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Will evermore so firmly be entwin'd
Nought ever can sever,
Down many a rugged steep,—up many a cliff,
Been hand in hand we've journey'd. Each other's hope
And strength thro' all earth's varied scenes, so much
Entwin with chance—of bliss, of woe,
Now as our sun on earth, is fast declining,
And the frail body's strength is failing fast,
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CHAPTER XVII.

EXAMINATIONS.

Intense was the excitement in mercantile circles the next morning as the story of Harry's arrest became bruited abroad, and many were the conjectures afloat as to the probabilities of his innocence or guilt.

The consternation amongst his personal friends subsided as the day wore on, and on a demand being preferred by them for an immediate investigation, the magistrate decided upon commencing the proceedings the next day.

Pending the result of the examination, though having no doubts on his mind as to the innocency of the accused, Mr. Ellis, as a matter of course, suspended him from the discharge of his duties in the office of Lambton & Co. His friends, Mr. Wilton and Ned Simcoe, chafed at the delay of a single day, anxious and confident as they were in the certainty of establishing Harry's innocence when the proofs against him were put to a searching test.

By the influence of Mr. Ellis the magistrate agreed upon making the examination as private as the nature of the charge would allow, and permitted Harry entire freedom under responsible bail.

With a feeling of emotion which he found it impossible utterly to subdue, Harry took his position as an accused criminal, and listened with a curious yet painful interest to the enrolling of the evidence against him.

The case was opened by a legal gentleman retained by the private prosecutors. He stated the facts of the case fairly, and briefly requested Mr. Wright, the clerk of the New York house to state more precisely the grounds upon which he desired action to be taken against the accused.

Mr. Wright stated that hearing there were bills in circulation purporting to be accepted by the house in whose employ he was, he named the matter to his principal, and was by them instructed to investigate the matter. On comparing the books, there was no record of such bill having either been presented to, or accepted by the house. He traced them to the holder, Mr. Pallisay, who persisted that they were genuine and so received by him in the ordinary issue of his business. Knowing that the signature of his house was a forgery, he concluded that the signature of Lambton & Co., the pretended drawers was one also, and, together with Mr. Pallisay he came on to Montreal to assure himself of the fact. On presenting the documents to Mr. Ellis, the manager of the house of Lambton & Co., he at once pronounced the signatures to such bills being in existence, but the signature of the house being by Henry Maudsley, as their attorney, he was sent for, and the signature being shown to him apart from the main body of the bill, he at once acknowledged it to be genuine, but retracted the admission on it being shown to him at a subsequent time.

The being evidence so far as was then required by the examining magistrates, the other witness, Mr. Pallisay was called upon to make his statement.

He said that two or three months before, naming the precise date, he was called upon by a gentleman who was desirous of purchasing some goods and who requested payment of the bill in question. Knowing the signature of the acceptors, and being likewise well acquainted with the standing of the drawers, he had no hesitancy in taking the bill, and having some time after occasion to use the money to carry out a business venture, he offered it in the usual way for sale, and by that means the fact of the existence of the bill became known to the ostensible acceptors, who repudiated the signature.

In reply to enquiries, Mr. Pallisay further stated that he was a little thrown off his guard in dealing with the party who paid him the bill, as he appeared to be possessed of ample means, and in fact, reasonably enough, as he said, wished to dispose of the bill as he could do it to a better profit than carrying it to London where he was proceeding.

He was not acquainted with Mr. Sterling, the accuser, beyond a previous transaction of a cash nature, but his apparent respectability, and the satisfactory explanation of the way in which he became possessed of the document, made him perfectly easy in buying it from him. He then was great measure repeated and confirmed the statements of Mr. Wright respecting their joint proceedings subsequently, and applied to the admission of by the accused on the bill being shown to him in the office of Lambton & Co.

The prosecuting lawyer then desired that Mr. Ellis might be examined.

Mr. Ellis briefly stated that he had been called upon by Messrs. Pallisay and Wright relative to the bill which they held, and at once expressed his belief that it had not been issued by their house. He then, at their request, and in their presence, interrogated Maudsley respecting it. The accused, when shown what purported to be his signature, at once acknowledged its genuineness, but on the entire document being exhibited, as promptly denied it.

"I presume, Mr. Ellis," said the lawyer interrogatively, "that in all cases where you issue bills of this character you keep a record."

"Yes."

"Are they drawn out in an unvarying form—I mean have you a printed form with merely blanks for names dates and amounts, to be filled up according to circumstances?"

