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## HEARTS AFIRE

By MARY CHRISTIE

### CHAPTER V. A Stolen Kiss

"Nothing succeeds like success," as the old adage has it. And when the fastidious Bertram Traymore "kissed" about the little country girl, others of his sex came up to be presented, and to see just where the fascination lay.

Prudence had quite a phalanx of smart men about her. Several, indeed, deserted from Virginia's camp, greatly to the latter's chagrin, and came over to the little nobody from nowhere.

Through a crack in the wall of coats she could see Miss Dale glance hastily in a little pocket-mirror—that sure ally!—flick a swan's-down powder-puff across her cheeks, and then dart an envious glance across the tent at the usurper.

Doubtless, therefore, was she glad when Mr. Traymore said, with that cool ease of manner that was one of his special attributes:—"Let's go out and get a breath of air, Miss Page. I want to show you the trout-pond before some other chap butts in and tries to steal away with you."

He elbowed a path for her out of the tent.

When they were beyond earshot of the others, he lowered his voice to a caressing note.

"You don't know what a thrill it gave me, when I saw you here at the Towers, of all places—"

Prudence raised her pretty eyes. A measure of self-confidence had returned to her.

"The dairymaid transplanted!" she said, laughing.

The young man seized her elbow, walking very close beside her.

"My dear, do give me credit for knowing a gentleman when I see one. I knew you were of my world—spoke the same language, that's to say—the moment I clasped eyes upon you in the apple-orchard."

This was untrue. But its truthfulness escaped Miss Prudence. So did the arrogance of the little speech.

"You haven't ridden by since then," she said uncertainly. "Often I thought that you would come—"

So she had missed him, had she? A flattering vision of little Sister Anne gazing along the dusty highways, all in vain, rose photographically before him. And flattery was something that he couldn't possibly resist.

"If I'd followed my own inclination, I'd have camped right on your doorstep, even though Prudence—in two senses—warned me off!"

A thrill went through his listener, also a great wave of relief that fate had given them both this opportunity for explanation.

He went on:—"But a burnt child dreads the fire, and I was afraid of you—of you—Miss Prudence—"

"Afraid of me?" (How too ridiculous!) "What could you possibly be afraid of?" Her heart was hammering beneath the apple-green gown. She hung on his reply.

"If a man's been a wanderer all his life, yet longing for a hearthstone, and he sees a fire—a beautiful, glowing fire that could put new life into him—you couldn't blame him for wanting to sit down and linger in its warmth, could you?" That's the way I felt about you, the day I met you.

"Did you, really?" The mane query was the only thing that she could find to say.

Mr. Traymore went on, with a wistful air:—"But wanderers have no right to hearthstones. And if they tarry there they may get burnt." (He was almost certain that he'd mixed his metaphors, but this simple-hearted child was certainly no critic!)

Prudence racked her brain to reassure him. She didn't want to seem too bold. If only she could delicately imply that he could warm himself for ever at her fire, and be a more than welcome guest!

And as for getting burnt... well... could life hold anything more wonderful than being allowed to heal his wounds, and comfort him?

They walked across the lawns, down past the conservatories and the Italian garden to a little stream that gurgled on the outskirts of the woods. It widened in a sort of mossy clearing, and its trill sank to silence in the trout-pond underneath a drooping willow-tree.

"Suppose we sit here for a bit, and get to know each other?" suggested Traymore, patting the moss beside the water's edge.

Prudence hesitated, then complied with the request. The man flung his slim length beside her, chin propped on one hand, and eyes—blue and at the moment oddly inscrutable—fixed on her charming, shy young face.

"This is my idea of a good time. Crowds don't make company. And really I was half afraid I shouldn't get you to myself at all." With his free hand he touched a fold of her silken gown "Joyce, you don't

know how wonderful you look!"

Prudence rallied her forces for an answer of some sort.

"I've always been told that looks don't matter. Brains and—character—and that sort of thing—count most."

"Don't you believe it!" He laughed gently, mockingly. "Some jealous woman's been trying to get at you, that's all. It's a fine philosophy for the wall-flowers, and very consoling for old maids and blue stockings, but a pretty girl like you ought to get down on her knees every night and thank heaven for the beauty she's been accorded—for it's her best weapon, every time."

He caught her hand in his, gave it a quick pressure, and went on:—"If I'd seen your friend Miss Mercer, for instance, feeding the chickens on that never-to-be-forgotten day when I came riding by, I'd think for a moment I'd have fallen head over heels in love with her, stern follower of duty as no doubt she is?"

His eyes were half quizzical, but the "spark" was burning there, threatening every moment to burst into a conflagration.

Prudence forgot to rush to the defence of the absent Janet. That magic phrase and its insinuation—"fallen head over heels in love"—it drove all other feelings from her heart. Was it... could it be possible that she had made so deep an impression on this wonderful young man? Was her beauty such that it had drawn him like a magnet?

She turned to face him, her eyes sweet and dewy underneath the drooping hat.

"You think, then, that a person can... can be attracted... all in a moment... to another person... without even talking much?"

"I don't just think it, I know it," came the quick reply. Young Traymore sat up straight, and caught both her hands in his. "Didn't you guess that something happened to me the moment my eyes lighted on you in the apple-orchard? Prudence don't be cruel. Don't you know just how I feel about you? No, don't move away."

