

The Tangle of Fate

"Shut up, you silly little fool! You'll never get out of this until your husband takes you himself. I'm paid to keep you, not to let you go," was the rule reply, as the woman jingled some gold coins in her pocket, then banged out of the room, locking the door and removing the key. She returned later, and pushed a plate of coarse food into the door, then slunk away again, fastening her prisoner securely in the room.

Bonnie turned with boiling from the coarse food, and lay sobbing bitterly for a long time, a prey to cruel fears and apprehensions. Terrible visions haunted her, of her lover dying at the hands of the wicked and desperate Miles Westland.

"Oh, Heaven, protect my darling!" she prayed over and over in her agony. The day wore wearily away, and toward sunset new terrors seized upon the ill-fated girl.

It was growing late, and Miles Westland, after wracking his vengeance on her, was returning to renew his hateful vows of love, perhaps would seek to force her to accept his loathed caresses.

Her blood ran cold as ice in her veins at the thought and she exclaimed, wildly: "Oh, God, let me die first!"

Springing from the bed she shook the massive iron bars at the windows with all her strength, but they would have resisted a giant, and worn out with her futile efforts she sank wearily to the floor.

And the light in the darkened chamber, so close and hot, grew dimmer and dimmer. She knew that the sunset was fading into the summer twilight, that it would soon be night—pitiless night, and she a prisoner in this lone woodland cot, far from home and loved ones at the mercy of a reckless villain that she feared and hated.

"If he even touches me, I shall try to kill him—or myself," she cried, desperately.

By the fading light she began to search for some object of defence. In an old washstand she found a large and rusty clasp-knife. Bonnie pried out the dull blade with a little stick, and sharpened her treasure on the iron bars at the window. Then she hid it in her bosom.

Soon it became quite dark in the little stifling, hot room. Bonnie knelt down by the bed, praying, in low, constrained accents:

"Listen to me, dear God, up in heaven. I do not want to commit a deadly sin, but if that man comes here to-night and dares to touch this form that shudders with horror, I shall murder him myself. Have mercy on me, and keep him away—but if he comes, if I destroy myself—forgive my sin, and receive my soul, Amen."

The bat-like wings of the darkness hovered over her, folded her in their terrible gloom.

She remained in that kneeling posture, her little hands clasped on her breast, her ears strained to catch the faintest sound, living an eternity of years in every long drawn minute, wondering between her fears what they were doing at home, how they had covered her disappearance, if Lin had returned yet and if they were searching for her in the right direction.

It seemed to Bonnie that she remained several hours in the black darkness and stillness before she heard the beat of a horse's hoofs coming nearer and nearer toward the house, and her heart gave a muffled throb of agonizing uncertainty.

Was it Miles Westland coming back—or, was it deliverance? Her suspense was soon ended. She heard footsteps presently along the hall to her door. The door opened, and the next moment the blinding glare of a large kerosene lamp flashed into the darkened room as Miles Westland entered and set it down on a table, and turned to face his lovely shrinking captive.

"Always handsome," the young man had never looked more elegant than now. He was tastefully dressed in a well-fitting new suit, his face fresh shaven and his dark hair and mustache curled as if to attract a party. His pride in himself showed in his proudly posed figure, his smiling lips and gleaming eyes.

"So you have come back," exclaimed Bonnie. Her tone was one of contempt mixed with ineffable despair.

Miles Westland was playing with a rose in his buttonhole, with an air of consummate ease, posing for her benefit, hoping to win some admiring glances from those scornful dark eyes. He smiled and said: "I have just come from Lloyd Hill. I bring you good news."

With a cry of horror that thrilled to Heaven, the madman fell on his knees by the beautiful creature his insane passion had hounded to this terrible death.

The death-gasp was fluttering over her ashen parted lips, her eyes were rolled upward in an unconscious stare, her beautiful form trembled in the throes of a spasmodic moment, then lay rigid and still.

"Dead!" cried the man, muttered, in a strange voice like a sleep-walker. He touched her brow with a trembling hand, and it was so cold he recoiled with a shudder.

He saw the blood flowing from her wounded breast down upon her rosy-tinged robe, and with his own hand drew the knife from the wound.

"Dead by her own hand! Fled to Hades to escape my love!" he muttered, then hissed in sudden, awful wrath. "By Heaven she shall not! I will follow even there!"

The old woman, who was listening outside the door, heard the sound of a pistol-shot, and the fall of a heavy body.

She rushed into the room. Miles Westland had put a bullet through his breast, and lay stretched upon the floor close to the girl. As the old woman bent over his bleeding form, his body quivered with a few convulsive movements, then lay quite still.

"They have killed themselves, the two young fools!" she hissed, in disgust.

And as she was nothing but a human being, she immediately felt to plundering the corpse and the jewels she possessed herself of his purse and watch, and all the jewelry he wore.

