BARGAINS.

JULIA WARD HOWE.

He pressed a ruby on her lips, whose burning blood shone through;
Twin sapphires bound above her eyes, to match the fiery blood.
And where her hair was parted back, an opal gem he set—
Type of her changing countenance, where all delights were met.

"Will you wear it under now?" he said, "the ancient grudge you keep
Untiring and unstirred, like murder in the deep?"
"I thank you for the word," she said, "your gems are dear of form,
But when did jewels bind the depths, or splendors still the storm!
"There's no diadem to lay in the mine, nor pearl beneath the wave,
There is no fretted coronet that soothes a frantic brave,
There is nor fate nor empire in the wide Infinity,
Can stand in grace in virtue with the gift you had for me."

TESSA.

CHAPTER XI.

"You will be welcome with or without Austen's permission," he had said fervently.

Tessa resolved to test the truth of the words. Hastily she thrust a few necessaries into her traveling bag, and packed her dresses and clothes into the large waiting trunk. It could be sent after her at some future time, she thought. As she turned the key the flash of the diamond on her hand caught her eye.

It was the usual among the Friends to exchange rings; but Austen, though he laughed at the custom, had gratified Tessa's childish fancy for pretty things and given her a ring she had admired one day in a jeweler's window—a broad gold band with one large diamond set in the centre. There was a flash of indignant color in Tessa's eyes as she drew this ring from her finger, placed it in an envelope and addressed it to Austen. How well she remembered the day on which he had brought it home from town—the loving words he whispered as he placed it on her finger—the kisses she had given as her thanks! Ah, well, it was all over now! and the ring was angrily at the words.

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The room looked cheerful and cosy; a table spread with wine and fruit and flowers was drawn close to the fire; a great spaniel and a tiny terrier were rolling about on the hearth-rug. Cleveland, lying back in his chair with his pipe between his lips, looked the picture of comfort and ease. He had dined and looked supremely at the visitor entered, then came forward with outstretched hand and a cordial greeting.

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Mary gave a sniff, took up her tray, and left the room. Tessa locked the door after her, took out her bag, and looked at her watch. The train by which she intended to travel left Pennington at six; she would take her nearly an hour to walk to the station, and, as it was then nearly five, she had no time to lose. She slipped on a long ulster and a close hat, and, taking her bag in her hand, crept noiselessly down-stairs, and unnoticed left the house.

There was great consternation in the household the next morning when Tessa's flight was discovered. Mrs. Callender came flying into the library, where Austen was writing letters, full of alarm and wondering conjectures.

She was much astonished at the way in which her brother received the intelligence — utterly thunderstruck when he told her candidly, but with a gray haggard look on his face, that he was not surprised—that he had fancied that Tessa intended to leave them, only—and his face changed a little—he had not expected she would go so soon or so suddenly. Their engagement had been broken off two days before; some facts very discreditable to Tessa had come to his knowledge, and made this course absolutely necessary.

He refused, however, much to Mrs. Callender's disappointment, to say what these facts were, and something in the cold, stern manner forbade even that strong-minded lady to urge it into her inquiries.

"She left this for you, Austen," placing the envelope which contained the ring on the table.

Austen took and opened it slowly—took the ring in his hand. He looked at it for a moment in silence, then, with a shivering laugh, threw it into the drawer of his desk. Tessa's flight had thoroughly convince him that his suspicions were correct. Well, she had gone. She had preferred shame to honor—vice to virtue, and he would not lift a finger to drag her back.

"Austen have you heard that Noel Cleveland has come back to Priory?"

Three months had passed since that July even ng when Tessa had left her home, and it was now nearly the end of October. The night and mornings were cold and frosty, and here and there the trees were beginning to show the vivid tints of autumn. Austen, who was sitting by the fire with his head in his hand, started and frowned angrily at the words.

