

ABNORMAL EFFECTS OF PRECIPICES

CHAPTER XXIII. Little less than an hour's furious driving brought Montgomery and his companion into a suburban district of London.

"How long you have been here," he said irritably. "Come as fast as horsefeet could go, sir," answered the man, respectfully.

"What a fool's remark!" exclaimed Rodwell, irritably. "It's ruin, destruction! What can be done? Can you devise any scheme?"

"You see by that telegram," he said, "that the police have discovered a clew, and we know that the clew is in the right direction."

"Not at all," answered Montgomery, coolly. "I had my own private interests to serve in the matter—vital interests."

"Why?" "Because I am convinced that Judith fully intends to betray me. Her evil disposition would never let such an opportunity of revenge escape."

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"Speak out, and let me know what you want," said Montgomery, uneasily. "You—to help me to get rid of both Judith and Clara!" cried Rodwell, boldly.

"But I mean nothing of the kind," answered the other, quietly; "there would be no blood!"

"Suppose that the house should catch on fire, only suppose that houses do catch on fire, you know, sometimes, without any one discarding and, as people are frequently lost in such fires?"

"Good heavens, this is abominable!" cried Montgomery. "So I thought at first. The house is heavily insured, too; we could share the insurance money between us."

"In a hundred ways!" was the reply. "Before she ran away from home, she betrayed a certain amount of insanity. The actions and adventures of such a person are measured by the standard of a mad day life."

"Very well, then I shall hand over to the police as much as I can, and also for having assisted in kidnapping and unlawfully detaining Silas Carston, who had been servant at Tabernacle House, and who knew rather too much."

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"How?" "How?—what a question! Could not the girl prove, if a burst-up case, that it was you who abducted her?—and as you could not furnish your judge with unexceptionable references as to your moral character, that would be enough to give you two years on the treadmill, besides the loss of all that money you have promised your wife. I should not think it would take you long to decide between the two pictures."

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