



THE MARLETS

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CHAPTER VI

At the moment when recall became impossible, Mrs. John admitted to herself that she had done a very rash thing in precipitating Ninette upon the Fairbanks in this sudden fashion.

How was she to get the child back? It was one thing to tell old Cato that she would send the child's nurse after her, and quite another thing to induce the fastidious Celeste to trudge the one dusty mile of country road that lay between the two plantations.

If the road had been lined with hay shops, now, it would have been altogether different. She almost hated this French woman, who was so essential to Ninette for the amount of abject diplomacy required for her marriage ceremony.

"For Ninette's sake," was the formula which Nora applied to more rasping things than the bonnet. She approached the intractable Celeste smoothly and graciously.

"Celeste, you ought to be out in the sunshine. The day is perfect. Those ruffles can wait."

The bonnet's yellow fingers were busy with the crimping-iron. She looked up surprisedly.

"Why should I care to go out in this savage country? There is nothing, madame, to see, but the wild beasts of the field and dismal cotton-fields. They make one sicker than ever with the homeliness."

Mrs. John laughed indulgently. "Wild beasts? Do you call Mrs. Lorimer's shortborns and the horses wild beasts? Seriously, Celeste, you will have to face them. I want you to go after Ninette."

"Go after the child? What has madame done with her?"

"Let her take a short ride with the old man who carries the flowers to market."

Celeste raised horrified hands. "The black savage!"

"Black, but much less of a savage than some of his way-home, white hands. He was on his way here, and Ninette begged so."

"She always begs so. Where was he to leave the child?—him?—for all the world like an express package."

"He was to take her over to Glenburnie, and you were to go for her. A lovely short-orn walk through the most beautiful grove you ever saw, Celeste."

"I abhor groves. Groves are only meant for savages to live in. Glenburnie! Glenburnie! She repeated the name musingly. "That is where the old man lives who never comes down his own stairway, but permits his beautiful young daughter to sacrifice herself to him. M. Fairbanks. Bah, quelle brute!"

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"Madame" looked at the speaker sharply. How many more family secrets was this demure-looking cat already in possession of?

"Whose enemy? What nonsense you are talking, Celeste!"

"Is it nonsense, madame? Do not the Lorimers and the Fairbanks hate each other? And does not every black man and black woman on both places know it? A woman, some say, is at the bottom of the trouble. I will fetch the child home, but I will not dare come back by the public road, nor enter the front door of White Hills, and say: 'I have just brought the child from Glenburnie.'"

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THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES

Prophets Try to Peer Into the Twentieth Century.

WHAT THEY SEE AND PREDICT.

Historical Changes—Future Development of the South—Interesting Predictions From Walter Wellman, General Boynton, Congressman Dilliver and Others.

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The political opinion of the United States in 1903 will be very similar to that of the present. Its social development will evolve a less ostentatious display of wealth, and a more intelligent and educational population.

The government, if then in existence, will be a more efficient and energetic one. It will have a more powerful and more extensive system of railroads, telegraphs and other public corporations will either be owned by the government or be under its control.

Our monetary system will doubtless be upon a gold basis, solely owing to the increasing output of silver and copper. Temperance legislation will doubtless assume the form of high license and local option. Summary prohibitory laws will not be continued by any intelligent and independent people.

There will be little if any change in the confinement or punishment of criminals, excepting that places of confinement will be made more comfortable and more in conformity with sanitary rules.

Divorce laws will be maintained, and the marriage relation continued about as at present. The accumulation of wealth will increase in the hands of individuals until some time in the future laws will be enacted to prevent the accumulation of wealth which will be inherited. In other words, laws will seek to restrict the accumulation of wealth by the individual, but will not prevent the creation of a moneyed aristocracy by inheritance.

The future of great corporations and business organizations will tend toward more perfect centralization until they will become so obnoxious that they will be regulated by federal and local statutes.

Classes will be more numerous, and the average classes will doubtless be more numerous and more numerous. The so-called laboring classes of the future will be more numerous and more numerous. The so-called laboring classes of the future will be more numerous and more numerous.

The changes in law will keep pace with the requirements of the people and will be in the direction of a more perfect civilization as in the past. Theology will be more completely abandoned to meet the advanced thought of that age.

In a century from this time without doubt the United States will be a purely American literature as distinctive as any of any other old country of today.

Music and the drama will doubtless follow the same course as in the past. The educational methods will advance with the growing intelligence of the people, and the standard education of today will be more than met by the average education of a century ago.

Dress will doubtless be similar to that of the present, but with a more perfect health in the dress and a more perfect health in the dress and a more perfect health in the dress.

Architecture and sanitary arrangements will doubtless be improved to a point which will be beyond the reach of any present method. It is not probable that there will be any great changes in the present method of transportation in great cities will be solved by some new genius who is yet unborn, for the problem is one of such moment that all eyes are turned to it.

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WHY THEY ARE IDLE.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS ON THE UNEMPLOYED.

The Experts Fall to Agree Upon Important Points—There Is Too Much Charity in New York—High Salary Charities Who Don't Know Much.

The New York Times says a philanthropist desiring to gain some detailed and specific knowledge on the subject of the unemployed in New York City recently prepared the following questions and submitted them to several persons supposed to be qualified to give approximate answers:

1. Is there in New York city at any given time a class of unemployed, indigent, idle men unable to obtain work?

2. If so, are the numbers of such a class small or unskilled? Can they speak English? How long, on an average, have they been in this country?

3. Can you give an approximate answer as to the number of such a class in New York city? Can you give an approximate answer as to the number of such a class in New York city?

4. In general, what is the character of the work which the unemployed are unable to find work for the men who apply to your society for relief?

A set of these questions was sent to Mr. Thomas, a reporter was assigned to the task of interviewing certain prominent citizens identified with the city's organized charities. The first man seen by the reporter was James A. Scrymgeour, one of the vice presidents of the New York Association For Improving the Condition of the Poor. The first words of the reporter were: "What is the name of the man who is in charge of the charity work in New York city?"

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