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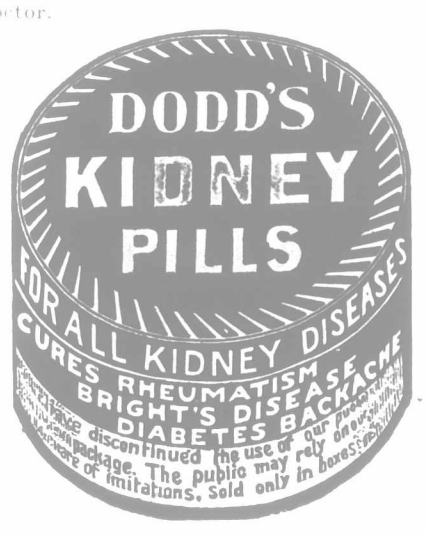
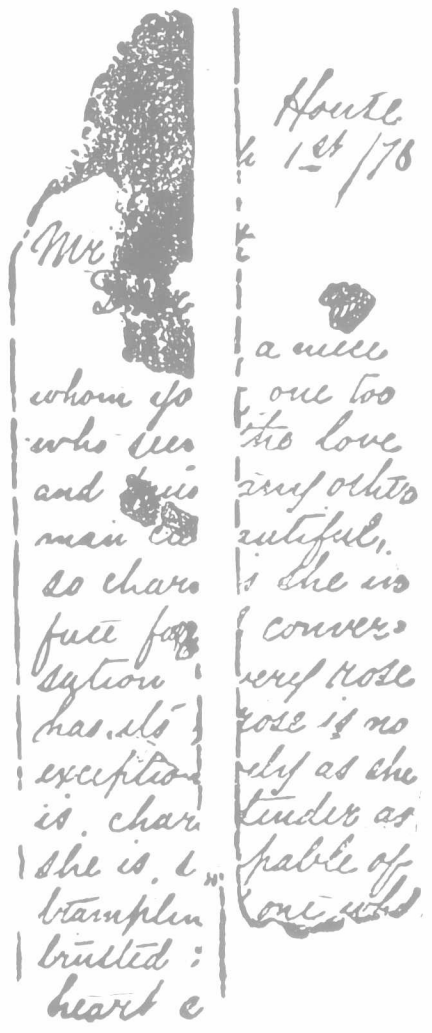
Kitty—Grandpa, if I walk down the front steps backward, I'll see my future husband.

Grandpa—You'll be more apt to see the doctor.





——him to——he owes a——honor——ance——.

"If——t believe——her to——cruel——face,——what is——ble serv——yours

"H——tchie."

"It reads like a complaint against one of Mr. Leavenworth's nieces," I said, and started at my own words.

"What is it?" cried Mr. Gryce; "what is the matter?"

"Why," said I, "the fact is I have heard this very letter spoken of. It is a complaint against one of Mr. Leavenworth's nieces, and was written by Mr. Clavering." And I told him of Mr. Harwell's communication in regard to the matter.

"Ah! then, Mr. Harwell has been talking, has he? I thought he was sworn off from gossip."

"Mr. Harwell and I have seen each other almost daily for the last two weeks," replied I; "it would be strange if he had nothing to tell me."

"And he says that he has read a letter written to Mr. Leavenworth by Mr. Clavering?"

"Yes; but whose particular words he has now forgotten."

"These few here may assist him in recalling the rest."

"I would rather not admit him to a knowledge of the existence of this piece of evidence. I don't believe in letting any one into our confidence whom it is possible to keep out."

"I see you don't," drily responded Mr. Gryce.

Not appearing to notice the fling conveyed by these words, I took up the letter once more, and began pointing out such half-formed words in it as I thought we might venture to complete, as the Hor—, yo—, see—, autiful——, char——, for——, tramplin——, pable——, serv—.

This done I next proposed the introduction of such others as seemed necessary to the sense, as Leavenworth after Horatio; Sir after Dear; have with a possible you before a niece; thorn after its in the phrase rose has its; on after trampling; whom after to; debt after a; you after If; me ask after believe; beautiful after cruel.

Between the columns of words thus furnished, I interposed a phrase or two, here and there, the whole reading when done as follows:

"—— House.

"March 1st, 1876.

"Mr. Horatio Leavenworth,

"Dear Sir:—(You) have a niece whom you one too who seems worthy the love and trust of any other man ca so beautiful, so charming is she in face form and conversation. But every rose has its thorn and (this) rose is no exception lovely as she is, char ming (as she is), tender as she is, she is capable of trampling on one who trusted her heart a

him to whom she owes a debt of honor a ance

"If you don't believe me ask her to her cruel beautiful face what is (her) humble servant yours:

"Henry Ritchie Clavering."

"I think that will do," said Mr. Gryce, "we have got the general tenor of it, and that is all we want at this time."

"The whole tone of it is anything but complimentary to the lady it inveighs against," I returned. "He must have had, or imagined he had, some desperate grievance, to provoke him to the use of such plain language in regard to one he can still characterize as tender, charming, beautiful."

"Grievances are apt to lie back of mysterious crimes."

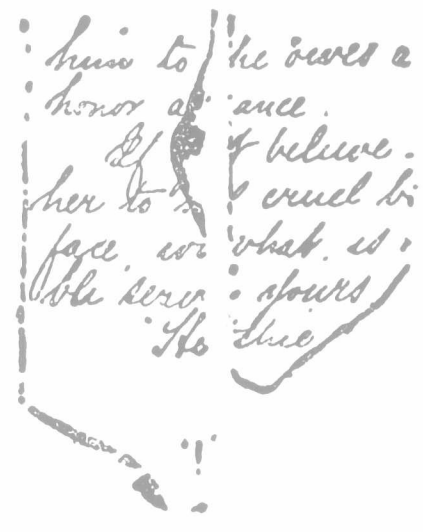
"I think I know what this one was," I said; "but"—seeing him look up—"must decline to communicate my suspicion to you for the present. My theory stands unshaken and in some degree confirmed, and that is all I can say."

"Then this letter does not supply the link you wanted?"

"No; it is a valuable bit of evidence, but it is not the link I am in search of just now."

"Yet it must be an important clew, or Eleanora Leavenworth would not have been to such pains, first to take it in the way she did from her uncle's table, and secondly——"

"Wait," I said; "what makes you think this is the paper she took, or was



believed to have taken, from Mr. Leavenworth's table on that fatal morning?"

"Why, the fact that it was found together with the key, which we know she dropped into the grate, and that there are drops of blood on it."

I shook my head; she had told me the paper which she had taken at that time was destroyed, though to be sure she might have so considered it.

"Why do you shake your head?" asked Mr. Gryce.

"Because I am not satisfied with your reason for believing this to be the paper taken by her from Mr. Leavenworth's table."

"And why?"

"Well," said I, "first, because Fobbs does not speak of seeing any paper in her hand when she bent over the fire, leaving us to conclude that these pieces were in the scuttle of coal she threw upon it, which, surely, you must acknowledge to be a strange place for her to have put a paper she took such pains to gain possession of; and, secondly, for the reason that these scraps were twisted as if they had been used for curl papers or something of that kind; a fact hard to explain by your hypothesis."

The detective's eye stole in the direction of my necktie, which was as near as he ever came to a face, with an expression of great interest. "You are a bright one," said he, "a very bright one; I quite admire you, Mr. Raymond."

A little surprised, and not altogether pleased with this unexpected compliment, I regarded him doubtfully for a moment, and then asked:

"What is your opinion upon the matter?"

(To be continued.)

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