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THE PRIDE OF LLEWELLYN

By Mrs. E. Southworth

who had kept her expanded eyes fixed upon his all the while.

"Well, dearest, you are perfectly right. These signatures are both traced. And from precisely the same copy. And each has been traced twice. First, by placing the paper over the copu against a window-pane and using a lead pencil, and then by laying the paper on a table or desk and going over the pencil marks with pen and ink. If you will take these lens you will be able to see the pencil marks under those minute irregularities of the pen strokes," he said, drawing a stand before her, laying out the two letters upon it, and placing the lens in her hand.

"I do see it now. Why, these signatures must both have been traced from some autograph of my father's in the writer's possession," said Gladys, gazing as if her eyes were fascinated to the paper.

"In the forger's possession! Don't let us congregate terms, Gladys. These letters are forgeries, and Mrs. Llewellyn is the forger."

"Heaven of heavens! Arthur, how can you say that?" exclaimed the deeply shocked girl.

"Because I firmly believe what I say. If they were not forged by Mrs. Llewellyn, by whom were they forged?"

"Oh, Arthur, not by her! not by her! She is so good, so kind so true. Poor papa thought she was an angel." "Did you ever learn from books, if not from life, that there are hypocrites in the world, Gladys? Have you never been taught by the Holy Scriptures, if not by experience, that there are devils in the form of angels of light?" said the young man, with eyes flashing indignation and scorn.

"Oh, Arthur, Arthur, do not tell me any more just now. Let me get over this. Give me a little time. Oh, I had almost rather die than hear of such things, and especially of Aunt Llewellyn. But I cannot believe it of her. Oh, no, Arthur, I cannot believe it. I cannot!" exclaimed Gladys shrinking and shuddering and covering her face with her hands.

"Heaven knows that I would willingly conceal from you the existence of so much and such deep evil, my pure Lily. But when this evil lies in wait for you and threatens your happiness, if not your destruction, I must reveal it to you at whatever cost of temporary pain to yourself, Gladys," he said.

She did not answer, except by dropping her covered face upon the stand, and moaning softly. "Listen further, my dearest. Observe the cruel art with which those letters were constructed. They were intended first to deceive us, and, if that should be impossible, secondly to deceive others. And hence from the beginning to the end of those letters there is an admission of the denial of the act of betrothal between us. If there had been a denial of it, we should have seen at glance it was falsehood and no the word of your father, whose word was truth. While if there had been any admission of our betrothal, it might have been construed into legal consent and defeated the very purpose for which the letters were forged, to prevent our marriage. The letters were, therefore, carefully worded in a manner calculated to impress us with the idea that he did not deny, but repented, having consented to our betrothal and to persuade others, who knew nothing about it, and who might be called to judge, that he never had countenanced, or even been cognizant of such an engagement. That was very good art, but the tracing of both signatures by the same pattern was very bad art. Can't you see?"

"Oh, I see, I see and I believe the letters to be forgeries, but I cannot, oh, I cannot believe Aunt Llewellyn to have been the forger. Consider, it is a crime a crime punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary. And she is a lady. Oh, horror, horror, horror!" exclaimed Gladys, pressing her hands before her face.

"Gladys come what will, I will test this matter," said the young man, firmly, but kindly, as he bent over her bowed head.

Both were so completely absorbed by each other, and by the subject they had in hand, that neither heard the opening of the door, nor perceived the entrance of Mrs. Llewellyn, until she stood in her deep mourning robes, tall, stately, and sternly beautiful before them.

"I had scarcely expected to see you at Kader Idris, Mr. Powis. Gladys, my love, retire to your own room. I must speak to this young man alone," said the lady. Gladys, pale, silent, and trembling arose to obey. But Arthur Powis also arose, clasped the hand of Gladys closely, bowed to Mrs. Llewellyn and, standing before her, said:

"If Miss Llewellyn had any sense of propriety she would obey her aunt," said the lady.

"Let me go, Arthur," pleaded Gladys trying to disengage her hand. "No, dearest, I cannot. For your own sake, I dare not," he replied, tightening his hold upon her. Then, turning to Mrs. Llewellyn, he said:

"Cast your reproaches upon me, madam, since it is I who detain my promised wife beside me, that with me she may hear what explanation you have to give concerning these letters, for it is of these



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letters, I presume, that you intend to speak," said Arthur Powis, laying his other hand firmly upon the two letters that still remained upon the table. He did this partly to indicate them and partly to keep them from her possession, for she had put out her hand as if to take them up.

"Yes, it is of those letters that I wish to speak to you. But she has heard about them already. And it is a painful subject with which she need not be annoyed again. Therefore, to spare her feelings, I recommend that she should retire," said the lady, calmly.

"Ah! if consideration of her feelings, madam, was your only motive for wishing her to withdraw, I have no more to say. I will leave it to the young lady herself. Gladys, my dearest, what do you say?"

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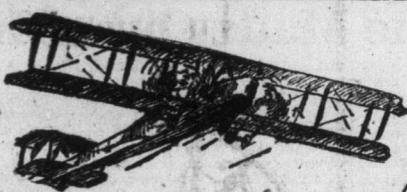
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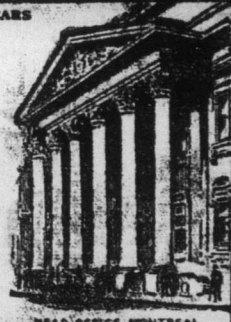
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