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A Lost Gem

She overheard a scrap of conversation which confirmed her secret suspicions in a rather curious way. She wanted to talk to Bertie—who had not yet made his appearance in public after his escape—and Mr. Moncrieff had told her that she would probably find him in the Octagon Room, where he generally pursued his studies under Kingscot's superintendence. Thither Stella betook herself about six o'clock one evening. Two days had elapsed since her arrival at Torrensuir, and she had not yet seen the boy, over whom her heart yearned with a sensation of intolerable grief and pain. She came quietly through the long gallery—so quietly that her footsteps made no sound upon the polished floor—and paused for a moment before she drew the portiere before the entrance to the Octagon Room. She paused simply to collect her thoughts, to renew her courage; but in that pause voices fell upon her ear.

"You'll do nothing of the kind," Ralph Kingscot was saying coolly. "If you say one word about it, I'll tell your father the whole of that little transaction of yours with Vinner, and then—"

"No, oh, no!" Bertie's voice, full of agitation and appeal, was heard to say, "Oh, don't tell him that. He would never forgive me. I will do anything you like—I won't say a word."

And then Stella drew the curtain aside, and found, as she had already divined, that the door was open. Bertie was lying on a sofa, his head half buried in the cushions; Mr. Kingscot was lounging in an arm-chair, with his arms behind his head. He cast a look of positive hatred at Stella as she came in; a look in which malignity and cunning were so blended that she did not like to remember it afterwards, although at the time itself it produced little impression upon her.

"Mrs. Moncrieff!" he exclaimed, starting to his feet, with a sort of disagreeably exaggerated politeness. "We never expected this honor; did we, Bertie? My young pupil and I seem to have had a prescriptive right to this part of the house for so long that we are quite unused to visitors. But of course we must look for changes now."

There was a subtle sting in this remark which was not lost upon Stella's perceptions but she did not choose to attend to Mr. Kingscot's insinuations at that moment. She turned at once towards Bertie, who did not raise his face from the pillow against which it was pressed. She could read shame in the boy's very attitude, and she hastened to lay her hand gently on his head; without heeding Mr. Kingscot's presence.

"Bertie!" she said, softly, "Bertie! have you no word for me?"

She felt her hand taken and carried to the boy's lips, but he did not say a word. Moved by a sudden impatience, she looked round at Mr. Kingscot. "I should like to speak to him alone for a few minutes," she said. "You will excuse me if I ask—"

"Oh, certainly. You have every right to command," said Kingscot, bowing with the ironical politeness which he had already shown to her. "I will leave you with your stepson by all means, Mrs. Moncrieff."

Stella felt that there was something unpleasant—something even vaguely insulting—in his manner, but she did not choose to resent it. She waited, with her hand in Bertie's grasp, until his uncle had retired. Mr. Kingscot went into his own room, and closed the door of communication. "Not till then did Stella feel free to sink down on her knees beside Bertie's sofa and speak to him in soft, caressing tones.

"Dear Bertie, we are all so sorry. And you are sorry, too."

Then the boy's grief broke forth. He burst into a storm of weeping, overpowered sobs, in which all his attempts at speech were lost. It was some time before the words became articulate.

"I didn't mean it—I never thought you were doing—I shall never be able to look you in the face again!" These were the first words that became audible.

"I know, dear, I understand. Just when you came home—just when you expected a welcome—for me to disagree you so! And my father—he'll never forgive me!"

"Oh yes he will, Bertie. If you are sure that you have told him everything that he ought to know—and if for the future you do right."

Bertie did not speak. From the tremor that ran through his whole frame, Stella felt that her words had gone home.

"Is there nothing that you have kept from your father, Bertie? Is there not something that he ought to know?"

"You—you heard me speaking—as you saw me!"

"Yes, dear."

"Oh, don't tell, don't say anything to my father," said the boy, raising himself for the first time, and turning an anguished face upon her. "It is not my secret—at least, it is nothing much—"

"Then why are you so much afraid of his knowing?"

"I should like him to know! Oh, I wish I could tell him everything!"

"You mean," said Stella, slowly, "that your uncle, Mr. Kingscot, will not allow you to speak?"

The boy cowered down, with his face in the cushion again. Stella grew a little impatient.

"Why are you afraid of him?" she said.

"Why do you not throw off his bondage, and be perfectly frank and open? You think he will tell your father of things that you want hidden, but why do you hide them? why not make a full confession of everything wrong, and start afresh? Be brave, and tell your father all."

