

Beaton's Bargain.

BY MRS. ALEXANDER.

SYNOPSIS.

Mrs. Winton, Lady Mary Hay, Leslie Beaton and Jack Maxwell are members of London's smart society set. Beaton is Mrs. Winton's brother, and being poor resolves to answer an advertisement that promises to get him a rich wife. Lady Mary is a widow whom Beaton admires. Mrs. Winton and Maxwell were lovers before the former married. Beaton, with company with Maitland is introduced to the heiress—Edith Vivian—by the latter's guardian. In the meantime Maitland has fallen in love with Edith, which angers Mrs. Winton, who determines that Edith shall not marry him and lies to her about him. Edith has begun to like Maitland and is mortified to hear Mrs. Winton's false description of him.

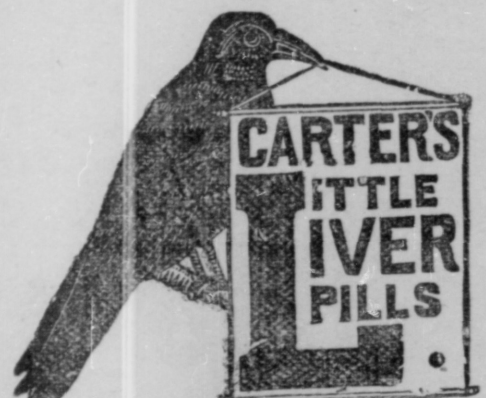
CHAPTER VI. (Continued.)

Then the recollection of her welcoming smile, her trusting glance, made his pulses throb. "She liked me better than any of the rest; I think she did, but I ought not to be too sure. I thought Jean would have stuck to me through thick and thin, and I was deceiving myself. Still I am half inclined to try my luck. If I fail, she would be no worse off than she is now. If she cares for me, dainty little darling! I could make her happy her own way. I wish she hadn't such a lot of money. I shall be thought a fortune-hunter; but I ought not to be a coward about opinion, when I know my own motives, when I know that were I rich and she hadn't a rap, it would only make me more eager to marry her. Then she is so lonely, so unprotected. Old Mrs. Miles is a capital woman, but no companion for Edith. She can never go back to her old life. How desolate she is! If I do not exaggerate my chances, all I may be right. I must make my father come to a definite arrangement; the laborer is worthy of his hire. As for Edith's money, they may tie it up so that I can never handle a penny, if only they let me have herself; but shall I be deterred from securing my own happiness, certainly, perhaps hers, by a specter of false pride? No; I will be true to myself."

Then the regular sequence of thought became confused with sweet glowing visions of perfect understanding and rest and security, of gentle caresses. Yes, as soon as his mother was a little stronger he would return to London, and risk an avowal of his hopes and fears. As to the guardians, well, only let him get Edith's consent, and he would manage them. When could he start? Not while Colonel Winton remained. As to Mrs. Maitland, she was distinctly out of danger, and his sister could stay for ten days or so longer. He might run up to town on Saturday, call at the studio on Monday, and coax Edith to take a turn in Kensington Gardens. There he would learn his fate. Indeed it was quite possible that Mrs. Winton, disappointed by the ill-success of her favorite scheme, might have made her house too hot to hold the offending guest. If so he would find Edith's present address, and follow. Yes, he would tell the dear mother that a matter of vital importance required his presence in town, and she would let him go. Soon he hoped to return with news that would cheer and comfort her.

So, in a restless but hopeful mood, Jack Maitland rose up, a clear purpose once more steadying his will and walked home less rapidly than he had set forth.

At the entrance he met his sister



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his feet. It was Leslie Beaton. Edith could scarcely resist the desperate inclination to run away; she was startled, ashamed, disposed to cry. Beaton looked ill, too, and less smilingly debonair than usual. He hastened to put her at her ease.

"I am inclined to apologize for being here, Miss Vivian," he said, pressing her hand for a moment. "I really did not think there was any chance of our meeting this morning," and he smiled pleasantly. "As it has so happened, may I speak frankly—may I beg you to let bygones be bygones? Allow me the privileges of friendship during the short time I shall be in England. It would make my last days at home so much brighter." He paused suddenly as if he felt a good deal.

"You are very kind," cried Edith, delighted with the proposition. "I shall be so glad to have you for a friend. It is more than I could expect that you should care for my friendship."

"You know how much I care," began Leslie; but checking himself, "We are not to revert to bygones. Tell me, how are your studies progressing? I expect to see great things. I assure you I often wished you could have seen the woodlands at Winford. It is a sort of sylvan paradise. I was always finding subjects for sketches; indeed I was almost tempted to try my own hand," etc., etc.

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"What is your name?" asked Mrs. Dayton.

"Lay-ourie, ma'am," said the culinary expert.

"Lay-ourie!" exclaimed the lady of the house. "What a peculiar name! I never heard it before in my life. Is that a nickname or was it given you when you were christened?"

"It's my real name," said "Lay-ourie." "I've gone by it all my life."

"How in the world did you come to have it?" was asked.

"My mother got it out of a novel," said "Lay-ourie."

Mrs. Dayton finally asked her to write it. After much hard work the owner of the name wrote out in a cramped hand, "L-a-u-r-a."

"Why, that's pronounced 'Laura,'" said Mrs. Dayton.

"Well, I don't know about that, ma'am," said the new cook. "My ma never heard it before, and she called it 'Lay-ourie.' I've been 'Lay-ourie' for 37 years, and I guess now it's too late to make a change."

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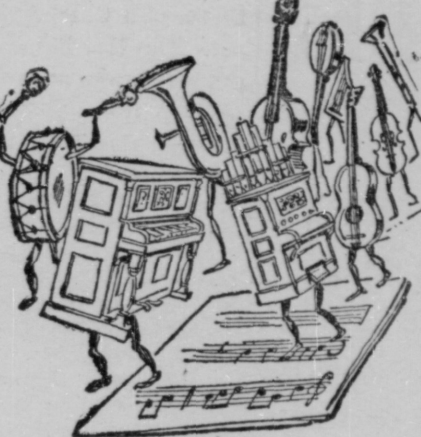
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