

FOR A MILLION OF MONEY

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"I won't jest, Jack. But what you ask is really impossible. I have put my hand to the work, and I will never give in. I am my father's child in that, at any rate. If I had to choose now between the risk of even such a death as that which threatened me on the railway and abandoning this work, I would not falter a moment. I declare to you, on my honor, I would rather die than give in."

She spoke with such intense earnestness that he was silenced; and for a moment nothing more was said.

"But if you lay so much stress on my leaving here, I will see what I can do. Return to Mr. Casement's house is one of the questions, because I can do nothing in such a place as Frisco; especially at a time when I have just made such a discovery. But if you like, we will go and see Mrs. Taunton; and if I find that I can carry on the work while at her house, and she still wishes to have me, I'll go to her."

"I wish to Heaven you would. I know she'll do everything in her power to help you. She has said so dozens of times to me. She did yesterday, indeed. She was at the Foreign Office. She was curious to see the place, and I showed her round."

"Then let us go and see her today," said Olive, promptly.

And with that they started. Little dreaming of all that such a proposal must mean.

CHAPTER XVI.

SPIRITED AWAY.

"You say Mrs. Taunton was at the Foreign Office yesterday, Jack?" asked Olive, as they were driving to Mayfair. "What took her there?"

"She is a woman and an American; and having heard that it was difficult to get to see the place she was curious. That's all. But she certainly has a way with her. She actually got round the chief himself, and they had

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daresay he has told you, I once wanted him to fall in love with me."

Mrs. Taunton, laughing, Olive, pleased to hear this praise of her lover, said: "Oh, I would have married him if I could. Not because I was actually in love with him. We Americans take such things a little less seriously than you over here; but because I think he would have made a splendid husband. And that's what I'm coming to. You ought to marry him, Olive; really you ought."

"No," declared Olive, earnestly. "I couldn't so long as this slur is on me."

"My dear child, why? Because of that terrible creature, his mother, I suppose. I think that woman is the most ridiculous old cat I ever saw. Of course, she would do her worst to make you unhappy by sneering at you. But what would that hurt?"

"No. If you could know how I feel, you would know it would be impossible," replied Olive. "I wish, as it is true, I have no name to take to him, to say nothing of my being as poor as—as—"

"As I was once," smiled Mrs. Taunton. "He wouldn't care thirty cents for that," and she went on to urge the marriage, at the same time emphasizing in this tone of smiling protest all the reasons which weighed with Olive. Then they went on to discuss the Merriwells; and Mrs. Taunton expressed the greatest curiosity as to what manner of man Gilbert Merriwell was, and tried to draw from Olive all the details of her plans and intentions in regard to him.

But on this Olive was on her guard. With no one save Jack and Mr. Casement would she ever discuss them. "I am confident that there is no truth in the story of the marriage between my father and Mrs. Merriwell; but even Mr. Casement believes it, and I have nothing but my instincts to anchor my hopes to."

"You must let me help you. I am sure we could ferret it all out between us. Like you, I trust my instincts; and what is more, I believe that a woman's wit is infinitely shrewder than a man's. When you come to me, we'll set to work together. Now, when will you come?"

"My only fear is that I might not feel myself free enough to carry on my task," said Olive, candidly.

"My dear, you shall be your own mistress. You know that our American girls have much more liberty than you English; and this shall be just your home; to come when you like and go where you will; to see whom you like, and do as you please."

"May I leave the matter open for a while?"

"Why, certainly. Isn't that part of the liberty I speak of? But I want you, Olive, and I must have you; especially now that I know you are a relative of my dear old 'Frisco' friend. And the sooner you come the sooner I shall feel I'm paying him back a bit of what I owe him."

She kissed Olive very affectionately when she left, and insisted upon taking her home in her electric brougham. Olive was charmed with her new friend; but then, she did not see her expression as she drove away, nor hear what she said to herself.

"Guess I played that Grosscup card for all it was worth. The little fool! But I was right in this—this I do. He'll get her sure enough. I'd like to tell old Gilbert; and that's the fact."