But Bertie only groaned and muttered. "You don't know. You would not say so if you knew everything."

"Then tell me, everything, and let me judge."

"No, no; I can't."

"Then, Bertie, I think I must tell your father what I heard as I came in, and let him question you."

But at this Bertie fell into such a paroxysm of terror, and yet was so emphatic in his assertions that there was nothing to tell—nothing to conceal—that Stella was fairly bewildered. And when the boy added the most earnest assurances that he was resolved to give up his bad companions and to lead a steady and honorable course for the future, she felt that she was unable to do more for him, and could only hope that he would keep his word. Her late failure to impress Mr. Moncrieff with doubt of Ralph Kingscot added to her reluctance to accuse that gentleman. She made up her mind, therefore, to wait for a time and see what happened; for Bertie seemed sincerely repentant, and had promised to amend his ways, and if he did as he had promised there would surely be no need to say anything. She wondered afterwards whether a little cowardice had not prompted this decision; but she was not actually conscious of it at the time.

Alan Moncrieff was only too glad to be able to accord a free pardon to his boy, and Stella felt that her intercession had not been unavailing in bringing a reconciliation about at an earlier date than Bertie had expected. The boy was very much humbled by his disgrace; for it could not be denied that every one in the neighborhood was aware of the fact that he had been seen under the influence of drink outside the railway station on the evening of his stepmother's arrival; and it was the publicity of the incident which added poignancy to his father's grief, as well as his own humiliation.

It was decided that he should be sent to a tutor's at the New Year; and in the meantime he was to remain under Mr. Kingscot's tuition and guardianship. Stella would have been better satisfied if he had gone at once; but, as she soon found, her husband did not precipitate action, and it was useless to urge him to do what he did not like.

It was easy to perceive that although he was always kind and courteous and considerate towards her, it was not she who had influence with him in practical matters, but his first wife's brother, Ralph Kingscot. He was supreme, and Mrs. Moncrieff—although she sat at the head of the table and ordered the dinner and supervised Molly's studies and received visitors—Mrs. Moncrieff was a cipher in the house.

One of Stella's first visitors was Lady Valencia Gildroy. Lady Val lived with a widowed sister at a pretty little house about five miles from Torrensuir, and she had known the Moncrieffs for many years. The sister, Lady Mary Lennox, had laid aside all outward signs of widowhood, received a good deal of company, and was one of the most popular women in the country-side.

Lady Val was popular also, but in a different way. She was reputed to be the most skillful and shameless flirt in the county, and Stella liked the reports she heard of her so little that she, half-involuntarily, received Lady Val with much stiffness, and showed by her manner that she had no great desire to be a friend of hers. But Lady Val was undismayed. "I like the little thing, and I'm going to be friends with her," she remarked to her sister, as they drove home together after their first call; "so she needn't put on her company-manners for me. I'll soon get rid of that."

(To be Continued.)

The fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla, once fairly tried, become the favorite spring medicine, speaks volumes for its excellence and merit.

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WESTERN ONTARIO.

Serious Charge Against a Municipal Official in Essex County—An A. O. U. W. Lodge Condemns Theatrical Posters—Early Closing of Bars in North Oxford.

North Oxford bars will close at 9:30 p.m. hereafter.

There were 125 conveyances at the late A. L. Barber's funeral in Guelph.

The Dutche Caledonian Society will invite the Governor-General to preside over the Scotch games to be held there this summer.

The company of St. Thomas gentlemen who constructed the trout pond at Locke Springs will in a few days stock it with 10,000 trout fry.

Foster Andrews, of St. Thomas, a nurseryman, has been arrested on the charge of forging the name of John Aiken, M. C. R. conductor, to a \$5 note.

Penitentiary Lodge, A. O. U. W. Chatham, calls upon the fraternal societies and churches of the town to unite in compelling the authorities to prohibit indecent theatrical posters.

James Gorrie, formerly turnkey in the jail at Stratford, was killed while cleaning out a well at Milton on Friday, the bucket slipping. The remains were interred at Stratford on Monday.

W. H. Meek, farmer, River road, Southwold, sued the municipality for \$80 damages for cutting down two maple trees on the side of the highway in front of his property. Judgment reserved.

Two important oil changes took place at Petrolia last week. James Harley Kerr for \$15,000, and John Murdoch disposing of his oil property to Duncan Sinclair for \$10,000.

Coste Bros. continue to lease large tracts of land at Comber, which they will test for natural gas and oil. They claim to have all the necessary financial capital supplied by Buffalo gentlemen, and will begin drilling at an early date.