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The Procession of Kings, Conquerors, Poets and Immortal Men Pass Before the Mind's Eye of the Celebrated Preacher.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmage preached in the city of Jerusalem, standing at last in the gathering of Christian people His text was Matt. xxiii, 37: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem!" A report of his eloquent sermon appended:

This exclamation burst from Christ's lips he stood on the brow of the hill, and, although things have marvelously changed, who can visit Jerusalem to day without hearing the same wail over or him, and ordinary utterances must give place for the exclamatory as we cry, O, Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Conquerors, poets and immortal men and women pass before me as I stand here. Among the throng are Josephus and Titus and Christ. Through these streets and amid these surroundings rode Solomon, that wonder of splendor and magnificence. In the night air the world exhausted itself on that man. It wove its brightest flowers into his garland. It set its richest gems in his coronet. It gave the rarest wine to his lips. It robed him in the purest purple and emproidery. It piled high its treasures, its conquests, its immortal men and women pass before me as I stand here. Among the throng are Josephus and Titus and Christ. Through these streets and amid these surroundings rode Solomon, that wonder of splendor and magnificence. In the night air the world exhausted itself on that man. It wove its brightest flowers into his garland. It set its richest gems in his coronet. It gave the rarest wine to his lips. It robed him in the purest purple and emproidery. It piled high its treasures, its conquests, its processions, waters no gleam, birds nor plumage, nor concert, no music, nor architecture no grandeur but it was all his. Across the thick grass of the lawn, fragrant with turfs of pimpinis from Lucedi, fell the long shadows of trees brought from distant forests.

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"Vain," he said, "if there is any man happy, he ought to be." But I hear him coming out through the palace, and see his robes sustained by youth fewness, as he stands in the front and looks over the vast domain. What does he say! King Solomon, your dominion is your dominion, your honor, great is your joy!" No, this standing here amidst all the splendor, the thunder of wheels, the waters, the birds he cries: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!" What! Solomon nothappy yet! No, not happy. Pleasures and the emoluments of the world brings so many cares with them that they bring also torture and disquiet. Put the whole six on one of the big and earthly eminences, yet he is miserable because there are some people in his realm that do not pay homage to his throne. The head of Edward I. arches under his crown because the people will not pay the taxes, and Llewelyn, Prince of Wales, will not do him homage. And Wallace will be a hero. Frederick William III. of Prussia, is miserable because France wants to take to the provinces. The world is not large enough for Louis XIV. and the Czar Louis. The ghastliest suffering, the most shrivelling fear, the most rending jealousies, the most consuming disquietude, have walked amidst obsequious courtiers, and down corridors of royal apparel, and sat on judgment seats of purple.

Honor and truth and justice cannot go so high up in authority as to be beyond the range of human assault. The purest are the good in all ages have been execrated by the mob who cry out: "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now, this man was not happy. By honesty, by Christian principle, I would have you seek for the favor and the confidence of the fellow men, but do not look upon some high position as though that were always sunshine. The mountains of God's hill, the mountains of Switzerland, covered with perpetual ice and snow, Having obtained the confidence and favor of your associates, be content with such things as you have. You brought nothing into the world, and it is very certain you can carry nothing out. Change ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils. There is an honor that is worth possessing, but it is not that which comes from God. This day rise up and take it. Would what manner of love the father hath be, allowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." We aspire not for that royalty! Come now, and be kings and priests unto God and the lamb forever.

If wealth and wisdom could have satisfied a man, Solomon would have been satisfied. The richest Solomon was a millionaire gives but a very imperfect idea of the property he inherited from David, his father. David had at his command gold to the value of six hundred and eighty million pounds, and he had silver to the value of forty-two thousand five million, three hundred and seventy-seven pounds and more. The queen of Sheba made him a nice little present of seventy-three and twenty thousand pounds, and Hiram made him a present of the same amount. If he had lost his crown, that which remains out of his pocket, it would have hardly been worth his while to stoop down and pick it up. He owned one thousand and five songs, and wrote three thousand proverbs. He wrote about almost everything. The Bible says distinctly he wrote about plants, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall, and about birds and beasts and fishes. He was a botanist, and a royal robes, and put on hunter's trapping, and went out with his arrows to bring down the finest specimens of game, and then with his fishing apparatus he went down to the stream to bring up the finest specimens of the deep, and then in the forest and found the rarest specimens of flowers; and then he came back to his study and wrote books about zoology, the science of animals; about ichthyology, the science of fishes; about ornithology, the science of birds; about botany, the science of plants. Yet, notwithstanding all his wisdom and wealth, behold his wretchedness, and let the world and all other city come to hold so wonderful a man! O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

