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THE ARNCLIFFE PUZZLE, BY GORDON HOLMES

Author of "A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE."

(Continued.) "No, indeed," was the gruff comment, and Edith was surprised by the lawyer's emphasis. "What did Mr. Warren say to manifest his friendliness?" he went on. "I ought to tell you, I think," she said, with a hesitancy that did not escape the keen old eyes. "Mr. Warren has asked me more than once of late to marry him. He renewed his proposal this morning."

terms of the late Lord Arncliffe's will. Under ordinary circumstances I should, as usual, have deferred this melancholy duty until after my dear old friend had been laid to rest, but in view of certain directions left by his lordship I think it better that those interested should be acquainted with his testamentary dispositions at once. "He coughed authoritatively. The others sat in breathless surprise, and the lawyer went on: "I think I may say, without disrespect, that his lordship, like all the rest of us, included certain little amiable lady; and while I am proud to believe that my firm enjoyed his entire confidence, it was his lordship's pleasure to draw up his will without legal assistance. It is, therefore, a tolograph will, but while it is not, perhaps, set out as I could wish" (that was to say, Lord Arncliffe had commented, in one page what might very well have been said in twenty), "it is, I think, sufficiently clear. The terms are as follows: "In other words, you did not decline the proffered offer?"

CHAPTER V. WARREN OBJECTS. Mrs. Warren and the value had retired, but Angier signed to Edith to remain. When they were alone he strove to rally her into a less despondent mood. "Upon my word," he cried, "for a young lady who has just come into forty-thousand a year you are not unduly jubilant." But Edith could not respond to his mood. "Not even forty thousand pounds a year can help me to dispense the fact that I am in great trouble," she murmured brokenly. "I have grave reason to believe that had Lord Arncliffe lived, he would have made another will of very different significance to that which you have just read." "Well, then, let us be thankful he didn't," retorted the lawyer, somewhat brusquely. "I don't mean we should be glad he didn't live, but that he didn't make another will. I am sure he could not have improved upon this one. What possible justification have you for what you say?" "I cannot tell you exactly," she faltered; "the secret is not my own. But I am so unfortunate as to see Lord Arncliffe very much sicker few weeks ago, and although he treated me with the greatest kindness, he gave me clearly to understand that I must not expect to benefit in any way under his will."

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