M. Devitt, of West Montrose, has bought John Shantz's farm at Breslau, consisting of 117 acres, for \$6,500, in view of his having any relatives.

John Devitt intends to spend the rest of his days at Breslau.

The Chatham police are on the lookout for James D. McNaughton, a young man who recently returned from the United States, charged with the crime of inflicting severe wounds upon Wm. Marshall, a billiard marker. Marshall tried to forcibly eject McNaughton from a billiard hall, but the latter, seizing his head and neck, struck him repeatedly over the head and face, inflicting some terrible gashes. He then decamped.

John Tetruhl, the 12-year-old boy arrested at Woodstock with the tramp, Charles Smith, recently sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for having committed an abominable offense, was Saturday arraigned on the charge of vagrancy, and as no word had been received of his having any relatives, the magistrate sent the boy to Penetanguishene for a period not less than six months, and to be limited to five years.

Ex-Treasurer Clement Mailloux, of Tilbury North, was arrested by Detective Campbell at his home in Stone Point, charged with stealing the sum of \$5,000 while holding office. He was discharged a few months ago, and the auditors, who have been working on his books, claim there is a shortage of a large amount. He has been released on bail in the sum of \$12,000, to appear Saturday before Magistrate Bartlett. Mailloux was supposed to be wealthy, and is one of the best known men in Essex county.

James Hamilton, one of the oldest residents of Amherstburg, died on Sunday, aged 86 years. He was a native of Ireland, and enlisted in 1838, coming to Fort Valden during the rebellion in 1837 with the Thirty-fourth Regiment. He was appointed to a position in the customs in Amherstburg in 1845, and after a service of over 35 years, was superannuated in 1881. He was the father of Methodism in the town, having been a member of that denomination for 74 years, and a class leader for 45 years. Mr. Hamilton leaves a wife and nine children, all grown-up, one being the wife of Reeve John Auld, of Amherstburg, and another the wife of Rev. E. A. Irving, Episcopal minister, of Dundas. His sons are: Wesley, of the Detroit and Windsor Ferry Company; Thomas, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Detroit; Robert, of the Peninsular Printing Company, Detroit, and Alfred, of Big Rapids, Mich.

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SEVERAL CONUNDRUMS

That Puzzle Latin-American Diplomats and United States Citizens as Well.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The diplomatic representatives from Central and South America, and in a certain sense those from the continent of Europe as well, are watching with no little interest the development of the strained relations between Nicaragua and Great Britain, growing out of the expulsion of Pro-Consul Hatch and other English subjects from Bluefields last summer.

The Nicaraguan minister to the United States, Dr. Guzman, frankly says he has no information from his Government as to the course it will pursue in the matter, nor has he any idea what the result will be.

Some of the other diplomats representing Latin-American countries are hoping that Nicaragua will decline to pay the indemnity until forced to do so at the cannon's mouth. A gentleman who has lived in those countries for many years, and who is entirely familiar with the sentiment of the people, in conversation upon the subject today said:

"All the Spanish Americans are curious to know what position the United States will take in this affair."

"Will she permit British ironclads to shell Greytown?"

"Will she allow British marines to take possession of the custom house at Corinto and collect the revenues to an amount equal to the indemnity?"

"These are the questions that fall from the lips of all the Central and South American when Nicaragua's trouble with Great Britain is discussed. No one seems able to answer them, and I doubt if Secretary Gresham himself has fully decided upon his policy. What will be the effect in those countries should the United States remain passive and allow Great Britain to collect the money after her own fashion, provided she does not seize any part of Nicaragua's territory? Such indifference would greatly injure the prestige of the United States in all the countries to the south of us. The Latin-American countries do not desire to drag the United States into a war with Great Britain or any other country unnecessarily. What they do expect, and they will be bitterly disappointed if their expectation is not realized, is that the United States will use its good offices to have the difficulty amicably settled."

A DREADFUL DEED.

Resulting from Despondency Caused by Strong Drink.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 22.—Geo. H. Riecker, aged 22, editor of the Bristol Herald and Bristol correspondent for the New Britain Herald, committed suicide today at the home of his brother-in-law, John Whitmore, in New Britain, by cutting his throat with a knife in the presence of his wife and his sister. The deed was done in a fit of despondency resulting from drink. Riecker's wife seized the knife, but he drew it through her hand, cutting her badly. His sister also seized the knife with a like result.

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