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### For Her Sake; —OR— The Murder in Furness Wood.

CHAPTER IV.

"Yes," thought her ladyship, as she sank into a luxurious easy-chair, "I have done an excellent night's work. I have left him with two very clear impressions. One is that his daughter is not quite perfect; the other that he absolutely needs the help of some one moving in good society to win a place for him in the great world of fashion."

CHAPTER V.

The two ideas became mixed in Mr. Cameron's mind. There must be something wanting in the education of his daughter. Personally he could discover no fault, no flaw; to him she was perfect; but this kind-hearted lady of fashion had evidently seen something or other that she did not quite approve. It was true that Diana was free of speech—more free than the generosity of girls—that is, she said what she thought, expressing her opinions frankly; but that Lady Colwyn and Sir Royal had always assured him was one of her greatest charms. Diana's ideas and opinions were always original; she rarely gave utterance to commonplaces. Sir Royal said he would rather hear her talk than read a book; and Lady Colwyn admired her freshness of ideas and the freedom with which she expressed them. But Lady Scarsdale said such unconventionality was unpardonable in the eyes of the world. Who was right?

As they drove home that evening, Peter Cameron studied his young daughter more keenly and more attentively than he had ever done before. He failed to see any evidence of want of training. The pure light of truth shone in her blue eyes, and the sweet lips could utter no word that did not bear them.

He watched her when she reached home, and, observing every movement, scrutinizing every word, he admired her more than ever. But what if he had made a mistake, if he had taken her from school too young, if he had entrusted to her too much authority

and power? Perhaps he ought to have had some elderly fashionable lady residing with them; but then all the freedom of their happy lives would have been spoiled. He was not quite at his ease, for, as she was one of the most beautiful and wealthiest, so he wished her to be one of the most accomplished and highly-trained girls in England.

"Have I spoiled you, Queen Diana?" he asked her that same evening, when she went to bid them good night.

"I do not think so," she replied.

"They tell me you are unconventional, Diana."

"I hope so," she said. "Why, papa, you would not have me think and speak by rule, weigh my words, and never do anything that I had not seen some one else before me, would you?"

"No, no," he cried hastily—"nothing of that kind, Diana!"

"Who told you that I was unconventional?" she inquired. "I know by instinct that it was Lady Scarsdale. I saw her looking at me once or twice while I was talking to Sir Grantley. Would you wish me to be like her daughters, papa? They speak and move by rule; they would never dream of giving utterance to an original thought. But they make up for it when their mother is not present. They are by no means conventional then. Now I say everything I think to you, papa. You like that best, do you not?"

He was as wax in her hands.

"Certainly that is best," he replied.

"Then I have not spoiled you, my Queen Diana?"

"No," she replied; "I shall bear a great deal of spilling yet."

Still in his own mind Peter Cameron was not quite happy. His ambition was growing apace, and he yearned for a lofty place in the fashionable world for his daughter. He began to think that neither his money nor his magnificent home was of any value to him unless he obtained the desire of his heart—the "hall-mark" of society. He thought a great deal, too, that evening, of Lady Scarsdale. If he could secure the friendship of such a woman for Diana, he would be content.

He watched his daughter all the next day, but he failed to detect anything that was not perfectly correct and natural in her and he felt that he should not love her half so well if she were other than she had hitherto been. He was astonished when as he was

gazing fixedly at her, she looked up at him with a smile and said:

"How intently you are watching me, papa! Have you made any fresh discoveries as to my character?"

"No; you are always the same to me," he replied. "By the bye, Diana, we must have a dinner party—Sir Grantley and Lady Tresham, Lady Scarsdale and her daughters, Lady Colwyn and Sir Royal—and you must give us one of your most recherche dinners. I should like Lady Scarsdale to see Ferness."

If Diana had yielded to the impulse of the moment, she would have said: "I do not like Lady Scarsdale, papa." She would have said it frankly enough to any one else; but she seldom, if ever, opposed any wish that her father expressed.

"Do you hear, Diana?" he asked.

"Yes; and I will obey, papa. Would you like a few young people and a little dance 'afterward,' as Lady Tresham says?"

