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Aubrey's Revenge.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

"I hate her, and I should be rejoiced if she'd die. It is wicked to feel so, of course, but how can I help myself? She makes me think of a snake when she comes creeping into my room, with her stealthy tread and strange, repulsive face.

"If I could only be sure that the truth of the matter would never be known. But murder will not sooner or later. Snapdragon knows, and, although she seems to be a good creature, and has never deceived me, I can't trust her with my whole heart. I might purchase her silence, perhaps; she'd sell her very soul for gold.

"If I could only be rid of her forever! I must try to get her out of my house under some pretext or other. Snapdragon might manage it, if she would. I think I'll have a talk with her. This terrible uncertainty quite unites me for anything else."

This somewhat unpleasant train of thought was interrupted by the appearance of Kelpie, who came dancing in, attired in a most becoming gown, with her black hair down her back, school-girl fashion, in two glossy braids, tied at the ends with scarlet ribbons.

"Here I am, mother mine, how do you like my hair done this way?" she said gaily.

"It is charming," replied the lady. "You look like a pretty school-girl, my dear."

"I used to wear my hair like this nearly all the time at New Castle Light," Kelpie went on. "Tom liked it better than any other way, and I—"

"Oh, well, never mind about that, you needn't concern yourself about Tom's likes and dislikes nowadays, you know," Mrs. van Cortlandt interrupted, a trifle impatiently.

"I don't see why I shouldn't," retorted Kelpie, the color fluttering to her cheeks.

"Nonsense, my child, Tom may be good enough in his way, but he has passed out of your life, and you out of his, of course. So why should you bother your precious little head about what used to please him?"

"Quite likely he has forgotten all about you by this time, and is making love to some pretty fisher girl, better suited to his station."

The color fairly blazed in Kelpie's cheeks, and she threw up her fair head with an air of proud disdain.

"Nobody cares if he makes love to a dozen fisher girls," she said childishly. "I'm sure I don't."

But while she gave utterance to the foolish words, the image of a pretty girl, with lips like ripe cherries, and eyes as blue as the sea, arose before her.

This girl lived near Thatcher's Rock, and supported her widowed mother by making mats and fancy

baskets for the Shoal City market, and Tom used to take them over for her, and he always bought a lot himself, not that he had any use for them, but because the poor girl was in sore need of the money.

Hitherto Kelpie had approved of the assistant keeper's kindness of heart, but now the very thought of it made her foolish heart ache with a cruel pain.

Perhaps Mrs. van Cortlandt was right, and this selfsame girl had taken her old place in Tom's affections.

Well, Kelpie did not care two straws, not she, as she would take pains to make Tom understand when she answered his letter.

She tossed her head at this thought and, catching sight of herself in the French mirror on the opposite wall, she snatched off the scarlet bows and wound her black braids in a shining coil at the back of her head.

Mrs. van Cortlandt, who was watching her, smiled significantly behind her fan, as she said to herself:

"That last hint of mine struck home. The sooner that fellow Tom is disposed of the better.

"That way of wearing your hair is far more stylish and becoming, my dear," she said carelessly. "Your school-girl braids did well enough at New Castle Light, of course, but here it is different.

"Speaking of your old friend Tom," she went on, with well-assumed serenity of manner, "my suggestion that he might be falling in love with some pretty fisher girl was not guesswork. I am quite friendly with one of the officers of the lighthouse board, and he called to see me, relative to a matter of business the other day. Your dear father was connected with that branch of the service, you know."

Kelpie nodded, and Mrs. van Cortlandt went on:

"I made inquiries concerning the welfare of your so-called grandfather, of course—"

"There's no so-called in the question," put in Kelpie, with emphasis; "he is my own dear grandfather, and that's all there is about it."

"Well, well, my pet, have it your own way. I'm sure I don't object," the lady went on indulgently. "But, to return to the point in question—allusion was made to Tom Holland, in the course of our conversation, and Captain Jenkins spoke of him as a most worthy young man, and added that he had a very fair chance of promotion, and was paying marked attention to a very pretty girl, whose people were fisher folks. He mentioned her name, but it has escaped my memory."

"Was it Margery Rusk?" asked Kelpie, with studied—and stupid!—carelessness.

"Yes, that's the name, Margery Rusk," said Mrs. van Cortlandt, "and Captain Jenkins spoke of her as being an extremely pretty girl. You know her, I suppose?"

"Yes, indeed, quite well," answered Kelpie; "she's a charming girl, and as good as gold! But what is it you have to show me, mother mine?"

"Why, your pretty gowns, just from Paris," replied the lady. "The box came while you were engaged with your riding master, but I would not allow it to be opened until you were present. I know how a girl enjoys taking the first peep at her pretty finery."

Mrs. van Cortlandt touched the silver bell at her elbow, and a moment later her waiting woman appeared.

"Miss van Cortlandt is impatient to look at her pretty things, Snapdragon," said her mistress, "so open the box with all possible speed."

The clasps and screws having been previously loosened, it required but a short time to remove the lid, put

aside the folds of silver tissue, and take out the wonderful treasures the box contained. There were gowns of every conceivable style and material, exquisite laces and ribbons, and no end of costly trifles.

