

LEONA'S PRIDE.

'Marry a common carpenter!' said Leona Bracebridge. 'No indeed!'

She was tall and pretty, with dark brown hair, lovely blue-gray eyes, with long curled lashes, and a fresh red-and-white color in her face; and old Mrs. Lynton was short and stout, with a double row of suspiciously bright brown curls, and a cap that was not trimmed with the brightest of ribbons. Mrs. Lynton was reddened at the girl's remark.

'He's a carpenter, I know, Leona,' said she, 'but as for being common—'

'Oh, you know what I mean,' said Leona. 'We have been expensively educated, Zoe and I, papa was a lawyer, and mamma was distantly related to the Severns of Severn Manor.'

'Yes,' said Mrs. Lynton, 'but that don't help you to a penny now. And as you have been my guest for three months, perhaps it isn't so very unnatural that Felix should think—'

'Oh, if we have worn out our welcome,' said Leona, haughtily.

'It isn't that, my dear. Goodness knows you are welcome to stay here as long as you can put up with our old-fashioned ways. But it's most a pity, isn't it, that you cannot make up your mind to a comfortable here, with a man that loves the very ground you walk on.'

'I am very sorry, Mrs. Lynton,' said Leona. 'Because Felix is very nice, and I love you dearly, but I never could entertain the idea of becoming a mechanic's wife.'

'Just as you please,' said Mrs. Lynton, knitting away until her needles seemed to flash magnetic fire.

And Leona went up stairs to the little apartment where her sister Zoe was cutting out gingham aprons. Maurice Bracebridge had been a gentleman—one of the seedy, impoverished kind that was always writing begging letters and borrowing five dollar bills—and he had brought up his daughters at Madame Luarelli's seminary until that lady declined to receive the two girls any longer without the accompanying ceremony of a small payment on account.

And then he had hired lodgings at Mrs. Lynton's, and died there, leaving Zoe and Leona penniless. Mrs. Lynton was a kind soul and had never told the poor young orphans that their father had not paid her a solitary cent.

'What would be the use?' said she. Poor lambs, they've got nothing to pay with!'

Leona was a beauty, with a soft contralto voice, and a willow, graceful figure, and a face that every one turned instinctively to look at the second time; but Zoe, the younger sister had not been so favored by nature.

She was slight, and below the medium stature; her face, although pale and sweet, was not one to attract admiration, and she was shy and retiring. But somehow Zoe made friends everywhere.

'Zoe,' said Leona impetuously, as she flung herself into a chair by the window, 'we must go away from here.'

'Go away? Oh, Leo!' cried Zoe.

'I don't like the idea any better than you do,' said the beauty; 'but Felix Lynton has been good enough to fall in love with me!'

'Has he?' and Zoe's face brightened. 'Oh, Leo, how nice—'

'How awkward, you mean!' interrupted Leona, impatiently. 'Have you got common sense, Zoe Bracebridge, or have you not?'

'Leo, did you refuse him?'

'Do you think I would marry a carpenter? I, papa's daughter. I, with my heritage of good looks and genius? Yes, I may as well speak it out.'

'But he is very handsome, Leo, and very intelligent; and he owns the house, dear, and he's such a good son to his mother Leo, darling, wont you reconsider your decision?'

'I certainly shall not,' said Leona. 'We must look out for a home somewhere else immediately.'

'But I'm afraid I can't do that, Leo, said Zoe, apologetically; for I have promised Mrs. Lynton to help her with her plain sewing this winter, and she has to or three little music pupils for me, and—'

'Well, let that be as you choose,' said Leo, yawning. 'I don't mind being by myself just at—it will perhaps give me more leisure for practice.'

'For practice, Leo?'

'Yes,' said Miss Bracebridge, with an imperial nod. 'Mrs. Buckingham thinks I shall succeed upon the operatic stage—and in the meantime I shall be writing out a few poems. Mr. Scribbleton, the English literature master of old Laurell's always said my composition would look well in print. Don't you see, Zoe, I have a career before me? It would be madness to blight it all by becoming a carpenter's wife.'

'Do you think so?' said Zoe pensively, well I am not a genius, dear, and I can't tell how geniuses feel. But Felix is very nice; and he is so good to his mother. And good sons always make good husbands, Leo.'

'So Leona Bracebridge went away, bidding her dear friends a very cavalier sort of good-bye.'

'Felix,' said Zoe, looking timidly up in her young host's sad and abstracted face, after her last trunk had departed, 'you are not vexed with Leo?'

'Vexed, Zo? Noe.'

'Because I'm sure she never meant to hurt our feelings,' coaxed Zoe. 'But she is a genius, you know, and geniuses are not like other people.'

'She is a genius, little Zoe,' said Felix, with a faint smile, 'and I am a fool. Is that what you meant to say?'

'Oh Felix, how can you be so cruel,' said Zoe; and she retreated into her little dark bed-room to cry, and wonder why it was that she was always saying awkward things.

Leona Bracebridge threw herself heart and soul into her new life. She practiced trials, and ripples, and high C's, with unremitting perseverance; she sat all day at her hired piano, and spent the evening in studying up the plot of a novellette, which was to take the unconscious world by storm. And so the year passed by.

'Sing,' said M. Peroux, the leader of the orchestra of the Opera House—you sing, mademoiselle? A very nice little parlor voice, I dare say, but you'd be of no more use than a chipping sparrow on the stage. I should think your own common sense might have taught you that.'

'M. Peroux was rough, but he was honest; and Leona went back in tears to her boarding house, where a fat bundle of M. S. awaited her, neatly wrapped in brown paper, and labeled: "For Miss Bracebridge. Positively declined."

