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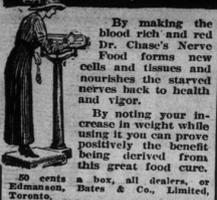
CHAPTER XXXI.
"We Shall Save Him Yet."
"Now, then, you fool, just tell the lady you was only a-plantin' it low down on her, on the chance o' gettin' a copper or two, he come on, speak up. There ain't no time."
"Time! time!" Seth? the woman scbed.
"Yes!" he snarled. "You know we're a-goin' by the train, as well as I do."
She shrank back, but he pulled her forward.
"Now, then, tell the lady."
She turned her eyes upon Bessie, then let them drop.
"It—wasn't true, miss, as I was going to tell you," she said.
"There you are!" exclaimed Seth, triumphantly. "Now come along!" and he hurried the woman up the steps.
Poor Bessie sprang after them in such haste that she trod upon her dress and fell. As she got up and reeled up the steps, she heard the slamming of the carriage doors, and found the station gate locked. There was only one porter, and he did not hear her until the train had started; and she leaned against the gate, trembling and almost fainting, as the train bore Bartley Bradstone and the two gypsies toward London.
She got back to the carriage, and was driven to the Grange, and flew to Olivia's room.
Olivia met her at the door. "Well!" she exclaimed, seizing her by the hand and drawing her in, and Bessie told her all that had happened.
Olivia paced up and down.
"Oh, Bessie! Bessie! Fate is working against us. That he should have come at that moment! Oh, if I had but listened to her that night by the lodge! What does it all mean? But we will find them." She snatched up her hat. "Help me! No, you poor thing, you are tired and worn out. Stay there and rest."
"Where are you going, miss?" exclaimed Bessie; but Olivia was out of the room before she could stop her.
She came back in a little over an hour, pale, but with a resolute look in her eyes.

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once pleading and resolute.
"But—but you have been so ill, and still weak and unfit for the slightest excitement. How will you bear to see that poor fellow standing there, and being tried for his life? My dear, my dear, think!" and he stroked her hair with a trembling hand.
"I have thought, dear," she said, quietly, laying her pale face against his. "I must go! I should die if I stayed at home to wait, wait, wait! Besides,"—and her eyes flashed—"will not all his enemies be there—people who believe that he committed this wicked crime—and are only his friends to be absent?"
The squire kissed her and sighed.
"Have your own way, my dear. But I wish—I wish that Bartley were here!" he added with a troubled frown. "I have heard nothing from him."
She drew away from him suddenly, and without a word left the room.
All that night she lay awake, looking at the silent stars with hot, tearless eyes, thinking of Harold Faradeane in his narrow cell, waiting the verdict of life or death; and going over and over all the points of the strange mystery, which grew darker and more impenetrable the more she struggled to pierce it.
The morning broke with all the mature splendor of late summer; and as Eessie dressed her, she still thought of the man awaiting his fate, the man whose faith and honor she would have answered for with her life.
The trial was to begin at ten; but long before that time the court was crowded and all the avenues were blocked with eager and curious people, who were excitedly discussing the incidents of the murder and the chances of the prisoner. Not a few of them had been present at the entertainment, and heard him recite the tragic poem of "Eugene Aram," and the sensation he had produced was recalled, and put in evidence against him.
No wonder he had made them all shudder and tremble; he who was capable of committing a murder himself, they said.
The story of his mysterious purchase of The Dell and the strangely secluded life he had led, of the man who was always on the watch to keep people from seeing his master, and the dog kept to attack all visitors; what could it mean, but that there was some dark mystery connected with him, of which this crime in the woods was the logical outcome?
At ten o'clock the streets were crowded, and the buzz of excitement grew into something like a roar as the Grange carriage was seen to pull up at the town hall, and the squire, with Olivia and Bessie, alighted. The curiosity to see the beautiful girl who had been stricken down on her wedding day, and had not seen her husband since, overmastered the respect they felt for her, and there was a rush toward the door; but half-a-dozen policemen drove the crowd back and made a lane, and the three passed through it to the hall.
Olivia wore a veil, and her arm trembled for a moment as it rested upon her father's, but it was only for a moment, and she walked, and compelled him to walk, slowly.
They entered the court, and the judge made way for them. The judge was making his way to the bench at the moment, and, as he looked round with his calm, serene eyes, he saw the worn, pale face of the squire, and stopped to shake hands with him, and motioned him to seats just below him.
Olivia sat with clinched hands, trying to still the throbbing of her heart; then she looked round. The well of the court was filled with barristers, and among them the great London counsel, Mr. Sewell, the man whose acuteness and eloquence had sent many a man to the scaffold. Beside him she saw—and her heart throbbled again—the terrible London solicitor whose proud boast it was that no malefactor upon whom his legal claws had fixed had ever slipped through them! She looked for Mr. McAndrew, but he was nowhere to be seen. Then she looked toward the dock, and, as she did so, there was a stir and a murmur of excitement, and Harold Faradeane entered.
Pale and haggard, worn thin by the confinement of his cell and his sleepless nights though he was, there was still the look in his dark eyes which, when she had first seen it, had drawn

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Her heart irresistibly toward him; and it drew her now.
He raised his eyes and looked round at the judge and the jury and the counsel, and then he saw her. She, if no one else, saw the light that flashed for a moment in his grave eyes, and the color that passed swiftly over his face.
Obeying an impulse she did not try to resist, she raised her veil, and, looking at him steadily, bowed her head with the deep respect which only a woman can convey in a bow.
Every eye in court saw it, and a thrill ran through the crowd.
Faradeane's lips quivered, and his hand grasped the front of the dock; but he did not acknowledge her salutation in any other way.
"By Heaven, she'll believe in him if they bring him in guilty twice over!" muttered Colonel Summerford to the solicitor.
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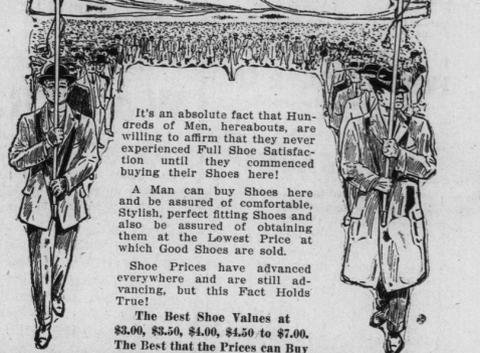
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