"Yes."

"Are they loose or bound in a book form?"

"In a book form."

"In removing one of these forms do you leave a foil or linear margin of the form removed in the book?"

"There is a margin left, held by the binding of the book, on which it is customary to write the particulars of the bill removed."

"Is this the book which was in use by your house at the time when this contested bill purports to have been issued?"

"It is."

"Please examine the book and state whether or not one of these forms has or has not been abstracted at the place where, according to priority in date, this, if taken at all out of your book, would have been removed, according to the method used by you."

"Yes. I observe there has been a leaf abstracted, or I should consider so, as there is an edge of the margin left adhering to the sewing of the binding."

"Is the form on which these names are written such as your house uses, and would you, under ordinary circumstances, acknowledge it to have been issued from your counting house, and from that identical book?"

"I think I should."

Here the legal gentleman paused, and thanking Mr. Ellis, addressed the magistrates, pointing out the strong collateral support this evidence gave of the guilt of the accused. He then called upon the broker to whom Harry had given Starling a letter of introduction, and by him shewed the connection subsisting between the actual, though it might be innocent utterer and the person whom they charged as guilty of perpetrating the actual forgery; and on the strength of these testimonies combined, demanded his safe custody in prison, or under substantial bail to answer the charge at the next sitting of a court competent to adjudicate upon a case of so grave a nature.

The magistrates, after a brief consultation, stated that in their opinion there was sufficient cause for the demand, unless it was in the power of the accused to so explain matters as to relieve them of their present grave aspect.

By advice, and at the request of his friends, Harry permitted a legal friend to make his reply.

This gentleman stated briefly and generally the nature of the defence of the accused, protesting his innocence, but asking delay that he might be enabled to communicate with the gentleman in England whose letter of introduction the utterer of the note bore.

The request was granted so far as to release Harry on bail until the assembling of a competent court, two months later.

The necessary form discharged, the accused left the court, accompanied by Mr. Wilton and Ned Simcoe, the former having induced Mr. Ellis not to accompany them, as too strong evidence of disbelief in the charge by him might prejudice certain steps which the others were taking in endeavouring to elucidate the mystery surrounding the case.

It needed all the sympathy and support his warm friends could give him to enable Harry to bear the weight of the fearful charge against him, and he felt bewildered and stunned at the accumulation of circumstantial evidence so strongly to his disfavor."

The fell in the margin of the book and the identity of the form on which the bill was drawn, with those already used by the house, completely confounded him, and he felt the necessity of time for thought, and need for the council of his friends in the emergency.

Arrived at Mr Wilton's house, the friends held a counsel, and the first decision arrived at was the paramount necessity of an appeal to Mr. Radston either to procure the appearance of Starling, or else an authoritative disclaiming of his character in defence of the accused. It was agreed that Mr. Wilton should add to Harry's letter of enquiry a stronger one requesting Mr. Radston to make a personal appearance in Montreal in case of failure in securing an explanation or confession from Starling.

This being all that could be done for the present, Harry departed to his own home, to be joined by his faithful friend Ned Simcoe, who let fall mysterious hints of plans of his own for unravelling the plot, but which he persisted should not be divulged for the present.

Mary was waiting her brother's return in anxiety, but with a strong heart and a hopeful mind in support. Armed for battle, there was no tearfulness, no despondency, nothing but valour against evil, and confidence as to the result. She had been waited on by Mr. Ellis on his return from the court, and after allowing time, as she thought, for a conversation with his friends, she ran down to his lodgings to meet her brother, fearful that his sensitive spirit might prey upon itself were he left in solitude to meditate upon the wickedness which encompassed him about.

After a counsel of some hours duration Harry decided upon writing a circumstantial account of the case to Mr. Lambton, whilst Mary furnished a corresponding statement to Ellis.

A month wore away wearily to the expectant Harry and his friends, whilst awaiting a reply to the letters addressed to Radston. The suspicions entertained by Ned Simcoe of the complicity of Randolph in the manufacture of the forged paper, were not dissipated by time—yet how to bring the guilt home to him seemed a hopeless task.

At length the long delayed mail, with letters from England, arrived, and with it a reply from Radston, conveying the astounding information that he was entirely unacquainted with Starling, and had never given any one bearing that name a letter of introduction to his young friend, Mr. Maudsley. The letter concluded by expressing his hope that the impostor might be discovered, and Harry relieved from an unpleasant suspicion which bore so heavily against him.

