The Earl's Mistake

"I know what you are going to say, dear Cecii," she said, in tones that had once thrilled him, but now were powerless to move him. "You are going to speak of our marriage." She drew a little breath, and would have hidden her face upon his shoulder but that he stood so irresponsive and motionless. "I know that the countess is desirous to see you settled, and—and I will not render her unhappy. It shall be when you please, dear Cecil!" His face paled.

"Zenobia." he said, and he took her hand with a spasm of pity at his heart, "it was to speak of our intended marriage that I followed you, but not to ask you to hasten it. No, Zenobia: I have a hard task before me, and I will beg you to extend all the indulgence and kindness which dwell in your heart toward me, who am, alas! so little worthy of it. Zenobia, some truths are so cruel, so bitter, that one is tempted to hide them. But if one yields to this temptation, that truth, let it be what it may, will rise from the grave in which it is hidden to accuse and punish the coward who-concealed it. Such a truth lies heavy on my heart at this moment, and if I would not be a craven, unworthy the name of man, I must tell it. Zenobia, bear with me! Think of me as you will—as one whose weakness made him unworthy of your love—but still deem me honest."

What had he done? Had he escaped her? Was he going to draw back? Had he—her breath came hard and fast—had he met and married that other gir!? He pressed her hand, then slowly the same and mand and the met and married that other gir!? He pressed her hand, then slowly the same and mand and the met and married that other gir!? Was he going to draw back? Had he—her breath came hard and fast—had he met and married that other gir!? He pressed her hand, then slowly at him. Was he going to draw back? Had he—her hand the hear hand the hear hand and he met and married that other gir!? White and cold he stood and made the confession, still holding her by the warm, soft arm.

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"Your wife!" said Lord Cecil, staring at him. "Are you mad, Moore?"

In in instant she threw off the mask. With a gesture of contempt she stepped before him and folded her arms. "Bah!" she cried, in a low voice that rang nevertheless like a discordant note. "Spare your fine phrases, Lord Neville, Let us speak plainly, if we speak at all! In plain words, you wish to draw back from your engagement, we "

think that I am like the simple country girl whom you cast off at a moment's

His face flushed, then went deadly

She laughed.

"Lord Cecil Neviile, you are mistaken. I refuse to release you; I hold you to your word! I am the woman you promised to marry, and as surely as we stand here you shall marry me!"

He stood silent, speechless. What could he say?

She laughed again, and a cruel light gleamed in her eyes.

"Plain words between us! So be it! Then hear mine! You speak of love—that you cannot love me! Do you think that I care for your love? Do you think—or have I fooled yon so completely to the top of your bent!—that I am dying for love of you? Bah, my lord! It was your title, your rank, your wealth, the position that you, Lord Cecil Nevile, could give the woman you made your wife that I was in love with. And I love them still. Do you think, then that it is likely that at your bidding, at the mere force of your whim, I will relinquish them? Look in my face and read the answer?"

He did look, with shame and self-loathing that he could ever have loved so base a being as this beautiful woman with the face of an angel and the heart of a tigress.

"Zenobia," he said, hoarsely, "now indeed all is over between us. Let no more missed to marry, and has a surely as the heart of hearts he recognized the hand of Providence in his fate.

"Earobia," la the harbor in an hour," he said. "I will await you there."

CHAPTER XXXII.

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"Zenobia," he said, hoarsely, "now indeed all is over between us. Let no more be said! If life itself depended on it, I would take my freedom!"

"You will not marry me?" she panted. He put up his hands with an emphatic gesture.

"Then listen, Lord Neville. Before a week has passed I will make your name a byword in men's mouths. I will publish your cowardly, heartless treachery from one end of the earth to the other. If there is justice to be had in the land I will have it, cost what it may! I will drag you from court to court until you shall hate the sound of your own name—till you become the social out cast you deserve to be. I will rest neither night nor day until I have avenged myself. Think well before you decide to desert me! I am not one to be lilted twice, my lord! Think!

he—her breath came hard and fast—had he met and married that other girl?

He pressed her hand, then slowly dropped it.

"Zenobia, this marriage of ours must not take place!" she echoed; and her eyes gleamed upon him from her pale face.

"No." he said, in a low voice. 'Thank Heaven, it is still in our power to say the words! It might have been too late; I might have made the discovery after, instead of before, the event."

She started, and cast a glance of fear at him.

"Yes. I have discovered, Zenobia, that the heart which at the altar I should have sworn to give you, is not mine to give."

She breathed again, and the color came back into her face.

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"Are you mad. Moore?"

Gerald Moore shook his head.

"If you disbelieve me, look at her face!" he said, pitilessly.

With a gesture of miserable rage she dashed her hand before it.

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"Menere." "A fortnight after you left us at Lucerne. The ceremony took place at the woman! married; I learned it with you have just discovered the nature of the woman! married; I learned it with you have just discovered the nature of the woman! will keep her secret and mine for your own sake, Will you leave us row!"

Lord Cecil stood for a moment longer

She breathed again, and the color came back into her face.

"Gecil!" reproachfully.

