

A GIRL IN A THOUSAND

Despite his anger, he was forced to admire the cool audacity of the individual, never had he seen it paralleled in the whole course of his checkered experience.

Mr. Chauncey Odell, looking indolently out of the door, saw that he was being surveyed by some one who had stopped her, and she who looked like a pirate, and who beckoned with his finger.

He dropped his legs from the seat, and straightened his figure, while a bland smile crept over his handsome face.

"Ah! How d'ye do? Have a seat, and join me in a cigar, now. Great pleasure, I assure you," he said, seductively.

Rex still beckoned.

"You will have to come out of that, my friend," he said, endeavoring to speak dispassionately.

"I say, have we arrived at our destination?" jumping up eagerly, and half-stretching his arm toward his valise, now up in the rack.

"You have, at least," replied the stern proprietor of the special.

"But I want to go to Lucerne."

"You are at liberty to do so on the next train."

"But this one is going there."

"Exactly, but it will not bear you, I fancy."

"See here, I've met you somewhere or other. Face very familiar. Are you connected with the railway—conductor, superintendent, a new guard, perhaps?"

"I happen to be the party who has chartered this special," said Rex, stiffly.

"Oh! indeed. Thought I had seen you somewhere—it was at the hotel in Paris. Well, sir, I admit to you that in one way I have played you a scurvy trick by taking advantage of your hurry; still, it has not hurt you an iota, and I assure you that haste is of the most vital importance to me just now."

"Indeed!" sneered Rex, wondering how long the fellow would talk, and whether he would be compelled, after all, to forcibly eject him.

"It was of the utmost necessity that I leave Paris. I missed connecting with the express, and was almost in despair when, at the station, I chanced to hear that some rich foreigner had chartered a special, with the understanding that it was to overtake the regular train in the mountains. It seemed a golden opportunity too valuable to be missed. I bribed the guard and came. No doubt I should have seen you, and endeavored to make proper arrangements, but I was afraid you might refuse the favor that I took my chances the other way. At any rate, there was little opportunity for thought. And now I want to apologize frankly and offer to share your expense in the proportion you think just and right."

Well, that frank speech disarmed Rex more than a little; he could not find it in him to lay violent hands on the man who started his case in that open way.

"Besides, after all, Odell did not seem like a scamp."

So he stood and looked at him, un-mindful of the fact that valuable seconds were flitting.

"You would have done just the same thing yourself in a like emergency, I warrant, sir," said the unwelcome passenger.

It was so—Rex admitted the fact in his heart; the other had simply seized upon an opportunity that was offered him, as any other bold chap would have done.

Immediately a feeling of friendliness struggled in Grafton's heart.

"And allow me to tell you in confidence," pursued Chauncey Odell, with a smile, "that the need of urgency on my part is caused by an affair of the heart."

"Oh, indeed!" said Rex, his lips tightening and his eyes becoming hard again, while his fingers opened and shut in a manner that told of eagerness to lay hold of something in the shape of a coin collar and a little act in the evasion line.

The deluded Odell seemed to consider that he had aroused the other's interest—which he certainly had—and awakened that fellow sympathy which makes all the world think well of a lover—which was hardly in line with the truth in this case.

He chattered on.

"The girl with whom I'm in love has been carried away by her guardian. Imagine my despair. Then came this glorious chance to overtake them, for which I am beholden to you. Ah! my dear sir, I'm exceedingly grateful to you. Continue to be my friend, and if I win the girl against the objections of all concerned I shall insist on your being at the wedding."

"The detestable you will!" roared Rex, for the fellow was, of course, referring to sweet Madge Moore, with whom he was himself madly in love.

CHAPTER XXXI

Mr. Chauncey Odell appeared to be somewhat surprised at the vehemence with the gentleman expressed his feelings on the subject which usually interests the human race.

He surveyed him in a startled way.

"I mean it from my heart. You have been of great assistance to me, and I foresee that, through your kindness, I may be able to accomplish my end and win a wife."

"You expect all of that?" said Rex, grimly.

