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IN IVORY AND BLACK.

"Gracious me, Edaʼ how came you with Polly Mitchenson's fan?"

A question so unexpected, so surprising, that Eda Norris could not answer it. She had been displaying her birthday gifts to an old school friend, reserving till the last the present received from her betrothed, when Mamie's sharp black eyes had fallen upon it, and a brief, very brief scrutiny evoked the above exclamation.

"I do not know what you mean," said Eda, a little stiffly, when the inquiry was repeated. "I have not seen Miss Mitchenson half a-dozen times since I left school; my mother did not even me to keep up the acquaintance."

"And no wonder, for Polly is an awful flirt; makes herself notorious with the number of her beaux. But she is an attractive little thing, no one can help liking her; and she was always fond of you, Eda; that's why she remembered your birthday."

"But she did not remember it," was the response. "Nor should I have accepted a present from her if she had. The fan was one lookingat was given to me by Laurie. It is very pretty," is it not?"

"Very," said Mamie, picking it up and la ing it down again, in such a peculiar smile upon her face, that provoked Eda to ask the cause.

"Why do you look at me so oddly? And what made you think that fan had ever belonged to Polly Mitchenson? Laurie bought it for me at Blanks, in Regent street; you can see their name upon the box."

"Oh, yes, I know it came from Blanks'," replied her friend, in the same curt manner and then she would have launched into raptures over a dainty little lady's costume, if annoyed Eda had not prevented it.

"I wish you would speak out plainly, Mamie. What is it you know, or fancy you know, about the fan?"

"My dear, I would not, for worlds, make mischief between two fond lovers, so don't catechise me. I wish I had not recognized the fan at all; but after all, that matters? It was Polly's, but it is yours; and it proves that she is not as unscrupulous as she is represented."

"Explain yourself. I am as much in the dark as ever," cried Eda, now growing red and angry. What was Polly Mitchenson to her, or, rather, to her betrothed husband, the very rising young fellow, of whose abilities and affections she was so proud?

"Nonsense, Eda; you know, and everyone knows, it is proposed that Polly should marry Laurie, the controls are always near at hand when Will is at her shrine, and never returns the gifts of her votaries. A foolish cousin of mine, who first was meant to marry him, presented her with a very valuable ring. She almost broke his heart, and he went abroad, but she still wears the ring. Isn't it heartless of her?"

"And do you mean to imply that this fan was originally given to her by Laurence Hayward, and returned to him, and then presented to me?" queried Eda, very slowly.

Mamie hemmed, hesitated, and finally said:

"Well, really, dear, it looks like it, doesn't it?"

"No" was the passionate response. "It is false! it is a cruel slander! Laurie is incapable of such meanness. What! deliberately offer to me, his promised wife, a gift that had been bestowed on such a girl as Polly Mitchenson? I never, never will believe it."

Eda burst into angry tears, and Mamie ran for water and salts, and did her best to soothe the excited girl.

"Pray drink this, dear, and think no more about my foolish revelations. How could I be so silly! Mother often tells me I talk too fast, and so I do; but indeed and indeed I hadn't a thought of making mischief, and I couldn't help recognizing the fan, could I? You know I was always in Polly's hands at one time, and she never would say who gave it to her, though I was very curious to know, because she made such a mystery of it."

Eda sat for some minutes with her face buried in her handkerchief, then started up and dashed away her tears.

"You are a goose, Mamie, and I am a greater one for listening to you. Of course you are deceived by a fanciful resemblance. There are plenty of ivory and black ostrich feather fans imported from China and Japan every year, and the one you saw in that girl's possession was a faded, broken and spoiled long ago."

"Polly did break one of the sticks," Mamie admitted; "but she took it to Blanks', and they mended it so neatly, that it was only by the most careful examination that you could detect the flaw."

"Then here," cried Eda, snatching up the pretty toy and, tearing it in two, "here you have a convincing proof of your mistake. Look for yourself and acknowledge that you have done Laurie the greatest injustice."

But even as she spoke her color faded into a ghastly white, and her trembling fingers relaxed their hold of the fan; for Mamie had singled out one of the slender, delicately carved blades of ivory, and was pointing to it. Carefully though the damage had been repaired, it was but too visible to the eyes now riveted upon it.

"I'm most awfully sorry that this should have happened, and that I should have anything to do with it; it grieves me still more," Mamie protested. "And I'm sure I couldn't have credited that Mr. Hayward—I'll never call him Laurie again, or be more than commonly civil to him—that Mr. Hayward was so deceitful, so dishonorable, as—"

"Be silent!" she implored her.

"Pray don't say any more—I cannot bear it just yet. I'd rather be left to myself."

"I will, you shall, poor dear, and if you think it would be too much for your nerves to see Laurie—Mr. Hayward—I don't mind writing to him for you, and you may depend on my giving him the scolding he deserves."

