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ried during the course of the summer, to enjoy as much of my leave as I can at Manderby Court, and then—to go back to India with my wife." The little exultant tone in the vigorous voice brought a smile to the lawyer's face.

"I wish you every happiness. And—will the lady who is going to marry you be ready to accept your ward—if you really persist in undertaking the guardianship of Sylvia Burnett?"

A light shone in Giles' grey eyes.

"I think I can answer 'yes' unreservedly to that question," he answered, "Miss Cardew is out of town for the week end, I have not yet seen her since my return to England. But I have no doubt about what she will say, no doubt at all," he added proudly, "she will be a mother to my poor little Sylvia—the best and kindest of mothers."

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The Canonic Curse

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completed. That individual played it with all the willingness in the world. And he took all the credit for the compositions, too; indeed, I don't see how he could well have done anything else. At any rate while his glory began to go forth through the whole country this Domenico became more and more forgotten. And that seemed in the end to send the man almost out of his mind with rage and envy. He wound up one night by taking the medieval way out of it, and offered his soul to the devil for a chance to get even. Next morning his successor received from him a canon which had the pleasant little attribute of being able to hand out a sudden quietus to any one who should play it through three times, and, to clinch it, to any one, too, who should wittingly destroy it. Those things make curious reading nowadays, don't they? However, the tradition finishes with most circumstantial gruesomeness. Two nights later the man was found dead before his organ, his face distorted as if from some fiendish torture. Domenico's hatred of him, if not the real cause of it, was generally known. He came under suspicion, was put on the rack, and confessed.

"The consistory condemned him to be broken on the wheel and flayed. And shortly before his execution they branded him over the heart with the 'devil's head.' To crown it all, after his death they used the skin from his breast to wrap his canon in, and tied it up with the sinews of his wrists. Then finally the bedeviled music was given the curse of the prince-bishop and laid away by itself in the choir library.

"Now, while you possibly may not feel inclined to accept the story in its entirety, there probably was among that Liege music a canon with some such tradition attached to it. And if there was it is not altogether unlikely that it is now in Quebec. At any rate, whether you give yourself any worry over your side of it or not, there's a regular second edition of the 'Faust Legend' in it for me."

Carrington looked long at the letter. The girl watched him with eyelids aquiver with anxiety. "What was done with that—that canon?" he asked at last. They had never spoken of it since that hour of never-to-be-forgotten horror in the chapel.

"Father has it in his safe," she answered trembling. "But you know you mustn't talk about that, dearest."

"Oh, it's all right now," he said. "It's only a matter—a matter of what the impossible thing might have done. I'd like to look at it again."

She was still refusing him when her father came out to them, and she left it to him. Carrington passed him over the letter.

He read it, let himself dazedly down into a chair, sat slowly licking his tongue about his lips, and then read it again. "But, good gracious, Carrington," he finally broke out, "this is America, and the year 1901! I have a telephone in my library. You can see the railroad station from the back of the garden. I can't—we're not—good heavens, sir!"

"Yes," said Carrington grimly, "it certainly is hard to reconcile such a tale with modern science and enlightenment."

"But it's asking me to believe in—what is it they called it—diabology or satanophany? Why, the words them-

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