

HELEN MOIR

OR LOVE AND HONOUR.

A TALE OF THE CLYDE.

CHAPTER XXIII.

ANXIOUS DAYS AT ARDENHAM—EDWIN AND RITCHIE IN LONDON.

Before Hermann left, he and his friend Edwin Allerton had come to an understanding on an important matter. They both entertained a suspicion, amounting nearly to a conviction, that Helen's father had, in the matter of the forged bank bill, been made the victim of a conspiracy. This suspicion was fully shared in by Mrs. Allerton and Ritchie Dunlop. In the story told by Bridgenorth—so simple, and evidently so truthful in its particulars—there were various things which forced this belief in their minds. First, the character and conduct of Philip Jerdan was highly suspicious. That he was a reckless and unprincipled professional gambler, there could be no doubt, and neither could there be any doubt that he had a deep design in his behaviour towards the youth whose misfortune had cast him in his way. The friendship he had possessed for him, and the apparent kindness he had shown in lending him small sums of money, had been exhibited in their true colours by his luring the friendless, sorrow-stricken youth to the gambling saloon, and prevailing on him to engage in play. By this time he had wormed himself entirely into the young man's confidence, had been made acquainted with his whole history and the exact position in which he was then placed. How easy for one so sharp-witted and unscrupulous as Philip Jerdan to turn the knowledge he had obtained to just such advantage as they suspected he had done. Knowing Allerton's desperate, penniless situation, he knew that the temptation to play, in the hope of winning money—of which he stood so sore in need—would be irresistible. First his appetite was whetted by the small sums he was allowed to win, and drink was given him to render him reckless. Then, when his losses began—losses doubtless effected by their superior knowledge of the game, or perhaps even by cheating him—fill as these accumulated, he drank deeper and played more desperately, getting further and further into their coils, losses his till amounted to five hundred pounds, for which he was asked to sign a paper.

The question was, Did he sign the bank bill which had been cashed, and which was found to be a forgery? He had a recollection of writing the name Waldgrave Wintrop upon a sheet of paper, though what the paper contained he did not, in the state in which he then was, know anything. Considering his excitement and intoxication it was not at all likely that he would write with a steady hand, yet the forged bill, which Mrs. Allerton had carefully kept, showed a boldy written signature, steady and regular, and Bridgenorth, when he now saw it, declared that it was not the least like his handwriting.

These things presented sufficient grounds of suspicion, and they were by no means cleared away by the peculiar behaviour of Philip Jerdan's father to Bridgenorth in Australia—his desire to have him in his service—his extraordinary kindness culminating him sole heir to all his possessions, under the singular condition which he attached to his will. It was this condition which made old Jerdan's conduct so very suspicious. Why should he impose it? It could not, one would think, be mere caprice which dictated it; the old man must have had a certain object in view. Now, what object could he have in preventing Bridgenorth from returning to his true name of Allerton, or revealing his existence or himself to his relations in England? There was nothing to suggest an explanation of this, yet that something lay under it they were all convinced. The rest of his conduct towards Bridgenorth was explicable enough; his son was dead, he had no other near relatives living, and as this son had been the means of bringing ruin upon Bridgenorth, it was natural for the old man to wish to make what atonement he could. To make Bridgenorth his heir, therefore, was not so very wonderful; but to detain him from making himself known to his relations, under the penalty of forfeiting the whole property, was strange, was extraordinary, in the extreme, and, taken in connection with the former suspicious circumstances, added weight to these suspicions in all their minds.

To what did the satirists point as a possible fact? Why to this—that Bridgenorth had not committed forgery, even in a legal sense. They all—even Helen herself—agreed in considering him morally innocent of the crime. Suppose he had written the signature to the bank bill, he was not in the circumstances, conscious of what he was doing, though the law held him fully liable, and would treat him as a criminal. But suppose that it had not been his hand at all, but the hand of another, which had traced the letters of the signature; in that case he was in no way guilty, and Helen's remark implied that the stain was removed from her father's name, and—oh, joy—the barrier, which separated her from Hermann, had fallen.

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