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A FATEFUL...
....DIAMOND

Arthur Aspinwall had grown very white while making the above statement.

Was it because of his hatred for the young man or because Margaret's question showed that, no matter what she might do or plan, her lover was never absent from her thoughts.

He pulled forth his watch impatiently and arose.

"I must be off and leave word at the stable for the carriage to be in readiness for our drive," he said. "I will call for you at two o'clock."

Promptly at two a beautiful carriage, to which there were attached a pair of spirited bays, in handsome silver-mounted harness, swept up to the door of the Houghton mansion, and two minutes later the fair daughter of the house came forth, looking more beautiful, Arthur thought, as he took his seat beside her, than he had ever seen her before.

Just as they were about to start, Margaret turned and asked:

"Arthur, will you allow the driver to take us around to Annette's before we go on our drive? I have a little package that I want to leave there."

"Of course, I will," Margie, he answered smilingly; "but where does Annette live?"

"No. 84 Rue de Blanc."

Why were these eyes of wonderful blue fixed so intently upon him as she gave the street and number? he asked himself.

"Ah," he said; "84 Rue de Blanc."

"Do you know where it is?" she questioned.

"I presume the driver does, if I do not. Pierre, do you know where No. 84 Rue de Blanc is?"

"Oui, monsieur."

"Then drive directly there."

"Are you comfortable?" he continued, bending forward to wrap the robe more closely about Margaret (though he was so awkward about it that the driver reached over to assist him, while a significant smile wreathed his lips).

"Very," she replied. "But you—you are almost shivering, and you are as white as a ghost."

"Oh, it is nothing," he answered impatiently, and turning away from her great, searching eyes.

"I believe there is an unusual chill in the air today," he added, "but the sun is bright, and we shall soon forget it."

They were not long in reaching the Rue de Blanc, and as they turned into it, Arthur Aspinwall swept one swift, comprehensive glance down its narrow length.

"What a strange street," he exclaimed; "one side of it is teeming with life, the other is as dreary and deserted as if there were no people in the world."

"Yes; you never here before?" Margaret asked.

"No."

The driver stopped before No. 84. Miss Houghton gave him a small package and asked him to leave it at the door, as she did not wish to get out.

He did as he was requested, remounted his box, turned his horses about and began to retrace the way they had come.

As they came opposite the narrow alley which had attracted Margaret's attention a few days previous, and from which she had seen that old man emerge, she leaned forward and remarked:

"What a gloomy passage. I wonder where it leads?"

"Pierre, where does that alley lead—upon what street?" questioned Arthur of the driver.

"Rue Castiglione, monsieur."

"Rue Castiglione?" repeated Margaret, with faltering lips and a pained, startled look.

Louis Dumbar's office was on the Rue Castiglione.

"Margie," said Arthur, suddenly, "I do not think this is a proper locality for you to frequent."

"Why not?" she asked, regarding him with that searching look, which of late had made him so uncomfortable.

"The reason is self-evident," he returned, with a shrug of his shoulders. "It is certainly very disagreeable here, and I should say, hardly safe for ladies to wear diamonds, watches, and other fine jewelry."

"Oh, I never come alone; mamma is always with me, and we come in a closed carriage with a driver."

A swift pallor swept over the young man's face, she thought, but it was only for an instant.

"Still, it is a bad locality," he persisted.

"Well, we shall not be obliged to come much longer, for Annette is rapidly getting better, and will soon come back to us," Margaret replied, and she was confident she heard him breathe a sigh of relief at this assurance.

They drove several miles out, Arthur exerting himself to be social and entertaining, and recovering from his chilliness and pallor almost immediately after leaving the Rue de Blanc.

While his spirits rose and he gave himself up entirely to the rare pleasure of having Margaret Houghton all to himself.

He was well versed in Paris gossip—hearing much at the club that he frequented—and he recited off interesting items for her amusement, describing the last new opera and play, while Margaret listened with such apparent attention that he fondly imagined himself to be rapidly gaining ground with her, and flattered himself that her heart might, perhaps, after all, be caught on the rebound.

"Will you go again with me, Margie?" he asked, upon their return, as he assisted her to alight, and saw, with a thrill of delight, how red her lips had grown and the slight, beautiful tint that had come into her cheeks from contact with the keen pure air.

A swift flash, like the glancing of fire, came into her eyes at the question.

"If you repeat the invitation, I do not think I shall refuse," she answered, demurely.

"Thanks," he said in a low, eager voice.

"The acknowledgments should be reversed, perhaps," she returned; "but the carriage is easy, the horses superb, and," sweeping a keen look at him, "taking everything into consideration, I think the temptation you offer me is too strong to be resisted."

What did she mean by the strange construction and emphasis of her sentence?

