

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER X.

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

"Business is quite done," rejoined her husband. "Hayes, I suppose you can now carry through the necessary legal forms?"

"Yes, certainly," answered the lawyer, with a bland smile; "that is," he added, "so soon as I receive the certificate of marriage."

"The certificate of what marriage?" inquired Mr. Langton.

"The marriage of Miss Annabel's parents. It is a mere matter of form, of course, but still necessary—the terms of the Will require it."

"I don't understand you, Barnard. I listened attentively to the will, and heard nothing about a certificate of marriage."

"Well, no, not in so many words," returned the lawyer, smiling again. "But by the way the deed is expressed the necessity arises. Read the sentence, Peter. You know what I mean."

Peter had folded up the document, but he opened it again and read aloud—

"—to Annabel, the only child, lawfully begotten of my sister, Annabel Seymour, and her husband, Everard Leighton."

"You hear, sir," observed Hayes, "that is very explicit—the only child, lawfully begotten." Before the young lady can be served her, proof must be given of the marriage of her parents."

"Oh, if that is all, there need be no difficulty," said the merchant. "Annabel will direct you where to find the certificate. Where were your parents married, my dear?"

No question could have been asked more indifferently, yet the keen, piercing glance which was shot towards her from the furtive eyes of Barnard Hayes would, had it been noticed, have betrayed the intense anxiety with which he waited for Annabel's answer. One bright gleam also darted sideways from the dark orbs of Mrs. Langton, suggestive of the same vital anxiety.

"I cannot tell," replied the girl. "My mother seldom spoke to me of her marriage. The subject seemed very painful to her, and seeing that it was so, I refrained from alluding to it. She gave me before she died a bundle of papers, which she said related to that sad, yet happy portion of her life. I put them away in my desk, and never had the courage to examine them. But I know the certificate is among them."

"Then it's all right, Hayes," exclaimed Mr. Langton. "The certificate can be got when it is required. It is not wanted at present, is it?"

"It is the very first thing that is wanted," sneered Barnard. "No action can be taken on Mr. Seymour's will until furnished with it. Perhaps Miss Annabel could send to Liverpool for it."

"Of course she can. Let me see—suppose we send Jim Potts for it, my dear? Could he get it from Mrs. Potts?"

"Oh, yes, without the slightest difficulty. It stands on the side table, and the key I have here."

"How soon can you go?" said Mr. Langton, turning to Jim, who had stood a silent but deeply interested listener to the conversation.

"This very moment, sir," was the prompt reply. "If I start at once with the dogcart I'll be in time to catch the train, and will be back at night with the mail."

"The very thing. Put up the horse at Morgan's, and it will be waiting for you. You'll need the vehicle to bring the desk from the station."

"All right, sir. I'll be sure to manage it, sir."

And Jim darted from the room, uttering the last words as he passed the threshold.

"The Good Templars and the Erin School House."

To the Editor of THE MERCURY.

Sir,—I observed an article in your last issue, written, or supposed to be, by a "Good Templar," stating "that the Trustees of School Section No. 14, Erin, shut the door of their old School House against the Good Templars, and that their sole reason for doing so was that they were opposed to the cause of temperance. Also, that they freely granted its use to every novel show that came along." The first assertion is correct. The second is without foundation. The writer must have been in entire ignorance of the matter, otherwise he acted maliciously when he penned the article. The School House has been granted to showmen four times during the last eight years, but never by the present body of Trustees. The undersigned is the teacher of the school. I complained to the Trustees that the Good Templars were not doing the necessary sweeping after their meetings, and I also positively stated that I would not open the School for the reception of the scholars unless it was properly swept. I spoke to the Worthy Chief about it. He told me "that they were becoming so independent that it was a race to see who would be out first." Consequently the floor board of next morning as though something unnatural had made its appearance among them, and all made a hasty retreat. The trustees at once told them to get a room elsewhere. I challenge the "Good Templar" to write over his own name and prove that the above is not correct.

As you are, Mr. Editor, a lover of truth and fair play, I trust that you will give a place to the above in your column. Yours &c.

JOHN McMAHON

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