To attempt to describe the astonishment of Harry and his friends would be futile, but it had the effect upon the mind of one at least, of duplicating the writer in the guilty enterprise which they were endeavoring to frustrate. This was the Rev. Guy Wilton who now proceeded closely to interrogate Harry as to the previous connection subsisting between him and Mr. Radston, and the reason why he accepted a letter of introduction purporting to be from him without question. This led to a more complete history by Harry of his early life, and the state of his father's affairs at his death, than he had hitherto thought it necessary to acquaint Mr. Wilton with, and the effect on that gentleman's mind was a conviction that in some way or other pecuniary interests were at work to Harry's disadvantage; yet how to be served by this persecution he could not understand. Being assured by Harry that he could not be mistaken in the character of the handwriting of the letter in question, Mr. Wilton decided upon going to England to see what a personal interview with Radston would elicit respecting it.

Having decided on this step, Mr. Wilton made preparations for immediate departure, and whilst so engaged it occurred to him that the sick man Smith, whom he had rescued whilst in hospital, and who was now living with Mr. Douglas—to whom Harry had rendered such material assistance on board the "Lion," might, from his acquaintance with Liverpool, be in possession of information respecting the character of Radston, which might be of use. He therefore wrote to him stating that a person calling himself Sterling had presented a letter to Mr. Maudsley, which letter purported to have been written by Mr. Radston, who, on being applied to for some information respecting Sterling, denied all knowledge of the transaction and likewise of the letter. Under these circumstances Mr. Wilton desired to know if he has any knowledge of either of the parties concerned in the fraud. The reply to this letter came after Mr. Wilton had sailed, and as in the hurry of his preparations he is entitled to mention that he had made these enquiries, the letter was dispatched after him by the ordinary mail, with some other communications.

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acts of another, if not by producing for us such evidence of his existence as will satisfy the court before which my friend must stand to take his trial, that he had been the victim of the malpractices of another."

"I can only repeat what I stated in my letter to Mr. Maudsley, that I never penned such a letter of introduction, and further, that I have no knowledge of such a person as this Mr. Sterling," replied Radston, slowly, steadily, boldly.

Mr. Wilton felt his heart sink within him for a moment, and he hardly knew how to proceed. To temporize he disliked, and yet to boldly avow his disbelief in the utterances of the speaker at this early stage of his investigations, might prejudice his case, as it would justify Radston in declining to answer further interrogatories, or even to admit him to an interview. After a little consideration he said:

"Your statement, I must admit, disappoints me extremely, as I was in hopes that your letter was penned, not under standing the seriousness of the case to Mr. Maudsley, in the hope of shielding this person Starling. I have but just landed from the steamer and have formed no plans, and am reluctant to call in the aid of the detective police, as time is an object in my mission. If I am to understand, Mr. Radston, that you can give me no assistance in unearthing this Starling, I must, with what little evidence I have at my disposition, put the proper officers on his track."

As he concluded, Mr. Wilton noticed a shade of unquiet feeling flit over Radston's face, and was accordingly prepared for his next remark.

"I shall, of course, be glad to give you any assistance in my power to render your search a success; but so clever a rogue as this Starling appears to be will, I imagine, have left little behind him to betray his passage," said Radston, in a tone half indifferent, but really making an enquiry.

Thinking it better to proceed no further at this interview, Mr. Wilton arose to depart, remarking, as he moved towards the door, that he would probably wait again on Mr. Radston in the course of a day or two, at all events, previous to the departure of the mail steamer for America, so that he might send on to her friends the results of his enquiries, as well as communicate any assistance which Mr. Radston might have rendered him. Meanwhile, he named the hotel at which he intended staying, where any communication Mr. Radston might have to make to him might be addressed. Radston accompanied him to the street, and with the greatest politeness there left him, returning alone to his office.

Locking the outer door, he entered the inner room and sat down, leaning his arms on the desk before him, whilst he soliloquized:

"The plot thickens, and I don't feel quite so easy about the result as I did a short time ago. Who the devil is this Mr. Wilton?" Here he took up again Mary's letter, which lay before him. "The Rev. Guy Wilton, let it stands. I can't say that I exactly like your style, Mr. Wilton. I should very much like to know how far you are interested in this matter. What on earth is that infernal idiot, Patton, about, that he could give me no hint of this messenger coming over. I felt more uncomfortable than I ever remember feeling under the eye of a stranger. Before he was a person this man saw something