

A FATEFUL...DIAMOND

CHAPTER IX.

The next morning, at an early hour, Mr. Murray made his appearance in Mr. Murray's office.

He was dressed with great care, his clothing being of the finest texture and make, while in his immaculate shirt front there gleamed a diamond like a spark of fire.

The lawyer greeted him politely, and then introduced Louis, who was observing the stranger with grave earnestness.

Mr. Murray turned to him with a brilliant smile, and eagerly extended his white hand, upon which there was another stone of the purest water.

"I suppose Mr. Allen has informed you, Louis, of the relations which undoubtedly exist between us, and I trust you are prepared to acknowledge them with as much gratitude and pleasure as I do," he said earnestly.

"Louis mechanically gave him his hand, and studied his face with his dark, wistful eyes while he was speaking; but there was not one answering thrill of sympathy in his heart to the sentiments which he was uttering."

"It seems very strange," he stammered confusedly, "I cannot realize it."

"Of course you cannot," returned the gentleman, pleasantly; "but I trust when we come to know each other better, you will gradually learn to feel something of affection for me, such as I am prepared to bestow upon you. If you could know how I have mourned over the loss of your mother, and your hitherto unknown fate, I am sure your sympathies could not fail to reach out toward me," Mr. Murray concluded, with apparent emotion.

"Have you a picture of my mother, sir?" Louis asked, eagerly. He had always been so hungry to know what his mother had been like.

"I am sorry to say that I have not," Mr. Murray replied. "I took one away with me when I went to California, but it was stolen from me, among some other things."

Louis sighed. Somehow he could not feel quite satisfied to acknowledge this man as his father, without stronger proofs than he had yet produced.

"I have a little book of poems that belonged to my mother, and there is some writing in it in a gentleman's hand, signed 'Alfred Burgess.'"

"He died several months before our marriage," he must have given this to your mother, although I had forgotten the fact, if, indeed, I ever knew it," he exclaimed, with a start, a moment after, as, having turned the pages, he came to those last dry-leaves, where Louis had pencilled some quotations, "here is some of the dear child's own handwriting."

He stopped, and seemed overcome at the sight of it, and Louis' heart began to throb toward him on account of this evidence of his affection for his mother.

"She wrote such a pretty, delicate hand," Mr. Murray went on, regarding it tenderly; and Alfred was a handsome man, too. Poor fellow! he got hurt on an elevator, and never recovered from it; his right lung was injured, and he went into quick consumption, dying in about three months—this is all you have that belonged to your mother? Was there no jewelry? I gave her a handsome engagement ring, and some other trinkets, and the wedding ring was dated."

Louis started up eagerly.

The man's last words had inspired him with more of confidence than anything that had yet transpired.

"I have nothing but her wedding-ring, everything else had to be sold to pay her last expenses," he said, sadly.

"Let me see it, please; what is the date engraved upon it?" demanded Mr. Murray, eagerly.

"The date corresponds with that upon the certificate which you gave Mr. Allen yesterday," the boy replied, passing the ring with a trembling hand.

He was beginning to be considerably excited over the revelations.

"Yes, yes; how vividly the events of that day return to me!" murmured Mr. Murray in a husky tone.

"Louis," he continued, giving the youth a yearning glance, "I suppose I should not expect you to feel much affection for me all at once, as you have never known a father's care and love; but if you will come to me and let me assume a parent's place toward you, I will do all in my power to win your regard in the future. I have

some means, and you need no longer work for yourself as you have done; I will give you all the advantages I can, and if you have any special project in view I will assist to carry it out."

"Thank you, sir," Louis replied gratefully.

"Louis' chief desire now seems to be to get a thorough education," observed Mr. Allen, who was also beginning to feel elated by the apparent change for the better in Louis' prospects, even though he experienced deep regret at the thought of losing him.

"Ah! what have been your educational advantages thus far?" Mr. Murray questioned.

"Very limited, sir, until within the last three years; during that time Mr. Allen had taught me almost all I know," Louis responded, with a grateful look at his friend.

"You seem to owe Mr. Allen a great deal," dryly remarked Mr. Murray.

"I do sir; he and Mr. Brown have been my best friends."

"Who is Mr. Brown?"

"The man whom you saw here the first time you came to inquire for Mr. Allen."

"Oh, yes, the man with whom you lived for two years or more."

"Yes, sir."

"He took quite an interest in you, and paid you very well for your services, considering you were a boy, Mrs. Jones informed me."

"He gave me a chance to earn considerable."

"And you saved a snug little sum, I hear."

"Yes," Louis admitted, somewhat reluctantly.

