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"The wisest," he murmured, as the brougham stopped in Belgrave Square. "If I fail, there is nothing left but to exert authority over Cecil as my heir. Should he refuse to heed, then, or by empty title alone will he be his; or, by Jove! yes, I'll marry again."

That sudden threat in his mind, he proceeded to the library, where, learning Lady Westbrook was absent, he dispatched the message Maria had received.

Lord Santyve rose at her entrance, and, regarding her attentively, was astonished and struck, as he had never before, by the quiet dignity of her bearing, her refined style of beauty, and gentle, unobtrusive expression.

"By heaven! I can scarcely wonder when young I could have gone mad about such a face—but, a lady's-maid! Signora," he said, placing a chair for her, "I must apologize for trespassing on your time; but the cause is to me as serious as I find it delicate to speak upon."

Maria, inclining her head, answered: "My time is quite at your service, my lord. In what way can I serve you?"

"That is the most delicate part," answered the man, "I own I scarcely know how to commence."

The nobleman, leaning back in his chair, really looked in a pitiable state of perplexity. He even colored slightly and felt that he avoided his companion's glance.

If Maria was above the position of a lady's-maid or not, he certainly experienced great difficulty in addressing her as one. He fidgeted with his eyeglass.

What detestable responsibilities sons and nephews were! However should he begin?—in what way, not to offend the sensitiveness of this girl? He was sure, by those soft, dark, velvety, dreamy eyes, that Signora Saprani was sensitive. If she had been a little coarse and vulgar, how much easier would it have been.

During these reflections there had ensued a brief silence. Maria sat, to outward semblance, very composed, her hands folded on her lap, her eyes fixed on the marquis. Suddenly, he looked at the corners of her pretty mouth flickered a smile. There was something ludicrous in the nobleman's dilemma, which she could not resist, yet she compassionated. Finally, after the marquis had cleared his throat, and made one or two ineffectual attempts to commence the subject, leaning forward a little, she said:

"Excuse me, my lord, but the subject does indeed appear to be a painful one."

"You are right, signora. It is most painful, though, when you hear, I am sure your good sense will exonerate me from any intention to offend. It is necessity compels."

"My lord, I recognize it perfectly," came the sweet, musical voice. "In this house I have experienced nothing but the utmost kindness and consideration from Lady Westbrook and yourself. I can never forget it, nor cease to be grateful. May I prove it by sparing you the pain of this commencement by taking it upon myself?"

The marquis listened, surprised. The thought forced itself into his brain: "Does she guess my purpose? Is she resolved to have Cecil, and is trying to ingratiate herself with me?"

"If you will allow me, my lord," continued Maria, "I will take silence for consent. The matter upon which you would speak has reference to Lord Carisford, your nephew."

"Most assuredly I am right," reflected the marquis, sotto voce. Then, rather stiffly, aloud: "It has, signora. There was a cause; then, her color somewhat heightened, Maria, almost proudly inclining her head, remarked: "My lord, having said so much, I must now leave you to proceed."

"Signora," replied the nobleman, with abrupt change of tone, "I will do so, and speak as frankly as you have done, for which I thank and admire you. I understand, then, that since you have been an inmate beneath this roof, my nephew, though never encouraged on your part, has ceaselessly paid you much secret attention."

"May I ask your informant, my lord?" This very quickly.

"I am not permitted to say."

"There is no necessity," smiled Maria, her lips slightly curling. "The information is correct, and I am oblig-

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ed to Captain Lascelles for the honesty—which I should not have credited him with possessing—of admitting Lord Cecil's attentions were not countenanced by me; no more, my lord, than were Captain Lascelles' own."

"Captain Lascelles' own! Signora, you do not mean he has dared—"

"To insult me, my lord, beneath your roof, as your nephew would never have done?" rejoined Maria, with spirit, while her velvet cheek reddened. "Yes."

"Signora Saprani, you astonish me. Trust me, I never dreamed of this. Why did you not acquaint Lady Westbrook?" ejaculated the marquis, truly indignant at what he heard. "You should have been protected."

"I thank you, my lord; but I felt that I could well take my own part against such a man as Captain Lascelles. Neither did I desire to create any unpleasantness where I was so happy. Besides—and for the first time there was pride in her humility—"I am but a lady's-maid."

