

THE COUNTESS AND GERTRUDE; 'I' OR, - j *MODES OF DISCIPLINE. CHAPTER XXIII.*
.A venerable spinster. The elegant favor. Tie equipment, Disappointment the first. Asked out to dinner! The protegee. A disinterested relation. 'Addition pro bat An agreeable dinner-party. Disappointment the second. Asked out again to dinner. Heading the table. Oriental feelings. Facts and opinions. Toltec sailor-lad, a true tale. ; The invaluable necessity of being industrious, and the sedative power of industry, counteracted the tumultuous in application of Gertrude's mind; and she was proceeding with her appointed labor, when about three o'clock, a carriage stop, and the entrance of an elderly lady into the house, told her that the message of repulsion with which the servants were armed, was of no avail: Lady Mary was announced. Gertrude was used to see ladies of what is called 'the old school and one of the natural consequences of never having been spoiled, was, that Vol. ii. B her her common sense and good manners remained entire. She was not, therefore, under any necessity of turning away to hide, or biting her lips to suppress, the laugh some young ladies plead as so insupportable, thing, for which their ignorance can make no allowance, crosses any one of their modes of perception. Lady Mary entered the room, certainly, as if she forgot she had not her court-hoop to steer; and she was tall and erect: there was nothing Grecian in her limbs or her folds: her hair was silver; and her eye-brows were of a similar date: in short, either there was in her whole appearance a deficiency of attention to make herself look younger than she was, and to repair any of the havoc of time; or else she was of the opinion of some of our most sensible veteran friends, that the less is seen of an old woman, the better she looks. She might have said, without any censure annexed to the pretension, that she was 'a beautiful ruin;' and the style into which her former charms had resolved themselves, bore testimony to a mind as much distinguished by excellence as they were: benignity, good sense, and something like the world's chastisement, were the characters of her countenance. In foregoing admiration, she seemed to have increased her claims to respect; and the decorum, and the propriety of her dress and manners, shewed a high independent spirit that knew what was best, and followed it. Gertrude felt that she *must* reverence her, and *might* confide in her: the disdain of art bespoke sincerity; and the graciousness of her condescension, which retained its dignity, without oppressing, banished all painful fear, when she, still standing in the middle of the room, and holding the tips of Gertrude's right hand fingers, stooped a little to her not yet equal height, and explained herself as the very willing ambassadress of her nephew. Accepting the chair which Gertrude moved nearer to her, she expressed herself happy that she could still be of use, and particularly in a case where the very want of her proved the desert of the person whom she wished to serve. On Gertrude's beginning to excuse herself, when certainly no excuse was necessary, Lady Mary said, with a smile, 'I am never surprised or offended at seeing prudence and discretion in young women: it sounds very prettily to talk of 'amiable credulity, and innocent ignorance,' but though I should very much regret seeing a disposition to suspect at those years when the mind is only receiving its impressions, yet I contend, that timidity, without any reference to a cause, is the instinct given us in early life: and there is in most girls, I believe, if properly treated, and not ruined by their elders, an ermine delicacy which every one ought to assist in keeping spotless. Your simple fear of doing wrong is a far better guide to doing right than any that fashion, or *etiquette*, as it is called, could furnish; and I am extremely pleased to find a young woman, who can forego what I conclude is a great temptation, rather than transgress against her own idea of propriety. At the same time, I must say for my nephew, that I am certain his sincere wish is to give you an indulgence he thinks you deserve: he is very good-natured, and has a great deal that is very valuable in him—he has been unfortunate in many points, but my partiality for him makes me hope his experience has tended to make him wiser, and will make him happier: the high day of youth is over; and I hope you may find him, ere long, a kind protector and a steady friend. I say nothing of the situation he is in, with regard to Lady they are two persons not at all suited to each other, and, I doubt not, have been equally wrong. Of this I am certain, that a

sensible, well-tempered woman might have made any thing respectable of my nephew; and I hope it is not now too late for him to become so. I could wish, if you ever have any influence, you would use it for peace and reconciliation; for I like every body to be in their proper place, but on no account would I wish you to risque your favor with Lady