He could not tell. His heart gave a great bound of delight at her words, and then sank in his bosom, strangely depressed. The young girl was an enigma to him.

"You shall not lack for invitations, then," he murmured, clasping close the hand she had given him in alighting, and speaking with a tender cadence.

She shivered slightly, and withdrew her hand, while every atom of that lovely color which he so admired, instantly out of her face; a sudden mist seemed to dull her eyes, and she caught her breath sharply. Surely she was a creature of strange moods.

"You are cold and tired, I fear," he said, as he accompanied her up the steps and rang the bell for her.

She did not answer, seeming to be preoccupied with some painful thought.

"By the way," he continued, after a moment, "I suppose that unlucky diamond of mine has not come to light yet?"

One of her gloves, which she had been drawing off while waiting for the door to be opened, dropped upon the marble step at her feet.

She stooped to pick it up before answering.

"I have not heard either mamma or the housemaid say anything about it, although I know that they have searched for it," she said at length.

"Well, I guess I shall have to give it up as lost," Arthur returned, while a shade of anxiety crossed his face. "Yet, even if I should never see it again, it would be some satisfaction to know that it happened to me."

Margie was busy with the fastening of her other glove and did not reply.

The servant at that moment answered their ring, and, bidding her goodbye, Arthur returned to the carriage, which was driven away, while Margaret went directly to her room, with a firm, resolute tread, a hard, steel-like glitter in her lovely eyes.

"An 'unlucky' diamond, indeed!" she muttered between her white teeth, as she shut and locked the door after entering her chamber.

CHAPTER XXV.

It was later than usual the next day, when Mrs. Houghton's coupe drove in to the Rue de Blanc and stopped before the home of her servant, and the day being cloudy, it was almost dark as she alighted from the carriage.

Jacques, you may go in with me and carry this basket and wait until it is emptied, while I see how Annette is; that is if you are sure the horses will stand quietly while you are gone," Mrs. Houghton said to the driver.

"Oui, oui, madame," he pointed to the heavy weight which he had attached to the bit of one of the noble creatures.

"Very well, we will not be gone long, Margie," Mrs. Houghton remarked to her daughter, and then the two disappeared within the house.

"It will take them ten minutes at least, to unpack that basket," Margaret murmured, as she saw the door close after them. "I shall have time to do what I wish."

The next instant the door on the opposite side of the coupe was opened, a slight, darkly clad figure stepped out upon the ground, and sped nimbly across the street in the gathering gloom.

She made directly for that narrow alley before mentioned, turned the corner, and passed quickly on until she came to the third door on the left.

She sprang up two or three stone steps, turned the handle, and tried to push the door open.

It was locked, as she had expected. She bent her head, and put her ear to the keyhole to listen.

There was not a sound within the building; it was as silent as a tomb.

[To be Continued.]

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If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, it's liver trouble; but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c. For sale by W. T. Strong & Co.

Stranded

Christian Endeavorers in a Bad Fix.

Nearly 1,000 of Them in Paris Without Funds.

Another List of Canadian Prize and Medal Winners at the Paris Exposition.

Southampton, Aug. 22.—The North German Lloyd steamer Aller, which sailed from this port for New York yesterday afternoon, had on board 600 returning Christian Endeavorers.

Philadelphia, Aug. 21.—A Paris dispatch to the Record says: "Nearly 1,000 Christian Endeavorers from the United States are stranded in Paris for lack of funds, after going through remarkable experiences. As stated by the Endeavorers, they each paid in advance to a Boston tourist agency a lump sum of several hundred dollars, which was to cover all expenses of a ten-weeks trip to Europe, including steamboat berths, railroad fares in England, France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany, accommodations at hotels, carriage rides, etc."

THREE WEEKS LATE.

The tourist agency chartered the North German Lloyd steamships Saale and Main to carry the Endeavorers to London, but three days before the date set for departure both vessels were practically destroyed in the fire which swept the North German Lloyd piers in Hoboken. The steamship company was unable to find other of its steamships to carry the Endeavorers on the date set, and contended that, in shipping them accidentally burned, it was not obliged by law to find other transportation. This contention, although probably just, caused much delay and great expense to the tourist agency, which by great efforts succeeded in sending the Endeavorers three weeks later than the date originally fixed.

CROWDED OUT.

On the Endeavorers' arrival on the continent they found the hotels crowded with visitors who had come from foreign countries to see France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany.

The hotel-keepers insisted that the rooms and other accommodations had been engaged for three weeks earlier in the season, and they repudiated the contract with the tourist agency. The latter seems to have done its best for the Endeavorers, but has not succeeded.

CRUSHING CLIMAX.