"Signora," and the marquis' brow contracted, "a lady's-maid or a lady shall be equally secure from insults under my roof. Had I known—"

"My lord, but for this you would never have known. Even now I entreat you to forget it. I only mentioned it to show I was well acquainted with your informant respecting Lord Carisford."

"I trust, signora, you have had no cause to class my nephew in the same category as Captain Lascelles?" asked the marquis, quickly.

"My lord," she answered, low but firmly, "if you refer to your nephew's intentions—yes. An insult is the same in whatever language it may be clothed, and Captain Lascelles, your nephew's close friend and confidant, left me in no doubt as to the nature of Lord Cecil's admiration."

A sharp speech, not mattering to the officer, was on the lips of the marquis, who, even as Cecil, was the soul of honor, but he checked himself. The captain might not have acted as a gentleman, yet what he had done might have been done purely to save Cecil from a terrible mesalliance.

Then Lord Santyve should not be the first to throw a stone; nevertheless, he must stoop to follow in his track, especially with such a girl as this Italian. Besides, he must vindicate his nephew; he must remove the impression that he had insulted the house that covered him—the family with whom he mingled.

"Signora Saprani," he exclaimed, "what Captain Lascelles has said I know not—care not; but I forbid you to judge Cecil from that man's words. I have promised to speak frankly to you—insult from Lord Cecil. He never intended any; for he loves you honorably; truly. You know probably now why I wished for this interview. Cecil is my heir."

At those words "loves you honorably," Maria started perceptibly. Her color came and went; she bowed her face involuntarily upon her hands. He loved her, then—really, truly, loved her. She grasped her situation instantly. The marquis noticed this emotion with a deep concern, which grew into fear.

"My lord," said Maria, looking up, pale but calm, "I cannot find suitable words to thank you for this communication. You have caused me to respect, to feel grateful, where before I scorned. Still, it in no way alters the case. Lord Cecil could never be more to me than Lady Westbrook's, my mistress' cousin. Our spheres are too wide apart ever to run in unison."

The marquis was amazed. He regarded the Italian with sincere admiration. He had purpose to appeal to her to reject Cecil; but she had done so voluntarily, with the quiet dignity of a duchess.

"Signora," he began, "you have touched me more than I can express. I confess I requested this good sense—throw myself upon your good sense—your generosity; to tell you that Lord Carisford, as my heir, is bound by duty, to which he must yield his own inclinations, however near or dear. I intend to entreat you to sacrifice yourself—for him—for Lady Westbrook—for—"

"Sacrifices," my lord," interrupted Maria, her eyes steadily meeting his. "There is none. I would not marry Lord Cecil. I understand your desire, and see its wisdom. It grieves me; the heart to leave Lady Westbrook; but I perceive her family's happiness, as my own, demand it. We can govern neither love nor hate, and I own I love Lord Carisford. Still, though my position is humble, my pride is great. I would no more enter your family, as an unwelcome member, than I would that of a man of my own sphere. I will go. I merely pray that nothing may be said to her ladyship until I am gone. She might try to persuade me against this step in her ignorance of the cause; and though nothing now could induce me to remain, I would spare myself this parting."

[To be Continued.]

The man who is blown up by a hidden mine of explosives may have seen things that should have aroused his suspicions, but heedlessly put them aside as of no moment. It is the same with the sickness that ends in death. Insidious disorders of the digestion and bilious spells are passed by as of no moment. In themselves these complaints may not be dangerous, but if neglected their cumulative effect is terrible.

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WESTERN ONTARIO

Fire Bug Sentenced to Ten Years at Kingston.

A Farmer Makes a Second Attempt to End His Life—Judge Woods, of Chatham, Seriously Ill—Woman Breaks a Blood Vessel and Dies—Clerk Burned With Carbolic Acid.

Ex-Ald. John Read, of Guelph, died at the age of 69 years on Friday.

Judge Woods, of Chatham, is seriously ill. Heart trouble is the cause.

Elliott Hardy, of Thamesville, lost a valuable work horse on Saturday from a stroke.

Rev. A. F. McGregor, of Woodstock, has been appointed general agent of Baptist home missions.