Bonnie had nothing about her but a diamond ring glittering on one small ring finger. The hag wrenched this off and fled from the room, leaving the door ajar, ran down stairs and out of doors. Miles Westland's horse stood studded at the gate. She sprang on his back, caught up the reins and galloped away out of the neighborhood and out of our story.

CHAPTER XXV. Mince was not dead as Miles Westland had falsely told Bonnie, hoping to further his own ends by the statement. She was still alive, though very weak, and the doctor declared that she must have one of the most wonderful constitutions in the world to have gone through such an illness and live.

And yet he owned that with care and good attention she bade fair to recover.

But they were very careful to keep from her the news of her young sister's mysterious disappearance from home. The whole household was in a panic, but Miles Westland was allowed to penetrate the portals of the sick room.

Mr. Rainsford, who had been sent for at daylight when Bonnie's disappearance had first been discovered by the maid who had awakened from her sleep to find her mistress gone, leaped immediately to the conclusion that his client had been carried off by Miles Westland.

When Mrs. Cornwall told the story of the man she had seen lurking in the grove in the night before and so much resembling Miles Westland, he was grief-stricken in his belief.

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BOUGHT A WIFE. New Westminster, B. C., Feb. 20.—Representing that he could not get possession of a comely young woman whom he had purchased from her husband for \$20, a man named Barker applied to the city police yesterday for assistance. The sale of the young woman took place while she was in the Maternity Cottage at the Royal Columbian Hospital, she being, it is alleged, a party to the deal. The husband was left without the trouble arose because the purchaser wished the woman to enter his home at once, and she insisted on delay. The woman has been placed in the care of a female relative. All the parties are white.

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"INCREDIBLE DISCOVERY." The Earth Heaves Like the Tide, Says French Servant.

London, Feb. 21.—Prof. Flammarion publishes at Paris, as an "almost incredible discovery," that the earth heaves like the tide, rising and falling about eight inches every twenty-four hours. Critics, while professing deference for Flammarion's reputation, point out that physicists and astronomers have recognized this fact for many years. If there is anything new about it is the statement of the amount of the oscillation, which hitherto has baffled experimenters to determine.

BOY LABOR IN BRITAIN. Proposal to Keep Lads in Continuation School Until Seventeen.

Holds the firm's note payable for one-fourth of the amount to-morrow. "What is it Miles has bought?" demanded Lin, distractedly. "That old tumble-down hunting lodge in the woods, about five miles from here—you know the place. Mr. Rainsford," said the young clerk, turning to the lawyer. "Perfectly well," said Rainsford, excitedly. He sprang to his feet; his eyes flashed!

TIMES PATTERNS.



A GRACEFUL NEGLIGEE.

No. 656.—Comfort and grace are both suggested by the loose flowing lines of the garment here pictured. A double inverted box-pleat in the centre of the back and tucks in the upper part of the front give additional fullness to the model. The sleeves are in the fashionable elbow length, finished by a frill of the material, although lace could be used if preferred. Several materials are adaptable such as China silk, challis and cashmere. For 26-inch bust in square 3 1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide will be required. The pattern is cut in 6 sizes, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure. A pattern of this illustration will be mailed in any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

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NIAGARA LINE.

Plans For Belt Line at the Falls May be Included.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 21.—Work on the Niagara-Fort Erie boulevard will be recommenced within the next six weeks, and it is expected that about the same time a decision will be made as to whether the plans for the electric railway belt line paralleling the boulevard, touching this city, Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Westland, will be made. The proposed belt line would connect with the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway, and would open up one of the most fertile sections of the Province. The farmers in the fruit district complain that they have not adequate facilities for the marketing of their crops. The work on the boulevard is in an advanced stage for nearly half its length, and the coming summer will see great work done if the plans of the Queen Victoria Park Commission mature.

STABBED TEN TIMES.

ITALIAN BADLY INJURED IN FIGHT IN THE WARD.

Dispute Over Card Game Ended in a Struggle in Which Revolver and Knife Figured—Three Men Under Arrest.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—A revolver, a pocket knife, a wooden club and a stove lighter figured yesterday afternoon in the case of the "Ward" who had in months. As a result of it one man is lying under arrest in St. Michael's Hospital, so terribly wounded that he may die, and two others are held at Agnes street police station, charged with inflicting the injuries. Liberata Pignotte, of 211 Centre avenue, the man in the hospital, is charged with shooting with intent to kill. The others are Raffaele Madeino, of 68 Edward street, and his brother-in-law, Dominico Caperechio, who lives at the same address.

The row took place in Madeino's home, and was, according to the police, the continuation of a dispute that started in the house the night before over a game of cards. The various accounts of the fight are conflicting, but it appears that yesterday afternoon Pignotte went to Madeino's home and called him aside. There were some angry words and the two got into a fight. Pignotte drew a knife and lunged at Madeino. The latter dodged the blow and in grabbing for the knife cut his fingers. Caperechio went to his brother-in-law's for assistance, and Pignotte and the knife were separated. Then, according to Madeino, he drew a revolver and fired. The shot went wild, lodging in the ceiling. In the struggle for the possession of the weapon that followed Pignotte was stabbed in the back and shoulder ten times, several of the wounds being one to two inches deep, his head was badly bruised by a stove lighter, alleged to have been wielded by Madeino's wife, and two of his ribs were broken, apparently by kicks. Madeino admits doing the stabbing, but says it was done in self-defence.