At the time when most of the Endeavorers were in Switzerland and Italy the tourist agency informed its charges that they must pay their own way home. This came as a crushing climax to all sorts of embarrassments and humiliations.

The Endeavorers had already, as they supposed, paid all the expenses of the trip in advance, and even those who had provided themselves liberally with pocket-money had spent it in one way or another.

TREATED LIKE CATTLE.

Of the many now in Paris the majority are women. None of them made their way from Switzerland or Italy in emigrant cars, and were treated like cattle. Now, in Paris, at the height of the exposition season, they are in a most painful position, though as far as possible, none of the party who have a little money are to some extent aiding those who have none."

MAY BE COMPENSATED.

New York, Aug. 21.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says: "With regard to the stranded American tourists, Mr. Crawford declares he has done his best for them, and that they will be finally compensated. He admits that both hotel and railway coupons were in many cases invalid, and that the tourists have been thrown on their own resources until their steamer sails. Nor does he deny that many tourists from Switzerland had come to Paris third-class—that is, with emigrant tickets paid for by themselves."

In an interview Dr. Hill, of Salem, a trustee of the Christian Endeavor Society, attempts to minimize the importance of the affair, but admits that \$30,000 were tied up; that the railway coupons were out of date, and that the tourist agency has been compelled to refuse aid to the tourists.

LABBY'S LETTERS.

London, Aug. 22.—Truth this morning publishes correspondence advising that paper of the seizure at Pretoria of a compromising letter from Montague White, former consul-general of the South African Republic in London, to Secretary of State Reitz, dated Aug. 4, 1899, and two letters from Henry Labouchere to Mr. White, dated respectively, Aug. 2, 1899, and Aug. 4, 1899, which Mr. White appears to have inclosed to Secretary Reitz and a letter of Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, inviting Mr. Labouchere to offer explanations or observations thereon, and Mr. Labouchere's reply.

Mr. Labouchere's letters are brief, and amount to advice to the Transvaal to gain time by acceptance of the proposed commission to settle the franchise question, etc., together with an expression of opinion from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, and the Liberals generally that the British cabinet proposed the appointment of the commission with the view of giving Mr. Chamberlain a chance to "win the public," and that the cabinet was determined to have no war. He also said: "The president has a great opportunity to give Joe another fall. The great thing is to gain time. In a few months we shall be howling about something in another part of the world."

Mr. Labouchere's reply to Mr. Chamberlain admits the letters are genuine, but declines to recognize Mr. Chamberlain's "pretension to ask for an explanation on a matter concerning which he is only responsible to parliament and my constituents," and invites Mr. Chamberlain, in the pursuance of his new diplomacy, to publish all the correspondence between colonial office and the governors of Natal and Cape Colony and between the governors and military commanders in South Africa.

"So that the public may be able to form a sound opinion on the whole business, including the inadequate preparations and initial reverse, and also

and especially the Hawksley correspondence."

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London, Aug. 21.—Awards just made at the Paris exposition are highly satisfactory to Canada, and eloquently bespeak the Dominion's success at the great fair. In class 63, the geographical survey department of Canada, the commission of the bureau of mines of Ontario, the colonization department, Quebec; the department of mines, British Columbia, and the public works department, Nova Scotia, secured grand prizes. The Canada Copper Company, the Dominion Coal Company, Montreal; the London Gold and Silver Development Company, the Le Roi mine, the Nova Scotia Steel Company and the New Vancouver Coal Mining Land Company were awarded gold medals. Collaborators Low, White, Gilpin and Robertson, geological survey department, attained a gold medal. A gold medal was awarded on class 64 to the Canadian Metal Ores Smelting Company, who, as collaborator with Fairbairn, obtained a gold medal. In class 65 the Pacific Roofing Company, Toronto, obtained a silver medal. In class 72 the Pilkington Tile and Pottery Company obtained a silver medal. Collaborators Walter and Cran obtained a gold medal. In class 80 the Montreal Cotton Company was awarded a grand prize, and the Dominion Cotton Company a gold medal. In class 84 the ladies' of Canada joint exhibit was awarded a bronze medal. In class 86 the Dominion Corset Company won a silver medal, and the Dominion Umbrella and Parasol Company a bronze medal. In class 87 the Canada Paint Company captured a bronze medal. A gold medal was the prize of the Canada collective exhibit in class 91. In class 95 Ambrose Kent & Sons, Toronto, won a bronze medal. In class 99 the Canadian Rubber Company was awarded a gold medal. Le Montague & Co. a silver medal. In class 112 the deaf and dumb and blind establishments of Ontario won a gold medal. The institution for the blind in Ontario secured a bronze medal. In class 109, Broton, of the I. O. F., Toronto, was awarded a prize.

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