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## A FATEFUL... ...DIAMOND

### CHAPTER XLIV.

Mr. Forest's statement was received with some surprise, but his request for a private interview was granted, and he withdrew with the directors to another room, where he was closeted with them for a long while.

When he returned his face was white and agitated, and there were traces of tears upon his cheeks, while his companions appeared to be moved and softened also.

Whatever arguments he had used in Arthur's behalf, it was plain to be seen that they had been effectual, and that the gentlemen had consented to drop everything just where it was.

"Arthur," Mr. Forest said, addressing his nephew, "these gentlemen whom you have so wronged have at last consented to stay their proceedings and allow you to go free."

He was telling him in a groan, while Arthur sank back in his chair, overcome by the reaction.

"But upon one condition," his uncle continued, "that you leave the country never to return. I have given bonds and a pledge that you shall leave within three days. If you do not I forfeit a large amount and you will be liable to arrest. But that will give you ample time to settle everything, and now we will return to our lodgings, where I shall have something further of importance to say to you."

"Is this true?" Arthur asked, looking at his uncle with a questioning gaze.

"Yes, it is true," replied his uncle. "The young man struggled to his feet. For one moment he stood irresolute, then he said, bravely, 'I confess I did not expect this—I know I do not deserve it; while as for you, turning his blood-shot eyes upon Louis, 'you have taken the most effectual revenge you could have conceived. I did not believe you when you told me that you would use your influence for me. I supposed what you have done would be called 'coals of fire.' They are to me, and they will burn as long as I live. I thank you, gentlemen, for your clemency. I wish I might in some way show my appreciation of this unmerited favor. Uncle Albert, I am ready now."

Mr. Forest spoke a few words in a low tone to Mr. Houghton, then, taking his nephew by the arm, he led him from the room, where he was groaning his way as if he had been suddenly stricken with blindness.

Outside the building they found waiting the carriage that had brought Arthur there. Entering it, they were driven rapidly back to Mr. Forest's lodgings.

Louis and his friends remained at the office some little while longer, during which it was arranged that a notice should appear in the Paris papers as soon as Arthur should have left the city, stating some of the particulars of the robbery and Louis' imprisonment, and that the real reason, finding himself upon the verge of arrest, had made a confession, restored the money and then left for parts unknown. Thus Louis' innocence would be established, he would be restored to his former position of honor and trust, and the affair, after the usual nine days of wonder, would gradually be forgotten.

This matter being settled, Louis arranged for the release of his father; then, thanking the directors for their kindness, he and his friends withdrew.

When they were seated in the carriage, Mr. Houghton informed them that Mr. Forest had requested them to drive directly to his rooms as soon as they were at liberty, as he had something of vital importance upon which he wished to confer with them.

Arrived at his lodgings, Mr. Forest himself met them at the door and conducted them at once to his rooms. Arthur was nowhere visible, but they

could hear him moving about in his own chamber, preparing, no doubt, for a departure.

Mr. Forest invited his guests to be seated, saying that he had an important revelation which he wished to make before his nephew left, and he had decided to go immediately, leaving him to settle his bills and some other little business.

He then stepped to the door and called Arthur. He came in, looking pale and dejected, and sank into the nearest seat.

Mr. Forest then went to a traveling bag that stood upon the table, and, taking something from it, walked directly to Louis.

He was very much agitated; his hands shook, his lips twitched, and everyone regarded him with astonishment.

Then came the startling question: "My son, can you ever be persuaded to give to me the name of father?"

"Mr. Forest," Louis cried, starting to his feet, and staring at the man as if he thought him insane.

"I do not wonder," he returned, apologetically. "I am a sorry blunderer; I did not mean to blurt it out in any such way; but you are my son, nevertheless."

"How can that be?" Louis asked, very pale and tremulous. "My father, Louis Murray, is at this moment lying a prisoner here in the city."

"Louis Murray is not your father," asserted Mr. Forest, a ring of impatience in his voice.

"But he proved it—he produced a certificate of marriage with my mother. Everything he said went to show that he was my father," Louis objected, but growing more and more excited.

"That was all a deception, my boy, a plot, evidently to further purposes of his own. In the first place, the man's name is not Murray at all; he only took that name because a Louis Murray and an Annie Burgess had been married on the date corresponding with that engraved upon your mother's wedding ring. His real name is John Hicks."

Louis looked bewildered.

"Sit down," continued Mr. Forest, "and let me tell you all about it. I have done a good deal of traveling and hard work during the last few weeks. I have been to America."

"To America?" exclaimed the Houghtons, astonished.

"Yes, I was almost convinced before I left that Louis was my son. I had seen the ring he wears, and there were other proofs of which I will speak later. As I said, I went to America. I found Mr. Allen, your lawyer friend, and learned your whole story, and after telling him mine and my suspicions, he bent all his energies to aid me in finding the proofs I desired. I found Mary Jones, too, and felt more convinced, after talking with her, that the delicate woman who died in her house was my wife."

"But all doubts regarding your connection with the man Murray were removed when we found his accomplice, Black, and he betrayed the whole plot to us. Murray, or Hicks, had played him false, getting possession of a sum of money belonging to them both, and disappearing very mysteriously—that was probably when he came here to Paris."

"Black was so sure over it that he was willing to tell us everything. He said that there was a gang of them leagued together in the gambling business; they had spotted you, and thought you an unusually smart and promising fellow, and laid the plot to get you into their power and make you useful in their business. Hicks had found out that the city register gave for some one named Annie, who had been married the same date as your mother. The rest was easy enough—to forge a certificate, and with the facts they had gathered together with what they invented, claim you as Murray's son."