"I certainly do. You are an American, and a gentleman. Perhaps you have never been in the same predicament yourself, but I am sure I may appeal to your love of fair play in the matter."

"Ah, yes; fair play," laughing softly.

"They are leagued against me, but I'm determined to win out in spite of fate. Do you blame me for that?"

"Certainly not," said Rex, perplexed.

"Ah! I was sure you were that kind of a man. You wouldn't feel happy in bringing misery to loving hearts."

"See here, are you speaking for yourself alone, or with an eye single to the happiness of the—ah—young lady concerned?"

"For both. To be parted would mean untold misery for her as well as myself."

"Jove! he spoke as though he meant it, too, and yet Rex could plainly remember the look of annoyance, almost disgust, upon the pretty face of Miss Madge when she was compelled to refer to the detestable fellow who had given her such trouble by chasing hither and thither after her."

Was Mr. Chauncey Odell a fool or a knave?

Plainly, he looked neither, and yet appearances were often very deceitful.

"You seem to be very sure of her affection, sir," Rex said, sarcastically.

"Of course I am; just as sure of it as a man can ever be of a woman."

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STUDENT WOUNDED.

Duncan McDonald, of McGill, Shot Near the Heart.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—Duncan McDonald, a first year student in science at McGill, shot himself this afternoon and is lying at the point of death in one of the city hospitals. The shooting took place at 1.30 at the Alpha Beta Gamma Fraternity house on Milton street. McDonald and another student were in the house about 1.30, but in separate rooms. A third student, coming in heard a pistol shot, and running upstairs found McDonald on the floor with a bullet wound just below his heart. His friends ran for doctors, who have very little hope of his recovery.

McDonald was not a brilliant student and had failed to pass his Christmas examinations. For the past few days he had not been attending lectures. Among his fellow-students he was regarded as a jolly good fellow. His friends say the shooting was accidental. All the chambers were empty but one, and while examining the revolver, they state, it went off.

McDonald's home is in the city, his father being Mr. George McDonald, of McKay street.

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Flannelette Sheet 35c

72-inch Flannelette Sheet, soft, warm finish, equal to a wool sheet, ing, regularly 45c, for 35c.

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MIGHT AS WELL PLEAD GUILTY. James Sugden Admits Numerous Forgeries at Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—"I might as well plead guilty to the whole bunch and save trouble."

This was the statement made to Judge Lett-day when he asked James Sugden if he were guilty to the charge of passing forged cheques.

In the new complaint Sugden was charged with presenting a forged cheque for \$486 to the Imperial Bank branch at Ottawa, drawn on the American National Bank, Los Angeles. On the strength of this, and a previous deposit of \$10 he withdrew \$225 on one occasion and 26 on another. Similar charges had already been entered against the accused in Ontario towns.

INVITE HAYS TO S. RATFORD. City Will Celebrate Opening of New Car Shops.

Stratford, Jan. 19.—On the occasion of the formal opening of the new million dollar Grand Trunk shops here on Thursday, Feb. 18, the city will tender a banquet and reception to Chas. M. Hayes, general manager of the G. T. R.

After two years of auditing by chartered accountants the city has decided to revert to the old system of employing local auditors and has appointed A. A. Jerrey and J. A. McFadden.

Mr. Justice Latchford granted yesterday a winding-up order against the Chandler-Massey Company on the petition of the Dominion Bank, creditors for \$54,684.20.

IN FOOT OF WATER. Two Men Were Drowned at Plattsburg, N.Y.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Two men, who were at work in the basement of the pump-house at the country home of Justice H. T. Kellogg, of Valcour, were drowned in a foot of water to-day. The men were completing repairs to the pump, and it is supposed that both were stunned by falling and were drowned before either could regain consciousness. No one witnessed the tragedy. The men were Harry Jander, of Plattsburg, and a Mr. Hoffman, an employee of the Fairbanks Engine Co., of Albany.

The Toronto Young Liberals' Club unanimously adopted a resolution in favor of retention of Government control of the E. C. R.

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