A FATEFUL... ... DIAMOND

CHAPTER II.

Louis Dunbar had lived in the city all his life, and was a veritable street Arab. Young as he was, he knew almost every nook and corner in the great metropolis, while not infrequently he made exploring expeditions into the suburbs and surrounding country.

On the day mentioned in the previous chapter he had wandered from noisy, dusty town in an aimiess sort. of way, a desire for the sight of green grass, bright flowers, and waving trees -a longing for the sound of lowing of cattle, the song of birds and the hum of insect life, taking pessession of his heart, and thus it was ne had strayed to the gates of Wallace Houghton's elegant estate, and become the guest of the wealthy gentleman's daughter.

He was a poor, neglected waif whose mother had died very suddenly when he was but six months old, and of whose father no one seemed to know anything. He would have been consigned to the questionable mercies of an orphan's home or an almshouse but for the good nature and kindness of an humble wo-man, who, being childless at that time,

Had anyone observed him as he trudged back toward the city after the rare plasure and treat which he had enof gravity and resolution on his young

Reaching the city, he finally turned into a narrow aliey in a poor locality, and climbed a somewhat dilapidated outside stairway leading into an humble dwelling.

Opening a door, on reaching the top, and entering, he was greeted by the ironing-table, half the night, and earn chouts of noisy children, the steam of as much, if not more, than her hasboiling clothes and the fumes of meat band has earned all day; while he, poor and vegetables, while a stout, red-faced soul, thinks he can't do a few chores woman looked up from the wash-tub over which she was bending, and recognized him with a nod and a weary

Poor Mary Jones! She had led a hard life during the last few years.

John Jones, her husband, worked in the foundry near by, and when they were first married he was able to provide quite comfortably for himself and

But he was one of those easy-going fellows, with no push or energy, satisfied with his scant earnings as long as he had enough to eat and drink, or if really satisfied, too indolent or indifferent to bestir himself and find something better to do to improve his condition, so when added cares came in the form of little ones of their own, his wife had to put her shoulder to the wheel, and by taxing in fine washing and ironing, not infrequently earnforming her own heavy home duties. But hard times and sickness kept them poor in spite of all this, and though the mother often signed to have her children, and the boy to whom she had given a home, and whom she loved almost as well, go poorly fed and scantily clothed, yet she seemed power-

He set the little one down, threw his apology of a hat upon the table, and, unning his sunburned fingers through

the masses of dark hair upon his forehead, while a roguish twinkling gleamed in his eyes, he replied: "Been to a party, Aunt Mary."
"What!" demanded the woman, some-

what sharply. "I have, 'pon my word—out on the Brookline road, too—to one of them crack places; and I had ice cream, strawberries, and cake, with the cutest little gimeracks on top you ever saw," and the lad smacked his lips over the remembrance of those rare dainties upon which he had feasted with such

"Stop your fooling, Louis, and talk ense," returned the woman, gravely, while she bestowed conversioning glance upon him as if she feared he'd been up to some mischief that might get him into trouble. "Truly, Aunt Mary, I'm not fooling,"

he answered and then told the story of his adventure, greatly to the entertainment of all his listeners.
One thing he did not mention, however, and that was the gift he had re-

He feared that his Aun't Mary would tell him that he ought to give the excee money to her for the comfort of the ago. family, and that he did not want to do.

It was not because of the value of

the money, but because of the giver, that he wished to keep it. Her touch, and the kindness that had prompted its bestowal, had rendered it sacred to him, and he had mentally resolved that he would keep it just as

long as he lived. His story told, he fell to musing again, and sat for a long time without speaking to anyone.

