

# "When Hearts Command"

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"When hearts command,  
From minds the expert counsellors depart."

## CHAPTER XXIII.—(Cont'd.)

Hugo and Alice tried to comfort her without avail, until Alice found an ear and whispered that she wouldn't leave her precious mother, that she wouldn't get married, they'd send a telegram to Philip telling him it was all off. Then Jean came to her senses and started explaining.

All that was the matter with her, she said, was Uncle John's bluffing the Italian bank into believing that he had a fortune and their allowing him to draw ten thousand lire on the strength of it. And he didn't know yet whether it was true or not.

Hugo began to laugh. "But you've been worried about it yourself," she said sharply. "Not about that I haven't," he said. "You've been worrying about some thing. What else could it have been?"

"If you don't know I'm not going to tell you." He stopped laughing and looked very cross. "Here, read on that."

He took a crumpled paper out of his pocket and handed it to her. It was a brief note from the local bank to say that they'd had their telegram from Mercet's; it was quite all right. The balance of the \$5,000 cash was safe right here in Bordighera.

As is usual, relief turned to indignation.

"When did this come?" Jean demanded.

"Last evening. A boy brought it up," Hugo replied.

"Why didn't you tell me?" "I didn't think."

"But I've been nearly mad with anxiety!"

Hugo shrugged his shoulders.

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humped over the tank, his near-sighted gaze bent upon long columns of figures, his lips severely pursed.

"Well, my dear, what is it?" he inquired when Jean had stood by the desk a moment a little loath to interrupt him.

"I only just wanted to know if you'd mind if Alice and I went for a stroll," she replied.

Hugo did mind, since the request so pointedly left him out, and he hated to be left out of anything, but he gave her a grudging permission.

"If I dare say I can manage without you for an hour or so. But don't be too long. I want to tell you what I'm planning to do."

"It's the last chance I'll have to be alone with Alice," Jean faltered.

"Oh, I'm not a bit hurt," Hugo assured her.

Jean was silent as they climbed up through the old town, and then farther up to the groves above Sasso.

They sat down to rest beside the path looking towards Monte Nero, the hillside falling away sharply at their feet into a dark gorge, from which came the tinkle and murmur of water rushing over stones.

"Black Mountain," indeed, with its hooded crest of sable firs. How lonely it must be upon these at night—yet how beautiful.

Jean thought that she would not be really lonely if someone she loved were there too. But Hector Gaunt had no body for company, unless one counted old Maria. Hours and hours and hours he spent alone on that mountain-top.

A great log came sailing majestically across the valley from the western slope to the sawmills at Sasso. The steel cable which carried it was almost invisible, and it looked like some new form of aircraft.

"Look!" Alice cried. "There's a man on it! I wish we could get on one and pay Mr. Gaunt a surprise visit."

She reached out and squeezed her mother's hand.

"Mr. Gaunt's the nicest man I've ever met—except Philip, of course. I'm glad you're going to stay here for a little while, mummy dear. I'll feel happier, somehow, knowing that Mr. Gaunt's keeping an eye on you."

"Will you dear?" Jean asked wistfully.

"You're such a little mother. You need looking after. I'm being so selfish in leaving you!"

"No, you're not," Jean said, her voice bright and quick. Alice wasn't guess for a moment how desperate she was feeling about this parting. "I can't tell you how thankful I am you've found such a good man. And I want you to be just the happiest girl in the world. As soon as you are nicely settled in your new home I'm coming to pay you a long visit. Dr. Ardeyne asked me, and he also asked Uncle John."

"Poor Uncle John!" said Alice thoughtfully.

Twice Alice had said "Poor Uncle John!" Would it be too risky to ask her why she thought of him as an object of pity? Since that night when Alice had asked her terrible questions, Alice had avoided personal reference

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as though we'd be separated, that we really will be separated. Letters are wonderful things—and there'll be visits. Perhaps you'll come to live in England. I'll have Philip, but I can't do without my mother. You see how selfish I am. If I thought I'd have to do without you—"

"Oh, you won't! Yes—yes, I'll come to England. I must be near you, particularly—in case—"

Old-fashioned Jean blushed, faltered, and broke off self-consciously.