Olive's thoughts were full of Mrs. Taunton and the interview with her for the whole forenoon. And before she went to bed she had almost decided to go and stay with her. It would please Jack. And that meant much. But in the end she resolved to do nothing until she had seen Selma Hammond on the following day, and heard what she had to report.

And in the morning, when the glamor of Mrs. Taunton's manner had faded somewhat, Olive began to see the drawbacks to a residence in her house. She might be perfectly free as had been promised; but as she was a woman of the constant companionship with all its temptations to confidence. She might easily be led to say too much about her affairs; and what she did not actually tell, Mrs. Taunton was quite shrewd enough to guess.

She was a very charming and delightful companion; but Olive's movements must not be known to anyone except Jack and Mr. Casement. She was positive about that; and it had its effect.

Another consideration occurred to her on going over all that had passed between them. Mrs. Taunton had urged her to marry Jack. It was true; but she had at the same time spoken about it in such a way as to make it appear even more impossible than before. All the obstacles seemed even more formidable than ever.

There was a touch of jealousy in this thought of Olive's. The pretty American had tried before to win Jack away from her. Had she therefore been making these appeals to her pride intentionally? Was she really sincere? Or was she trying indirectly to strengthen Olive's reluctance so that the gap should be widened between her and her lover to increase her own chances with Jack?

She had ample time for thinking all this over carefully, as she did not leave the house until the late afternoon, when she was to see Selma Hammond. And the more intensely she thought, the less willing she became to accept the invitation.

On the way to Selma Hammond's house, all thoughts of Mrs. Taunton gave way to her eager anticipation of the news which was awaiting her; and as she neared the house her impatience increased with every step.

She looked up at the window from the opposite side of the street, half expecting that Selma would be watching for her. But she was not there; so Olive crossed and rang the bell.

She waited a long time without response, and presently rang again. After a few moments heavy steps approached the door, and a woman opened it.

"I wish to see Miss Hammond," said Olive.

"Well, you can't see her then," was the reply, very blunt and direct.

"But she knows that I am coming at this time. I must see her. It is important."

To Be Continued.

It is the poor mortal, not the rich one, who worries most about making people believe they have money. It doesn't take much of a sprinter to run for public office.

EVELYN TO SUE FOR DIVORCE

Will Claim That Thaw Was Insane When He Married Her—Thaw to Defend.

New York, March 10.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw tomorrow will institute proceedings for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw.

The action will be based on the alleged fact that the defendant was insane when the union was contracted. Thaw purposes to defend the suit. The papers in the case will be served some time tomorrow and an early trial is expected. In the meantime the two by mutual agreement will remain apart.

In official statements by counsel for both parties tonight was confirmed the long suspected culmination in the wedded lives of Stanford White's slayer and the woman whose story in his defense brought her an unhappy notoriety as the reading world. For weeks it has been gossiped that a divorce was imminent and even during Thaw's last trial, through which his wife stood gamely by him, it was pretty generally believed that whatever the outcome for the prisoner, the two would never again live together. These reports were frequently based on rumored opposition to the young woman on the part of the Thaw family. In their statements tonight, however, counsel for both parties declared that Mrs. Thaw's mother had taken any part in the proposed separation.

During today Colonel Franklin Bartlett, counsel for the elder Mrs. Thaw, made a statement, in which he said that there was no truth in reports that a divorce was being sought by Mrs. William Thaw had had her daughter-in-law under surveillance for months as to a possible separation. Colonel Bartlett said: "The matter is inchoate. There is every disposition on the part of my clients to do absolutely fair and just toward Evelyn Thaw and to make her liberal provision for her support, and even more than that. Harry K. Thaw had sought a reconciliation, and has not desired that his wife should sever the marital relation. Any thought of espionage upon the young Mrs. Thaw would be abhorrent to Mrs. William Thaw, and has not at any time been entertained by her."

