

England, it was settled that some of them should come out to British Columbia this summer, and make arrangements for his removal to a private institution on the other side.'

'That will be an expensive business, will it not?'

'Yes, but there is evidently no lack of funds in the family, so the poor beggar may as well have every comfort money can give him.'

'Is this all you know about the case?'

'Not quite. Before returning to the Old Country, Brook, Sabel's attendant, gave me a few particulars regarding his master's first seizure and subsequent roving life, but the way he juggled with words led me to suspect that if one scratched the valet one would find a confidential servant bribed to silence. Do it bore you?' exclaimed the doctor, suddenly. 'To me Sabel is my patient, but to you the whole business—'

'Go on, Dufft; I told you the man interested me.'

'Well, it seems that Sabel, who must now be past forty years of age, knows nothing of the strong taint of insanity which he inherits from his mother, for the elder members of the family kept their secret so judiciously, that only recently has it begun to leak out that one of his aunts is a lunatic, and that his grandfather died in an asylum.'

'Odd thing that he should have lived so long in ignorance of all this. How came matters to a climax?'

'That is precisely what I failed to find out. Either Brook did not know, or else, as I shrewdly suspect, he would not say, for all I could extract from him was