

EMERALD CITY

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

Messrs. St. Quintin, a wealthy young Englishman, and his wife, Miss Denzey, at the invitation of Monsieur Leblanc, who lives in the city of London, were just then in England, and gets an invitation from the author to visit the old house in the suburbs of London, where the author had just been to see the late Mrs. Leblanc, who was the wife of the late Monsieur Leblanc, and who had just died. The author is a Frenchman, and lives in London. The author is a Frenchman, and lives in London. The author is a Frenchman, and lives in London.

CHAPTER VI

T. QUINTIN started up with an exclamation in which he said that the girl, "Monsieur Leblanc," he cried in a tone which was anything but cordial. "For, indeed, he felt at that moment by no means well disposed to receive the courteous Frenchman. The next moment, however, he found himself with his hand set in a most friendly grip, and his host smiling into his face with a cordiality which made him ashamed of his momentary coldness."

Whatever he might fancy, suspect or imagine about Monsieur Leblanc when away from him, the kindly greeting, the pleasant smile, the quiet, easy, well-bred manners almost set at rest all his fears when he was with him. Monsieur Leblanc stood smilingly with his guest and with his niece until Madame came from the kitchen garden, laden with a basket of apples, and bearing broadly upon her and the two ladies went toward the house together, while Monsieur Leblanc led the young man to admire his dabbles, which were the pride of his heart.

But they would not grow so well here as in France, he said with a half sigh. "But you've been settled in England a long time, to speak our language as well as you do, haven't you?" asked St. Quintin, anxious to lead his host into the direction of "autobiography."

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ing, connected with any mischance to Mr. Burdock, but I don't more than suspect that they would, none of them, stay here, and I should have the place on my hands. And although I am not a poor man, I should not care to have the rent of a big house like this to pay indefinitely, while I had to keep another house going somewhere else for my wife and niece."

"Oh, I see that of course. But there is no fear of their finding out what you have done? Won't the police come here to conduct a search, an investigation?"

"No doubt they will. But I must confess that the ladies shall be out of the way. In any case, however, I have asked that no one shall be seen except in plain clothes. So if you see a man, you don't know, and who is not ex-

her all he felt, and find out whether she excelled for him anything like the intensity of passion he felt for her. That she liked him he felt quite sure. To have doubted it would have been treason. For he would not admit the possibility of her saying with her eyes what her heart would have repudiated.

How to get a word with her unheard? Would she come out with him into the garden? Dared he propose it? Even so, he asked himself these questions he saw, to his great delight, Monsieur and Madame Leblanc, in earnest conversation, leave the room by the most distant of the two doors. A glance at Miss Stanley showed that she was having a dose after an excellent dinner. He leaned forward; Monsieur Leblanc, he felt that she had not, especially grateful for her inter-cession, especially grateful for her inter-

"Hello!" he cried; "what's that? Something pretty?"

"Miss Denzey," he whispered, "won't you come out on the lawn and look at the stars? It's lovely out there, and so beautifully cool."

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"Look," said he, "what Monsieur Marbeau has sent me to give to my niece. A generous tutor, he is not. St. Quintin's face clouded.

"That stout man who was here last week? Surely he doesn't like him?" cried he sharply, incredulously. "His host shrugged his shoulders mournfully. "Indeed, I am afraid she does not."

"But she ought to be. He is well off, he is generous; I believe he is generally fond of his money. He would make a very good husband, in the French fashion, he proposes to marry her."

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"Was there anything unhand, Madame Leblanc, in my telling you that I loved her, and asking if she loved me?"

"If you satisfied yourself with that I should say nothing. But if what I heard I understood, right, you were suggesting that she should marry you, and run away from us. Was not that what he said?"

And she turned abruptly to the girl herself, who was white and distressed. "I certainly didn't understand that. Mr. St. Quintin wanted me to marry him without your permission and uncle's," she said, earnestly. "I thought all he wanted was to find out whether I cared for him—whether I liked him better than any of the others, and enough to marry him."

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But his astonishment was nothing to that of Madame Leblanc, who stared at her niece in open-mouthed amazement, as Miss Denzey, evidently letting herself go after a period of great self-restraint and reticence, poured out these words in a burst of passionate feeling. She was impatient, eager, earnest and shy, all at the same time. Madame Leblanc, after the first consternation into which this outburst threw her, turned upon her niece with vivacity.