"Hear me, dear Zenobia, and bear with me! Until this morning I laid the flattering conviction to my soul that I could revive the love I once bore you; but this morning something revealed to me that it would be impossible; and I thank. Heaven that the truth has come to me in time. I know with the certainty of revelation that if we were married our lives would be a misery which only death could assuage!"

She looked at him, breathing hard; then she smiled.

"Dear Cecil, you think too much; you are morbid where your conscience is concerned. Think what it would cost me to lose you! Suppose—suppose that too have known that you have been cold to me, and suppose that I am willing to which my folly cost me."

"It would be useless," he said. "For give me, Zenobia; but if we must speak at all, we must speak plainly. Your future, which is worth so much; mine, which is worth nothign, lie trembling in the balance. Zenobia, I have no heart to give you!. I cannot go to the altar and swear to a lie! With a sorrow no words can describe I surrender, I give back to you the promise you gave me. I give back into your hands the priceless boon of your love, with the prayer that it may pass to one more worthy the treasure than my unhappy self!"

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all! In plain words, you wish to draw back from your engagement to me."

He stared at her as if he could scarcely believe his eyes and ears. Was this the gentle, sweet-faced woman.—Zenobia de Norvan, the woman he had loved there in Lucerne, this woman, with blazing eyes, and hard, sneering mouth?

"You are tired of me, are weary of your plaything of the hour! Is that so? And you wish me to release you. You

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His face grew grave.

"Are you resolved?" he said.

"Fully," she retorted, with a mocking

"Be at the harbor in an hour," he said. "I will await you there."

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"BLOWN-UP" BREAD.

Board of Trade Fails.

Berlin, Ont., April 15 .- "No beer, no banquet." This explains in a nutshell the reason why the annual banquet of the reason why the annual banquet of the Waterloo Board of Trade was sealed off this afternoon. The date was set for to-morrow evening, and Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., was to be the speaker. The Waterloo Young Ladies' Auxiliary was to do the catering. The Banquet Committee arranged to have the function in the Orpheus Hall, and had provided for those who wished it some of the beer which made Waterloo famous, to be served by a staff of men.

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DEPUTY WARDEN STEDMAN KILLED AT EDMONTON.

Gary R. Barrett, the Convict, Struck the Officer Without Warning in Back of Head With an Axe and Half Severed His Neck.

Edmonton, April 15 .- A brutal murde was committed in the carpenter shop of the penitentiary this morning, when a convict attacked Deputy Warden Rich-ard H. Stedman with an axe, striking him on the back of the head and killing him on the back of the head and kining him almost instantly. Stedman was an old and experienced man in penitentiary work, having formerly served as warden in the reformatory at Penetanguishene for 25 years before coming to Edmonton three years ago. He leaves a widow and

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TOSSED ABOUT.

Edgar Brown Crosses Lake Ontario in a Fishing Punt.

nights and two days in the middle of nights and two days in the middle of April and given up for lost by the life-saving crew of Charlotte, N. Y., Edgar Brown, a former Pogt Hope man who has been working on a farm on the Manitou line, near Charlotte, was deposited by a merciful Providence on the Canadian shore near Grafton and lives to tell of a most miraculous escape from a watery grave. Late Sunday afternoon last Brown and a companion started out in a small-flat-bottomed punt from

the earth," with a grim smile," and I intend to remain there. In this letter you will find a sum of money which I think you will admit is a large one. Take it and spendit, and when it is gone I will send you more, and still more, on one condition, that you do not approach Lord Cecil Neville or—his wife!"

She started, looked at the letter and held it in her hand. Then she looked at him.

"You—are—going on a voyage, Gerald!"

"I am," curtly.

A smile significant and pregnant with malice.

"I am glad. It will suit me, Gerald. I am going with you."

He started and shook his head.

She laughed.

"Pardon, monsieur. A man may not desert his wife without cause, I might have given you plenty, but you prevented me. You fool! If you had held your tongue I would have won the game still, and you might have gone where you chose, alone, or with whom you pleased. You yourself have claimed me. Good, Ig ow with you. For bester or for worse, "Are you resolved?" he said.

"BALKED AT BEER.

Why Annual Function of Berlin Board New York Back at New York Bakers.

Housewives Fling It Back at New York Bakers.

New, York, April 15.—There was considerable excitement yesterday when scores of housewives on the East Side accused the small bakers of selling them bear some of housewives on the East Side accused the small bakers of selling them bear some of housewives on the East Side accused the small bakers of selling them bear some of housewives and when daylight dawned found himself far from shore. Meanwhile his some instances the loaves were returned that had been "blown up," and in some instances the loaves were returned that had been "blown up," and in some instances the loaves were returned that had been "blown up," and in the board and was being carried help-town in his frail craft buttled with the angry waves, and when daylight dawned found himself far from shore. Meanwhile his some instances the loaves were returned that had been "blown up," and in the money refunded. At one shop living the mount of the mount of the mount of the mou

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James H. Stebbing and Albert Lewis were drowned at Onconta, N. Y., when the boat in which they were fishing in the swollen waters of Butternut Creek at Gilbertsville was carried over Bushnell's dam and overturned. Both men were married. Their bodies have not been recovered.

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King Edward in Paris.

J. B. Resthier, President of the Canadian Architects' Association, was on Thursday elected alderman for Centre Ward, Montreal, to replace the late Ald.

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