"You are a credit to yourself, Louis, and I confess I feel quite proud of you already," observed Mr. Murray, rubbing his white hands together with an air of satisfaction.

"Now, about this matter of education," he continued after a moment; "how far advanced are you?"

"He could be ready for college by another year, if he is willing to work for it," Mr. Allen interposed.

"By another year—that is pretty well, considering all things," "I understand that you are still conducting his studies," said Mr. Murray, inquiringly.

"Yes, I feel a deep interest in Louis; I think he has great ability, and I should be glad if he could have a thorough collegiate course," returned the lawyer.

"Could you be persuaded to let him go on with you until he is fitted for college?" he asked, of course, for a proper consideration? "I am sure such an arrangement would be better than any change he could make."

Mr. Murray made this proposition with some hesitancy and embarrassment, as if he feared that Mr. Allen might feel that he was asking too much.

"I should be only too glad to have him continue with me, and I will do my best for him for another year."

"Thank you. Of course I shall want my son to make his home with me now, but his time for the present shall be his own; he shall study all that he chooses, and he shall come to you for recitation whenever you are at liberty. He has had a hard time of it, but I hope he will find more enjoyment in life after this."

Mr. Murray was surely acting very generously, and his words sounded very fine.

Mr. Murray insisted in taking Louis out for a holiday, and hoped Mr. Allen would have no trouble in securing the services of someone to supply his place in the office.

Louis donned his cap and went out with his newly-found father with a sensation of real pleasure, his doubts as to the wisdom of his decision having been melted away by the fascination of his genial presence.

Mr. Murray's first act was to take him to a first-class tailor and have him fitted with a fine suit of clothes, a stylish hat and neat gloves; and as Louis contemplated the change which all the nice things made in him, he could not help betraying something of the satisfaction he experienced.

An elaborate dinner at Young's followed, during which his father made himself most agreeable and entertaining, while in the evening, they went to see Booth in "Hamlet," and Louis began to think that the future would be very bright for him.

After the play they took a carriage, and were driven to a handsome house near Franklin Square, where they were joined by two or three other gentlemen, who evidently were intimate friends of Mr. Murray, and to whom he introduced Louis as his son, and whom he had found him and his intentions regarding him in the future.

(To be Continued.)

The Fall Fairs.

WESTERN FAIR, London, Sept. 6-15.
Industrial, Toronto, Aug. 27 to Sept. 3.
Kingston, Kingston, Sept. 10-16.
Owen Sound, Owen Sound, Sept. 11-22.
Central Ottawa, Ottawa, Sept. 14-23.
Southern, Brantford, Sept. 15-20.
W. Middlesex, Stratford, Sept. 17-19.
Northwestern, Goderich, Sept. 18-19.
Northern, Walkerton, Sept. 18-19.
E. Elgin, Aylmer, Sept. 18-20.
Central, Guelph, Sept. 18-20.
Great Northern, Collingwood, Sept. 18-21.

N. Brant, Paris, Sept. 25-26.
N. Oxford, Woodstock, Sept. 26-28.
Northwestern, Wingham, Sept. 27-28.
N. Perth, Stratford, Oct. 2-3.
W. Kent, Chatham, Oct. 9-11.
Norfolk Union, Simcoe, Oct. 16-18.

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Fatal Accident to a Wild West Show Train.

Trolley Car Struck by Lightning—Ten Persons Injured—Other Fatalities and Casualties.

Detroit, Mich., July 29.—Section one of the Buffalo Bill Wild West show train suffered a severe collision near Milwaukee Junction yesterday, resulting in the smashing of a show employee's sleeping car, containing some 40 sleeping inmates. One of the latter is dead and nine others are in Detroit hospitals suffering from more or less serious injuries.

The dead—Edward Sullivan, 37, of Bridgeport, Conn., porter of the canvas car, who died from internal hemorrhage after reaching the hospital.

At the time of the collision the train, consisting of twenty wagon and stock cars, four of the show's sleeping cars, and a Grand Trunk caboose, were being transferred from the Michigan Central to the Detroit Grand Haven and Milwaukee road. The train was being pushed backward from the "Y" at the Milwaukee Junction, when it was struck by an outgoing Grand Trunk freight train. The caboose was jammed into and forced on top of Buffalo Bill's employees' sleeping car, No. 88, which was filled with sleeping tent and canvas men. When the uninjured men had recovered from the shock, the wrecked sleeper was chopped open and the injured gradually gotten out. The car was a complete wreck, excepting at one end. All the victims will recover shortly, except the three most seriously injured.

