

**MOTHER AND STEP MOTHER.**

CHAPTER VII.

Mr. EDWARD was reading when his son entered the dining-room. He was not a man who habitually excited much conversation on his children; and he had not even noticed Frank's entrance, merely showing his consciousness of his presence, and his satisfaction thereat, by a conventional "good morning." "How do you get on?" he asked, in a friendly tone. "Very well, thank you," replied Frank, and then, as if he had been waiting for the question, he began to relate the weather. Having replied to this, and taken a seat on the opposite side of the fire, Frank began to cast about in his mind how to introduce the subject with regard to his mother. "He did not doubt that his father would hear him with indulgence and interest; but it was with great reluctance that he would venture to stammer out a request that would give him his serious attention for a few minutes. "Well, again, Frank?" said Sir Edward, laying down his paper, and looking at his son. "You seem very impatient. Not that I blame you. I think travel does a young man good, provided he travels with a purpose, and stays only for the sake of wasting time and money. I was speaking to your mother about your plan just now. She thinks I ought to have a word with her, and she has consented to your undertaking a journey so long and perilous; but, as I proved to her, it's nothing to the Argonautic expedition. Notwithstanding the success of the one, and the anxiety and worry you have fixed on the Rocky Mountains as your Ultima Thule; for I shall be glad to have you go, and to hear of you from them; but, as to the other, I have no objection, and an authentic account of Mormonism is one of the most remarkable phenomena of the age. The accounts we save, must be, to a certain extent, untrue. Now, if you will, I will go with you and young eyes with you. All I would warn you against is too strong a leaning to the old, and prejudices, with which our good friend, Birky, is so much inclined to fortify you."

"I have just parted from Kitty, sir," said Frank, breaking in, at last, with desperate resolve. "Why didn't you bring her up here?" The little puss, I don't wonder she's ashamed to show her face. Your mother is by no means so kind in not allowing her to see you, as you fond of poor Kitty. Very strange, though I don't know—perhaps it's natural, after all."

"Why, my dear, would have thought I might have done so?" said Sir Edward, with a slight apprehend that my little friend is putting on her womanhood. Kitty, the sweetest piece of little creature I ever saw, and the most unassuming and an authentic account of Mormonism is one of the most remarkable phenomena of the age. The accounts we save, must be, to a certain extent, untrue. Now, if you will, I will go with you and young eyes with you. All I would warn you against is too strong a leaning to the old, and prejudices, with which our good friend, Birky, is so much inclined to fortify you."

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content; she knew that, though generally complainant, he was occasionally capable of firmness; that his affection for his eldest son was strong, his sense of justice strict, and that he was not without a certain degree of peculiar tenderness. But none of these considerations shook her resolution to prevent the marriage, and she felt that, on the contrary, the difficulties that lay in her way strengthened her determination, and sharpened her indignity.

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**Latest News!**

**EIGHT DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.**

The Steamer Baltic arrived at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. There were 200 passengers on board.

The failures of Halesford & Co., Navy Agents, and Hall & Co., Brewers, London, is reported.

This arrival brings details of the French capture of the Mamelon and White Towers, and the capture of the city of Metz. The British were killed and wounded. The gallant French were 62 guns and about 500 prisoners, and their position enabled them to stall the shipping in the bay. The British were 62 guns and about 500 prisoners, and their position enabled them to stall the shipping in the bay. The British were 62 guns and about 500 prisoners, and their position enabled them to stall the shipping in the bay.

The Russian reports to have evacuated Anapa. The Emperor of Austria arrived at Craiova yesterday.

The weather was excessively hot at the Crimea.

The Galian arrived at Dantic with despatches. The Russians fired on a boat bearing a flag of truce, and 16 English sailors were killed.

No alteration in trade. Corn promises to be an abundant crop.

The British ship Shamrock foundered at sea. The cargo was sold for 20,000 dollars.

Gen. Sanna has died of Cholera at Balachava.

Woolen. Liverpool Cotton. The Leading Circular reports markets quiet. Broadstuffs dull.

Wheat, Flour and Corn are somewhat cheaper.

London Money Market.—Money is plenty. Bank rate discount reduced to 3-1/2. Consols 91-1/2.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steamer Star of the West, from San Juan, arrived at New York on Sunday last, with 625,000 lbs of specie, and 500 passengers. Her dates are to the 1st inst.

The mining news from the State is of the most encouraging nature. It is reported that at no previous time in the history of the State has the yield of gold been as great as at present.

The entire block of buildings, bounded by Davis, Front, Commercial, and Sacramento streets, San Francisco, was destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$75,000.

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