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## Lord Cecil's Dilemma

—OR—  
The Picnic

### Woodall Forest

CHAPTER XXX.

It was about a week after that Miss Craythorne stole out of the house after dark to post a letter which she had forgotten to put in the bag. As it was to her mother upon matters of private importance, she did not care to intrust it to a servant, and the walk to the post-box would not occupy many minutes.

She went through the orchard by a way that was little frequented except by the servants and tradespeople. It was the quickest route to the village, and lay through a pretty wicket, which had heard hundreds of love stories from the country swains. The wicket was embowered in trees, and beyond was a narrow, winding lane, which led to the village.

The way was dark that November evening, and the bare trees waved mournfully in the wind, that sang of the swift approach of winter; but Ada Craythorne was not given to nervous, sentimental fears, though she wondered what Sir Charles would say if he knew that she ventured hither alone so late in the day.

These thoughts were cut short by a huge figure looming up before her, and the blotted and fiery face of a man being thrust almost close to hers. She felt his hot breath upon her cheek,

she detected the odor of some strong drink that seemed to fill the atmosphere about him, and sprang aside with the lithesome grace of youth. "I beg your pardon," he said, quickly. "I thought that it was a person I have lost in this fog. We were going to the station, and I have misled her—my wife."

Miss Craythorne was quick to observe that his tones were perfectly respectful, and though his dress was shabby, and his features told a sad tale of dissipation, there was a latent refinement about him that was hard to define, but which certainly existed.

"This is a blind lane," she told him, "for the use only of the servants or people who have business at the Hall." Taking off his broad-brimmed hat, he thanked her, and mumbled something about turning back.

"The station is a mile beyond the village, in an easterly direction." So saying, Miss Craythorne flitted away, confident that he was following, and not wishing to be accompanied by him. He may have been telling the truth and he may not. There was an air of insincerity about him, and she would not forget to mention the matter to Sir Charles.

She was quite sure that he was a perfect stranger in the neighborhood for she had been long enough at the Hall to know every person, man, woman and child, that lived in Emden village.

CHAPTER XXXI.

Lost in her own reflections, Ada Craythorne had quite forgotten the incident by the time her letter was posted. She was thinking of the man she loved better than life, and her thoughts were full of unsatisfied longing, of a yearning that was al-

most pain. In a few days she must return home—she could not further prolong her stay—and she would not see him again until the New Year had set in. To her it seemed an age of doubt and misery that intervened between the end of November and the first week in January. She felt that Sir Charles loved her, but there was the shadow of his marriage between them, a marriage that could be promptly set aside by man, and while she honored him for his reticence, knowing that it would be cruel under existing circumstances, to speak of his passion, she felt angry with him for torturing two hearts, when it would be so easy to undo the wrong that had been done by appealing to the law. How long would he be content to suffer under his odious burden? If he loved her as well as she loved him—ah! but half as well—he would not wait in idleness a single day.

She returned by the lane, but stopped suddenly when she reached the wicket, for the sound of angry voices fell upon her ears—those of a man and a woman.

In a moment she remembered the fellow who had accosted her, and stories of burglaries connected with the complicity of servants flashed into her mind with startling rapidity. The man and the woman, whoever they were, had retreated behind a clump of holly, and Ada crouched in the shadow, anxious to pass unnoticed so that she could warn Sir Charles.

The voices became louder, the man's threatening, the woman's taunting, and Miss Craythorne heard words that riveted her to the spot. "I have found you at last, my beauty, and a nice time I have had of it! What are you masquerading here for, I want to know, and why did you leave me to die in Monaco?"

"I am sorry that you are not dead. I thought that you were," retorted the woman. "Then you do not love me any longer!" he laughed, viciously. "You thought that I was rid of me, eh? Well, I must own that I am disappointed. I came expecting to find you mistress of this place, revelling in the title of Lady Hastings, and doing the lady bountiful. Instead I find you in the guise of a parlor maid. What does it mean?"

"It means that I must work for my living." "What! in your own house? You lie! Do you know why I came here? You don't! Shall I tell you? I came here expecting to find you fooling him, in fancied security, and if I had seen him give you one embrace, I would have shot him dead."

"You are mad!" she said, scornfully. "I tell you that I wish that you had died in Monaco. You have squandered the whole of my fortune. I am penniless."

A furious oath escaped him; then he seemed to recover himself by an effort, and continued: "I do not believe you. You have given your money to him. This is a mere trick. I am starving, do you hear? I must have money to-night. You shall not stay here. As a servant you shall not stay here at all. If you disobey me, I will shoot you as I would a dog. Listen, woman! Do you forget our compact long ago? When the money was gone, you were to claim your name—your place at the head of this household. You were to make terms with him, such terms that we could live in plenty the rest of our days."

"I shall never live with you again," she replied, calmly. "I will never permit a parasite like you to feed upon that noble man. He has been wronged too deeply already."

"Noble man!" he hissed, frenzied with jealous rage. "So it has come to this, has it? If I had really been dead, you might have fallen in love with your precious husband." "I have done that already," she answered, bravely. "Yes, you may glare and threaten. I tell you that I despise you, now I have sense to see what a brute you are! I came back to England because I was nearly penniless, thanks to you. I came intending to force my husband, Sir Charles Hastings, to make me an allowance, of give me his name. Finding that the old lawyer was dead, I had to pretend that I had money to get his successor to work for me. In reality I had barely enough to keep body and soul together. I came here without fear, and met my husband in the streets. I was afraid to speak to him.

(to be continued.)

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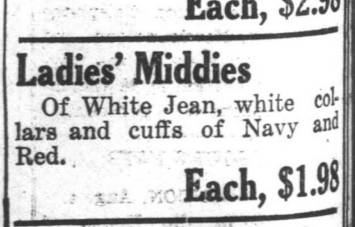
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Separation of the id Germany, with her w and government, and a cal regime, supervis part of the schieve presented to Premier F the opinion of Parliam part of the war deb

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All German property sequestered by the gover ment, will be permit over and proceeds, from pted in the French the penalty of German continue the present ca the private debts of Frenchmen prior to the ing to reliable reports.

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