[To be Continued.]

### MANY VESSELS LOST.

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 21.—Late advices show 17 more vessels ashore and thirteen lives lost as a result of the recent gale. However, the safety of four other vessels, with crews aggregating 25, is almost abandoned.

### COLOSSAL COMBINE.

New York, Sept. 21.—In its forthcoming issue the Electrical Review will say that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (which now includes the Bell Telephone Company, the Telephone Company of America, the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Cable Company) will, according to persons in a position to know, be consolidated into one company, to be known as the National Telephone and Telegraph Company. It is said the consolidation will be accomplished before the end of the present year.

Strathroy, Sept. 21.—The Collegiate Institute board met on Monday evening and appointed a successor to Mr. A. K. Reynolds on the teaching staff. Mr. John Taylor, of Dutton, was appointed science master and drill instructor at a salary of \$850.

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## CAUGHT ON THE FLY

Two more cases of bubonic plague discovered in Glasgow.

The whisky exported from Walkerburn amounted to \$201,357.

Fire at the "Terminal Stores," New York, today (Friday) did \$220,000 damage.

Mrs. Grant, widow of the late president of the United States, is visiting in Montreal.

During the past fiscal year there were \$23,716 worth of gas sent to Detroit consumers.

A. M. Byers, of Pittsburgh, one of the foremost iron and steel men in the world, is dead of a complication of diseases.

At Penetanguishene a fire in the workshops of J. J. Shanahan, carriage builder and blacksmith, caused a loss of about \$6,000.

Rev. Father O'Leary, the brave chaplain of the first contingent, will have his services recognized by public testimonial from Quebec citizens.

Beile Archer, the actress whom Mrs. Langtry had declared the most beautiful woman in America, died Wednesday night at Warren, Pa., of apoplexy.

Chicago is billed to witness a great automobile race next week, when W. K. Vanderbilt's White Ghost will meet Alexander Wilson's gasoline auto for a \$50,000 purse.

The Galveston fund being raised by London bankers with American connections has already reached \$2,500. The stock exchange is making up a liberal contribution.

Wednesday's attendance at the Central Canada Fair, Ottawa, was a record-breaker, passing the previous top figures established on the corresponding day of 1898. Total attendance, 40,000.

Terrible havoc was wrought at Nono by the recent storm. Seven or eight schooners were driven ashore. Many tents and buildings on the beach were entirely swept away. Three men were drowned.

Capt. John Gallagher, of hook and ladder No. 2, was killed by a falling wall in Toledo on Wednesday night, at an unimportant fire in Henry Rosen's junk warehouse, and ten firemen were injured.

The treasure steamer C. M. Hamilton, from Dawson to St. Michaels, with 150 passengers and \$1,500,000 in gold, which was driven on the Yukon flats on Sept. 6, during a severe storm, made St. Michaels safely.

The decision just rendered by the United States appraisers declaring that American women who are married to foreigners are aliens is regarded by lawyers to be perfectly legal, and it is based on recognized international law.

The court of appeal at Toronto reserved judgment on the appeal of the executors of the late John D. Rockefeller, of Detroit, millionaire, against a judgment in favor of the province for succession duties on \$900,000 deposit in Canadian banks.

Joseph McGuigan, aged 46, is charged with the murder of his wife Sarah, 42, who was found dead on the sidewalk in New York, underneath her window. A daughter says that her father threw her mother out of the window during a quarrel.

Editor O'Heron, of the Flandreau Herald, died yesterday in Sioux Falls, S. D., by William A. Bell, of Fall Rapids, who was one of Roosevelt's Rough Riders. O'Heron's criticism of Bell's speech at Flandreau brought about the trouble.

Robert Smith, ex-M.P., died at Brampton on Thursday. Mr. Smith was twice elected by the Liberals of Peel, and supported Mr. Mackenzie before and after he came into power. He was elected to parliament because he occupied many important positions in the gift of the electors of Peel. He was 84 years old.

From Near-By Places.

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Arkona, Sept. 21.—Rev. Mr. Baldwin officiated at a funeral in Mitchell on Sunday.

Mr. Faulensby, of Strathroy, filled the pulpit for Mr. Baldwin on Sunday morning.

Salton McGibbon has left for McGill College, Montreal.

Mr. Mrs. and Maggie Fuller have left for a couple of weeks' visit in Winona.

Miss Ethel Cutler has severed her connection with the establishment of I. G. Brown and intends leaving in a couple of weeks for an extended visit in California.

Consecration services in the league next Tuesday evening. A special monthly collection will be taken. Miss Lena Fuller will take the topic.

Mr. Pace, of Forest, preached in the Methodist church Sunday, morning and evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Hannahson and son are making a three weeks' visit in Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Irwin will preach in the East Adelaide Methodist Church next Sunday. Rev. H. J. Uren will occupy the pulpit here.

Everet Kernahan, of Theford, called on Arkona friends on Tuesday.

### GLEN OAK.

Glen Oak, Sept. 21.—Mr. Jos. Laughton suffered a paralytic stroke on Monday night. Mr. Laughton worked hard on his large farm of 300 acres, which is said to be one of the best in Metcalfe township.

The apple business is making a move at 50 cents per barrel for fall—a higher rate is predicted for winter apples. John Mackenzie has the best and largest apples in this vicinity. This no doubt is owing to the fact that



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