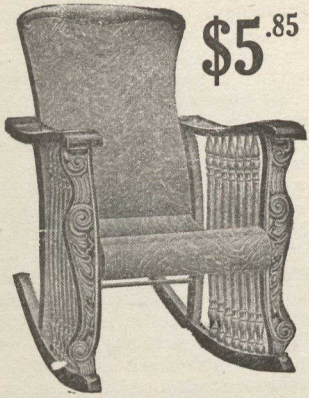


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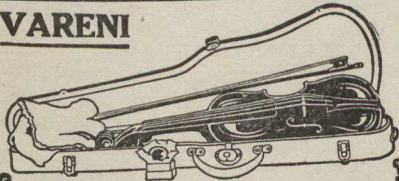
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CHAPTER XIX.

A Broken Engagement and Its Results.

AS the last words of this extract from his father's papers fell from Dick's lips, he looked round the circle of white, shocked faces and read in each a horror and dismay akin to his own. A profound silence ensued, a silence whose stillness was oppressive, and yet which none had the inclination or courage to break, for one and all were filled with an awed sense of the fatality which had decreed that those lines carelessly penned by Mr. Emberson years back should foreshadow his own doom, and clear up the mystery which had surrounded his death.

As was but natural, Mr. Screed was the first to shake off the constraint which had fallen upon those assembled. "Don't distress yourself any further, Mr. Emberson," he remarked kindly; "you have said all that is necessary." "Not quite, but very nearly," was the response. The young man passed his hand across his brow as if trying to sweep away the appalling picture he had conjured up; then proceeded: "When I first read what I have repeated to you, I made a solemn vow to Heaven and to my murdered father: it was that I would save him at least from the last indignity; that the head I revered should be rescued from these miscreants, and should rest at peace in the kindly bosom of Mother Earth; that I would effect this or perish in the attempt. Well"—he gave a long, shuddering sigh—"it is done. That ghastly chapter is closed for ever. How, in my experience, I set about this, and how I succeeded, are details which may be reserved for another time. Suffice to say that, left to myself, I should inevitably have failed and paid the penalty with my life. I owe my success to two people; first, to the best friend man ever had" (here he rested his hand caressingly for a second on the shoulder of Ted Alston, who sat next to him); "who, being unknown to the murderous community against which we had pitted ourselves, was able to secure by a ruse, what I could only hope to have wrested from them by force; and, secondly, to the man who, at great personal risk, sent me warning of danger, and afterwards furnished us with the means of tricking Kalfian."

"With your permission, Mr. Emberson," said Mr. Screed, "and that of our friends," giving a little polite bow to the assembled company, "I will add something in the nature of a sequel to your tale. My agent in Vienna wired me a report yesterday.

"The evening before, it appears, he had shadowed the Doctor, who carried a small black box in his hand to the very doors of a house known to be a resort of the Armenian contingency; had watched him and many others of the same nationality pass in, and knowing that it was impossible to follow without a strong force of police, had waited patiently outside for the meeting to end. He had been at his post less than half-an-hour when Kalfian emerged again from the house; his face was livid, and he looked back over his shoulder like one who fears pursuit. He ran swiftly down the street, and the agent followed. The sound of the echoing footsteps behind him seems to have scared Kalfian out of his wits, for he fled like the wind, doubling and twisting—up narrow alleys and round dark corners—till finally he succeeded in giving my man the slip and getting clear away. He has not returned to his hotel, and his effects have

