Freesias.

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Select bulbs of a medium size and strong. These will be uniform in their period of flowering, and the growth will be symmetrical. We have found—and, we might say, from sad experience—that to succeed with freesias patience must be observed. To force is to spoil. Too much heat is the chief cause of failure. On the other hand, neglect is quickly resented. It is a common error to put pet plants that are grown slowly. Water is withheld at the time it is most needed, and, on the contrary, oftentimes given too freely.

Like most other bulbs they should be planted early, as they suffer badly if allowed to get too dry. Put six large bulbs in a six-inch pot, let the soil be a good loam, if at hand, and well-rotted manure. In equal parts, covering the bulbs with half an inch of soil, which should be packed firmly over them, but lightly underneath in order that the roots may meet with no obstruction. As soon as potted water freely, and set the pots in a cold frame, or plunge deeply in coal ashes outside, where they should remain until the first of December, then brought in to the window-garden and given all the light and air possible, with as high a temperature as can be afforded. Cool, slow and even treatment will give strong plants with plenty of flowers.

After the period of flowering is over give the plants all the heat possible, and gradually withhold water. The bulbs will soon ripen and are best preserved in the soil in which they are grown, until time for repotting, but the soil must be kept perfectly dry.—Amateur Gardening.

Mr. Winks: I see raising flowers for the manufacture of perfumery has become a new industry in Florida.

Mr. Sticks: A perfumery manufactory—Flowers?

"Yes."

"For the manufacture of perfumery?"

"Yes."

"Well, wonders will never cease."—N. Y. Weekly.

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The Chief Qualifications.

When for a flirt I covet,
And for her I sigh,
To whether she is pretty
I never stop to try.
I notice on the leg.
Truth.

Rev. Dr. Henry A. Stimson, formerly pastor of Broadway tabernacle, held the first service of the new Congregational church, which has been organized on the west side, New York, in Leslie hall, Sunday, Sept. 27.

Evangelists Williams and Alexander are holding revival services in a big tent at Marshalltown, Ia. All the ministers of the city, including the rector of the Episcopal church, are giving the work hearty support. Over 150 persons had been converted up to Sept. 20.

The appointment of Rev. Robert McIntyre to the pastorate of St. James Methodist parish of Chicago, by Bishop Andrews at the late Rock river conference, has received general gladness by those who knew Dr. McIntyre while he was pastor of Grace Methodist church on the north side. He leaves what is known as one of the most desirable pulpits in the west to take charge of his new work.

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No Woman's Letter Published Except by Request.

Mrs. Pinkham's Tender Relations With the Suffering of Her Sex—Women Who Cannot Hide Their Happiness.

There is a class of women who, from their own experience, sympathize with their suffering sisters, and in order that such suffering may be lessened, no pity pain, false modesty and in heartfelt gratitude to publish to the world what every woman should know.

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CHAPTER VIII.—(CONTINUED.)

"It is of no consequence," replied the former, turning to the marquis with some quiet remark concerning the weather.

The count hustled away from the room. The countess then earnestly inquired concerning all the turbulent movements in Paris, and the marquis was much impressed by the good sense and intelligence of her remarks.

"What!" thought he, "is that obtuse Languedoc ignorant of the superiority of the wife he treats so slightingly?"

He might have guessed that this very superiority was cause enough for slighting from such a little nature as the count's.

The count came back in the highest spirits.

"Excellent, excellent, De Berri, our most sanguine hopes are fulfilled. M. Pierre assures me that the whole quiet corner is this little corner of the country. It is our salvation that it is so remote from Paris. He did not seem aware of anything which had taken place there, and I thought best not to enlighten him. We shall have ample time for preparation, and shall set sail from Frejus with our valuables."

"That is as remarkable as it is profitable," observed the marquis. "Are you sure this man has means of observation?"

"Certainly, a more faithful, trustworthy fellow cannot be found, in all Europe."

The countess and her daughter exchanged glances. In the face of their knowledge it was certainly painfully amusing this complaisance and self-sufficiency of the count's. The marquis did not lose this little by-play of dumb talk between the ladies.

"We must not be over confident," said he, "there is no much at stake to peril it lightly."

"Oh, no," responded the count, rubbing his hands heartily, and acting like a person just emerging from a nightmare of horror into perfect security. "But we can afford to take Pierre's word, I will give warrant of that."

The countess opened her lips, and then closed them again, casting at the same time beseeching looks at Felicie. The latter spoke at once:

"But papa, I do not in the least share your confidence. I can tell you something that will shake your faith in that odious M. Pierre."