He flung an arm about her slender waist and drew her closer, closer. "Little girl—my little princess—'Tis just mad about you!" And his hot lips bent themselves on hers in a quick, stolen kiss.

(To be Continued.)

## Souris High School

On Friday morning, June 30, the commencement exercises of Souris High School were held in St. Mary's Hall. The following program was carried out:

Welcome Song, recitation by Earl Harding, reading, Elmer Paquet, recitation, Alonzo Gallant, song, Daffodils, recitation by Everett Cheverie, recitation by Miriam Matthew, song by Marion McKenzie, recitation by Melvin Gallant, recitation by Joseph McDonald, dialogue by Muriel Richards and Chester MacIntyre, recitation by Ruth Poole, song, June Time, reading, by Jack McLellan, recitation by Arlene Yeo, The Last Word, rifle drill, God Save the King.

The prize list was as follows: First prize for general proficiency

awarded to Robert Poole.

Prize for reading in Grade 5 presented by Mrs. J. B. Matthew presented to Joseph Cheverie.

Prize for the best all around student in the class presented by Mr. L. L. Cheverie awarded to Danny Malone.

First prize for general proficiency in Grade IV awarded to Joseph Horne.

Second prize for general proficiency Grade IV awarded to Clarence Gallant.

Prize for attendance in Grade IV awarded to Eddy Campbell.

Prize for attendance in Grade III awarded to Pauline Richards.

Prize for highest aggregate in Grade III awarded to Miriam Matthew.

Prize for arithmetic in Grade IV awarded to Geo. Paquet.

Prize for Geography in Grade IV awarded to Alonzo Gallant.

Prize for Department in Grade III and IV awarded to Horace Poole.

Prize for reading in Grade III awarded to Everett Cheverie.

Prize for progress during the year in Grade III awarded to Joseph McDonald. Prize for highest average in Grade II donated by the teacher, awarded to Muriel Richards.

Prize for perfect attendance donated by the teacher awarded to Marlan McKenzie.

Prize for drawing donated by Rev. E. Murray, awarded to Kenneth Murphy.

Prize for arithmetic donated by the teacher, awarded to Russel Cheverie.

Prize for writing donated by the teacher awarded to Arlene Yeo.

Prize for spelling donated by the teacher awarded to Florence Croucher.

Prize for writing donated by Mrs. J. B. Matthew awarded to Richard Delaney.

Prize for arithmetic donated by Mrs. J. B. Matthew awarded to Melvin Gallant.

Prize for neatness donated by Mrs. J. B. Matthew awarded to Earl Harding.

Prize for general proficiency in Grade I awarded to Percy Poole.

Prize for spelling donated by Mrs. R. C. McLean awarded to Lillian Poole.

Prize for reading donated by the teacher awarded to Chester McIntyre.

Prize for reading donated by the teacher awarded to James Rooney.

Prize for neatness donated by the teacher awarded to Alan McLean.

Prize for good conduct donated by the teacher awarded to Walle McKenzie.

Prize for good conduct awarded to Wendell McInnis.

In Grade X, Jesse Bushey.

Governor-General's Medal awarded to Alban Paquet.

Prize for General Proficiency in Grade X donated by Rev. Eugene Murray, awarded to Ernest O'Donnell.

Prize for General Proficiency in Grade X donated by Mrs. J. B. Matthew, awarded to Harold Hochin.

Prize for improvement in Latin donated by Rev. J. G. Hochin awarded to Alban Paquet.

Prize for highest mark in French in Grade X awarded to Harold Hochin.

Prize for improvement in Mathematics donated by Miss O'Donnell awarded to Bernard Mooney.

Prize for nature study in Grade X awarded to Francis St. John.

Prize for general proficiency in Grade IX awarded to John Beamish.

Second prize for general proficiency in Grade IX awarded to Jack Matthew.

Prize for composition open to pupils of Grades IX and X donated by Mrs. J. B. Matthews, awarded to John Beamish.

Prize for highest average in public school certificate examinations, donated by the Catholic Women's League awarded to James McInnis.

Prize for general proficiency in Grade VIII awarded to Leo MacDonald, donated by Mrs. P. St. John.

Prize for composition in Grade VIII awarded to James McInnis, donated by Mrs. J. B. Matthew.

Prize for highest average in grade 7 presented by Father Murray, awarded to Franklyn Cheverie.

Prize for second highest average in grade 7 presented by the teacher, awarded to Jack McLellan.

Prize for highest average in grade 6 presented by Father Murray, awarded to Danny Malone.

Prize for second highest average in Grade 6 presented by Mrs. J. B. Matthew awarded to Grace Poole.

Prize for highest average for the whole year in Grade 5 presented by the teacher, awarded to Pearle Croucher.

Prize for highest average in grading exams in Grade 5 presented by Miss Della MacDonald awarded to Walle McIsaac.

Prize for highest attendance presented by the teacher, awarded to Arthur MacDonald.

Prize for second highest attendance presented by the teacher awarded to Mervyn MacDonald.

Prize for Department presented by Mrs. Croucher awarded to Marjorie Poole.

Prize for preparation of work at home presented by the teacher awarded to Sterling Dingwell.

Prize for accuracy arithmetic presented by the teacher, awarded to Shirley Gillam.

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