FATAL COLLISION.
Quebec, July 29.—A fatal collision happened today on the line of the Quebec Railway Light and Power Company. About noon, a handcar, which contained ten men, was struck suddenly by the incoming train from Ste. Anne de Beaupre, at a curve. Nine of them succeeded in jumping in time to save their lives, but one named Achilles Dionne, was killed instantaneously.

STREET CAR STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.
Toledo, Ohio, July 29.—Ten people were injured in a street car accident late tonight—one fatally and two others very seriously. One of the long belt cars had just reached Twenty-second street when a blinding flash of electricity, followed by a cloud of smoke, struck the car.

SWALLOWED STRYCHNINE.
Indian Head, N. W. M., July 28.—W. H. Jenkins, while in a fit of despondency yesterday afternoon, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

FELL OFF THE DOCK.
Toronto, July 30.—Percy McArthur, a ten-year-old boy, was wrestling in play with a companion on the exhibition dock at the foot of Dufferin street, Saturday morning, when he lost his balance, and falling off the dock into deep water, was drowned. This lad was an orphan, and lived with his uncle, Charles McArthur, 114 Dovercourt road.

BLED TO DEATH.
Millbrook, July 30.—Geo. Fair, a prosperous farmer, who lived about five miles from town, was taking the hide off a calf, when the knife slipped and cut an artery in his leg, which caused death within ten minutes. Mr. Fair leaves a wife and four small children.

DROWNED.
Toronto, July 30.—Percy McArthur, the 11-year-old son of Mrs. Donald McArthur, 114 Dover street, was drowned at the foot of Dufferin street, Saturday morning, when he lost his balance, and falling off the dock into deep water, was drowned. This lad was an orphan, and lived with his uncle, Charles McArthur, 114 Dovercourt road.

TWO SUICIDES.
Huntsville, Ont., July 28.—Last night a widow, of this town, named Elizabeth Shaw, whilst in a state of mental derangement, cut her throat in her bedroom. The coroner did not consider an inquest necessary.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 30.—Mrs. William J. Lautz, 30 years old, wife of a prominent young business man, shot herself in the presence of her husband, at an early hour this morning. The official report the shooting as accidental, but the coroner had substantial reasons for believing that Mrs. Lautz, committed suicide while temporarily deranged from the use of a drug. Mr. and Mrs. Lautz were in their bedroom, the husband reclining on a sofa. He heard in a heedless way, a newspaper story that she was telling him of a woman who shot herself. "This is the way she did it," was the tragic climax of her narrative, and the husband looked up and saw his wife holding a revolver to her right temple and fire a 38-calibre bullet into her brain. She fell dying at his feet.

UNCLE SAM INTERFERED.
Chatham, Ont., July 29.—An unusual incident in Canadian international affairs has just come to a head here. The authorities at Merin, about a month ago arrested a man and his wife on a charge of vagrancy. They were convicted, and the man was sentenced to six months in jail and his wife received a 30 days' sentence. Both claimed to be citizens of the United States. They had money, and stated that they were going to Detroit, and had only stopped in Merin on their way through, but they were brought here and confined in a prison. The United States Consul Monteth, upon investigation, found that the parties were as they claimed, citizens of the United States, and he corresponded with the Washington authorities. The result of the negotiations is that Sheriff Gemmill has been instructed by the governor-general to at once release the prisoners, whose names are given as Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giger. It is not known whether any further proceedings may arise from this international affair or not.

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Hillsboro, N. D., July 28.—A tornado did great damage in this section yesterday. One life is known to have been lost. The storm originated near Portland and destroyed all means of communication. It passed across Trail county, destroying everything in its path, which was 37 miles long and 4 miles wide. Thomas Everson's house, three miles north of Caledonia, was demolished. One child, a boy, was killed, and three others are reported to have been fatally injured.

At Caledonia the city hall and the Presbyterian Church were wrecked. Nearly every building in the place was damaged. Passing on to the southward, the synod church, standing out on the prairie, caught the full force of the blast and was torn to pieces.

At Mayville all the windows in town were broken by hail.

The main body of the storm passed sixteen miles west and wiped out a small settlement called Fongersing. Several inches of hail, which followed, completed the destruction of grain which had been ready for the reaper.

After traversing Trail county, sweeping everything in its path and wrecking hundreds of farm houses, granaries and barns the storm crossed the Red River into Minnesota and split up.

A train on the Jamestown and Northern reached Jamestown, N. D., today, after passing through a terrific bombardment of hail some distance north. All the windows were broken and the woodwork of the cars was dented by the stones. The passengers sought refuge in the baggage car. The storm was three miles wide. Much damage to crops resulted.

At Fertile, Minn., a small cloudburst, accompanied by a terrific wind, passed over the place during the night. The funeral office front was blown in. Crops were laid flat, and the town was flooded.

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