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THE PANGS OF REMORSE
—OR—
A COMPLICATED TANGLE.

CHAPTER XIII.

"Have the goodness to answer my question," he repeated, gravely. "Of what am I charged—by whom—and when will the charge be gone into? Where is the inspector of gendarmes? What place is this?"

The man smiled and stroked his mustache.

"Monsieur's curiosity is pardonable," he replied; "but, unhappily, I cannot satisfy it. Monsieur is in custody, but in safety. Monsieur's comfort will receive every consideration, but I have my instructions.

Clarence Clifford started.

"Then—then," he repeated, "this is not a bureau de police, and—Come, my good fellow, one question only: To whom am I indebted for this polite attention?"

As he spoke he tried to soften the angry fire of his eyes, and drew an English sovereign from his pocket.

The man eyed the coin meditatively, but shook his head.

"Monsieur, I have my instructions," he said, and then, walking to the couch he dragged it aside and opened a small door behind it. "Monsieur's bed-chamber," he explained.

Clarence Clifford rose and walked slowly into a small apartment with a window and a door, which he felt assured, was as heavily barred as its fellow.

"Anything monsieur requires he has but to ask for," said the jailer, nodding at a bell; "if monsieur will only trouble himself to ring."

"I want my liberty," said Clarence Clifford, sternly.

"That is the only thing," replied the fellow, with a smile and a shrug, "which I have the unhappiness of refusing monsieur."

On this he withdrew, and the prisoner undressed himself and crawled into bed.

A knock at the door awakened him in the morning.

The jailer wished to know if monsieur would accept of any assistance in making his toilet.

Clarence Clifford declined any aid, and rising dressed himself and re-entered the sitting room.

A plain but ample breakfast awaited him: crisp rolls, ham, eggs, a cutlet, a cup of chocolate and the bottle of wine.



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He did not turn from the food this time, but sat down wearily and drank a little of the chocolate and ate some of the cutlet, and tried to think, but he could not; he could only look round the room and wonder where he was and why he was there.

"Time, time," he murmured, with his old, patient, strong minded way. "Meanwhile, as force may be required, it was well that I provided myself"—and with a grim equanimity that would have well matched his jailer's, he reached the bottle and drank some of the wine.

In a short time the man appeared, saluted respectfully, and prepared to remove the things.

Clarence Clifford measured him with his eye, but said nothing. The man reappeared after the table had been cleared and placed newspapers and some well-worn and grease-soiled volumes on it.

Clarence Clifford turned from them at first with a smile of disdain, but presently the silence and solitude grew unendurable, and he took up and read first the paper and then one of the volumes.

Be sure he did not forget to turn to the files, but no name rewarded him. At present there was no clue to the mystery whatever.

Towards noon the jailer entered again, this time not alone.

A little dapper man, with physician proclaiming itself on his clothes and whole bearing, accompanied him, and with polite gravity requested to see monsieur's wounds.

Clarence offered no resistance, and the surgeon inspected the hurt, re-bandaged it and prescribed more port, plenty of soup, and as much nourishment as the patient could take.

"We shall soon have you strong again, monsieur," he said.

"I hope so," said Clarence, with an ominous fitter in his dark eyes.

"Pray, sir, to whom am I indebted for your visit?"

"I do not understand," replied the surgeon.

"In plain words," said Clarence, his hands clinching on the table and his lips compressed, "who sent you here?"

The physician shrugged his shoulders.

"Monsieur must keep himself quiet," he said, with a smile.

Clarence drew some money from his pocket.

"Your fee, sir?" he said.

"Is already discharged, monsieur," replied the doctor, politely, and with a bow, withdrew.

The patient tried to pace the room, but the weakness put a sudden and effective stop to that recreation.

At dusk a basin of tea and some light refreshments were brought.

Clarence made a signal with his hand and detained the man as he was leaving the room.

"My fine fellow," he said, fixing his piercing eyes upon him, "for how much will you deliver a letter for me?"