But later in the evening, after they had had their simple supper, when John Jones had taken his pipe and gone out for a social smoke with one of his croes, and the little ones were all in bed, he suddenly burst out with:

'Why ain't everybody rich, Aunt Remittances are slow. The woman was standing at the table froning some fine, beautifully trimmed clothes belonging to a wealthy lady for whom she worked, and perchance something of the same thought was in her mind, for she heaved a deep sigh, set

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****** down the iron with a heavy thud, and gave vent to a shori, butter laugh.
"It takes smart tooks to get rich," she said sharply; "folks who are al-ways on the lookout for the best chances, and who are willing to turn their hand to whatever comes along when it's hard times, instead of standing around on the corners, with their hands in their pockets and wondering when work will begin. I wish I was a man," she concluded with an energy which betrayed she was deeply felt on

> "What would you do if you were a man, Aunt Mary?" Louis asked eager-

> The woman's face flushed a burning red, and a quick sob heaved her chest. She was thinking of those children at Margaret Houghton's party, whom Louis had described in such glowing terms to

"I'd-never be content to settle down on a dollar or a dollar and a half a day, and let my children"—with a troubled look at the boy's poverty-stricken appearance, and a wistful look toward the room where her own little were sleeping-"go anyhow, and my wife stand six or eight hours a day at a washtub to help support them.' "But what if you couldn't get more

than that? 'I would get more than that! How do I know, but more make their own money, and have to begin on little, too. I suppose I'd take the dollar to begin with, but I'd keep my eyes open, and instead of walking about the streets had felt her heart go out toward the with a dirty pipe in my mouth, or gos-motherless boy, and had taken him in-siping at a corner grocery, I'd look to her home and given him such care about me, after my day's work was and attention as she could bestow.

Had anyone observed him as he have it too."

"But don't you suppose the men are tired working all day in the foundry?" joyed at the birthday party, he would questioned Louis, well knowing that she have been impressed by the expression was referring to her husband.

"Tired? I suppose they are; but don't you suppose a woman gets tired, demanded Mary Jones, bitterly; "and yet, instead of sitting down with folded hands to rest, or going to her neighbor's to gad after she has done her day's work for a family of six, she can stand at the washtub, or an about the house to help her after his ten hours' task is done. I know scores of women who drudge sixteen hours out of every twenty-four, and half support their families, and yet their husbands grumble if they are asked to split a few kindlings, sift a little ashes, or mind the baby for half an hour." 'I'm sorry, Aunt Mary, that you have

to work so hard," Louis said, regarding her tired face regretfully. "I wish you hadn't so many to care for." The woman gave him a sharp, ques-

tioning look. "La, child, I didn't mean to complain the Lord knows there are harder lots than mine-only it seems to me some-times, that if I was a man, well and strong, I'd want to be as smart anybody else. I'd hate to see my children looking like little beggans, and my wife working her fingers to the bone when perhaps my neighbors were tidy ed more than her husband, besides per- and thrifty and happy, and perhaps laying by a snug penny for a rainy

"I'm glad my children are all boys," she went on after a few moments of silence, during which she had been plying the iron vigorously, every stroke seeming to speak regret over hopes unfulfilled. "I'd feel bad to have a girl grow up to have three or four children of 'Where have you been, Louis?" she "Where have you been, Louis?" she her own, and have to do both man's asked, as the boy entered his humble and woman's work to keep the breath home, caught up the youngest child in of life in them, and then not half-live, his arms, and gave him a toss in the either. Before I was married I used to air, greatly to the infant's delight. think what a nice home I'd have when John and I got settled: what pretty things I'd make for it and my children; how neat and tidy they'd look when sent them to school, and how, perhaps. I'd get time now and then to read a nice book myself; but, deary me, it has taken me every blessed minute to earn enough to keep them from going hungry, and I suppose I've got to drag on to the end in the same way. A heavy sigh concluded the pathetic

sentence, and, as she turned to the stove to exchange her iron, she slyly wiped a tear from her eye with the corner of her apron.

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BRADSTREET'S

Report of the Trade Situation in Canada.

Toronto, July 16 .- Bradstreet's trade review weekly summary says: at Montreal has been fair for this sea-The prospects for the wheat son. crop in Manitoba have improved from the worst condition attained this summer, and the yield will, it is expected, exceed what was estimated ten days Values continue firm; failures are few and unimportant.