"No, not this time. I want Lady Scarsdale to see Ferness at its best. I should like to show her the house after dinner."

Diana looked fearlessly into her father's face as she asked:

"Why?"

"It is in her power to render me a great service, my dear," he replied, "and I want her to see the kind of people we are."

"What service can she render you, papa?" asked the girl. "You require services from no one."

Peter Cameron's face flushed. After all, he did not care that the clear eyes of his daughter should fathom an ambition that even in his own heart he acknowledged to be a mean one.

"I can hardly explain, Diana," he said slowly; "but she is intimate with people whom I wish to know, and she can procure me introductions I desire."

"Oh, no! Lady Scarsdale says the whole affair has been a mistake; she is quite sure it has. Remember, I should like everything to be seen at its best on Tuesday. I think we had better say Tuesday, Dian."

"Just as you wish, papa," she answered. Then she drew near to him, put her arms round his neck, and kissed his kind, round face. "Papa," she said, "I wish you did not care so much about this tiresome Duke."

"I cannot help it, Dian. You do not see the importance of the matter."

"Indeed I do not," she said. "To me it means of no importance whatever. Oh, papa, do pause before you lay yourself under an obligation to this lady, who seems, I think, just a little capricious! I wish—please bear with me, papa—I do wish that you did not care quite so much for grand people. Why should you seek the society of those who evidently do not care for you? You are so independent in everything else that I cannot comprehend your running after persons above you as you do."

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not the Miss Cameron, heiress of Ferness, quite as worthy of honor and respect as the Duchess herself? She knew this longing for the Duke's acquaintance was as a thorn in her father's side, the one small cloud that dimmed the perfect sunshine of his life. For his sake she would have been glad had the Duke consented to recognize him; as for herself, she was quite satisfied with the existing state of affairs. Consequently her father's proposition with regard to Lady Scarsdale was not received with any eagerness.

After a few minutes' silence, she said:

"Papa, will you tell me what introduction Lady Scarsdale has promised you?"

He colored as his daughter asked the question, knowing that his answer could not fail to displease her.

"One that I have long wished for, Dian," he answered. "Lady Scarsdale is a personal friend of the Duchess."

"But do you not see that you will lay yourself under an obligation to Lady Scarsdale?" she asked, impatiently.

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**THE RAILWAY WAGE QUESTION.**

LONDON, Sept. 25. Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transport, and the entire Executive Committee of the National Union of Railway Men, conferred for two hours and a half this morning over the railway wage question, which is threatening a nation-wide railway strike. The conferences took adjournment until four o'clock this afternoon.

**GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE.**

LONDON, Sept. 25. (Reuters)—The papers dwell to-day on the gravity of the threatened railway strike. They emphasize that the public, which is already paying heavily for railway and travelling transport, cannot safely be ignored by either side in this dispute. It is pointed out that the strike announcement was issued on the very day that the new Ministry of Transport came into existence and it consequently seems almost as if it were a challenge. Sir Eric Geddes, it is stated, cannot allow himself to be stampeded by a pistol held at his head. In other quarters the Govt. was blamed for its delay in settling the question of standard wage and it pointed out that the threat had always succeeded in compelling the reopening of negotiations which the railway executive had believed were closed. Consequently it is believed that the Government offer to negotiate will be accepted by the union officials. The latter report to be stampeded by a strike that they are wanting to precipitate a strike that the discontent of the men has become so acute that they are likely to force a stoppage of railway traffic at the week end.

**ANOTHER STRIKE THREATENED.**

BUFFALO, N.Y., Sept. 25. With a general strike of soft coal miners in the United States set tentatively for November 1st, operators and representatives of men met here to-day in an effort to avert it by reaching an agreement on the question of wages, working hours and working conditions.

**INVESTIGATION CALLED.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. Investigation of a nation wide steel strike by the Senate Labor Committee which begins to-day, was called to determine "if the situation in any way can be relieved by Federal action." John Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Strikers' Organization, has assured the committee he would present labor's side of the controversy and he was summoned as first witness. Judge Cary was summoned to pre-

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