"Why, what is all this?" she cried, "about admiration and love and the rest? It should have thought a girl would like to be admired!"

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"Oh, what do I care about the property? Let me marry her, and do what you like with the property!" cried St. Quintin, impatiently.

"My dear Mr. St. Quintin, that is, unfortunately, not possible. I'm French ideas, you know, the property is as important as the girl."

"Well, but property or no property, she must marry, some one, and you had only to notice what she said herself just now to realize that this stream of suitors is becoming a sort of persecution. Tell me, what you want to know about me, and I'll endeavor to satisfy your scruples about letting me marry Marie; that is, if you have any."

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Monsieur Leblanc laughed. "You are too impatient. He is not in England at present, though I believe he will be in about a month. He has been ordered away for his health during the long vacation."

"The long vacation!" echoed St. Quintin in displeasure. "How long? I will wait all that time before I see him!"

"Be afraid so," said Monsieur Leblanc, smiling at the impatience. "However, perhaps you can manage to fill up the time pleasantly. We shall always be delighted to see you. Mr. St. Quintin, and so, I think, will my niece."

"Then am I to understand that you make no objection to my suit; that I have your full permission to pay my addresses to Miss Denzey?"

"Certainly. Subject to the fact that there is another man's permission to be obtained. I should be much pleased to regard you in the light of a potential suitor, but I am afraid I should be disappointed to see you in the same position as the other man."

"The gentle Frenchman shrugged his shoulders with mild deprecation. "Ah," he said, "I cannot do that all together. I have to be content with my fellow-guardian return, and in the meantime all I do is to make my own selection, subject to my niece's inclination, which, I think, coincides with mine."

"And he smiled encouragingly at the young man, who was looking at him with some surprise. "Do you mean that you think she likes me, and that you approve of me more than of the other?"

"With the single exception of Monsieur Marbeau, who is a very generous suitor, there is no one I should put on the same level with yourself, Mr. St. Quintin."

"I know Miss Denzey doesn't like Marbeau," said he, with decision. "She looks upon that as an encouragement of mine."

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Parliament has just voted demonstration in favor of son Bay railway by members who support routes. These gentlemen d routes by the northern s feely feasible, and add to the line will assure the v mer reduced rates on his grain. The road is so proposition that it is diffi derstand why it was not ago. How does it com government which these support has not taken the towards the building of — On this point Mr. M. S. the member for Calga light. It appears that Laurier administration to found the machinery at ha building of the road. The the navigability of the Hu had been settled by a which had made an extri the route, and a company chartered, and a land gra in 1885 the subsidy for the actually defined. The allow 6,400 acres per mile within and 12,800 a mile in the T After the Laurier admi came in, and Mr. Sifton w in charge of the Interior D ment, the policy on this was changed. Instead of pr the construction of the Ho road, the government bent towards the construction of Prince Albert by a route notes" or elongations of t increase the land grant.

PROTECT SELL

Wheat Buyers Fined Having a License Bonded. Saskatchewan, April 26.—A reaching importance occupi tion of Magistrate Tur police Court last Friday, a complaint by Matthew sistant warehouse com against W. G. Hitching of The information laid was ect that on or about Oc last the defendant did carry on the business of t without first having obta ense to do so from the cor and also without enteri sary bond. Mr. Hitching charged with buying a wheat from G. Krumplem paying to the latter the full price.

Hitching admitted the sought to make some ex statement. The case was called a but was adjourned to enable interested to come to ment if possible. This, Hitching announced had done. Hitching on the stated that he had neither bond. He likewise admit Krumpelman \$215 on wheat, but announced th not the money to pay for Dermid appeared for Kr and in view of the unsi position taken by Hitching, magistrate to impose the ty of the law. Mr. Tur section, which provides for from \$10 to a \$1000, or ment for not less than one not more than one year gressions of this nature, that the offence was a ve one and called for severe p Mr. Snow stated that th farmers should be protecti ing had been given an opp settle the matter but had also stated that he would able him to make everythi allowed to work it. He a that he has a wife and support. The magistrate fine of \$50 and costs or in jail, the money to be p Monday noon. In addition that must also make good to Krumpleman.

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