Soon after Col. Bartlett's interview became public, A. Russell Peabody, personal counsel for Thaw, left for Matteawan, where, since his last trial Thaw has been confined in the asylum for the criminal insane. After a talk with his client Peabody returned to the city late today and by personal counsel for Thaw, left for Matteawan, where, since his last trial Thaw has been confined in the asylum for the criminal insane. After a talk with his client Peabody returned to the city late today and by personal counsel for Thaw, left for Matteawan, where, since his last trial Thaw has been confined in the asylum for the criminal insane.

The conference extended well into the evening, and at its conclusion Mr. O'Reilly said: "Papers will be served on Mrs. Peabody tomorrow by personal counsel for Evelyn Thaw, in an action for annulment of the marriage. The action will be on the ground that at the time of the marriage, April 4, 1905, Harry Thaw was insane and did not know what he was doing."

"This action has been thought of some time. It will be tried in New York County. As yet no mention has been made of any settlement in favor of Evelyn. If, after the annulment proceedings are through, and the divorce is granted, in an action for annulment of the marriage, the action will be on the ground that at the time of the marriage, April 4, 1905, Harry Thaw was insane and did not know what he was doing."

Mr. Peabody, who had heard of O'Reilly's remarks, said: "Today I have visited Harry at Matteawan and told him of the intentions of his wife. He is willing to defend the suit."

Mr. Peabody added that his client when apprised of his wife's intentions had made no comment except to declare that he was sane at the time of his marriage and expressed his willingness to meet the issue.

Asked whether Mrs. William Thaw was active in the planned litigation, Mr. Peabody replied: "No, she is not."

Mr. O'Reilly added to his formal statement that Evelyn would take the stand during the annulment proceedings and that several of the medical experts who had testified at the murder trial would also be called.

Attacked By Thaw.

Daniel O'Reilly was present at the last interview Evelyn Thaw had with her husband at Matteawan. He has not been there to the place since. He went there on that occasion in the hope of effecting some sort of reconciliation with the judicially declared madman. Thaw listened to the girl and her lawyer with twitching face and roving eyes and suddenly the madness leaped to him again, and it is said he sprang upon her and gripped her throat. Dan, O'Reilly is a big man, but it required all his strength and the added strength of a keeper to pry the fingers from the girl's throat.

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On April 1 the young woman will be driven from the handsome mansion on Park avenue by her husband's rented car. The lease runs out then and will not be renewed.

It was not until after the young millionaire was sent to Matteawan that he was told of his wife's alleged misconduct while he waited in prison between his first and second trials. It was feared that a revelation of such character would excite him to further outbursts of madness.

But after the trial was over hints and innuendoes that had worried Thaw began to take shape in alleged statements of facts. He heard stories of midnight suppers, of rollicking motor trips through the Bowery and Chinatown, of slumming adventures, yachting trips and a journey to Banff, British Columbia, last summer.

Shown Sworn Statements.

By degrees his mother laid such statements before him. She was compelled to break down his loyalty to the girl, for he persisted in defending her. At last it was necessary to show him these alleged facts in affidavit form in such shape as would be attached to divorce papers. It was after this that he is said to have choked her and shrieked that he would kill her.

Will Return to Stage.

That Mrs. Thaw will go back to the stage is now practically assured. To an intimate friend she said, the other day: "Well, it looks as if I will be among the down-and-outs, so I guess I will be up to me to go back to the stage."

COLONIZING THE WEST

The Peace River Company Has Not Carried Out Its Agreement.

Ottawa, March 10.—A return brought down in the Commons today with respect to agreements made by the Government with colonization companies in the west shows that only two such agreements have been made, viz., with the Peace River Colonization, Land and Development Company, made July 27, 1900, and with the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company. The first-named company was granted the privilege of buying one-third of the total area comprised in sixteen townships in the Peace River district at one dollar per acre, 1904, and 1,200 settlers were located within three years from October 1, 1904, and 1,200 settlers were located within twenty years of the time the survey was made by the Government. Only nine homestead entries were made up to Oct. 14, 1907, and the company does not appear to have complied with the terms of the agreement.

The Saskatchewan Valley Land Company were granted 50,000 acres at one dollar per acre on condition that twenty quarter sections were settled by homesteaders in each township by the company. The return showed the company has fulfilled the terms of the agreement.

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