

"A GOLD LADEN DERELICT" OR The Impecunious Adventurers.

CHAPTER XX.
A NOBLE ACT.

"Now what do you think of that?" he said.

Before he could reply the door opened quickly, and Mr. Henry Montagu came in. When he saw Ashley his face grew purple with anger; he pulled an envelope out of his pocket, shook it at him, and shouted:

"Ah, I thought perhaps I should find you here! You scoundrel! you forger! you thief! Look at these!" he went on, taking out of the envelope with trembling fingers a letter and two invitation cards for Lady Beauclerc's reception. "And listen to this." Then he read the latter in a thick, tremulous voice:

"Lady Beauclerc presents her compliments to Mrs. Henry Montagu, and begs to inform her that the enclosed cards were not signed or sent by her. They are forgeries. Lady Beauclerc does not impute any fraud to Mrs. Montagu, but she must request her to understand that her name is not upon her ladyship's visiting list."

"What the deuce have you been doing, Ashley?" exclaimed Redman angrily. "Isn't there trouble enough about without you going looking for more?"

"What has he done?" continued Mr. Montagu, turning toward him. "He has committed more forgery and theft, and he has insulted me and my wife. Look you, my wife, like most women, was mad to get into society. This thief told me that he was intimate with Lady Beauclerc, and, being fool enough to indulge my wife's craze, I offered him a thousand pounds for two cards for the reception. Her ladyship took time to make quite certain, and I have taken time, too, and I have proof that he is the only person who could have stolen them. As for the forger, we know how well he could do that."

"And now he goes to prison, not so much for the thousand pounds, but for insulting me and my wife, and making us ridiculous before these people. What would some of our aris-

ocratic directors say if they knew that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montagu got into that Beauclerc's reception with forged invitations. Yes, he shall go to prison."

Ashley sat silent in his chair, trembling slightly and gnawing his mustache, for the very good reason that he had nothing to say.

"Look here, Monty," interposed Redman, "I grant that Ashley has treated you infernally badly, but there's something even more serious than that on hand. Sit down and get cool and listen. Something has happened that may send others to prison besides Ashley, and you might be one of them."

"Eh! What's that?" exclaimed Mr. Montagu, with an almost magical change of manner and temperature. "Send me to prison! What the deuce do you mean? Out with it!"

Then he sat down, and Redman told him the message which Ashley had brought from Lillias.

By the time he had finished, Ashley had recovered some of his nerve, and was determined to play what was practically his last card.

"Look here, Montagu," he said, with a very fair show of bravado, "I plead guilty and I admit that I did very wrong; but I was in a desperate position, as Redman here can tell you, and I had either to remain in it, or take a desperate way out. For any personal injury that I have caused Mrs. Montagu or yourself, I most sincerely apologize, and if you'll give me the chance I'll make amends."

"That sounds all right in talk," snorted the indignant Jew, "but is there a reason for me giving you a chance?"

"I am going to tell you of one which you will find pretty good," replied Ashley, gaining confidence with every word. "I have the pleasure to inform you, gentlemen, that yesterday my suit for the hand of Miss Belinda Vanderleem came to a happy termination, and she has promised to become my wife."

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"The deuce she has!" exclaimed Montagu and Redman, almost at the same moment; and Montagu continued, in a very different tone: "Well, if that's true, I must confess that it alters matters very considerably."

"It is true," said Ashley quietly, "and you will see the engagement announced in to-morrow's papers. Now, of course, Montagu, it is in your power to stop that marriage and ruin me. The question is, whether it would pay you to do so or not. The Vanderleems quite understand that I am a poor man, but they also know that I have a very good chance—in fact, it is practically a certainty now—of being recognized as my late cousin's successor to the baronetcy, and also that on my mother's side I am pretty near to the earldom of Munford. Therefore, what I may call the settlements will be pretty liberal, and within a week after my marriage I shall be able to give you five thousand pounds for that other thousand. Furthermore, I'll undertake to do my best as Vanderleem's son-in-law to persuade the old man to take seats on one or two of your boards, and I needn't tell you that that would put anything through. I flatter myself that Belinda is pretty fond of me, and, like most American daughters, she can just twist her father around her finger."

"I think that's a square offer, Monty," said Redman, while the Jew was considering. "You know we can't afford to be very particular with each other in these matters; and, besides, if you go prosecuting Ashley, and get his back to the wall, he might go into the witness box and give the whole show away."

"You may be perfectly certain of that, gentlemen," laughed Ashley, feeling that his last stroke had completely turned the tables. "In fact, you couldn't reasonably expect me to do anything else. Wouldn't you do the same yourself?"

"I suppose I should," said Redman quietly, "and I'm quite sure Monty would. Therefore, Monty," he continued, "I think you had better listen to reason. Let us accept Lillias' terms. If she doesn't split—and I know she'll keep her word—it will be practically impossible for Burnett to find out where those papers came from, and in time they'll get tired, the things will be pigeonholed, and there they'll stop, and everything can go on just as nicely and comfortably as before."

Finally, after considerable deliberation, the wrathful Jew came to the conclusion that five thousand for one thousand was a respectable return for his money; and, moreover, the prospect of handling some of the Vanderleem millions was a quite irresistible temptation. So, after a minute or two, he looked up smiling, and said, in his most genial tone:

"Right, my boy. On those terms I forgive you. It's an agreement, and we'll have a bottle on it."

The next morning Lillias, to her amazement and horror, read in the Morning Post the announcement of the engagement of Miss Belinda Vanderleem to Mr. Walter Ashley. Her aunt had been strangely ailing of late, in fact, ever since Sir Arthur's death, and so Lillias was breakfasting alone.

"Great heavens!" she exclaimed; "is it possible! What an unspeakable infamy! That poor, innocent girl, with youth, good looks, and everything the world can give her, to be devoted to marriage, a union for life, with a swindler, a forger, and a card sharper! I suppose this is the work of Redman & Co. No, gentlemen, you shall not commit this last infamy, whatever it costs to thwart you! There shall be

at least one good action done in my wicked, miserable life, and, if I have to go to prison or the scaffold for it, I will save this innocent girl from your filthy clutches!"

CHAPTER XXI. AN ASTOUNDING LETTER.

It would be of little interest to describe in detail the legal battle for the splendid fortune which Sir Arthur Eversley had left to the woman who had been his first and only love, the loss of whom had driven him to seek exile in foreign service, to be stricken down by wounds and disease in the outlands of the earth, whence he had only returned to the splendid inheritance that fortune had given him, a drink and drug-sodden wreck of a man who might well have been an object of pity or contempt to a sober artisan earning his thirty shillings a week.

The proceedings in the court of probate and divorce present a somewhat curious contrast. On the one side, public interest is as keen as it is unhealthy. On the other, the proceedings are usually of the dullest kind, and the public ignores them, unless circumstances have occurred to render the case important, such as Eversley versus Eversley was.

For all that, the brilliant assemblage which had gathered to witness the final disposal of the dead man's wealth was forced to sit and listen to an absolutely uninteresting recital, sometimes in scarcely audible tones, by learned leaders who had made probate their specialty, a summary of different versions of the story which the newspapers had already made familiar to everybody.

These eminent gentlemen contented themselves—when they had each given their version of the story—with wrangling solemnly over abstruse technicalities which hardly one of their fashionable audience understood or wanted to understand, and so the said assemblage dispersed and went away, grievously disappointed.

But they had learned, meanwhile, that on the second day the real drama would begin, and begin it did, a little before eleven, when Mrs. Lillias Ashley was called to the witness box and sworn, and Kenneth Markham rose to commence the examination.

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