

A COURTSHIP ON THE PEE DEE

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Leon, as business in the Capitol City demanded his presence. Leon accompanied Lucile home, going via Charlotte on a four-horse stage to Wadesboro, as the C. C. railroad had not then been completed to Charlotte. He drove to her aunt's where she met her mother, he told her good bye, engaged a carriage to take him and his trunk down to the ferry where "Uncle Tom" so glad to see him, put him across the river.

Two weeks later Major Glenn returned from Washington, and one afternoon while the Major, Mrs Glenn and Leon were sitting in the summer house on the river, the conversation drifted to the future plans of Leon. Lucile told him that he had a large landed estate, which at that time was paying handsomely, all of which some day would be his, and that he did not see the necessity of professions, as he there could render himself useful to his country and spend a happy life.

Leon had long sought such an opportunity—when he could find his father in so happy a frame of mind. Leon said, "father, you have been extremely kind, have gratified every wish of mine, now it is within your power to render me forever happy—Will you do it? Will you give your consent, dear father?"

"Certainly son, if it is in my power to do so—I would not withhold anything that would contribute to the happiness of my only, my idolized son. What on earth can it be?"

"Well, father, I love one woman—the only woman on earth I ever loved, and I never will love. We are engaged to be married. Will you consent father?"

"Who on earth can it be?"

"I love her devotedly father, it was she who disguised as a 'trained nurse' and waited on me while sick at college. You remember—it is Lucile Snell, father."

Major Glenn would not have been more confused if a cannon had been fired from ambush. He replied that he should have his answer tomorrow, and suggested that the approaching night air might be too cool for Mrs. Glenn, who had recently been quite feeble. He returned to the residence. Leon kissed his mother and passed up to his room, seated at his window overlooking the historic Pee Dee river, he could see the light in the window of Lucile's room across the river on the Anson side.

Major and Mrs Glenn seated on the porch, where they continued to discuss the recent revelations of the afternoon.

Major Glenn remarked, "Well! the very thing that I have labored to prevent, about to happen! Who would have thought it?" "True love never runs smooth" remarked Mrs. Glenn, "you remember your own romantic experience." A bright thought seemed to strike the Major's brain, when he said, "wonder if Leon would not like to take a European trip and visit our relatives in Scotland?"

"I have a few surplus thousand dollars in the hands of my cotton factor in New York and will afford to grant him this pleasure."

"I don't know" replied Mrs. Glenn, "I have frequently heard Leon express a desire to visit the old world." "I will speak to him concerning this trip tomorrow," said Major Glenn.

Major Glenn spent a sleepless night. He walked the gravel lawn until after the midnight hour, ever and anon coming into the library, when Mrs. Glenn, who all the while knew of the love affair, and did naught to interrupt it, for she was one of those old line Presbyterians who believed "what is to be will be," (and she wanted this light shining on the innocent young people were not parties to his and Col. Snell's troubles, and that their happiness should not be intercepted in order to appease his wrath. She told him of the sweet disposition of Lucile, how cultured and accomplished, and that she really believed that Leon and Lucile were intended for each other, and that "God had decreed could not be prevented by man."

"While Major Glenn was pacing the walk between his mansion and the summer house near the river, he passed near several of the negro families that formed a "quarter" down towards the river.

Old Aunt Gincy, who was quietly sitting in front of her cabin door, in the moonshine burning rags, in order to drive away the swarms of mosquitoes that had bred in the river swamp and tall cotton and corn stalks near her humble home. She said to old Uncle Tom, "Marster's mind trouble him to night, sez Mars Snell's spirit arter him."

Uncle Tom with his characteristic, "humph" — "ezec some dem dead yankees, in Viginny 'stufin his mind", while old Uncle Reubin, who had been and often had occasion to be at the mill at night, remarked, "Nothing of the sort, Marster getting ready to saddle one dem big Klu Klux white horses, and some politic nigger or middleclass white trash, will be moiding in de dust 'for day."

Leon walked down stairs about 10 o'clock found his mother alone in her sitting room, and asked if his father had retired. His mother informed him of his confusion, and told Leon of the proposition his father had in store for him the next morning. So when the proposition came Leon was not unprepared for it. He returned upstairs to his room after again kissing his mother good night. But Leon did not go to sleep, he had interpreted correctly his father's purpose, and had by this time decided to accept the proposition, though at first he was inclined to resent the attempt to interfere with his happiness.

In fact the cook waited breakfast for the entire family, as Major Glenn did not close his eyes until just before day. When they had finished breakfast, while yet seated at the table, the father said, "my son, you have studied hard, and having taken the highest position in your classes, I think a little recreation would do you good, besides would be worth my money in the way of an education, especially at this time, just after your graduation. I

would like you to take a trip abroad, and I want you to visit especially, the old Glenn homestead, near Glasgow, Scotland, where you will find an old maiden aunt, who is extremely wealthy. She several times wanted me to let you live with her, saying that she would educate you from the best institutions in Europe, besides, that she would bestow on you her entire estate, provided you would remain with her until she died.

"Why did you not advise me and let me go then, father," remarked Leon?

"Simply because I desired to have you educated in the United States, and at that time, I being from home so much, I did not see how we could do without you. But now, there is nothing to prevent you accepting her generous proposition, become the proud possessor of the old castle, and valuable estate, said to be worth half a million dollars."

"Yes, father, I have had an ambition to visit the mother country, and am glad of the opportunity to make this much desired trip."

Your mother tells me that your wardrobe is ready, and there is no reason for delay. Can you be ready to leave this afternoon?"

