

**Christmas Story.**

**ARNOLD LEE.**

(CONTINUED.)

"Still busy, Arnold?" said his mother. "You forget that Margaret is to spend the evening here."

"I ask your pardon, ladies," said Arnold, with an attempt at gayety, "for my seeming neglect. Mother, do you know I have had an adventure?"

He then told his mother the story of the purse, but he did not mention the struggle it had cost him. He would not for worlds have added an extra pang to his mother's heart; indeed, the desire to retain the purse had originated in his love for her—it was to procure her comforts that he had stooped, even in thought, to a base action—but one glance at that patient meek face told him how mistaken he had been, and that no mere physical comforts could yield her one moment's consolation if purchased by her son's dereliction from duty.

"You must go the first thing in the morning to the jeweler's," said Mrs. Lee; "of course he will know who the lady was; for at that time, and on such a day, it is not likely he had many customers. Is there no paper or name in the portemonnaie?"

"There is the name of Emmeline engraved on the clasp, that is all," replied Arnold. "But we won't disturb ourselves any more about the purse, mother; I shall restore it in the morning; and now let us endeavor to spend a cheerful evening. Shall I read to you a little?"

For Margaret's fingers I see are busy as usual.

The next morning Arnold proceeded to the jeweler's; they had not heard of the loss, but identified the lady as Miss Bowen, the daughter of one of the "merchant princes" of New York. Accordingly Arnold went to one of the splendid residences in Fifth Avenue, and obtained an audience with Mr. Bowen. He was shown into a handsome but simply-furnished breakfast room, where sat Mr. and Miss Bowen, the former a portly, intelligent-looking man, the latter one of the most beautiful women he had ever seen. To the artistic eye of Arnold the form and face of Miss Bowen were perfect; the regular Grecian features, clearly though delicately defined, the fair complexion, and exquisitely shaped bust, offered such a study as he had seldom seen. Hers was the style that was exactly suited to statuary; the calm repose of the lovely features, though it may prove wearisome from its quiescence in real life, was the very ideal of the Grecian sculptors; it was Diana without her bow and crescent or Juno descended from her chariot.

Arnold's errand was soon explained, and the purse identified as Miss Bowen's property. Her father, with the quick eye of a man of the world, saw that their visitor was a gentleman in ideas and manners, and suspected that he was poor. He felt in an unpleasant uncertainty, not liking to offer a reward to such a person, and yet believing that it would be acceptable, if it could be done without offending the pride of which he could see Arnold possessed a sufficient share. He entered into conversation with his visitor, and discovered his profession, and asked his address, saying he should like to visit his studio. With a feeling of shame Arnold gave the name of the obscure street where he resided.

After speaking in a low voice to her father, Miss Bowen said, "I have often wished to have a bust taken for papa's library; and if you will undertake the commission, I should like to sit to you, Mr. Lee."

Arnold's cheek burned with pleasure to have a commission, and such a subject. He scarcely knew how to answer. He felt the delicacy of the proceeding, knowing that Miss Bowen would not have selected an unknown man for such a purpose, and that it was prompted by a generous wish to repay him for the restoration of the purse.

"Very well," said Miss Bowen, in answer to his thanks for the honor she was conferring; "I will let you know in the course of a day or two when I can sit, and we will try and arrange it so as to be mutually convenient."

Arnold determined that Miss Bowen's confidence should not be ill-placed; he would make such a bust as should earn for him fame, and do justice to the beautiful model. The morning's adventure seemed to open a new vista of happiness before him; he would work and strive, and fame and competence would come at last.

That night Arnold eagerly poured his aspirations into Margaret's ear as he walked to meet her on her way home from a pupil's residence up town. As he described the classic loveliness of Miss Bowen, Margaret could not restrain a sigh.

"Is she very beautiful?" she asked. "Almost perfect," said Arnold: "that is, as a sculptor's model; as a woman, she is too sublimely calm and passionate to excite a warmer feeling than admiration—at least in me."

Margaret was relieved by this admission; for though as free from envy and jealousy as a woman could be, yet the glowing description that Arnold had given her of Miss Bowen did cause a little fear in her heart, as she thought how he would be thrown into the company of this peerless creature; and with his love of the beautiful in every form, would not her image overshadow that of the insignificant Margaret? But Margaret knew not the power of her own feminine charms, nor that there was a spell in the changing expression of her mobile features that would last even when youth had flown.

So Arnold built air-castles, and Margaret and his mother assisted in their erection; but days passed and no note came from the Bowens; a week, a fortnight, and still no message; and Arnold began to fear that the approaching Christmas festivities would drive the circumstance from the recollection of Miss Bowen.

Christmas Eve came round, and Arnold, as he returned home through the bustling streets, felt sadly out of place among the cheerful gayety that seemed to pervade them. Melancholy thoughts, strangely inconsistent with the surrounding scene, were intensified by the contrast. The shops, resplendent with Christmas luxuries, the throngs of pedestrians intent on purchasing, or the strings of hungry children led by their parents to see the Christmas show, made an animated and joyous scene. But with hasty steps Arnold hastened along, nearly upsetting two fat, rosy children as he abruptly turned a corner, and knocking a parcel out of the hand of an elderly gentleman. To pick it up with an apology for his inadvertent haste, was the work of an instant, but in endeavoring to take it the old gentleman dropped another, and Arnold, observing that he was loaded with parcels of various sizes, polit-

ly said, "As I have been the cause of this disarrangement, sir, perhaps you will allow me to assist you?"

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WM. McLEAN, Cashier.  
Ch'town, 3d Dec., 1877.—2in oaw w

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By order of the Board

CRAWFORD LINDSAY,

Secretary

June 5 1877

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Nov. 30, 1877.