But here passes through these streets, as in imagination I see him, quite as wonderful and a far better man. David the conqueror, the king, the poet. Can it be that I am in the very city where he lived and reigned? David great for power, and great for grief. He was wrapped up in the boy Absalom. He was a splendid boy, judged by the rules of worldly criticism. From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot there was not a single blemish. The Bible says that he had such a luxuriant shock of hair that when once rear it was shorn, what was cut of weighed over three pounds. In a, unfortunate day all his brilliancy of appearance, he was a bad boy, and broke his father's heart. He was plotting to get the throne of Israel. He immediately an army to overthrow his father's government. The day of battle had come. The conflict was begun. David, the father, between the gates of the palace waiting for the tidings of the conflict. Oh, how rapidly his heart beat with suspense! Two great questions were to be decided; the safety of his boy, and the continuance of the throne of Israel. At length a messenger appeared on the top of the house, looks off, and he sees some one running. He is coming with great speed. He gains the gate of the palace and announces the coming of the messenger, and the father watches and waits, and as soon as the messenger from the field of battle comes within hailing distance the father cries out. Is it a question in regard to the establishment of his throne? Does he say: "Have the armies of Israel been victorious? Am I to continue in my royal sovereignty? Have I overthrown my enemies?" Oh, no! There is one question that springs from his heart to the lip, and springs from the lip into the ear of the beswouted and beduted messenger flying from the battle field—the question: "Is the young man Absalom safe?" When it was said of the king, that, though his armies had been victorious, his son had been slain, the father turned his back upon the congratulations of the nation, and went up the stairs of the gate of the city, breaking as he went, wringing his hands sometimes, and then again pressing them against his temples as though he would press them in, crying: "O Absalom! my son! my son! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom! My son! my son!" The pendous grief of David resounding through all succeeding ages. This was the city that heard the wail of Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

I am also thrilled and overpowered with the remembrance that yonder, where now stands a Mohammedan mosque, stood the temple, the very one that Christ visited. Solomon's temple had stood there, but Nebuchadnezzar thundered it down. Zerubabel's temple had stood there, but that had been prostrated. Then Herod built a temple because he was fond of great architecture, and he wanted the preceding temples to seem insignificant. Put right on the modern cathedral together, and they would not equal that structure. It covered nineteen acres. There were six marble pillared porches, roofs of cedar, and silver tables on which stood golden cups, and there were carvings exquisite and gorgeous, resplendent, glittering balustrades and ornamented gateways. The building of this temple kept ten thousand men busy forty-six years. Stupendous pile of pomp and magnificence! But the material and architectural grandeur of the building were very tame compared with the spiritual meaning of its altars and holy of holies, and the ceremonies that were performed in front of its ceremonies. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

But standing in this old city all other facts are eclipsed when we think that near here our blessed Lord was born, that up this hill He walked, and that in the outskirts of it he died. Here was his ohly day of triumph and his consummation. One day this old Jerusalem is at the tiptop of excitement. Christ has been doing some remarkable works and asserting very high authority. The police court has issued papers for his arrest, for this thing must be stopped, and the whole community is imperilled. News comes that last night this stranger arrived at a suburban village and that he is now stopping at the house of a man whom he had resuscitated after four days' sepulture. Well, the people rush out into the streets, every man with his weapon for the arrest of this stranger when he arrives, and others expecting that on the morrow he will come into the city and by some supernatural force oust the municipal and royal authorities and take everything in his own hands. Then! But there they live in such delight,

Such pleasures and such play,
As that they seem a thousand years
Both seem as yesterday.

Thy gadders and thy gallant walks
Unfrequented are.

Up to a few years ago castor oil came from Bombay, but now the castor bean has been cultivated in Kansas and the southwest. Up in New England they use the oil in perfumery. It is also the best leather lubricator. In India they use it in lamps.

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