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A Terrible Tangle.

CHAPTER XXI.

"GOD GIVE ME STRENGTH!"

The room into which Ottershaw was ushered when he reached the end of his drive was so shabby as to be almost squalid.

With difficulty he discerned the bed upon which a man was lying.

The landlady had looked at him curiously, and admitted him without a word, though, indeed, Ottershaw looked absolutely out of place in such dingy surroundings.

As he advanced into the room, Lord Ottershaw began to see more clearly and he came to a standstill as he found that James Malcolm's eyes were wide open and staring at him in a fixed and an unpleasant manner.

With an important shrug of his shoulders, Ottershaw moved forward.

"Well, Jim!" he said, lightly. "How's this? What has happened to you?"

Malcolm continued to stare at the man before him in the same fixed way, but all at once he spoke.

"Come nearer," he said, almost imperatively.

Ottershaw approached the bed a little closer.

"Why did you lie to me?" whispered that hollow voice from the bed.

"Why did you call yourself his friend?"

Ottershaw shrugged his shoulders again.

"Dear Jim," he said, "you undertook to do some work, and you have done it. Let that be enough. Here is the rest of the money that is due to you."

Malcolm sat up with a great effort.

"Curse you!" he said, with great

violence. "Curse you! I'd sunk low, God knows, but I'd never even touched such ground as that I stand on now. I'm going to hell. Mark—to hell, Mark. I tell you, and you've driven me there!"

He fell back speechless and foaming at the mouth, and Ottershaw stood a little way off and shivered.

Then, as a knock came to the door, he was master of himself again.

At a glance he saw that the man who came in was an official in some way. Indeed, this person, after glancing at the bed, addressed himself to Lord Ottershaw.

"Very ill, isn't he?" he whispered I am here from Messrs.—" he mentioned the name of the shipping firm who owned the Clyde, "it is most imperative that this gentleman should be questioned. It transpires that one one of the crew asserts that he saw Mr. Malcolm with the late Mr. Barostan on deck the very morning Mr. Barostan lost his life."

Ottershaw motioned the speaker on one side.

"I fear," he said, "you will not be able to question him; he is very ill; in fact, he is delirious. He was raving at me just as you came in."

The stranger knit his brows.

"It is most important that we should have all the information we can obtain," he said. "I suppose you cannot assist me in any way, sir?"

Lord Ottershaw smiled coldly.

"I am merely here as an act of charity. Some one told me this poor fellow was here dying, and as I knew him some years ago, I thought I would come and look him up. My name is Lord Ottershaw."

The stranger was immediately obsequious.

"I am sure I beg your pardon, my lord, but I didn't know, and seeing

you here—I beg your pardon," he repeated.

Ottershaw nodded his head.

"That's all right," he said. "Is there to be an official investigation into Mr. Barostan's death?" he inquired, casually.

"Well, my lord," was the answer, "my firm would naturally do all in their power to clear up any mystery but it is so evident that Mr. Barostan must have deliberately flung himself into the sea, that if it were not for his widow, whose lawyer really gives us no peace, we should let the matter drop. But Mrs. Barostan will cling to the idea that her husband may be alive. She also hints," continued the speaker, "that this accident was no accident, but the result of foul play, and hence my visit here."

"Well," said Ottershaw, in a hard voice, "I am afraid you will not advance matters much; this poor fellow is evidently half dead now. It seems almost wrong to rouse him and put him through an examination."

"Quite so, my lord; I am of your opinion. I think I shall go back and report that Mr. Malcolm is in extremis, and therefore useless as a witness."

"Allow me to give you a lift in my cab; it is waiting outside," said Lord Ottershaw, graciously.

He paused as the man went out to look at Malcolm.

The invalid was lying very still; that fit of passion had exhausted him; it was evident that he was very, very ill.

Stooping, Ottershaw crumpled the bank note, he had brought into one of feeble, cold hands, then turning, went out and joined the young clerk, who was in the seventh heaven of delight at the mere idea of driving in the Earl of Ottershaw's private cab, with the earl himself beside him.

It was late that afternoon when Ottershaw called at Elizabeth's house.

"Tell Mrs. Barostan that I am very sorry, but I must see her," he said, and there was authority in his tone.

He waited in the large hall, as he had waited once before, and he smiled to himself as he realized that he had at last the means to whip this woman into submission.