Proceeding in her conversation, she spoke with concern of the situation of the Viscount whom his father now meant to introduce to a knowledge of the world under his own guidance; and after that sort of didactic which her hearer feared she might stop even by the interposition of assent, she recoiled to the subject of her visit, and arranged the plan of the journey. 'I will wait,' said she, 'to learn the tenor of Lady reply; but you must not think me cruel if, should it be adverse to our wishes, I rather advise you to submit than encourage you to rebel. Circumstanced as she is, she may very reasonably refuse, or she *may* pay some respect to my share in the business: the chances are perhaps even. I shall, however, at all events, have the pleasure of increasing my acquaintance with you; and I feel obliged to my nephew for the introduction. As Lady could not foresee this accident, you, perhaps, may have some little wants for your journey, without the means of supplying them: no disgrace to young women to have short purses; you will, therefore, do me the favor to accept these notes, and to lay them out either in necessaries, or little indigence, as you see best. I shall have great pleasure in contributing to the enjoyment of your trip.' > Gertrude was grateful—Gertrude was gasping with joy: she felt relieved beyond all expectation, even beyond any hope, nay, she was snatched from despair; but she hesitated: the money offered was, in her appreciation, a large sum : it certainly was more than had been laid out on her in any two years, since she had ceased to be an object of the countess's pride; but yet it was not more than *very liberal*: she would have laid open the state of her possessions, and submitted her wants to Lady Mary's judgment: she would have deferred accepting any thing till she was certain she should make the intended use of her new clothes; but Lady Mary seemed desirous of at least conferring on her the obligation of an improved appearance. This, however, as it might interfere with with Lady ideas of property in Miss Aubrey, she waived; but she insisted on it that a part of her present should immediately be laid out in a dress to suit what she called her 'spinster-peculiarities;' and for buying which she gave her a reason in an invitation to dine with her the next day. To her request for advice and assistance in the new occupation of laying out money, her ladyship gave the most encouraging replies; and as she was quitting the room, she told her to make herself easy with regard to her clothes for the next day, as she would send a young woman from a warehouse at which she dealt, with her orders as to materials and fashions, and directions to take hers as to fitting her.—"Never had Gertrude felt greater reluctance than in parting from the kind-hearted, the considerate Lady Mary. Behold our 'Miss' in an hour 'waited on' by one of 'the ladies' from and Cap-a-pied's, in Bond-street; an elegant assortment of real *Indy* muslins and beautiful cambrics spread before her, some made up in shapes, with names, of which neither shape nor name dispensed with the plain homely question, 'Pray, is this a gown ?'—others hung in festooned folds on the backs of the chairs to shew how they might charm in a garment; hats, bonnets, shoes, ribbons, artificial flowers, gloves, and pins, all pleading their own causes, and most eloquently to the eyes of one who knew not the comfort of decent moderation in dress. Gertrude neither acted, nor recollected Diogenes in the fair: happy she thought it, that Lady Mary had had not allowed her to return the money, or any part of it: for a few minutes, she knew not where to fix her eye; but her habits of thinking and deciding soon returned, and asking herself, not what she *would like*, but what she *wanted*, she requested the young woman to 'do her the favor' to make her a plain dress with its proper accompaniments, and took a hat which came recommended by its simplicity.

The morrow's post brought no letter; but what were letters or posts to Gertrude Aubrey, when in the prospect of dining with Lady Mary in a dress of forty shillings' value, plain, clean, new, and made in the fashion of those of her own age; and with a becoming hat to

walk in? A servant came to fetch her: the distance did not exceed half a mile, and she reached Lady Mary's 'in high order,' an hour before her reasonable dinner-time. She found her ladyship d rest; for she was too well bred to make even Gertrude wait, and too delicate to order her visitor into her dressing room. She was at the piano forte, from which she rose to receive her, and having almost acknowledged an obligation in seeing her d rest so entirely according to her wishes, she said, 'you may, perhaps, wonder at finding an old woman *practising* music; for my playing was really *practising*: but mine is a life made up of little rad mas: they have all their plot and their moral; and I am forced to rehearse them, lest they escape my memory. The good providence of God God has sent to my care, a little damsel, whose history, had I time to tell it you, would perhaps, more than any thing you ever heard or read, interest you. Gifted by nature with a taste for â€¢what is useful and elegant, and deprived by a bad father of all means of improvement, I found her athirst for knowledge, but persuaded, by the folly and perverseness of those from whom I took her, that the time for attaining it was past, as she was more than twenty years of age. It had always been my resolution to maintain the privilege of living alone; but this girl, when I had been permitted to rescue her from misery, bestowed herself on me in a way that left me neither choice nor a wish for choice. Finding her propensities all good: and steering as well as I could between the extremes of indulgence and unkindness, I have been trying to repair the defects of her education, not by way of giving her accomplishments, but resources: I have it not in my power to fortune her, but I can do something for her at my death; and I think in educating her, I secure her against accidents to public credit, and against many other almost worse evils. I therefore am as assiduous as if I were eighteen, in keeping up all. my advantages of education; and you may often see me employed, as I was now, in learning a new lesson, and often in my spectacles copying a picture ,* nay, a short time ago, you might have witnessed my taking a lesson to improve my French pronunciation; for, the language in my young days was, however well understood, very ill spoken ! j here here: the ' French of Paris' we 'did never know.' Fortunately, whatever I have learned has been thoroughly taught me, and I have never been idle. My little girl's progress is very encouraging to my endeavors; and her good qualities repay my cares: she is from home at present: I have sent her to a friend, otherwise I should be happy to bring you and my Margaret together.

