

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER X.

THE READING OF THE WILL — THE MISSING CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE — A DANGEROUS TRUST.

"Ha! Jim; there you are," cried Mr. Langton. "Got the desk all right, I see?"

"Yes, sir; all right, sir; and Mrs. Dodson she sends her very best respects to Miss Annabel, and bids me say how her moose folks have been asking after her."

"Ah, indeed? Then I hope Mrs. Dodson gave them to understand that they must look out for another music teacher—that Miss Annabel doesn't mean to dudge in that way any more."

"In course she did, sir," said Jim, with a broad grin. "Mrs. Dodson ain't the party, sir, as would fail to convey such pleasant intelligence."

"That will do," said Mrs. Langton. "You can go down and have supper. You must need it after your journey."

Thus dismissed, Jim left the room, and Annabel, quitting the piano at which she had been seated, took out her keys, and opened the desk—the act being almost unnoticed, except by Mrs. Langton and Bernard Hayes, who exchanged a momentary but significant glance.

Still the conversation went on in the same indifferent strain, when, at the end of a minute or two, it was arrested by an exclamation from Annabel, and on the general attention being drawn towards her, it was seen that she was bending over a roll of papers spread on the table before her in an attitude of perplexity.

"I cannot find the certificate here," she remarked.

"Cannot find it?" repeated Mr. Langton, going towards her. "Look again, my dear. You must have missed it."

"No, I cannot have done so, for I have opened and examined every paper, and it is not amongst them."

"Try another drawer," suggested the merchant.

"That would be useless. These are all the papers I received from my mother. They were tied together when she gave me them, and I put them into this particular drawer, without even opening the packet, nor have I touched it since; but she told me what the packet contained—viz., letters which she had received from my father and the marriage certificate. The letters are here, but no certificate."

"No certificate!" echoed a voice in a peculiar tone, and all eyes were turned on Bernard Hayes, who had uttered the words. The expression of his face was as significant as had been his tone, and they gazed at him, wondering what it might mean.

"Is there really no certificate?" he repeated, and still the tone was pointedly significant.

"It does not seem to be among these papers," said Mr. Langton. "But, of course, it is somewhere, and will be come upon. No doubt, my dear," he added, turning to Annabel, "it will be in some repository which belonged to your mother. The first time you are at Liverpool you can make search for it."

"I have no repository which belonged to her," answered Annabel, whose face still wore a perplexed expression. "Besides, she told me plainly that it was amongst these papers."

"Better examine them again, my love. You must have been too hurried," suggested Mrs. Langton.

Annabel mechanically obeyed the suggestion, and, unfolding the papers one by one, examined each very minutely. What she saw caused the tears to start to her eyes, for nearly the whole of them were letters from her father in the days of youth and love, when he was clandestinely corresponding with the dear object of his affections, whom he was not permitted to see openly. What purity and tenderness they breathed, and how radiant and glowing were they with loftiness of thought, sincerity of heart, and buoyancy of hope. Of the marriage itself, however, there was no proof, either in the written letters or in the presence of a certificate, such as Annabel had been told by her mother was there. This fact was patent to all when she had made deliberate examination of every paper, unfolding them to their full size so as to make sure that the thing sought was not concealed in any of the folds. No, it was perfectly evident now that the certificate was not there, and she knew nowhere else to look for it.

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