His desire to crush her was greater even than his love.

The butler came to him, and begged that he would go to the drawing room, and at that moment Mary emerged from the kitchen quarters

with a young woman, neatly dressed in black, following her.

Lord Ottershaw had already passed up the stairs, and never glanced behind him, but his face and form were clearly distinguished, and at sight of him the girl with Mary suddenly drew back, and something like a moan escaped her lips.

Mary turned at once.

"Come my dear," she said, "you'll be tired out with your long journey from the North, but my mistress is most anxious to see you, and you can rest afterward. Follow me."

But the girl still hung back, and Mary tried to encourage her. She saw the eyes close, and was just in time to catch the slender figure in her arms as Mabel White fell forward in a fainting condition.

CHAPTER XXIII.

In the Darkness.

Lord Ottershaw remained a very short time with Elizabeth, but when he left the house his expression was triumphant.

He had hardly believed it possible that he could have succeeded so quickly in obtaining what he had determined he would obtain.

Very few words had been spoken between Elizabeth and himself, but in those few words he had laid down the lines she was to follow, and she had accepted those lines.

Before he dressed for dinner, Lord Ottershaw drove to Mrs. Griffin's house.

When he sent up his name, and a message was brought down that Mrs. Griffin regretted that she was unable to see him, he merely smiled, and tearing a leaf from his pocketbook he scribbled the following words in French:

"In a month's time Elizabeth will be my wife. I warn you that if you attempt to influence her against this you will regret it all the rest of your days."

"Please give that to your mistress," he said, handing it to Mrs. Griffin's middle-aged maid, to whom French was a sealed mystery, and he laughed softly to himself as he drove away.

When Mrs. Griffin read those few words, she sat frowning at them. She could not believe it; for she knew now that the love of Elizabeth's life had been given to the man she had married. She knew, too, that if ever a woman had sorrow and darkest trouble in her heart, that woman was Elizabeth sorrowing for her husband.

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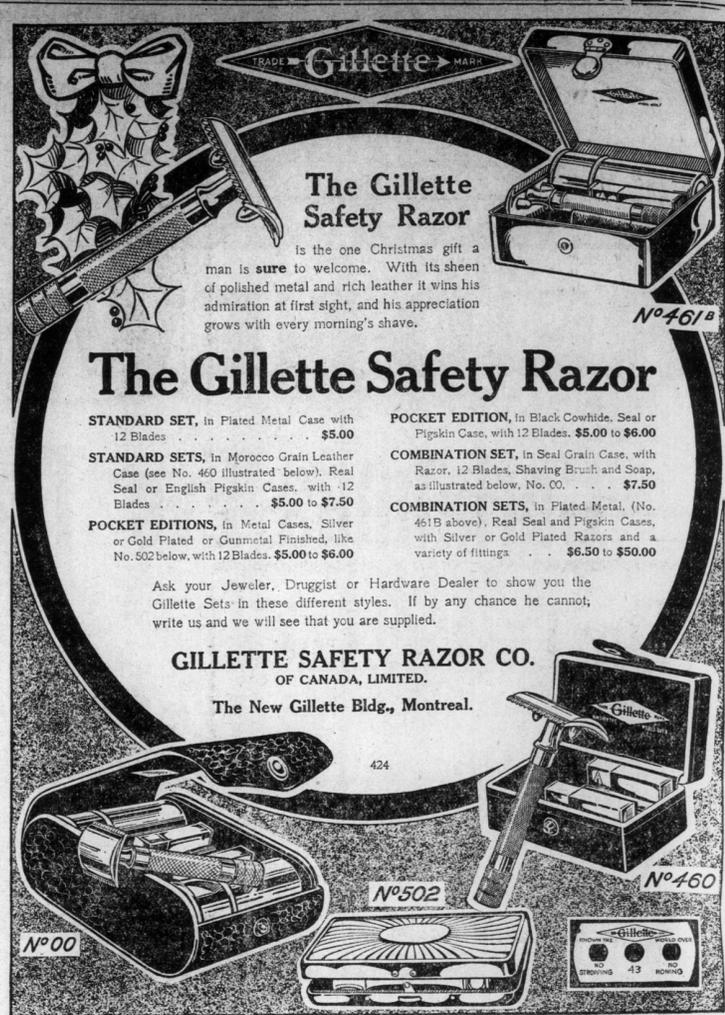
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