Neuralgia Attacked Him. It is impossible for anyone to experience worse torture than S. S. McCullough, of Falkirk, Ont. Near after-noon he was bound down with this trouble, but finally he tried Nerviline, it cured him—drove the Neuralgia out of his head and shoulders, gave relief to stiffness and sleepless nights, when all else failed.

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The cotton operatives employed by the Dominion Textile Company in Quebec Province have served notice that they want the wages raised to the level fixed by as before the cut of 10 per cent. was made.

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New Amazon Suitings, Worth Reg. 90c, Sale Price 75c. On sale in a new weight, with a pearl finish for the new style suits you will find displayed in the lot, splendid shades of navy, brown, green, elephant, taupe and black, worth regular \$1, sale price 75c yard.

New Waistings on Sale, Worth Reg. 50c, Sale Price 29c. Take advantage of this splendid sale event on sale in light or dark grounds, in neat and pretty floral spots and designs, comprising Delaines and Albatross, French Flannels, etc., at per yard 29c.

New Shadow Stripe Waistings Worth Reg. 65c, Sale Price 50c. A very pretty new cloth; will make up stylish and effective, all the wanted colors to make selection from, at per yard 50c.

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GRASSIE. The tea meeting held in the church on Monday night last, in spite of the bad weather, was a decided success.

MAY GO FREE. Much bitterness is expressed in police circles because of the belief that Byrnes will escape conviction.

Shot Disguised Policeman Dead and Courts Will Likely Acquit. New York, Feb. 21.—Edward Byrnes, who shot and killed Police Sergeant J. B. Goldhammer on Friday night when the latter was trying to enter Byrnes' apartments to arrest the man, was recommended without bail to the Tombs.

HAMILTON & DUNDAS RAILWAY. LEAVE DUNDAS. King St. West—5:55, 7:05, 7:55, 8:55, 9:55, 10:55, 11:55 a. m.; 12:55, 1:55, 2:55, 3:55, 4:55, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 8:55, 9:55, 10:55, 11:55 a. m.

HAMILTON, GRIMSBY & BEAUMVILLE ELECTRIC RAILWAY. WEEK DAY SERVICE. Leave Hamilton—7:10, 8:10, 9:10, 10:10, 11:10 a. m.; 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:10, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 8:10, 9:10, 10:10, 11:10 a. m.

BRANTFORD & HAMILTON ELECTRIC RAILWAY. LEAVE HAMILTON. Leave Hamilton—6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30 a. m.; 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45 a. m.

SUBMARINE WITH FINS. New Craft Built by Two Italian Brothers. New York, Feb. 21.—A cable despatch to The World from Rome says: From their earliest childhood the brothers Guido and Ugo Antoni have made a close study of the motions of fish and birds, and their experiments in navigating with the water and the air have been many. They have recently perfected a new type of submarine boat which has just been tried at Leghorn with very successful results.

The submarine has fins like a fish, by which it is raised or depressed in the water. When the action of the fins ceases the craft instantly rises to the surface. This property, it is believed, will obviate the danger of accidents caused by sudden sinking.

Ogo Antoni is also at work on a flying machine, of which both the brothers have the highest hopes.

The one hundredth anniversary of the Quebec Board of Trade was celebrated with a banquet, at which Sir Charles Fitzpatrick was one of the speakers. An oblong margarine factory at Montreal was seized and the plant confiscated.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM. Niagara Falls, New York—2:30 a. m., 5:30 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 5:10 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 9:30 p. m.

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Buffalo—5:51 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 5:10 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 9:30 p. m.

Detroit, Chicago—11:25 a. m., 8:50 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 9:45 p. m., 10:30 p. m., 11:30 p. m.

Jarvis, Port Dover, Tillsonburg, Simcoe—9:00 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 5:10 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 9:30 p. m.

Georgetown, Allandale, North Bay, Collingwood, etc.—10 a. m., 14:00 p. m.

Belleville, Brockville, Montreal and Kingston—11:20 a. m., 7:55 p. m., 9:00 p. m.

Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Portland and Boston—10:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 5:10 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 9:30 p. m.

Hamilton, Toronto, Peterborough, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Portland and Boston—10:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 5:10 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 9:30 p. m.

Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo RAILWAY. Leave Hamilton. 7:00 a. m., 8:00 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 12:00 p. m., 1:00 p. m., 2:00 p. m., 3:00 p. m., 4:00 p. m., 5:00 p. m., 6:00 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 8:00 p. m., 9:00 p. m.

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