But Eda would neither be helped nor consoled—in fact, the presence of Mamie with her gift shatter sadly made the wound more painful. No one else should be allowed to see how much she was suffering, though enough of her old faith in her sweetheart still lingered to make her cherish a faint hope that he would have some explanation or at least some excuse to offer for what he had done.

They met that evening, but it was in the presence of others, and it was not till Laurence Hayward contrived to draw his betrothed aside to bid her a more particular adieu, that she was able to wring a word from him.

"Am I expected to thank you for the lovely fan you sent me yesterday?"

"Not here," he laughed. "If I am to take my thanks from your lips—"

An imperative "Hush!" broke in upon the sentence.

"I did not know till to-day that you used to be numbered amongst the admirers of Miss Mitchenson."

"I have always thought her a very pretty girl," Laurie admitted, his color rising a little under the scrutinizing gaze Eda fixed on him.

"And you have made her presents."

"Have I? I do not remember anything more than a—"

But he was not allowed to finish. By this half-confession he had confirmed Mamie's tale, and Eda, wrenching her hand out of his, went home to find a packet of his gifts and letters, and then cry herself into a state of exhaustion.

Do not tell me I have acted too hastily—do not plead for him," she entreated. "Perhaps I have loved him too well and felt too firm a trust in his honor, but how could I trust or love him now as confidently as my wife ought to do? I know that I have not been first in his affections, and that he has stooped to an act that even you who make allowances for every young man's problem."

Now Mrs. Norris never scolded or argued and contented herself with bathing her daughter's burning temples and speaking her soothing words, with a few drops of a simple sedative. When this and her mother's sympathetic caresses had had a soothing effect, she was desired to go to bed, and change the chamber that was too near the nursery for the drawing-room, where darkened windows and comparative quiet lulled her at last into sleep.

When she awoke it was not her mother who was watching beside her but Laurence Hayward.

"I am glad you did," he echoed, as she raised herself and indignantly accosted him, "because your dear mother Eda, had that faith in me which she has ever shown, she would all too quickly. She has given me what you denied a chance of exculpating myself, of declaring to you, on my sacred honor, that I never saw this fan until half an hour ago."

"Oh, Laurie, dare I believe it?" she exclaimed, alternating betwixt joy and fear.

"As you please, Eda," he retorted. "I should have thought you had always found me as worthy of credence as the gossiping girl who has told you these abominable falsehoods. I could find it in my heart to be very angry with you for listening to her, if you did not look so ill and miserable."

"But Mamie believed it herself; she was certain that, this fan is the one you gave to Polly Mitchenson."

"The fan may be, but it is not. It was mine. The only gift I ever wasted on that arrant little coquette, was a reading lamp, at the time that I, with many others, was led to think she was on the point of marriage with my old chum, Mamie's cousin. And it was for his sake, not for hers, that I bought it."

"But I am assured that this fan was Polly's, and yet it came from you as a birthday gift."

"Not this one," answered Laurie, now examining it with interest. "The fan I selected at Blanks' was made of the delicate gray and rose-colored feathers of some rare bird only found in Java, and I had the three letters that form your name engraven on the tiny clasp of the golden cord attached to it. How and when the exchange was made I know not but intend to find out as soon as you feel equal to a drive with me to Regent street."

Eda threw her arms around her lover, crying, remorsefully:

"Oh, Laurie, if I have wronged you—"

"If! Do you, then, still suspect me?"

But he was soon appeased, and the visit paid to Messrs. Banks' emporium of foreign curiosities.

In reference to the books of the firm, an entry was found of the purchase of the gray fan; but how the other had been substituted for it, and whether it had really been sold, would have remained a mystery, if a shopman had not recognized Polly Mitchenson's as having been entrusted for repair to the firm some time.

The first Mamie had adverted to, the second, by some odd chance, occurred on the day Lawrence Hayward visited the shop, and the third birthday gift for his bride-elect. The conclusion of the story may soon be told, in the hurry of packing up these two fans to send them home, they were dropped into the wrong boxes.

And Polly Mitchenson—had she not discovered the error?

"Oh, yes," she replied, when the question was put to her. "I knew that some good creature had sent me a lovely new fan, instead of the one of which I was getting tired, and I guessed that someone had blundered. But then, I had the advantage, and if anyone lost by the transaction, I expected she was Mr. Blanks', who can very well afford it."

"The loss might have fallen upon a poor shopman," she was reminded, and might have cost him his place."

"But it didn't, so what signifies?" said Polly, with her careless laugh.

"Of no consequence," thought one of her indignant hearers, "or she might have severed two young lives?" But acting on the advice of her good, gentle mother, Eda endeavors to forget an episode that had been most intense if fleeting pain, and touched by her forbearance, Polly Mitchenson has had the grace to feel ashamed of the part she played with regard to the black and ivory fan.

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Like No Other Love.

By Charlotte M. Braeme.

CHAPTER IX—CONTINUED.