"Oh, how lovely! I never dreamed of so many beautiful things."

"And they are all for you, my darling," said the lady fondly.

"All for me?" cried Kelpie.

"Every article, my sweet."

"Why, they are worth a little fortune, mother, darling!"

"So much the better. I consider nothing too pretty or too costly for you, my precious child."

"Oh, how shall I thank you? What shall I do for you in return?" cried Kelpie, with brimming eyes.

"Love me, darling, that is all I ask."

"I should be a wretch not to love you," said Kelpie, and, bending down, she kissed the lady's hands as they lay folded in her lap.

At that moment there came a light tap on the door, and Aubrey looked in. "I beg pardon for intruding," she said, "but pray let me come in and see your pretty things; may I, Miss van Cortlandt?"

"Why, to be sure!" cried Kelpie, but Mrs. van Cortlandt's beaming face clouded, as she answered, quite ungraciously:

"Oh, I suppose so, but I didn't know you cared for such things, Aubrey."

"Because I never wear them myself, I suppose?" the girl replied, with a sudden glow in her somber eyes.

"Oh, well, I think one admires things sometimes that are beyond one's reach."

Then she seated herself and looked serenely, while all the lovely Parisian gowns and costly trifles were taken out for inspection.

CHAPTER XXIX.

"That girl gives me the horrors," said Mrs. van Cortlandt, when all the pretty things had been admired and put away and Aubrey had left the room. "I'd give anything in reason to get her out of my house."

"Poor Aubrey," said Kelpie pityingly. "It makes me feel uncomfortable to see her sit here and admire all those beautiful things; I would much prefer that you should give her part of them, at least, than to have them all myself."

"You are quite amusing, my dear," laughed the lady. "What do you suppose poor, plain Aubrey would do with jewels, and laces, and French gowns? A home of mercy and the black habit of a nun would suit her far better."

"She is your niece," said Kelpie, "and her plain face is her misfortune. I should think you would feel it your duty to make the poor girl as happy as possible."

The lady winced visibly; it hurt her like a knife thrust to be spoken to in this way by the daughter she adored, but she put a bold face on the matter.

"I beg your pardon, my dear, but you don't know what you are talking about," she replied. "Aubrey is not my niece to begin with—"

"Why, she calls you 'Aunt,' and Snapdragon says she's your niece."

"No matter, my love; I say she is not. It is a whim of the girl's to call

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Mrs. van Cortlandt drew the girl down beside her, and embraced her fondly, as she heard Kelpie's artless question.

"My beautiful-darling, you will feel quite flattered, no doubt, when I tell you that I have had three proposals for your hand in marriage to-day. And from the very best men in our set, too."

"Three proposals," echoed Kelpie; "you are joking, mother; I have scarcely made the acquaintance of three men."

"Oh, yes, you have, my pretty one," said the lady; "at my rate, that number, by their own confession, have fallen in love with you, and asked my permission to win you, if possible."

"Why, I never heard of such a thing in my life," cried Kelpie, greatly amused. "Who in the world are they, mother?"

"I am pretty certain you can guess the name of one, at least. Ah, your little blushes betray you; you might as well confess the truth."

"Was Carroll Fitzgough one of the three?" asked Kelpie, blushing furiously.

"You know he was, you wretch, and you were expecting what has happened?"

"Indeed, you are mistaken."

"Nonsense, child, I know the whole story. Carroll has told me everything, and I have given my consent."

"He hasn't won mine yet," said Kelpie, tossing her head. "But who were the other two? I am just dying to know."

(To be continued.)

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The tension which has existed between the two brothers, Prince Prussia, has now culminated in a complete rupture. The Emperor has recently returned from his visit to the Prince of Orange, and has been informed that the Prince of Orange has been ordered to assist in the execution of the submarine cable project, which the Emperor has just announced to the Council of Ministers, and which he has assumed, and gave his flag to be struck down to which he moved when Blucher just before he died with her consorts in the report, "that the Prince of Orange had never been on the path with neither the Emperor nor the Emperor's son, and that the submarine cable project had been asserted that his intention was not slow to twin with their country."

GERMANY'S COMMERCE

Portugal may now be virtually free from German and other influences. The shipping has been informed, and the trade will fall upon Germany and Hungary, not only in the Portuguese possessions, but principal South American ports having direct communication with the Tagus, must be made. The various large firms have in hand for the Government and military, being delayed in the material required for the country; but what is wanted is the establishment of British and Colonial in the place of the enemy's have been closed. Progress made with the task of British manufacturers must be noticed of Russian business quantities of war equipment have been shipped from for use on the Eastern front given a practical demonstration of British factory capacity of British factories have an indirect influence on the Russian mind when Germany has had a large Russian import and other European nations.

LONDON A FOREIGN

London nowadays is one sometimes hears of. For the most part, the strangers speak loudly or their voices carry far heard conversation is French or Flemish. It is adapted for the conversation within our gates shops display no effect that 'special service' kept who speak freely with the result that foreigners are getting used to the large family party outside themselves giving orders stores to attractive, less young women with cents, and coiffures were arrived from Paris by compatriots, and others English. The Germans are being replaced in by French ones. In are getting used to the large family party outside that one used to associate smaller Continental townsight of the hatters.