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CHAPTER XIV.

What Sir Karl saw when the door opened was a picture that he never forgot. Dolores had gained so much in beauty. He had left her a slender girl, with the promise of magnificent womanhood, which was now fulfilled. There was a deeper sheen on the golden hair, a deeper light in the lovely violet eyes, the face wore an expression of sweet content—not the content of indifference, but of thought—and the graceful figure was fully developed. She stood for a few seconds in irresolute silence, not recognizing in the bronzed, bearded man before her handsome Sir Karl. Then into her eyes came a sudden soft light as of recognition, over the face spread a faint, beautiful blush, and the next moment the two little white hands were hastily extended in earnest greeting.

"Sir Karl," she cried—and the sound of her voice was as sweetest music to him—"I am pleased to see you. Welcome home!"

To him, who had thirsted and hungered for a sight of her face, it was like reaching the gates of Paradise. He could not speak; his face, bronzed as it was, grew colorless; his heart beat so fast and loud that he was afraid she must hear it; his breath came in quick gasps, and he held the white hands as though he would never let them go.

"Do you know what a shipwrecked mariner feels when he safely reaches land?" he said at last in a low, hoarse voice.

"I can imagine," she replied; "but I have never been shipwrecked."

"I have been," he cried; "I and my whole life were wrecked when I left you. Now I touch land once more! How well you are looking, Lady Rhyaworth!" The name seemed to pass his lips with difficulty. "I believe you have grown—you seem to be taller than you were, and are more beautiful than ever."

She drew one hand from his clasp, and held up a pretty white finger in warning.

"You must not flatter me, Sir Karl," she said, smiling.

"It is not flattery, it is truth," he answered, looking at her tenderly. "Since I left you, I have seen no one half so fair. In my dreams, I have gone over this meeting a hundred times. I have dreamed that I should meet you out of doors, by the river, in the old church, everywhere and anywhere; but one thing is quite certain—since the moment I parted from you in madness and despair, I have thought of nothing but the hour of my return."

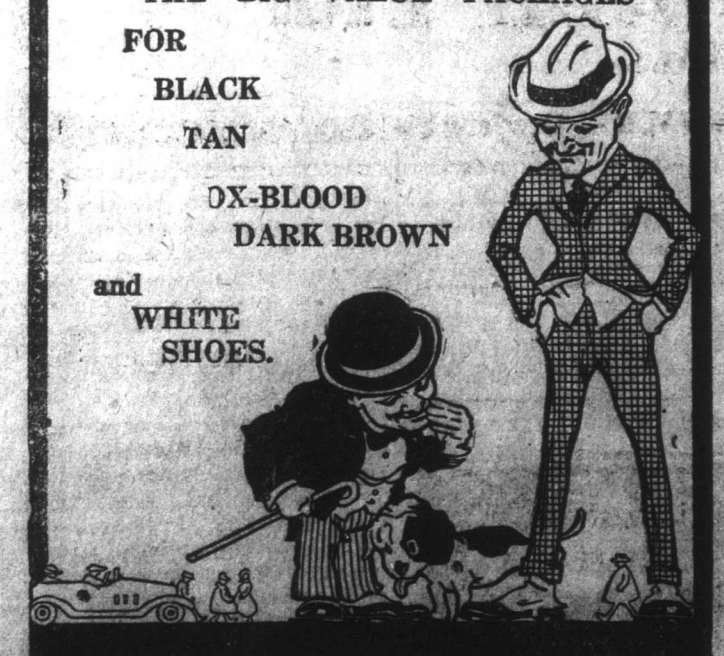
"If you have called to pay me a sensible visit, Sir Karl," she said laughing, "you must talk to me in a sensible manner. I am afraid neither France nor Italy has improved you. You never talked such nonsense as this to me before!"

"My dearest Lady Rhyaworth, I never had the chance. If ever a man wished to talk what you kindly call 'nonsense,' but did not dare to do so,

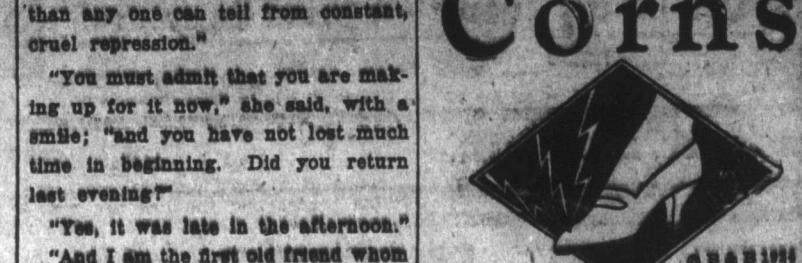
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Ream was walking one night seven months ago, when a motor-car drew suddenly up to the curb beside him and a young man, brandishing a pistol, commanded "Hands up!" "Get into the car!" was the next command. Ream obeyed.

The pistol was pressed against his stomach, he was gagged and blindfolded, his ankles and wrists were tied, and a cloth soaked with ether spread over his face. He remembered nothing more until he was picked up in the street in the early hours of the next morning and carried to hospital.

His assailants had attempted to perform the Volendoff rejuvenation operation on him.

A detective connected the murder of the young Franks with the attack on Ream, and whisked the maimed man to the county jail, where on seeing the two students who are accused of murder he immediately screamed "That's them."

Thirst for Knowledge.

Some time before this incident Leopold had been discouraging to officials on the subject of murdering for sport and science. "It was an experiment, and it is just as easy to justify as it is to justify an entomologist in killing a beetle on a pin," he said. "A thirst for knowledge is commendable, no matter what pain or injury it may inflict on others. Thus a boy is justified in pulling the wings from a fly if by so doing he learns that without wings a fly is helpless."

A crime which has never been explained occurred a few weeks ago in circumstances almost identical with those in the case of Ream. Near the university the body of a student named Freeman Louis Tracey, with a bullet-hole through the head, was tossed from a passing motor car. In a museum which Leopold kept at his home the police have found pistols, poisons and powerful acids. But the strangest light shed on his activities is by a slim released at Detroit to-day. In this Leopold is shown feeding and handling wild birds which exhibit an uncanny friendship for him.—London Daily Mail.

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