'Is it possible I am a failure?' said poor Leona to herself. And with all these bills to pay, and the piano hire due for a year, and—'

But Mrs. Bracebridge's unpleasant reverie was cut short by the tapping of her landlady's knuckles on the door. 'I don't want to intrude, miss,' said that lady, with the belligerent air of one who means business; 'but I have several heavy payments to meet next week, and I would be greatly obliged if you could just make it convenient to let me have a small payment. For its nearly six months, miss—I'm tellin' you gospel truth—since I've seen the color of your money; and its just such folks as you, miss, as drives honest folks as us into the bankrupt court.'

Her nose reddened spitefully, and her voice grew louder as she uttered these words, and poor Leona shrank away in spite of herself.

'I will communicate with my friends, Mrs. Battersby,' said she, 'and settle with you very soon.'

'I hope you will, I'm sure miss,' said the landlady; closing the door behind her with a jar that set every bone in Leona's frame in a quiver.

She sat there, in the shabby room all the afternoon, crying quietly to herself, with her aching head resting upon her hands, of the past and the present. And then she put on her bonnet and went to the little red brick house where her father had died two years ago.

Mrs. Lynton was sitting in the red glow of the firelight, knitting away as if she had never left off all those months of Leona's absence.

'Child!' cried she, as the tall figure glided across the floor and stood in front of her, 'is it you?'

'Yes, Mrs. Lynton, it is I,' said Leona. 'I've come back to tell you I am sorry that I ever acted so foolishly. I've come back to say that I will be Felix's wife, if he will overlook the past.'

'Old Mrs. Lynton began to wring her hands in dire dismay.

'Oh, Leona,' said she you are too late; Felix married last week. We tried our best to get your address, but you had moved away from the last place and left no clue behind. Zoe was heart-broken about it, but there was no help. Yes, he was married last week and they have gone to Philadelphia for their wedding trip. And I do believe my poor boy is happy at last.'

Leona stood pale and silent like a statue of marble.

'But whom did he marry?'

'Didn't I tell you, child? Why Zoe, of course!'

Felix Lynton and his young wife are as happy as if there was no such thing as trouble in the world. So is old Mrs. Lynton. And Leona is supporting herself by giving lessons in music, and doing whatever jobs of plain needle work she can obtain.

'Pride must have a fall,' says the proverb, and Leona Bracebridge is one of its living illustrations.

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1. All that tract, piece or parcel of land, situated on Lot Eighteen, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a stake fixed on the shore of Indian River; thence by a line running south twenty degrees west until it meets the boundary line dividing Lots or Townships Numbers eighteen and nineteen; thence running due east on said division line for the distance of thirty-two chains; thence by a line running north twenty degrees east until it reaches Indian River, aforesaid; thence following the course of the River to the place of commencement, making and including fifty-six (56) acres of land be the same, a little more or less, in Prince County, aforesaid.

2. Also, all that other tract, piece or parcel of Land, situate on Lot or Township Twenty-five, in Prince County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake fixed on William McMurdy's eastern boundary line at the south-east corner of Joshua Harding's Lot; from thence running south for the distance of forty-four chains; thence east eleven chains and fifty links; thence north forty-four chains; thence west eleven chains and fifty links, to the aforesaid stake or place of commencement, making and including fifty (50) acres of land, a little more or less, being the southern moiety of one hundred acres of land; and being bounded on the north by the northern moiety thereof, known as Joshua Harding's lot; on the east by—Gay's land, on the south by—Keeffe's land, and on the west by the said William MacMurdy's land.

3. Also, all that other tract, piece or parcel of land, situate on Lot or Township Number Nineteen, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a square stake fixed in the south-west angle of land in the occupation of Peter Gillis; thence running north six degrees and forty-five minutes, east fourteen chains and two links to division line between Lots Nineteen and Eighteen; thence along said line westwardly twenty-six chains and sixty-nine links to the entrance of Barbara Weit River; thence along the course of the said river to the place of beginning, containing twenty-nine acres and forty perches, be the same, a little more or less.

4. All that tract, piece or parcel of land situate on Lot or Township Number Eighteen, and bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake set on the shore of Richmond Bay in the centre of a road on the line of Lots Eighteen or Nineteen; thence northwardly along said shore such a distance as shall make fifteen chains and sixty five links (15 chains and 65 links) at a right angle from said division line; thence north eighty-nine degrees east or parallel with the said division line forty-eight chains and fifteen links (48 chains, 15 links) or to lands the property of the said William Thomas Mill, thence south twenty degrees west to said division line to the stake at the place of commencement, containing seventy-eight acres of land, a little more or less.

5. Also all that other tract, piece or parcel of land situate on Lot or Township Number Twenty-five (25), in Prince county, and bounded and described as follows, that is to say, commencing at a stake set in the north boundary line of land in possession of the widow Keiff or Lawrence Malone, being the southeast angle of fifty acres of land the property of William T. Mill, from thence by a line running north twelve chains and fifty links, thence east nine chains and fifty-five links or to the east boundary line of land in possession of William Gay, thence south to the first mentioned land, thence westwardly along said land to the stake at the place of commencement, containing eleven and nine-tenths acres, a little more or less.

6. Also all that other tract, piece or parcel of land situate on Lot or Township Number Nineteen, in Prince County, bounded as follows, that is to say, commencing at the southeast angle of land in the possession of Neil McDonald, from thence running west along said land twelve chains and twenty links (12 chains, 20 links) or to the southwest angle of said land, and from thence two points running two parallel lines south thirty-one (31) chains or to the south boundary line of plot G containing thirty-seven and one-half (37½) acres of land, be the same a little more or less, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances to the same belonging.

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By E. J. HODGSON, their attorney.
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The above Sale is hereby postponed till WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of April next, 1879, then to take place at the hour and place above mentioned.

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