Leon had anticipated this hurried arrangement and had written at length, the previous night, to Lucile explaining the situation fully, therefore Leon answered promptly, that he would be ready. His father told him that he could supplement his wardrobe in New York, and that he would give him a draft on his commission house in New York for all the necessary money to cover his expenses.

Everything was in confusion at the Glenn mansion on that beautiful summer day. Leon had written Lucile that his father had planned the trip for the specific purpose of breaking off the engagement, that, that afternoon, he had discussed the subject of their marriage with his father, and had told him that she was the one, and only one, he ever loved, and begged him to relent and give his consent to their marriage. He had promised an answer the next day, but his mother having informed him of his father's intentions, he was, before hand, prepared to notify her and arrange for postponing their marriage any longer, that they were of age, and had determined to marry, that nothing on earth could now prevent it, and why not consummate the romantic courtship while in Florida and return to Carolina, man and wife? Lucile received their mail at the same office of L. V. Snell, fully understood the situation, not for one moment doubting Leon's fidelity, but at once commenced the preparation for her Florida visit, first unfolding the entire scheme to her mother, who had a nephew living with her, and that nephew, that his home for the past several years.

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In New York he had to wait three days before the steamer he wished to take passage on left. Leon spent the time in sight seeing, after replenishing his already full wardrobe. Messrs. Fenner, Bennett & Co., his father's commission agents, gave him \$500 in cash and arranged for European exchange to the amount of one thousand dollars.

The steamer left New York well loaded with passengers, among whom were several parties of young people seeking pleasure, which rendered the ocean passage of unusual interest and a most joyous occasion. On the 6th day the steamer landed at Liverpool, where Leon disembarked, passed the custom agents and was soon at his English hotel.

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besides enormous bank stock in London. She promised unreservedly to make him heir to her entire estate, provided he would remain with her who was the same kin, he would not promise, but received her consent to visit Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

CHAPTER V. Joined at Last.

Leon's first installment of mail from the United States contained several letters from home, three or four from class-mates, one from Dr. Craven, president of Trinity College, congratulating him on his good fortune to visit Europe, mentioning several places he should visit while in the East. Among these letters were three from Lucile who had arrived at Tampa at her cousin's, who was a prominent wholesale fish merchant, worth many thousand dollars, although having been married fifteen years had no children, and was delighted to have Lucile as a companion for his wife. Many entertainments were provided for her, but her thoughts and affection were beyond the broad Atlantic Ocean.

At the expiration of six months Leon began to plan for his return home, but notwithstanding his aunt's tempting offer, and his father's private letter to her urging her to endeavor to retain him, at least until he would form new attachments, or until Lucile would get tired of waiting for him, and would accept some one of the many suitors who were crazy to win her hand and affections. But Major Glenn had miscalculated, and was disappointed in the material he was dealing with. Leon would have returned to his Lucile if he had been forced to swim the ocean.

So instead of taking a New York steamer, he embarked on a Southern bound Clyde Line steamer for Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville, where he took railroad for Tampa. Lucile had been looking for his arrival several days, as the steamer was delayed. No mortal can describe their meeting in Tampa, for they were the happiest beings on earth. Leon spent one week in Tampa, his father expecting him to return via New York, the same way he went.

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ous deed, is not on record, than was performed by him. There were two other members of the Glenn family, cousins of his, who lived in Virginia, who were the same kin, he would not promise, but received her consent to visit Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

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1st Lot. Fronting 200 feet on the northeast side of the Providence Road, beginning at a stake on edge of said road, 200 feet from the corner of the I. S. Myers land, and running with said road 31 1/4 E. 200 feet to an iron stake on the edge of road; thence N. 53 3/4 E. 370 feet to an iron stake, thence N. 45 1/4 W. 205 feet to an iron stake; thence S. 58 3/4 W. 323 feet to the beginning, containing One and 58/100 acres.

2nd Lot. Fronting 200 feet on the northeast side of Providence road, beginning at corner of lot No. 1 at iron stake on edge of said road, and running with said road S. 31 1/4 E. 200 feet to an iron stake on edge of road, thence N. 53 3/4 E. 420 feet to an iron stake, thence N. 45 1/4 W. 207 feet to an iron stake; thence S. 58 3/4 W. 370 feet to the beginning, containing One and 81/100 acres.

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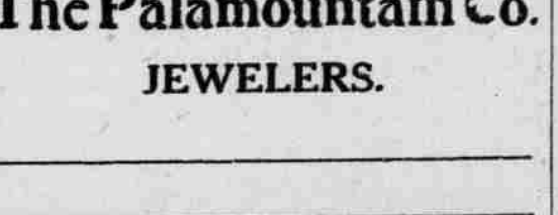
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7:15 a. m., No 29 daily, New York and Atlanta Express, Pullman Sleepers to Columbus, Ga., and day coaches to Atlanta. Close connections at Spartanburg for Hendersonville and Asheville. Jacksonville and local stations. First class day coaches Washington to Jacksonville. Dining car service.

9:25 a. m., No 34 daily, U. S. Fast Mail for Washington and all points north; Pullman dining rooms, sleepers to New York and Richmond; day coaches New Orleans to Washington; dining car service. Connections at Greensboro for Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Salisbury.

9:30 a. m., No 37, daily, Washington and Southwestern Limited, Pullman dining room sleepers, New York to New Orleans and Birmingham; Pullman observation car; solid Pullman train.

10:05 a. m., No 30 daily for Washington and all points North, Pullman sleepers to New York, first class coaches to Washington. Close connections at Danville for Richmond, Va., Dining car service.

11:00 a. m., No 28 daily, for Davidson, Mooresville, Barber Junction, Coolemans Bluffs, Winston-Salem, and Roanoke, Va., and local stations.

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