"Odious M. Pierre!" yes, that is it. Your ladyship has used my absence skillfully; you have instilled into the girl your own absurd and shameful antipathy to my favorite. [illegible] exclaimed the count, turning angrily to his wife.

She bit her lips here ere answered, with the utmost coolness:

"Pelicie will assign you her prejudices are her own. But pray let us leave so disagreeable a subject. I think I hear the bell which summons me to be dining-room. Shall we go, that we be ready for the repast."

The marquis gave her his arm, and Felicie went on with her father. The latter recalled his good humor by the table, and drank to the health of the future Marchioness De Berri. His laughter resolved it to silence.

"Edouard must be here to respond," said the marquis, gayly, "but I trust a week from this will give him the privilege."

The ladies retired early, leaving the gentlemen to their wine.

"Mamma," exclaimed Felicie, "what is to be done? Papa will never credit our story, so obstinately does he put his faith upon M. Pierre. Do you believe he will he will carry it at once to M. Pierre and will not that ruin all?"

The countess sighed bitterly.

"I cherished the hope that he would at least give me credit for veracity. His mistaken confidence in that villain will greatly embarrass us. It will never do to risk the destruction of all by allowing M. Pierre to hear of our discovery. I see only one method."

"I know what that is, mamma. Wait until Emile comes, and ask his advice. I shall look for the flowers every morning and noon. It seems best to me," also."

"You have guessed my decision. And about the marquis and the marriage, Felicie?"

The girl dropped her head against her mother's shoulder.

"I am a coward, mamma, after all my brave talk. I dare not oppose my father's will. Besides, since Emile has seen him and pronounced him worthy, I do not feel so desperately miserable. The countess kissed her forehead.

"Dear child, Heaven grant there may be no risk. His father is very prepossessing."

"Yes. I wonder how he came to be so intimate with papa, he is so different."

"Hush, my child, do not forget your filial respect."

Felicie accepted the reproof without comment, but as she contrasted this careful respect of her mother's with the familiar behavior of the count, she found it impossible not to reiterate her indignation mentally.

The next day the two gentlemen rode over to Frejus, dressed very plainly, and quite unattended. M. Pierre watched them ride away with malignant glee.

"There go two simpletons on a fool's errand," muttered he. "Do they expect all the people to come for them and inform them of the intended revolt? Much wiser may they be on their return."

CHAPTER IX.

THE marquis looked grave as he handed Felicie into the drawing room, and the countess hastily inquired:

"No ill news, I hope?"

"Nothing definite, but I am painfully anxious for my son's arrival. The count's confidence. There was a dogged, sullen look on some faces to-day, and on others a suppressed excitation, which suggests to me that Parisian doings are not entirely unknown. Some terrible thing has happened in Versailles, for one man muttered, when he thought the count was too far away to hear, 'What do you think of Versailles? How many are left of the Guards?' Ah, madam, I fear everything horrible!"

The countess started, but would not add to his disquietude by the revelations in her power to disclose.

The days wore on into weeks; the weeks became a month. Continual reports of additional horrors arrived, but no sign of the Marquis Edward. In vain, also, Lady Felicie strolled off morning after morning to the meadow bridge. No longer for blossoms appeared. If Emile lingered much longer the chilly, winter winds would despoil them all. The father was restless and miserable, and dared not return to search for his son. The count, too, grew anxious and less confident. It was a terribly trying time for all. The countess wasted away fearfully; the suspense seemed consuming her very life. M. Pierre still remained with them, and outwardly everything proceeded calmly; but what a feverish tide surged and throbbed beneath the assumed mask of indifference on all sides.

The count and the noble guest were pacing the terrace just at twilight one October afternoon, when a ragged figure, in a rough peasant, blouse, came slowly up the avenue. The count lifted his arm in a gesture of rebuke for the presumption, but the forlorn-looking creature gave a wild little cry, and hurriedly approached nearer. Suddenly the marquis with a sob of relief and astonishment rushed to meet him.

"Edward! God Heavens! In what a plight is he!

"Yes, my father. Thank Heaven, I have reached you at last, but I am nearly dead with exposure and suffering." exclaimed the youth, as he spoke he tottered and would have fallen but for the father's outstretched arm.

