

ANNABEL

OR THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER VII.

THE DOINGS OF THE REV. BARTHOLOMEW KIDD.

This little excursion into Annabel's sitting apartment had not taken him two minutes to accomplish, but the result seemed to afford him much satisfaction. His next proceedings were rather wonderfully. Off went the blue spectacles, off went the broad-brimmed hat, and off, too, went the reverend head of hair, which falling down to his shoulders in smooth iron grey locks, had given him such a ministerial appearance. He had anything but that look now, and instead of these things, he turned out to be a sharp-faced, beardless man of not more than forty, with dark hair and small grey, greedy, glancing eyes, out of which the sweet light of piety had gone, and into which had come a glance keen and worldly in aspect. Away, also, vanished the smiling smile and the unctuous expression of face which he had worn in the presence of Mrs. Dobson—in short, he had changed into his natural character, and that character was diametrically opposite to that which he had been assuming. Looking at him now, one was at a loss to understand what he was. There was nothing of the ruffian about him, or of the dissipated and abandoned character, but that he was a clever, clear-headed, acute, and unscrupulous man there could be little doubt. The part he was now playing showed this, but his own hard sharp face, and small, gleaming eyes showed it still more.

Whatever might be his purpose in coming thus to Mrs. Dobson's he had not come without his plans and preparations, for after he had laid aside hat, wig, and spectacles he drew from an inner receptacle a small mirror, and with it bored a hole at the side of one of the panels of the door of communication between his own and Annabel's room. The perforation being effected, he applied his eye to the aperture and obtained a view of nearly the whole of the other chamber. Standing at this point of observation, he could watch unobserved the movement and occupation of any person in that room. The act was an intensely mean and dastardly one; but the man who did it had no scruples of delicacy or gentlemanly feeling. The purpose he was following after, outweighed all such considerations.

At the end of the hour, when Mrs. Dobson came up after tea, she found him with wig and spectacles on as before, seated at the table, with manuscripts and print-papers before him, and he, with pen in hand, seemingly hard at work upon them. So absorbed was he, or pretended to be, in his literary occupation, that he appeared to be unaware of the landlady's entrance, and gave quite a start into the consciousness of her presence when she set the things down on the table.

"Oh, ah, Mrs. Dobson," he observed, showing his sweetest smile. "In the present state of affairs, this most suitable place I have been able to absorb myself so thoroughly in my work that I have been heedless of the flight of time. It is indeed an hour since you left me, Mrs. Dobson."

"One hour to a minute, sir. I make it a point always to be punctual." "A most excellent habit to cherish, my good Mrs. Dobson. Punctuality is the soul of business—I mean of work—all kinds of work. I find it so in the discharge of my varied duties, ma'am, and it is essential in every sphere of life. If every one was like you, Mrs. Dobson, and made a point of punctuality, this would be a much better world than it is. Were you, ma'am, with your invaluable principle to enter on a crusade against the prevailing procrastination of individuals and of society, and succeed in converting people to your practice, you would become one of the world's greatest benefactors, Mrs. Dobson; and after your death a monument would be raised which should perpetuate your memory to all generations.

"I, sir, I ain't much inclined for a monument," observed Mrs. Dobson, who nevertheless blushed with pleasure at receiving such praise from so dear and good a man.

"No, the great and virtuous are always humble. Let us endeavor to do our duty, and not think of results. Find the best place for doing your duty, and there do it. Talking of that, Mrs. Dobson, I had already that this room will suit me most admirably."

"Which I am delighted to hear, I am sure, sir. I always feel it a pleasure when my lodgers are satisfied. In my way of doing, sir, it don't always happen that this is the case. I have seen me do my best and get only grumbling."

"Ah! I believe that, ma'am. There is great deal of ingratitude in the world, and deception too, Mrs. Dobson. We cannot be too much on our guard in intercourse with strangers, for people, I am sorry to say, are not always what they seem. You may have had some experience of that, I dare say, Mrs. Dobson."

"I, sir, yes. I have found them sometimes worse, sometimes better, than they looked. But, dear heart, Mr. Kidd, there be people as isn't deceptive, but straightforward and good. I know them when I see them, sir."

And Mrs. Dobson directed such a meaning look towards her lodger that the latter was forced to understand the compliment as directed to himself, whereupon he looked blushing and modestly deprecatory.

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