her head. 'Onite against our rules, my dear,

'But he's a friend of mamma!' crien graciously as possible. Juliet, coloring up. He brings a let-

'In that case, my dear, matters are quite altered, said the gracious little Fr nchwoman. 'Madame's sanction says:

r moves all interdict.' I d a vain, awkward school-girl; here was done, except when a sod was plow-

black sash. 'Are you Miss Juliet?' said he. 'Yes, I'm Miss Juligt,' the young in ly answered, with great composure. Oh! said the major. 'The fact is

I have called -it's your mamma, Miss Juliet! 'I hope mamma is well?'

heart of the matter. 'She's thinking sult was the same as that before menof marrying again, end she sent me to tioned very much against the fall s e if you be willing!"

her prettily-sliggered foot upon the plo ving for spring crops.

carpet, and coloring a peachy crimson Friends of Temperance Mamina is old enough to know bet-

You won't consent?" 'No!' she flashed out. That's awkwark,' said Major Des nond, reflectively. Then I suppose the matter is all up.'

'Who-who is the gentleman?' ask ed Juliet, a little auxiously. 'Wby, it was myself.' You, Major Desmond? 'Yer, L Why not?' Juliet Cleremont laughed, and col

red, and dropped her eye ashes They were at least an eighth of a: inch longer than the widow's. 'Why, you're not thirty yet, and poor, silly mamma must be forty, at

the very least! 'I am seven-and-twenty,' said the major, with dignity, 'and your mamma is only thirty-five.'

'You might as well marry you grandmother!' said Juliet, saucily and you know there is a Scripture law against that.'

Major Desmond looked with a sor of sudden inspiration into the beantiful, liquid eyes that were sparkling

Miss Julie,' said be, valorously, 'i you won't consent to my marrying vour mamma-

'Certainly I shall not!' interrupted Juliet, more postively than before. Well, then, what would you say to ny marrying you?'

Juliet started, colored, and looked pretier than ever in her bewilderment and confusion.

'I-I never thought of that,' scarce knowing what else to say. 'Think of it, won't you?' said Maj

Des ond, persuasively. Till sit still and never say a word to disturb von for five minutes." Juli til eepedat the major under her

eyelashes. He was young and hand some, and she knew he was a gentle man by lirth and rank; be had pror erty enough to live well, and she was so tired of Mademoiselle Chenille and bose tedious French exercises, and sie was seventeen next week. 'Well, Miss Juliet, what is your an-

swer? spoke out the major's clear, T've a great mind to say Yes,' said

Mi s Cleremont. 'Then suppose I take you back to Cleremont Lodge with me at once,' said the major, who believed in strik-

ing while the iron was hot. It wouldn't be proper,' said Jaliet. 'It would be perfectly proper if were to be married first, suggested

. Wouldn't that be rather romantic? said Juliet, laughing, yet not displeased-'Well. I don't know that the romance of the thing constitutes any obction,' observed Major Desmond, thoughtfully.

Major Desmend in the parlor with Impossible, dear friend! Do I not dear Juliet? Then of course, she has tell you that I bar vowed a sacred cons n'ed, sweet, thoughtful girl!' cried yow not to wed a second itime, unless Mrs. Cleremont, all in a flutter. -although I didn't think so when Gerard Jussington told me he was

engaged to that odious Celestine Mar-And Mrs. Cleremont burried down

to greet the newcomers. Major Desmond advanced to greet

'Cood-morning, Mrs. Cleremont!' said he. 'She wouldn't consent-not

'Would not consent?' echoed the

'And so, as you had said that was an indispensable condition—' 'But,' gasped Mrs. Cleremont, 'I

lidn't mean-'Perhaps it would be well to hear me out first,' said Major Dosmond, calmly. 'And so, as she was very like you, and generally extremely charming * I proposed to her, and we went and

'Oh, mamma, won't you give me your blessing?' entreated Mrs. Major Desmond, going gracefully down on

'Won't you give me your blessing mamma?' pleaded the major himself, with a curious twinkle in his eyes. And what could Mrs. Cleremont do out consent? She had out-mancery ed herself, and there was no alternaive left but to submit to Destiny as

Fall Plowing.

A contribution in the Rura! Home

I have had repeated tests on my Major Desmond rose, in some con- farm, and do not recollect that my fusion as Miss Juliet Cleremont trip- crops have ever been better, but have pard into the room. He had anticipa- often been poorer when fall plowing was a beautiful young girl, with, eyes ed under. A few years ago I plowed lik Moore's "dear gazelle," a cream- one-half a field of corn and bean white skin, and a slight, bending fig. ground in the fall, and the rest in nre, is white muslin, with a broad spring. The fall plowed portion was harrowed and cultivated till it was very firm, and was sown to barley the will be held at Monticello on the third Wedsame as the spring plowed portion. The crop I judged to be from five to ten bushels better on the spring plow- or Secretary. ing. And again -- I once plowed part LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL Dick's Soft Capsules solve the problem long considered by many eminent physicians, Flutinas, Piccolos, Drums, Fifes, Flutes, Trilong considered by many eminent physicians, Problem Pambarines, Musical Boxes, Albums spring, the wheat field was mannred alike and plowed under, then planted 'Never better,' the major answered, to corn. The fall plowed was treated and plunged desperately into the the same as that not plowed. The replowing. I could mention other ex-"Certainly not,' said Juliet, patting perience alike unsatisfactory in fall

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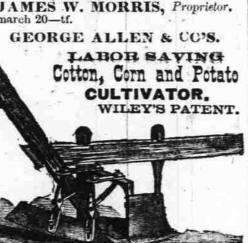
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