

THE HEIRESS OF DENSLEY WOLD

BY FLORENCE WARDEN

CHAPTER XX.

St. Quintin realized at once that his best chance lay in being conciliatory and in effacing, as far as he could, the impression which he could not but feel sure his imprudence had already made.

They both knew that he suspected them; they both knew that he had not been probing the depths of the pond out of idle curiosity. So strong was his sense of the danger he was in, quiet though they were, and unobtrusive as were their looks and tones, that he threw a stealthy glance round him, hoping that he might catch sight of some passerby to mitigate the feeling of helplessness in the hands of these two men which he experienced as he felt the strong grip each had on his arm.

But there was nobody in sight. And in a very few minutes they had all reached the cottage, and gone into the little sitting-room, where the fire was still burning.

Just before entering the cottage, St. Quintin made a sudden movement, with the intention of trying to get away. But he was amazed and perturbed to find that the hand on either side tightened on his arm, and that instead of being allowed to enter the cottage at his own pace he was rather thrust than led inside, and into the little sitting-room, which he now recognized as at least a temporary prison.

On the alert and watchful, and conscious that he was almost wholly in the power of these two men, in one of whom he suspected a national holiday, the scoundrel, St. Quintin was, on the other hand, so much interested and excited by the adventure in which he found himself engaged that he was not wholly unwilling to submit to the treatment in question.

He pretended to have no notion that there was anything sinister about the display of force they had made, but

sat down by the table as they had released him, put his hands in his pockets, and said that he had never felt so tired in his life.

"You'll stay here tonight, won't you? It's too late to hope to get to Doncaster. And you can continue your hunt for your match-box, as you suggested, in the morning," said Monsieur Leblanc, speaking in a tone in which St. Quintin noted a change from his usual suavity, a sort of tigerishness which seemed to promise ill for the peaceful ending of the interview.

Now St. Quintin had been careful to keep near the door, ignoring the invitation to sit by the fire, which both gentlemen had courteously given him. He knew that Miss Grey, the landlady, was within hearing, for he had seen her hovering about in the passage outside, and he felt satisfied that she was no party to the doings of these two.

A cry for help would reach her ears without difficulty, and so long as he kept both the other men well in sight, St. Quintin felt comparatively safe.

For even as he threw himself back, he had managed to let the chair slide, so that he could not be attacked from behind.

He still kept up as much as possible an appearance of unsuspecting candor. It would be time enough to take off the gloves by and by, when Leblanc had shown his teeth a little more, a moment which St. Quintin felt would not be long in arriving.

"No thanks, won't stay here," he said, in answer to Leblanc's snarling invitation. "I've got a fly waiting for me at the cross-roads, and I'll get back to town as soon as I can if the ladies don't turn up tonight."

There was a pause. St. Quintin looked at his watch.

"I ought to be on the move now. It's 10 o'clock," he said.

Leblanc made an impatient movement.

"Well, there's no hurry, if you have a fly waiting for you," said Mr. Williams. "You must have a stirrup-cup before you go."

"Thanks," said St. Quintin rising. "I won't stay, or I shall be late. These country folk keep early hours, and—"

"Oh, but we insist,"

Mr. Williams came toward him and thrust him down into his seat with a heavy hand, while Monsieur Leblanc went out of the room.

"It's fearfully stuffy in here don't you think so?" said St. Quintin, seizing the room to put his foot in such a way that the door could not be closed. "Let us have the door open for a little while."

"Just as you like," said Mr. Williams, whose manner never changed from its genial ease and warmth.

He poured out some whisky into three glasses which he had brought from the side cupboard by the old-fashioned fireplace. St. Quintin watched him, rather relieved to find that by the departure of the Frenchman he had now only one man to deal with, instead of two. But he did not drink the whisky, having certain strong suspicions as to the effect it was intended to produce upon him.

Mr. Williams, who chatted genially to him with his arms across the table and his glass in his hand, and smoked his pipe in a contemplative air as he did so, noted the abstinence of his companion, and asked him why he thought it was a local product.

"You needn't be afraid," he added; "I brought it down from town myself. I don't poison myself with the stuff one gets in these out-of-the-way places."

"I suppose not," said St. Quintin, still in the doorway, and quite aware by this time that it was a farce to keep up appearances with these men.

Still he left his whisky untasted, and suddenly Mr. Williams' manner changed. Raising his head, he looked steadily at the young man in the light of the oil lamp on the table, and asked in a voice like the growling of distant thunder:

"Do you think there's anything wrong with it?"

"Of course not," said St. Quintin, laughing with an effort.

"Drink it then," said the other, drily.

St. Quintin sprang to his feet.

"You must excuse me," he said.

And dashing the door open, so that it rattled against the wall, he ran out into the passage and to the front door. This, however, was bolted, and he found himself stopped.

A minute later Mr. Williams was by his side, laughing at his impotence in his old genial manner.

"What on earth is the matter with the fellow?" he said, with a comical look of apparent dismay. "Aren't you going to wait until Leblanc comes back to say good-bye to him?"

