

The Earl's Mistake

Half an hour later he took his leave. "Good-bye, my lord," she said, slowly, as he held her hand, cool and soft as satin, within his burning one. "You will come again, and soon. Remember, we are friends now—is it not so?"—and— that friends are rare in Lucerne! Next time, I hope you will see my mother. Poor woman! she is an invalid, and confined to her room at present. Good-night!—ah, yes, that is better than good-bye."

Mr. Moore made his adieu at the same time. He was staying at the Hotel de l'Europe, and was therefore going Lord Neville's way.

It never occurred to Lord Neville that it was rather undutiful of a daughter to leave an invalid mother alone all the evening, while she, the dutiful daughter, entertained two gentlemen. He had completely lost his wits, his judgment, his mental equilibrium. All he was absorbed in this new and strange feeling, half-ecstatic, half-exquisite pain.

When he got out into the open air, he paused and drew a long breath, and looked round him like one who had awakened from a beautiful, too beautiful dream.

Mr. Moore thought that he had stopped because he was tired, and he said: "Found Zenobia's rooms rather hot, I'm afraid, Neville, didn't you?"

"No, no," said Lord Neville, hurriedly, "I am not tired. I am not tired."

"It was very pleasant. I suppose Miss de Norvan and you? It was so anxious to learn something about her that he usually took manner of speech deserted him, and he hesitated and stammered—"I suppose you have known Miss de Norvan some time, Moore?"

The young fellow shrugged his shoulders—a trick he had caught from her. "No, no, not very long."

Lord Neville looked surprised, and a spasm of jealousy shot through him. Jealousy already!

"I thought it must be so, as you called her by her Christian name—Zenobia."

Gerald Moore laughed. "Oh, ah, yes," he said, lightly. "Everybody calls her Zenobia. You'll find yourself calling her so if you see much of her. The other name is so awkward, you see, and Zenobia is so pretty."

Lord Neville knit his brows. "Besides, foreigners are not like English, not so stiff and proud. Anyhow, she doesn't mind it."

"What is Miss de Norvan?" asked Lord Neville.

Again Gerald Moore shrugged his shoulders. "Pon my word, I scarcely know. I think, I'm not sure, mind, but I've an impression she is a Russian or a Pole, and yet she speaks Italian. Really, Neville, I don't know. I'll ask her if you like."

"Not on my account," says Lord Neville hastily, and flushing.

"I fancy she is Russian; at any rate she speaks of Russia as if she knew it; but so she does of all other places. I've an idea that she was mixed up, at some time or the other, in some secret society. I can't tell you that it is, so mind, at any rate, she is very handsome, isn't she?"

"She is lovely," assented Lord Neville, under his breath.

"And plays and sings in first rate style."

Lord Neville smiled with scorn at this commonplace description.

"Miss de Norvan is a musician," he said.

"Ah, I dare say," rejoined Gerald Moore. "By the way, that is what she said of you, Neville."

A thrill of pleasure ran through Lord Neville's veins.

"In fact, I don't want to make you vain, but Zenobia seemed to take to you immensely."

Lord Neville's eyes flashed, and he drew a long breath of fierce joy.

They had reached the Hotel de l'Europe by this time, and Lord Neville asked Gerald Moore to go in, but he declined, making an appointment for the following day and went off.

Lord Neville entered the hotel and went up to the suite of rooms which had been engaged and set apart for his friend and himself—it was the finest suite in this magnificent hotel, and was rented as high as a mansion in Park Lane—and found Mr. Forsyth reclining on the sofa of the smoking-room, with his bottle of wine and cigars at his elbow.

He rose as Lord Neville entered.

"My dear fellow," he said, sleepily, "where have you been? I was just thinking of dragging the lake"—then he stopped and stared with unconcealed amazement. "Why, what is the matter?" he demanded, and not untruthfully, for the Lord Neville whom he had left on the seat by the quay, and this Lord Neville, with the sparkling eye and flushed cheek, were two different beings.

Lord Neville flung his soft wide-awake on to the satin couch, and thrust his white hand through his hair, and laughed softly.

"What's the matter?" demanded Mr. Forsyth, still staring at him.

