

A WOMAN'S REVENGE.

THE LENGTH TO WHICH PASSION DRIVES.

Novelists in search of a sensation might do worse than turn their attention to the fast dwindling Maoris of New Zealand, judging by an incident of domestic life among these people, that has just been published. The names and dates have been withheld, but the story is vouched for, and is a remarkable instance of what woman will do for love, and the revenge she will take on those who thwart it. The peculiar sanctity held by his followers to attach to a Maori chief is well known; and the fact that he can taboo (a total prohibition of intercourse with) or make sacred anything he touches, has also been told us in a dozen volumes. It so happened that a Rangitira chief fell in love with a handsome girl of his people, who loved a humbler admirer.

In vain the girl and her lover protested; and without giving them long to indulge in their useless efforts, the chief settled the matter, and the girl became his. What made the matter worse was, that by his peculiar power of taboo he could, as it were, shut out his rival for ever. Against any ordinary foe the young lover would have fought on, hoping for death, or some other cutting of the knot. But against the chief he was powerless. No Maori dare defy the supposed sacred attributes of their leaders, and the young fellow gave up the girl in despair, when once the taboo had made her the chief's forever.

But now comes the dramatic climax of the episode. The girl waits, and does nothing desperate so long as there is yet a chance for the lover whose love she returned. But no sooner has he sullenly retired from the struggle, hopeless and broken hearted, then she resolves in the heinous revenge. To kill the chief would have been of little use, for she would have been tabooed still, and no man would have dared to marry her. But she can at least inflict a life-long revenge upon the chief who had taken her from her lover, and this she proceeded to accomplish in a horribly ingenious way.

Stealing away one night from her lodge, she made her way to the hut of a leprous hag, living shunned by the tribe, on the outskirts of the village. We are told that she not only stayed with the deceased woman for a time, but to ensure still more certainty of her revenge, drank the old hag's blood. Need we add that when she returned to her lord and master, it was not as the handsome girl she set out, but as a loathsome leper, to be a lifelong burden and curse, and an object of disgust to him.

Such is the story, which, for the terrible intensity of the passion for revenge, shown by the heroine, has probably been rarely surpassed. One can better understand, after reading it, how it was the last war in New Zealand was such a hotly contested one. No wonder the Maoris fought to the bitter end, if even their women possess the determination shown by this dark-skinned beauty.

Ess and Esses.

"So you have finished your studies at the seminary? I was much pleased with the closing exercises. The author of that poem—Miss White—bides fair to become known as a poet."

"We think the authoress will become celebrated as a poetess," remarked the young lady pertly, with marked emphasis on two words of the sentence.

"Oh!—ah!" replied the old gentleman, looking thoughtfully over his spectacles at the young lady. "I hear her sister was quite an actress, and under Miss Hosmer's instructions, will undoubtedly become quite a sculptress."

The young lady appeared irritated.

"The seminary," continued the old gentleman, with imperturbable gravity, "is fortunate in having an efficient board of managers. From the presidentess down to the humblest teacheress, unusual talent is shown. There is Miss Harper, who, as a chemistess, is unequalled, and Mrs. Knowles has already a reputation as an astronomeress. And in the department of music, few can equal Miss Kellogg as a singeress."

The young lady did not appear to like the chair she was sitting on. She took the sofa at the other end of the room.

"Yes," continued the old gentleman, as if talking to himself, "those White sisters are very talented. Mary, I understand, has turned her attention to painting and the drama, and will surely become famous as a painteress, and even as a lectureress."

A loud slamming of the door caused the old gentleman to look up, and the criticess and gramarianess was gone.

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