John Abbott, born in Huntingdon, England, June 22, 1892; died in South Buxton, Sept. 9, 1898, aged 96 years.

Mr. John Stephens, of the town line, Howard, was married to Miss Louise J. Smith, Morpeth, on Wednesday last.

The Climax Cheese and Butter Company, of Tiverton, succeeded in taking a \$10 prize for cheese at the Industrial.

Ed Howell, a clerk employed in C. K. McGregor's drug store, Brantford, was painfully burned on Saturday by carbolic acid.

Mrs. P. C. Paulin, a former resident of St. Thomas, died at Morgan Park, near Chicago, on Saturday, of blood poisoning.

Mr. W. F. Hicks has purchased from Mr. T. C. Pickard, of Holmesville, the rear 20 acres of the north half of lot 12, con. 6.

The death occurred on Friday of Mr. Thomas Lightfoot, one of Aylmer's oldest and most respected residents, aged 94 years.

Mr. Hector McPherson, who was on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. R. Davidson, 30 Erie street, St. Thomas, died last night, aged 66 years.

Hector McPherson, of Detroit, formerly of St. Thomas, died at the latter place yesterday, where he was visiting friends, Monday morning, aged 66 years.

Samuel Siggins, the insolvent manufacturer, now in Woodstock jail on two different charges, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors Monday.

Mrs. Elly, of Raleigh, who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, for the past two weeks, broke a blood vessel Sunday afternoon and died shortly after.

Edward Rowe, who was killed on Saturday night by a Michigan avenue car in Detroit, was from Woodstock, where his mother and father are living.

A large barn on the farm owned and occupied by Mr. Isaac Battler, con. 10, Blenheim, was consumed by fire on Thursday afternoon. The season's crop was destroyed.

While at work cleaning a horse, a young son of John Peel, of the River road, Dovers, received a kick from the animal, breaking his collar-bone and badly injuring his leg.

Lorenzo Sutherland, who pleaded guilty to setting fire to a barn belonging to Dr. Gear, of Erin, was tried at Guelph by Judge Chadwick, and sentenced to ten years in Kingston.

G. A. Proctor, of Smith, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new G. T. R. roundhouse at Sarnia tunnel, the work to be completed by Feb. 1 next. The contract price is said to be \$60,000, exclusive of turntable and other fittings.

Wm. Fitzpatrick, farmer, about 80 years of age, died at his home near Ingersoll, after a deliberate attempt at suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, but was unsuccessful. He will recover. This is his second attempt at self-destruction.

As Wm. Ford and family, of St. Thomas, returned from church on Sunday the horses became frightened at a bicycle and turned into a deep ditch, upsetting the democrat and its occupants. Mrs. Ford had one rib broken and her shoulder badly injured.

Mr. Wm. Johnston, a farmer, living a few miles from Galt, on the Cedar Creek road, is suffering from the effects of a frightful accident. Tuesday afternoon he went into his barn to hoppel the last of a heifer, when the vicious animal turned on him and attacked him with its horns, one of which got beneath the cheek, close to the right ear, and gouged that member completely from the head.

CANADIAN TRADE

Points From Bradstreet's Weekly Review.

Pro for the Fall Business Were Never Brighter.

Bradstreet's weekly review says: Wholesale trade of Montreal has been quiet this week, but business continues to improve. The prospects for the fall business were never brighter. The exports from the west and very satisfactory and large shipments of goods were expected to be made up before navigation closes. The grain movement has not been active, but there has been considerable demand for ocean room, and some good-sized engagements have been made during the past week.

Trade at Toronto has been very active. The warehouses of the wholesale drygoods firms have been thronged with buyers from all parts of the country. Buying has been large, and a considerable portion of it has been for cash at short terms of credit.

The fall wheat in Manitoba is now pretty well all down, and the feeling of the country is one of satisfaction. The new crop movement assumes large proportions, but already the receipts are increasing. A good business in farm harvest is looked for this fall, after the season has been quiet.

There has been quite a brisk trade at the coast in Klondike supplies. The demand for labor continues active, being there is a great deal of work being done at Vancouver. This season 100 steamers were added to the Pacific coast fleet, British Columbia getting more than her share. Her pack has been a failure, owing to the late running of the sockeyes, which are now, after the season is closed, running into the rivers in millions.

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