Trade at Toronto has been moderately active. Travelers report a fair business in fall lines, and the outlook is considered bright. Values are still firm for all domestic and imported

goods. Country remittances are fair. There has been a fair movement for the fall at Hamilton, and the demand for current needs is fair for this season. Values continue firm. Remit-

tances are fairly satisfactory. Business at the coast cities shows some improvement. The more settled feeling in political circles has improved the general situation. There is still over-competition in some branches.

At London there has been a fair inquiry for fall goods, while in the sorting business the demand has kept up unusually well. The outlook for fall business is bright. Prices are be-

ing well maintained. At Winnipeg there is a better feeling in trade, owing to the better re-ports of the crops. Reports from the Territories where the crops have not

been damaged are encouraging.
The bank clearings for the past week are as follows: Montreal, \$16,542,904, increase 3.2 per cent; Toronto, \$11,947,-373, increase 20.5 per cent; Winnipeg, \$2,143,900, increase 11.1 per cent; Hallfax, \$2,690,061, increase 40.0 per cent; Hamilton, \$815,573, decrease 4.4 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$879,296, increase 24.3 per cent; Vancouver, \$1,108,664, increase 26.0 per cent; Victoria, \$916,679, increase, 46.8 per cent.

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Provincial Legislation Should Not Be Interfered With by the Senate-The Premier's Spirited Reply to Mr.

Ottawa, July 16 .- In speaking on the action of the house in dissenting from the Senate's amendments respecting the appointment of judges of the Provincial Court, Mr. Foster said the government simply wanted to make a campaign question out of it. It was part of the plan of campaign to stir up feeling in Quebec. He displayed a cartoon and quoted a passage from Le Soliel, saying that all Orangemen were bound together by solemn oath to exterminate the Catholic and French element in this British colony. The Liberal party would benefit by this, but the premier went about the country laying his hand upon his heart and saying that when he died the only inscription he wanted on his monument was that he had devoted you suppose the rich get rich? Some are his life to cementing Canada. What born with a silver spoon in their mouth, was the constituent question? It was whether the senate was a part of our parliamentary system or was not. No one doubted that it was. It was an absolutely free part of our parliament, solutely free part of our parliament, odinst Church. It is understood the legislating as it had a right to do, young couple will reside in Petrolia. forming its opinion and expressing it in legislation. He did not think a judge was necessary. He was sorry the day had been wasted, and worse than wasted, because it was given over to making campaign literature out of the basest material.

THE PREMIER'S REPLY. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that if they were to go into newspaper cartoons such as that in Le Soleil, if they were to look to one side or the other side to appeals which unfortunately might be made to race and religious feeling, what was Le Soleil beside Mr. Foster's Hamilton Spectator and other newspapers that were every day working on tine most vile passions of the people It was not his misforcune, it was his pride that he was of French origin, but such diseases and disorders as back-it was used by Mr. Foster and his acne, lame or weak back, Bright's disfriends every day against him in On-tario, and if his friends in Quebec the eyes, swelling of the feet and should resent that he did not blame ankles, smarting or irritation in passthem; he excused them; but the man ing water, frequent risings in the did not live who could say that ever in night, brick dust or other sediment in any circumstances in his life he had made the slightest appeal to religious or race feeling. (Aplause.) He had have a box of Doan's Kidney Pil's sent fought, and was fighting, an honest free by mail if they have never used policy; he met the opposition on their these pills before. It is only because policy; but never in his life did he do we have perfect confidence this re-anything that could be pointed out as medy will do you good that we make coming personally from him, making an appeal to racial or religious passion. If any friend of his, if any newspaper that supported him in Quebec, appealed to the popular passions of any race, he was not ready to support them, and he would be glad if Mr. Foster would likewise impose silence on the sheets that were making attacks on the French race and Catholic religion. That was not the way to discuss a great constitutional question. Mr. Foster was willing to let it go without any discussion at all. It was one of the most important questions ever discussed in the house. The salaries of three judges were not very much, but it was laid down in the law that the provincial governments should constitute the courts, and where a provincial government in its wisdom decided that it was necessary to have so many judges for the administration of the justice of the province, it was the duty of the house and the senate to give effect to that resolution. If the local authorities had the power to appoint the judges they would do it, and that would be the end. But they had not that power. It it was shown that a provincial government, in passing such legislation as had acted in bad faith, and that their action was indefensible, then the Dominion Parliament should not submit to any such thing; but on this occasion it was not pretended that the Quebee people had acted in bad faith. The administration of justice in two provinces should not be weighed in gold, but he pointed out that Ontario, with a population of 2,115,000, according to the last census, had 87 judges, while Quebec, with 1,700,000, had 41 judges more than two in Ontario for one in Quebec. He stood on the broad principle of provincial rights today, the senate had not the right—it had the power but not the right—to reject this The very basis of our constitution rested upon the Idea that provincial legislation should not be interfered with by the central government. this reason it was important to have this discussion, to know where stood, to know if we were to have a parliamentary system or the tyranny of the senate imposed on us and on the will of the people.

