

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XII.

BARNARD HAYES FINDS A TOOL FOR HIS PURPOSE.

"I think you'd better stop now, Sam, my boy," remarked the latter, in a tone and with a smile not quite calculated to effect the object ostensibly proclaimed.

"No, I won't," roared Sam. "My luck will turn yet, for all your devilish laugh. Down with your dust, or you are no man."

Of course the stake was forthcoming in a moment, and play was resumed. "Strikes me Sam has been doing a good stroke somewhere," observed again the man who had formerly addressed Hayes.

"Looks as if he might have work for you soon." "How do you suppose that?" asked the lawyer.

"Cause he's been so flush of rhino tonight, and he ain't got no legacy left him as I've heerd on. It's only a guess, though, you know, and Sam's the lad to keep his own counsel, only he's a mighty fool to face up with the Ivories to Tarlton Tom."

While these words were being spoken the game proceeded, and Sam played worse than ever. He was now desperate, desperation made him savage, and coolness of head and steadiness of hand being gone, his strokes grew wild, random, and reckless, so that his antagonist had nothing to do but—in the language of the turf—"walk over the course" and win.

The stroke which made him victor was made, and, with another irritating chuckle he swept up the stakes and deposited them beside his former large winnings.

Sam was cleaned out at last. The last handful of gold was his final possession in the way of coin, and with a bitterly ferocious oath he flung down the cue and strode to the liquor stand, where he called for and gulped down a large quantity of brandy.

"Another, Kate, give me another, old wench," he hoarsely said, holding out the glass to be re-filled with the fiery liquid.

"No, I shan't," she bluntly answered. "You've had as much as is good for you, and if you got more you'd quarrel with some one for your ill luck."

"Ay, cursed ill luck I've had to-night," he hissed. "Well, more fool you to play as you did. Your forte is not with the cue, Sam, and why will you take to it?"

"Right, you are, old lass. I can play the outside game with the best of them, but I am blistered if I can keep my winnings when I get within the baize. Do give me another toss of brandy, though, for my throat is hot as brimstone."

"No; I let the others double the fever by the effort to drown it in brandy, but I shan't allow you to make yourself worse than you are."

"Kate is right; you must take no more brandy, Sam," said a voice close to his side, which caused the gambler to wheel suddenly round, when he was confronted by Barnard Hayes.

"Hilloa, Mr. Lawyer, what's your game?" demanded Sam, not a little surprised at sight of the man who stood at his side, and, if the truth must be told, rendered anxious and even alarmed at beholding him.

"I have come here to see you." Sam gave a violent start. "Fire and blazes, am I smoked?" he asked, excitedly.

"You have reason to expect it, then? The money you have squandered yonder was—"

"Yes, the job is only two nights old. Has the start been given? Has the scent turned my way?"

"Come with me—we must be in private," returned Hayes, taking Sam by the arm, and leading him towards the door of a small side-room, which chanced to be empty.

Hayes eluded the door behind them and drew the bolt, Sam eyeing the proceeding and the lawyer together with increasing anxiety.

"Sam Lorton," said Barnard Hayes, with laconic bluntness—"Sam Lorton, you are a fool."

"Curse my inches, that's twice I've been told the same thing within five minutes," returned the other ferociously. "And by all the black fiends I shall have to begin to b'jore it, if they have started me for this last job. I thought I had done it without leaving even my shadow to track me by."

"I don't mean that, Sam. I mean you are a fool for coming here to throw away the money you get by boldness and daring. It's here, you're a fool, Sam, and nowhere else."

"Ha! I'm not smoked, then?" "Yes—smoked by Tarlton Tom."

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