"Where is he gone to?" asked St. Quintin, sharply.

"To see if he can make arrangements for you to sleep at the inn, I suppose, since you won't stay here."

"But I'm going back to Doncaster. I told him so. And I must lose no time. Make my excuses to Leblanc and tell him I couldn't wait any longer."

"If you are really determined to go."

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The relations between Russia and the Grand Duchy of Finland, which for long have been subject of serious discussion in the higher administrative circles of the empire, and the grand duchy will be raised in the Duma by the Octoberists, who have decided to attack as a salient point the absence of control by M. Stolypin, the Russian premier, over the reports of the Finnish secretary of state to the Emperor.

The Octoberists, in caucus, have drafted an interpellation addressed to Premier Stolypin, in which it is set forth that according to the fundamental laws of the empire, ministers reporting to the Emperor must first submit their reports to the cabinet. The Octoberists maintain that the fundamental laws are applicable to Finland as an integral part of the Russian Empire, and it is a fact that up to the present time the Finnish secretary, who ranks as a minister, has not observed this provision. Premier Stolypin will be asked what steps have been taken to secure an interpellation of the Emperor, and it is a fact that up to the present time the Emperor, in accordance with instructions issued by the Emperor, to connect the railroad systems of Finland and Russia, a step which is imperatively necessary for the security of the empire in order to make possible the rapid mobilization of troops in case of the hostile invasion of Finland. Both these questions will be made urgent in order to forestall any action on the part of reactionaries, who propose to raise this matter in a much sharper form. There are preparing to demand the ownership of the Viborg district be restored to Russia and that measures to crush the national aspirations of Finland be adopted.

The present Duma is taking a deep interest in the foreign policy of the Government, and it has asked Foreign Minister Iswolsky to make a declaration before it on this subject. This attitude is in sharp contrast to that maintained by the preceding legislatures which busied themselves exclusively with domestic affairs.

Once in the open air he felt that he was safe.

True, the night was dark, the little village road deserted and not a light to be seen in any of the windows. Even the Red Lion had turned out the latest of its roisterers and was as dark and desolate looking as the rest.

But still there were human beings in those shut-up houses, and St. Quintin felt that a shout would reach the ears of somebody or other in case his companion should turn upon him before he reached the cross-roads where the fly was waiting for him.

Once there he knew that he was out of the clutches of both his dubious friends.

In the meantime Mr. Williams talked and laughed and smoked his pipe and rolled easily about in his hands in the pockets of his big overcoat, a garment, St. Quintin felt, which looked reassuringly unlike the sort of thing a man would encumber himself with if he meant to commit a brutal assault upon another man.

They strolled through the village, St. Quintin growing more relieved at every turn in the road that brought him nearer to the fly and deliverance.

He still conversed with an intermittent conversation with his companion, but his replies grew shorter as they together and alone on the open road.

A qualm of doubt suddenly entered his mind concerning the fly he had been waiting for. What if the man should have grown tired of waiting and have gone a little further away, or—

The thought scarcely formed itself in his mind when they reached a bend in the road that brought him to the vehicle which brought him from Doncaster.

But it was not there.

Quickening his pace, and ill at ease, St. Quintin, who had been waiting for a moment of defense about him. It was not that there was anything menacing or alarming about the demeanor of his portly companion. On the contrary, Mr. Williams was still conversing cheerily, and still smoking, with his hands in his pockets. But under all his rough good humor St. Quintin had begun to detect a nameless something, a sort of cold readiness for emergencies, which was perturbing in the circumstances.

What if the two men should decide that he guessed too much? What if they should have made up their minds that he was better out of the way?

St. Quintin, even while these thoughts passed through his mind, wondered at his own cowardice. For why should he suppose they were so eager to take upon themselves a crime which they could gain so little?

But there had been that in the manner and look of both men, though it was only at odd moments that it made itself noticeable, which was a surer danger signal than anything more definite, more tangible, would have been.

St. Quintin said nothing about the disappearance of the fly, but walking a little faster hoped that he might catch sight of it as soon as he reached the cross-roads. It might be a little further away and out of sight round one of the angles. Perhaps the horse might be feeding by the roadside, or the driver might have drawn up at a spot a little wider than the place where he had been left. Anything, surely, was more probable than that he should be gone away!

But the cross-roads were reached, and the vehicle was nowhere to be seen.

"I must go back and put up at the inn," said St. Quintin, trying not to show anxiety. "My man has given me the slip, I see."

Even as he spoke he felt sure that this disappearance was the result of an act of treachery, and when Mr. Williams thrust a strong hand through his arm, and led him in the direction of the park wall, which was close by, saying, "Perhaps he's gone this way!" St. Quintin felt that a crisis was approaching.

There was by this time enough moonlight for the young man to be able to see that there was a gap in the stone wall of the park leading out of a field on their left. Mr. Williams led him close to the low hedge which divided the field from the road. They had got quite close to the beginning of the wall when suddenly, without a moment's warning, St. Quintin found himself tripped up from behind and lying on his back at the side of the road.

"Help! Help!" cried he.

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