In the course of a conversation where Gertrude was 'all ear,' Lady Mary told her she would meet at dinner only a gentleman and his wife, of the name indeed of but very distantly related. 'They will be pleased to see you,' said she, 'but they are well-bred and will not embarrass you by any questions concerning those with whom you live, and to whom you are obliged. They are persons to whom I am attached, for they are most cordially kind to me, though they know mine is a life-income. Mr. and Mrs. were announced. 'Your man dignifies us, Lady Mary,' said Mr. laughing on entering: 'I believe out's *gave us in properly*, as Montage did not mean to pass for my father and mother.'"But you are Mr. and Mrs. here/ said Lady Mary, 'and I cannot suppose any of *my* family are aping the modern absurdity, the meanness I may truly call it, of fancying that they rise in rank by being more individually described.' * No,' said Mr. '*I meant* to be modest; mine was not an *assumption* of dignity; J, ' but, I but, as you remark, the fashion is now very absurd; it sets at nought the adage 'Addition pro bat Gertrude was introduced, and recognized by Mr. as 'the little Aubrey' of their good friend at rectory-house. The dinner passed most agreeably. She heard of the world, and the manners of the world; and it was no small addition to all this pleasure, when she found herself considered as one of the family, and invited to dine with Lady Mary at Mr. the following day. A few friends joined this little party in the evening. One card-table was set out, but no one was urged to play. A little music in an adjoining room, the books dispersed in corners, and the good humor and perfect respect of every

one's behaviour, made the time pass but too quickly for Gertrude. Again the post disappointed her on the following day; but the day had its pleasure, and the disappointment was the less heeded. Lady Mary called on her; and Mr. and Mrs. Montague received her cordially. 'You yesterday, Lady Mary,' said Mr. 'made our party not fewer than the graces: we to-day take the other end of the convivial rule, and give you not more than the muses; but if our dinner-table is as agreeable as yours, we must perhaps owe it to your taking a little lead among us. The company assembled; all were respectful to Lady Mary, and polite to her companion; but the manners of all did not please Gertrude equally well 6

