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## The Mystery of Rutledge Hall

—OR—

### "The Cloud With a Silver Lining"

CHAPTER XIX.

"Yes! Who is that?" she said, in a tired voice, although she attempted to speak lightly. "Mr. Milner, is it you? Where is your horse? Have you come to grief in any way?"

"No," he answered, gravely. "I am not riding now, Mrs. Daunt. I walked out to meet you."

"To meet me?" she echoed. "What a foolish proceeding in the rain! How long have you been back? Had you a good run?"

"We have been home some time," he replied. "We have been anxious about you, Mrs. Daunt."

"About me?" she said, with a slight laugh. "There was no need. I thought a little drive would do me good, so I came out."

A little drive, and she had been out since morning! Lloyd Milner's face grew very stern as he took his seat by her side.

"And I have quite enjoyed it, notwithstanding the rain," she continued lightly. "The ponies have behaved charmingly. Don't you think it was very brave of me to venture out alone?"

"It was very imprudent."

"Was it? Is that what caused your anxiety? Was Stephen anxious?" she added, with a sudden eagerness replacing the weariness in her voice.

"But, no—of course not," she said, almost immediately. "If he had been anxious, he would have come to meet me himself. I hope to have been home earlier."

"Stephen did not know you had been out so long," Milner remarked gravely, "and he could not come to meet you."

"Why?" The reins dropped from her hands as she turned to him in sudden anxiety, her face, pale and haggard, dimly visible in the gray light.


"Because—There is no need for alarm, Mrs. Daunt," Milner said earnestly, taking the reins and urging on the wearied ponies; "but Stephen has met with a slight accident, and we thought it better not to distress him by telling him of your prolonged absence."

"He—he is not dead?" she interrogated; and Lloyd almost started at the strange alteration in her voice—it was so hollow and faint.

"No, no—only slightly hurt."

"Drive on, for Heaven's sake!" she said in a moment, and did not utter another word during the drive home.

But as he lifted her from the vehicle, Lloyd felt that her garments were wet and dripping with moisture, and saw, in the light of the hall-lamps, that her face was as the face of a dead woman in its intense pallor and immobility.



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planation of it. But, if she had forgotten it, Lloyd Milner had not; and, although the momentary look on her face had touched him with sudden pity and compassion for her, his suspicions were by no means set at rest. That she was happy and restless and anxious to a degree which her husband's illness did not warrant he could not fail to see, cleverly as she concealed it under the languid indifference of her manner and the proud carelessness of her tone; and unconsciously the young barrister found himself watching her closely on every occasion, and analyzing her motives for every action, however slight.

Sidney herself was not quite unaware of this scrutiny, and she resented it bitterly—all the more because she was unable to show her resentment to Stephen's friend and her own guest. Apart from it, and the distrust of him which could not fail to follow it, she liked Lloyd Milner well, and it grieved her to feel that he did not trust her, and saw so closely what they were able to hide even from John Daunt himself, the coldness of the intercourse between them.

"Is your book a very interesting one, Sidney?" Stephen asked, breaking a long silence.

"Not very. Why?" Sidney answered, putting the book on her knee and turning toward the sofa, a faint color coming into the pale beautiful face. "Can I do anything for you?"

"Thank you—no. You looked so absorbed that I wondered what you were reading."

The faint rose-color deepened. She could not have told him what the subject of the printed pages so long before her eyes had been; she had not read a word of them, absorbed as she had seemed.

"Would you like some music?" she asked gently, crossing the room to his side.

"Will it not disturb the players?" Stephen said, smiling.

"Oh, no!" cried Dolly eagerly. "Play something, Sidney; and if you play one of Chopin's waltzes, it will increase my chances of winning, which are very small now."

Sidney went over to the piano; but just as she was going to sit down a servant entered with a card upon a salver, and, approaching Sidney, said, in a lowered tone:

"The gentleman is in the library, ma'am."

"I will come at once," she said hurriedly, then paused, as if hesitating.

"What is it, Sidney? A visitor?" asked her husband languidly.

"No, not a visitor—some one for me; I shall not be detained long," she answered.

Although there was not light enough in the room to let them see how the color had risen suddenly from chin to brow, something in her voice made Lloyd Milner look up with a little start and glance across at the slender black-robed figure in the shadowy room. His face being in the light, however, Sidney saw not only the quick sudden movement, but the look of suspicion which crossed it. The hot color died out of her own as she passed out of the room, and she was very pale as she entered the library, which was lighted both by fire and gas.

(To be continued.)



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## Sydney's Chief Was Dismissed

### CITY COUNCIL VOTED NINE TO ONE TO DISPENSE WITH SERVICES OF J. B. MCCORMICK

SYDNEY, N.S., Oct. 9.—(By Canadian Press)—J. B. McCormick, for ten years chief of the city police force, and with a record of 24 years continuous service in all grades from patrolman up, was permanently dismissed from the Department at a special meeting of the City Council to-night, for repeated absence from duty without leave.

Ten of the twelve members of the Council sat in judgment of the Chief, who was not present at the hearing, and the vote for his dismissal stood nine to one. Mayor McCormick, during the course of the meeting, stated that the Chief had been absent without leave on five separate occasions since last May, and he felt that his dismissal was in order.

Alderman Frank Fitzgerald was the sole dissident. Deputy Chief Prescott Anthony will take over the duties of Chief, temporarily, pending a further meeting of the Council, when his appointment as Chief will in all probability be confirmed.

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"Here is a man engaged in some great enterprise. Thousands of pounds of his capital are sunk there. He has hundreds of men, women and children dependent on his brains and energy and acumen. There comes a strike in one particular union. The cause of it did not commence with him or in his works.

"Quite likely he is willing to meet his men and grant them what they request. But a general strike is called, and they must be loyal. I wonder how many men who 'come out' just then ever try to 'sit where they sit'?" His works idle, his contracts and engagements unfulfilled, his creditors pressing him, his bank worrying him. "He is a victim of an unfair system as much as they are. Or, on the other hand, think of the masses of men and women living on the border-line of starvation all their lives.

"An overstocked labour market, high cost of living, a poor start educationally, sheer mental inability to be anything other than 'hewers of wood and drawers of water,' a crowd of circumstances keeping them in the ruck; most of social attainment is concerned, sheer abject failures, and doomed so to be.

"They see in the papers pictures of the dresses worn at Ascot, Goodwood, Henley, Lords; they know something about the ostentatious display, the wasteful luxury of a London 'Season.' And sometimes in sheer impatience they 'kick over the traces.' I wonder if those spendthrifts of the 'upper Ten' ever try to 'sit where they sit'?"

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