Western Ontario.

Windsor will have free postal delivery if the board of trade can bring it about. Willie Bates, a Woodstock youth, has been sentenced to four years in the industrial school at Mimico.

Mail Carrier James McGee, running between Seaforth and Bayfield; has had his contract renewed.

It is reported that a site for the new reformatory for boys has been chosen at or near Beachville. John Carr, of Leamington, has purchased the Brunswick House, Wingham, and will take possession on Aug.

Mrs. Thomas Moore, of St. Thomas, who took a headache powder and was rendered unconscious, is still in a dangerous condition.

Hallf of the money collected for Windsor soldiers in South Africa will be de posited in the bank to be distributed when the soldiers return home.

The death occurred on Thursday of John Fursman, of East Zorra, one of Oxford's old residents, at the age of 82 years. Deceased was born in Eng-

James Sutherland, manager of the Embro flax mill, had a narrow escape the other day. Several tons of baled some distance on him and crushed him to the ground, but he was rescued by some bystanders.

After being principal of the Petrolia ublic schools since 1895, Mr. R. Barbour has tendered his resignation to the board of trustees, and after October 1, 1900, will enter Knox College, Toronto, to prepare himself for the Presbyterian ministry.

The town of Ingersoll has a series of actions on its hands, arising out of the collapse of the platform on the Central school grounds a few days before the Empire Day celebration. Two writs have already been issued, and

others are likely to follow. Wm. Luckins, of Sarnia, received severe kick in the face from one of his horses while at work. The horse's foot struck him square in the face, cutting a bad gash in his upper lip and knockink him insensible to the ground. He will be laid up for some time.

Miss Sophie Leys, youngest daughter of the late Alex. Leys, Sarnia, died suddenly on Thursday at the hospital there. Deceased was an amiable young lady, born in Sarnia, and enjoyed the esteem and respect of a wide acquaint-

HAD NOT THE RIGHT ance throughout the town and neighboring country.

Wiarton Canadian: Mr. J. W. Tibeaudo, who for the past twelve years has been the Grand Trunk agent here, is about to sever his connection with that corporation, after having grown old in its service, and faithfully per-forming the duties of various positions for 41 years. Mr. Tibeaudo will retain the express and American consulate business.

Joseph Featherstone, J. P., of Lambton, died on June 4, after five days' illness with pneumonia, and was buried on the 7th. He lived for more than sixty years in the township of Moore, and acted as both reeve and deputy reeve in that council for many years. He was a man of sterling principles, a staunch churchman, and was dele-gate for Trinity Church, Moore, for over 25 years. He leaves a widow and one child, Margaret Graystock; also three step-children.

On Wednesday evening, 11th inst., a quiet wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. A. T. Sussex, Cak street, Bothwell, when his eldest daughter, Clara M., was united in holy wed-lock with Dr. C. O. Fairbank, of Petrolia, major of militia, and one of the largest oil producers of Canada. The bride was attended by her little sister, Mizpah, who carried a large boquet of flowers. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother, the guests were limited to the immediate relatives. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Cobbledick, M.A., B.D., of the Meth-

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