They carried him into the house through the balcony window, to save the prying curiosity of the servants, and so came most abruptly upon the countess and her daughter in the little parlor they had occupied since the return of the count's return. Lady Felicie's first view of her betrothed husband was certainly not a very flattering one. The wan face, the matted hair, the blood stained clothing might well change poor Edward's appearance. She retreated in dismay, and left them hastily rejoicing animation to the half insensible youth. When at length she summoned courage to return, he had been moved into an adjoining chamber. Her mother-in-law came out, and flinging her arms around her neck, fairly sobbed.

"What is it, dear mamma?" exclaimed Felicie.

"Oh, my child, what horrible times have we fallen upon! That poor youth has been basely escaped with his life. He has been in prison all of this time; he escaped the day after a fearful massacre. The palace was attacked, the Guards slain in cold blood, more than forty thousand souls sent into eternity. The poor king and the royal family are close prisoners. La Fayette, himself, is denounced, and Paris, fled in terror. The whole land will be steeped in blood."

"But now the Marquis Edward has come, we shall all escape," said Felicie, soothingly, admitted at the flood tide of horrors which the mother's face disclosed. "Calm yourself, dear mamma, or you will be ill, and who are all my support and strength."

The noble mother laughed her thanks, her cheeks in her arms, closed her eyes, and Felicie saw her upon mounting her self-possession. After that she gained rapidly.

It is indeed wrong in me to frighten you, my Felicie; the weakness is over-mastered me, but I may be [illegible] my faithful, as the portion dealt out to me by Heaven."

How often after that did these thrilling words return to the young daughter! How much comfort and grace did they put into her bleeding, mournful heart!

Some one added him. It was a strange name—the Gray Falcon, I think he called it."

"It was not Emile then. Somehow I fancied it might be this which declared him to be a spy."

At this moment the count came into the apartment; he was fairly trembling with terror.

"Make ready for instant departure, Violante," said he; "the moment Edward is able to be moved, the marriage must take place, and an hour afterward must rest on the road to St. Joseph, where a priest awaits us, expecting for us. The marquis and myself have considered everything possible into [illegible] and we shall not need to [illegible] the [illegible] luxury. We might take the place if it can be packed without discovery, by the servants. No one but M. Pierre will know of our movements, till too late to hinder."

"M. Pierre!" exclaimed both mother and daughter, in horror.

"The old story!" ejaculated the count, impatiently. "Can you not think of this awful title you might put aside his persecutor?"

"Count Languedoc, let not you confide in that man, you cannot, you dare not borrow which one, where or they may will lie upon your own conscience. Believe me, I beseech you, for this one in your power. M. Pierre is the leader of the band who wait but the signal for murdering us all," cried the countess, sternly.

"A pretty accusation to bring forward against a faithful fellow I have known and trusted these years! You are anxious and alarmed as any one of us."

He is a spiritual knave, indeed, if he has won your confidence so thoroughly that you will reject his word in contradiction to your wife and child," retorted the countess, bitterly.

"Oh, papa, papa, believe us," cried Felicie. "We have proved of his treachery, we heard with our own ears, we saw with our own eyes—"

"Tell me precisely what you accuse him of—what is your proof?"

"I will gladly do it if you will assure me that you will not carry the story to him."

"Ah!" sneered the count, "you will not allow him the opportunity to clear himself. I shall give you no such assurance, for I should certainly allow him to vindicate his honesty."

The countess wrung her hands.

"Perverse to the last! Immovable as a rock! What can we do?"

"Obey my instructions, get ready your clothes and have bridal dress for Felicie. I shall go be sure of a Languedoc was without [illegible] wedding garments, even in such a time as this."

The countess and her daughter went silently away. What could be done to convince him of the folly and wickedness of his conduct?

Edward was, fevers on and too ill to [illegible] the next morning. Many as this delay distressed them, there was certainly no other alternative than to [illegible] patient. But they were anxious, anxious faces which gathered around the breakfast table, immediately after the meal, however, Lady Felicie came flying to her mother's side with sparkling eyes. In her hand she held a small nosegay of wild flowers.

"Oh, mamma, I seem to have found strength and safety. Emile is certainly at hand."

The countess' face brightened like wise.

"You found them on the bridge?"

"Yes, yes. What if we go to meet him there at the tree? You know since my father's return, the ghosts have forsaken the woods. He may give us valuable information."

"I will think about it. It will be difficult to elude your father's observation—and he would peremptorily forbid our leaving the house. Yet it is worth the trial."

"You do not look equal to it, ma chere mere. How wan your face has grown! I almost think I have courage to go alone, rather than that you should venture."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

IN PROHIBITION KANSAS.

But One Place in Town Where a Man Couldn't Get a Drink.