well with those of Mr. and Mrs. Montague 'O you antediluvian,' exclaimed Mrs. Fashionise, on seeing Mrs. seat herself at table, 'how can you take the fag of heading your table?' 'the colonel never lets me do it; and I'm so obliged to him!' 'Your health is delicate,' said Mrs. 'I have not that excuse.' 'O, if my health were ever so good, he would not let me do it.' 'I am sure, I do not hinder you,' said the colonel: you do not like carving; and I cannot say you *shine* in it; but I should think in not permitting you to head your table I should do wrong. What say you on the subject, Lady Mary? Do you like the present fashion of abdication? 'Not at all, I confess,' said Lady Mary, 'I always think when I see it, of Hogarth's carpenter sawing off the end of the sign-post on which he sits. The young women of the present day complainâ€”a complaint I never heard in my timeâ€”that the gentlemen are negligent. At balls, I understand it is the sport of the military, who are always in request on such occasions, to walk the room in companies, and when asked to dance, to give a negative, for the sake of making the poor ladies sit still; but if they ch use to give up their places in one situation, they must not complain if they are thrust out of them in another. The mistress of a family who is too idle or too fine:â€”Mrs. Fashionise, I know, is excused by her healthâ€”but she who has has no excuse, and yet chooses to quit, ought not to wonder if her husband hinted that her chair might be more agreeably filled: there is something so helpless in a woman who cannot do the honors of her table; and, in my opinion, a woman never appears to more advantage than in the exercise of hospitality: there is something so uncomfortable in looking amongst the company for the mistress of the house; and I am sure the tendency of the fashion is so bad, that I own it rather excites my anger, which has, however, this consolation, that a foolish fashion is seldom a lasting one; so I hope, before I die, to see my young married friends again in their proper places.' The conversation was almost wholly that of really well-bred persons; but Gertrude was a little unfortunate in her situation, which was next below Mrs. Fashionise, and who seemed to look on an untied ear as a permission to her restless tongue. She detailed the delights of India, and the *routine* of its day; the changing linen, the *curry-combing* seemed to recall to her feelings the most agreeable sensations, even in recollection; the idleness, the dissipation, the sleeping, and the necessity of sleep, the gay *tiffing s*, were all delightful to her in reciting; and neither the heat, the disgust attending the attendants, nor even the vultures of the kitchen-court, seemed any abatement of the bliss of having made her fortune in the east. Her ideas were curiously tinged by her early habits:â€”she had 'wished her sister to come to her, and not immerse herself at wretched Du l wich; but she was just busy in making up her vile mourning for poor Tom;' i. e. she was recently a widow. Mrs. Fashionista dress wasâ€” can the reader feel as we do while we relate it?â€” part of the spoil of a besieged town!!â€”She had had, she told Gertrude, in the preceding winter, a most beautiful dress made of the velvet pall which covered the coffin of the Queen of Prussiaâ€” 'twas all alike to Mrs. Fashionise; she would have st opt Biscay's skin in its journey to the tanner's, if she could have converted it into any article of wearing apparel.

While this minor species of conversation proceeded between Mrs. Fashionise and Gertrude, it did not entirely prevent our novice from catching a few better hints. She heard Lady Mary reply to an anecdote of the old Lady S's 'tiring down' in dancing at ninety, a

man under thirty, by saying she 'thought it good policy in old women by calling off the attention of their friends to the state of their mind and temper, to make it forgotten that they had any persons.' She heard Mr. assert, that 'a taste for literature was the best wearing taste any one could adopt.' She heard Dr. Mildred, a clergyman of truly reverend appearance, decline all discussion of the present ingenious modes of benefiting the poor, as 'they could be judged of only in another generation;' and say that he was 'always sorry to see any virtue violently in fashion, lest, as in the case of all other fashions, it should go out of use again' f Occident lit orator, whispered Mr. to himself; himself: O what an encomium on virtue! thought Gertrude; O how apt an allusion!â€”for, happily for Gertrude, she knew the meaning of those three words.' i Some enquiry being addressed to the clergyman, respecting a young man for whom he had been interested, his eyes glistened, and he replied, 'Had we a summer's day before us, I would tell the wonderful ramifications of that simple circumstance. I often preach to myself on the text, * The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed;' and think it applies in some measure to the blessing bestowed on our endeavors in this world. I have watched a good action of any of my neighbors, and have often, very often, seen it extend beyond my utmost ken. I wish I could persuade some of my parishioners to recollect that evil deeds may have the same power of extent soon. 'As you decline cheese, my good Sir,' said Mr. 'will you take wine with me,â€”and favor us with the story of the little lad in whose fate you have interested yourself.' The clergyman addressed himself to Lady Mary, and said: 'A young couple in my parish were very much attached to each other, and I hoped to have made them a very respectable married pair; but the man got, I fear, into bad company, and behaved like a scoundrel; and it needed more than my *preaching* to make him fulfil his promise to the girl. I could not give him an option, though I could guess that her chance for good treatment . . .'; was t ms a poor one. After having used her very ill, he at last had the cruelty and impudence to go to her and tell her, he should leave her; that he had connected himself with a young woman who was very fond of him, and who, if he went to sea, as he thought he should, would, rather than part from him, change her dress and go with him: having said this, he threw a purse on the table, saying, 'There is a little money to keep you and the two children from starving, and so, God bless you.'â€”The eldest boy was then about eight years old; and understanding the purport of what his father said, he replied, 'Why father!â€”you rascal!â€” you won't surely leave my mother to starve so 1 if you do, take your purse again; she shall not have it; he threw the purse, in his childish rage, towards the door; the father returned it, and departed.

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