"Nothing!" said Lord Neville, but he laughed again and fell to pacing the room.

"Where have you been? You look as if you had either seen a vision, or pray excuse the vulgarity—been drinking," and, indeed, Lord Neville's appearance was somewhat that of a man who had been worshipping too ardently at the shrine of Bacchus.

"No, I have not been drinking, Forsyth; but I have seen a vision."

"Pray describe it," said Mr. Forsyth, "and let me share it, if only second-hand."

But Lord Neville shook his head with an absent laugh, and continued his pacing over the Turkey carpet.

Mr. Forsyth was rather alarmed. He knew only too well the excitable nature of his young companion, and he was anxious.

"Well, if you won't unhook yourself, pray sit down and smoke a cigar. I have seen no vision, and am rather bored."

Lord Neville sat down and smoked a cigar, and drank a glass of Mr. Forsyth's wine; but he would say no more, and soon went to bed, to dream of the lovely face and graceful form of Zenobia; to hear the music of her voice ringing in his ears and echoing in his heart.

The next morning he rose, pale still, but with a new fire in his eyes, a new life running through his veins. "Before many hours had passed he made some excuse for leaving his companion, and tended his way to the villa.

"With a throbbing heart he asked if

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Stores Robbed.

Charge Against Radcliffe, of St. Thomas, Caught at Listowel.

St. Thomas, March 4.—Chief of Police Armstrong this afternoon received word that John Radcliffe, who is wanted here on a charge of robbing several business houses and five concert theatres, has been arrested near Listowel. Radcliffe was employed as window and office cleaner in a number of stores, and it is claimed, robbed his employers right and left. His wife was seen in the opera house wearing furs and a coat stolen from Misses McDonald and Pincombe's store, and the goods were recovered, but he left town before the police were notified. He shipped other stolen goods in a big red trunk, and by tracing this Radcliffe was located. He will be brought here for trial.

VACCINATION DIF. ICULTY.

Four Members of Kingston Board of Health Resist.

Kingston, March 4.—Four members of the Board of Health, Prof. A. P. Knight (chairman), Dr. W. T. Connell, Dr. F. Etherington and Francis King, have resigned as a protest against the repeal of the compulsory vaccination by-law by the City Council. The board met this afternoon and passed a resolution on a vote of 4 to 3, condemning the action of the Council. Mayor Cooper was present at the meeting, and told the board that the Council held there was no necessity of enforcing vaccination, as in three months only two houses had been visited by smallpox. Other places had far more of it.

SCOTLAND'S SEE-SAW

This Time It Is a Liberal Victory in South Edinburgh.

London, March 4.—The see-saw in Scotland's miniature general election continues. South Edinburgh to-day went Liberal by a majority of 1,221. Mr. Andrew Dewar, the new Solicitor-General for Scotland, receiving 8,185 votes to the 6,961 polled for Mr. Harold B. Cox, the Unionist candidate. The election, which was rendered necessary by Mr. Dewar's appointment to the Ministry, was fought out on short notice. Mr. Dewar's appointment was only gazetted on the 18th and the writ issued a few days later. South Edinburgh has a rather curious political history. Until to-day contest it had changed its complexion at every election and by-election since 1892. In 1892 it went Liberal by a majority of 191. In 1895 Mr. Robert Cox, father of the candidate who was defeated to-day, secured a majority of 94. Mr. Cox died in 1899, and Mr. Dewar carried the riding at the by-election. At the general election in 1906 Mr. Dewar was left at home, but he had his revenge in 1906, when he pulled up a majority of 2,960. Of the two by-elections yet to come in Scotland, Hawick is expected to go Liberal and West Edinburgh Unionist.

Quinn Sentenced.

Three Years in Penitentiary For Man Who Robbed Bank Messenger.

Chatham, March 4.—Three years in Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence imposed by Magistrate Houston on Eddie Quinn, who recently pleaded guilty to stealing \$1,512 from a Sovereign Bank messenger two years ago. Quinn waived extradition, pleaded guilty and made full confession regarding his part in the affair, as a result of which the authorities are on the track of a man named Diehl, now in the States. Since the crime Quinn married. His wife arrived from Akron, Ohio, this afternoon.

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