A commercial traveler tells this story of Milligan's first trip to the state of Kansas:

"Milligan had heard all about Kansas and prohibition. He doesn't drink, but, like every other man, he wondered if he would be able to get a drink, provided, of course, that he wanted one—which he didn't, of course, he said. Well, he was riding on the train and they'd been in Kansas about a half hour when the train reached Coutler Junction. It had to stop there to change engines and Milligan got out and walked up and down the platform, sizing up the town. It was the first prohibition town he'd ever seen.

"A fellow with a suit of overalls was standing on the platform. Milligan went up to him and said: 'This is Kansas, ain't it?'

"Right you are; this fellow says.

"'Prohibition Kansas?'

"'Yes,' this fellow says.

"'Couldn't get a drink here, I suppose?'

"'Do you want a drink?'

"'No, but I just wondered if I could get one in case I did want it.'

"'Say, come here.' The fellow led Milligan up to the end of the platform, where they could see along the main street of the town.

"'He says to Milligan.' 'Do you see that two-story buildin', about two blocks down there—the white one with the fancy cornish?'

"'Yes,' says Milligan. 'I see it.'

"'And right across from it,' this fellow says, 'is a low kind of a buildin', with a window in the side of it.'

"'Yes,' says Milligan, 'I see it.'

"'Well,' says this fellow, 'that low buildin' is a missionary store; that's the only place in town where you can't get a drink.'"—Chicago Record.

The Ancient Laws of Ireland.

The ancient laws of Ireland, compiled about the time of the conversion of the island by St. Patrick, and known in their completed form as Cain Patraic, after the missionary, were curious in many ways. There is no trace of Roman law about this old Brehon code, which, modified by St. Patrick, lasted as the law of the Irish quite down to Queen Elizabeth's time. It is like the old Teutonic codes in that it makes everything a matter of fine. When a judge on circuit, after the English fashion, is to be appointed by one of Henry VIII.'s viceroys to a new district, the chiefs beg to know what is his wife, in order that they may pay, for him, in case their people "put him out of the way." And so it was in the fifth century. St. Patrick found a fine compensation existing, and he did not succeed in altering it. He attempted to do so, for he got sentence of death passed on the man who would be found binding threw a lance and slew his charioteer. "The man was put to death, for his crime; but Patrick obtained heaven for him." "Therefore," quaintly adds the old commentator, "as no one now has the power of bestowing heaven, as Patrick had that day, no one is to put to death nowadays, but has to pay his fine."

The basis, then, of Irish law was compensation. If any wrong is done, and not atoned for, the sufferer, or his tribe, has a "right of distress against the criminal or his tribe." The article, whatever it was, was lodged in the public pound, and both parties went off to the brehon judges to get the case settled by him. The judge heard the witnesses and gave judgment, which was usually religiously respected. A commoner had to give a chieftain notice by hosting before his house for a given time, after which a seizure could be made. Unduteful children were forbidden to inherit property, for leaving a mad woman at large there was a fine of seven cows, and for idiots the fine for cows, a kinsman's crime could be visited on his father's, mother's or foster-father's tribes. There was a short statute of limitations. No man could be deprived of his harp, his chess board, his raiment, his wife's lap dogs or his children's playthings.

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Australia has no orphan asylums. Every child who is left unsupported by its parents becomes a ward of the state, and is paid a pension for support, and placed in a private family, where board and clothes are provided until the fourteenth birthday. After that he may be able to go to work, in which case the pension is placed to his credit until the age of eighteen, when he becomes a citizen, with a balance due to him from the state to begin life with. This inculcates a humane, charitable and responsible spirit in all residents, destroys the evils of pauperism, and places every young man on a fair and square footing with the world.

A Whistling Language.

The natives of Gomera, one of the Canary isles, converse with one another by whistling on their fingers. Such is possible to understand a message a mile off. Each syllable of a word has its own peculiar sound. Gomera is cut up by a number of deep glens which are not bridged over, and as it would otherwise be impossible for the inhabitants on separate sides of a glen to talk with one another without going a long way round, they have fallen upon the whistling device as the best means of communication. The neighboring islands have no need of this kind of "speech."

These Dear Girls.

Minnie—That Laura Figg had the impudence to tell me that I was beginning to show my age.

Mamie—Beginning to? Laura always did have a conservative way of considering anything.—Indianapolis Journal.

City Government.

Reformer—Mr. Grabbe, we can count on you to vote in favor of this bill to prevent bribery in the council, can't we?

Alderman—Well, er—what is the bill's name?—Harlem Life.

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