"Would monsieur bribe me?" asked the man, with a very poor attempt at virtuous indignation.

"I would," said Clarence, curtly.

"One letter," he continued. "I will give you five hundred napoleons."

The man hesitated.

"I am rich," said Clarence, quietly. "I will give you a thousand."

The man started and shook his head with a sinister smile.

"Monsieur," he said, "it is impossible. I dare not."

"So," thought Clarence Clifford, "he who is pulling the puppet strings is a man of some consequence, since his

ruffians would rather lose a thousand napoleons than his favor."

Then he commenced to think, but a tingling in his head warned him.

He was the same sensible Clarence of old, and determined not to throw himself into a low fever, so 'got a book and kept himself from speculating.

On the morrow he found several changes of linen, a dressing gown and an elaborate dressing case at his chamber door.

He used them without asking any question, and drank half a bottle of wine during the day.

The hours passed, the little light faded and the night came again.

The next day he felt stronger, and, in consequence, more irritable.

He felt inclined to throw himself upon his close jailer and do something desperate. But wisdom stepped in, and he sat down to think, to think calmly and deliberately.

He reviewed his life from the day he had left Rivershall to the hour when he stood before Lord Harcourt's pistol, and felt his bullet pierce his flesh and a woman's shriek fill his heart, at the same moment. He recalled the scene at the soiree, the words he had heard Lord Harcourt speak.

Who was Leonora—what was her connection with Lord Harcourt?

He was getting confused, and he gave it up as an enigma which could not be solved until he was free again.

Next he considered his present situation, and tried to invent some conjecture which should reach the cause of it.

Who had thought it worth his while to kidnap him and keep him out of the world in this way?

At the thought of it, as he realized his helplessness, his blood tingled, and his hands clinched. He looked round the small room and panted. He felt as if he could not breathe.

What was going on in the world outside—at Rivershall, for instance?

Ah! the false, feeble-hearted, deluded girl was married by this time—sold to the master of the Towers, the man who had insulted and wronged him. The reflection almost reconciled him to his present misfortune.

Mortifying as it was it had its silver lining. He was out of sight of their happiness, he could not by any chance see or hear of it.

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She therefore began a movement to have all the daughters of the village give their tresses as a sacrifice. As a consequence, the long black hair of eighty-nine village girls, certainly the crown of glory of all Japanese women, is to be buried beneath the shrine, protecting it and perpetuating the interesting tradition.

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Place Where Sword Melted in Scabbard

Masat, half way up the Oman Coast, is one of the most picturesque harbors in all the world. The town lies crowded into a narrow valley at the foot of volcanic crags. The harbor is a lake of deep blue, the houses stand on the very verge of the water, and ruined Portuguese forts crown the heights that command it on either side. A gap in the rocks renders life supportable during the appalling heat of the summer months, when the sun's rays, reflected from the glowing rocks, scorch like an oven, says a bulletin of the National Geographic Society. And if you pick up an Arab traveler's account of this heat you read:



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A beautiful Japanese girl, Miss Tsune Karasumoto, the daughter of a wealthy landowner in Kuchikimura, has offered herself as a sacrifice to be buried alive in order to safeguard a new shrine at Momoyama.

There is a tradition in Japan that years ago when the famous Asakusa Temple in Tokyo was being built a virgin offered her body, which was buried alive to form the foundation of the central pillar. This is the reason, people say, that the temple miraculously escaped the fire and earthquake of September, 1923.

Mausoleum.

A similar event would have taken place this year, where a new shrine is being built in the grounds of the Meiji Tenno's Mausoleum, had the offer of Miss Karasumoto, who was willing to be buried, not been refused.

She therefore began a movement to have all the daughters of the village give their tresses as a sacrifice. As a consequence, the long black hair of eighty-nine village girls, certainly the crown of glory of all Japanese women, is to be buried beneath the shrine, protecting it and perpetuating the interesting tradition.

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