"My dear Carlos, you would tire of her in a few weeks. I admit that a beautiful face has great power to charm; but you, a Carew of Firholme, could never present such a girl to the world as your wife. She cannot speak English correctly, she does not pronounce her words properly, she drops her 'h's'; moreover she does not understand the most common forms of good breeding. You can hardly introduce her to your servants much less your friends and your equals. You could not, in justice to your own name and race, make her mistress of Firholme."

"I could, and I would!" he exclaimed. "Oh, mother, I thought you would have been more anxious to please me! My heart is set on this marriage."

Her lips trembled and her face grew pale. She summoned all her courage to her aid.

"I must stand between you and your heart's desire, Carlos," she said gently. "In the years to come you will thank me for it."

He rose from his lounging position, and stood looking earnestly at her.

"Do you mean that you refuse your consent to my marriage?" he asked curtly.

"Yes," she replied, "I do. Carlos, it gives me great pain; but I must refuse it."

"I do not understand," he said slowly, his voice hoarse with anger. "This is quite a new idea, mother, between you and me. Do you know that this is the first time in your life that you have refused me what I ask?"

"I am afraid it is, Carlos," she answered. "It would doubtless have been better if I had refused you many things before."

"Why should you begin now," he cried, "when it is the one great wish of my life that you are opposing?"

"Because it is needful," she said. "I have always tried to grant your requests and tried to please you and to refuse you now gives me great pain; still I cannot see you rush on to your ruin and make no effort to save you."

"You have no right to refuse me!"

"I have the right of a mother over her son," she replied.

"I do not think it just or fair," he said, with darkening brows. "You have given me all that I wanted all my life—all that I did not care for; and I am not ashamed to own that I ask you for it, you refuse to give it! Oh mother, how can you do so—you, who have loved so well yourself—you, who understand what true love means?"

"If I were sure that it was true love, Carlos, you should have my advice and assistance; but I do not believe it. I feel in my own heart that it is a boy's first fancy. How many men have wrecked themselves on such a rock! Oh, be warned, Carlos!"

"What would you suggest," he asked, "if you believed it to be true love?"

"I should say, put it to the test. The girl is quite uneducated. My dear Carlos, imagine living always with a person who forgot the letter 'h'—imagine hearing of your every wants the smiles of your friends, and your own torture every time she spoke. If it be really true love—and only time can prove that—you must educate her before you marry her. She must be taught to speak properly, and she must acquire the rudiments of good manners. At present she would simply disgrace you!"

"You are hard, mother," he said angrily.

"I am just," she replied calmly. "Suppose you marry her next week, and bring her home here in a month —picture yourself sitting down to lunch with her, ashamed every time she spoke, nervous when any visitor called. You would be compelled to shut yourself up from all the world."

"I should be proud of her!" he said hotly.

"Your marriage is quite impossible. How could she take the head of your house, how could she entertain your visitors—this underbred girl who has no other charm than a fair face? Carlos I know you better than you know yourself. You would be ready to die of shame. I believe there is nothing a man tires of so soon as a vulgar, uneducated wife."

"Imagine is not vulgar, mother, how can you persist in saying so? She is one of Nature's queens."

"She has a beautiful face and is graceful in her gesture, but she is vulgar in mind. I estimate her correctly. I am not in love with her. You would be utterly wretched if you were compelled to live with her for three months."

"I should die without her!" he cried passionately.

"If yours be true love you need not fear the test," said Lady Carew. "You are but twenty-two, the girl is not much more than seventeen. What I propose is this: Let six months pass, Carlos, spend the time abroad please—travel, study, amuse yourself —but mix with the world. If at the end of that time you still with all your heart wish me to entertain your proposal, then the girl must be properly trained and educated. After that I will think of what had best be done."

"And you only ask my consent then, mother?" he said gloomily.

"Yes. I stand between you and the wish of your heart, because, if I refuse my consent, I believe it will be a blessing to you. I have never exercised my authority over you. I have studied to please you; but now I expect obedience to this my most imperative command."

"My dear mother, you should have made me obey you as a child if you wished for obedience from me as a man," and the words lightly spoken, filled her heart with anguish.

"You are the last creature on earth you should reproach me for my excessive kindness to you." Lady Carew answered. "I have devoted my life to your welfare."

"It seems easier to you to make any sacrifice than to lay aside your prejudices, mother."

"They are for your sake, Carlos. No one cares less for a fortune than I do, but you must marry a refined, well-bred girl. You cannot make a girl your inferior to your own servants mistress of Firholme. Do what I suggest, Carlos. Wait six months, and then, if you are still in the same mind, begin by educating her—two or three years in France or Germany might do much for her."

"Mother, you talk nonsense!" he cried, "and then every hour is an age, here can I wait six months, much less two or three years! I could not. Once and for all, mother, will you give your consent?"

"No. I cannot."

"Remember, I need not ask you," he said. "I am master here. Firholme is mine. I can bring a wife here when I choose. I will not wait six months, but ask you again, mother, will you give your consent?"

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