But Alice was of a generation which looks nature in the face and sees no reason to make secrets of its laws.

"Yes, if I have a child—children—I'd want you, mummy."

Jean squeezed her hand.

"I can't realize it—that it may be possible. Why, you're only a baby yourself! You aren't even married yet. It doesn't seem quite—quite—"

"Oh, darling, how funny you are!" Alice laughed heartily now. "Why, Philip discusses Mrs. Carnay."

"Not with you!" Mrs. Carnay was horrified.

"Yes, with me, mummy, darling."

"But—"

"He talked so beautifully, it simply made me want to weep."

"How do you mean? What could he have said? Really, Alice—"

"All about the great responsibility of parenthood. How nobody, no intelligent man or woman, had any right to bring children into the world unless they could guarantee them a clean bill of health—mental and physical!"

Jean shivered. "I cannot understand any man talking like that to the girl he's going to marry," she said.

But Alice was unperturbed by this criticism.

"Philip's a doctor," she reminded her mother. "He sees a great deal of the misery that—that parents do inflict upon their children merely by bringing them into the world."

"My dear, those things are better left to a Higher Being."

"I don't believe," Alice said slowly, "that leaving things to chance is the same thing as leaving them to God."

The sun was quite chilly, and suddenly it was quite chilly. Monte Nero was like a giant shadow, and the little white farm gleamed ghostly in the twilight. A light shone from one of the windows. That would be Hector's dear, untidy sitting-room, the room in which Jean could not help remembering he kept her photograph to bear him company. While Alice and she had been wandering about from pension to pension Hector had always been there on his mountain-top.

"We must hurry," she said, "or it will be dark before we get home. I hope Uncle John hasn't got into any mischief."

"Why should he?" Alice asked sharply.

But Jean did not reply.

(To be continued.)

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## REMOVING SUMMER STAINS.

Now is the time one must watch most carefully for fruit stains on the table linen and light dresses. If before sending articles through the laundry all fruit stains are well dampened with alcohol or camphor all traces of discoloration will have vanished after they are washed.

If the children get grease from the car or tractor on their clothes, spread butter or lard evenly over the spots and let it remain until the grease is soft, then wash with soft, soapy water. To remove blood stains, soak the spots in salt water, wash and rinse in the usual way.

Grass stains may be removed by saturating the spot with kerosene before washing the garment in the usual way.

For tea or coffee stains, soak the stains in cold water, wring, spread out and pour a few drops of glycerine on each spot. Let it stand several hours, then wash with cold water and soap. In removing iron rust, soak the stain with lemon juice, sprinkle with salt and bleach for several hours in the sun.

Mildew stains should be soaked in a weak solution of chloride of lime for several hours and then rinsed in cold water.

There are some fruit stains that will disappear if the fabric is stretch-

ed tightly over the top of a bowl or pan and boiling water is poured slowly on the stained places.

## CHOCHEERRY SANDWICHES.

When our four families gathered for a picnic by a little stream of water under the trees, our chocheerry sandwiches were extremely popular.

It all happened on a rainy day when nothing else could happen. We were making chocheerry jelly, the best jelly in our cellar, when we put our heads together and decided to make chocheerry jam out of the remains.

We squeezed some of the pulp through the sieve and some through the potato ricer and then mixed it with some apple pulp. We added sugar and put the mixture on the stove. The longer it cooked the better it tasted. We stood around the kitchen, spoons in hand, for a good part of the day. Then we cooked it some more, let it stay on the back of the stove all night, and the next morning we tasted it all around again, and made sandwiches of it for the picnic.

Since then we have done some experimenting to find what proportions are best and these are our conclusions: About one-eighth as much chocheerry as apple is best of all. The bitter taste which the cherries on the bushes have turns into a delicate, aromatic one when used as flavoring, and the coloring is rich.

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