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"How soon could I get this money?" asked Claude.

"Why, in a few days, perhaps—that is, I speak on the supposition that you expect my aid in the matter."

"Certainly," replied the young man. "And not to waste words, I authorize you to proceed to find out at once what amounts of money you can raise on my property, and how soon it can be procured."

"Then you contemplate as speedy a departure as possible to the old world?" staidly inquired the smiling lawyer.

"There is but one thing to detain me a single week," replied the young man, "and that is the matter of—of—money."

"I was about to say, but I think now of another matter; I don't know—really, I would like to get off as soon as possible, but I am afraid this matter will detain me beyond the time I wish."

"Isn't it something that can be arranged so as to be attended to a second party?" inquired the lawyer in a tone that insinuated that almost any matter could be entrusted to a second party.

"As long as that party was himself," Claude reflected long and deeply. Finally, he said:

"This matter troubles me. My aunt advised me, if I needed counsel, that I should apply to you. Perhaps if I state the circumstances you could resolve my doubts. I feel that I can trust you even with so important and mysterious a matter as this."

Mr. Saybrook looked so profoundly sympathetic, wise and trustworthy, that Claude was encouraged, and revealed to him the whole matter in regard to his aunt's dying request, the mysterious roll, and his charge to be at the old vault door in the south cellar on the first day of each new year.

"I think I can throw a little light on this obscure matter," smilingly replied the lawyer. "Your aunt, as you know, and many peculiar views and strange purposes would hardly suit a thrifty person like you. I can see in this instruction to visit the old cellar once a year a very nicely contrived plan to keep you from wandering far from Rolff House. What, ever else may be in the matter, I feel assured, is one object she had in view."

Claude colored. This view of the matter was so ingenious, and he was fain to confess, so much like his aunt, that for a moment he was seized with a mysterious and important matter turning out to be only a petty trick to control his actions after he supposed himself free to fulfill his hopes and ambition. He reflected the more evident it became to him that this was part at least of the object of his aunt in her mysterious dying request. Finally, he spoke:

"What would you advise, Mr. Saybrook, in this dilemma? It seems a cruel and impossible thing for me to give up my plans of travel and art study. Yet this pledge I have given my aunt practically defeats my hopes for five years at least. I could not cross the ocean twice each year on such a mission as this. It would take half the time I desire to devote to my studies. Can you not afford me some studies, from it?"

"Well, let us see—let us see," replied the lawyer, in tones whose smooth assurance seemed to carry absolute conviction with them. "Your aunt, I am fully assured, was not a proper adviser for a young man in all things. She had arrived at a great age, and her natural mental eccentricities had been increased, till, in some things, she might be considered non compos mentis. I do not allege she was insane; there are degrees of mental alienation, many are practically of unsound mind on some one single point while preserving their general mental balance. This I take to have been your aunt's condition. Her intense interest in you and desire to insure what she considered your happiness but eccentric plan to secure your residence most of the time at Rolff House. Now, in the first place, there is no moral obligation in a promise given under a state of deception or to an incompetent person. Secondly, it does not appear that there is any real necessity for the fulfillment of the promise literally—else, why should there be the possible delay of five years in the denouement? Thirdly, there is scarcely any action of an individual that cannot be legally and sufficiently performed by a duly accredited agent. In view of these points, I think I can properly advise you that it is not necessary for you to personally fulfill your promise to your aunt on her death-bed. Suit to provide against any possible contingency. It would be well for you to appoint some competent person to represent you in the matter, who each new year could go to the vault and fulfill the duty of mere observation, and, in case called upon to perform, and, in case of the appearance of the signs, could speedily inform you of the matter. In this way, you could carry out your aunt's hopes, as well as practically fulfill your promise to the dead."

Claude might have been able to see the sophistry of this argument if he had not been so intensely bent on his darling objects of ambition. As it was, it seemed to him the perfection of

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reasoning and good advice. He resolved to follow it. He naturally chose the wily Mr. Saybrook to be his agent in the matter, and after further conversation on the subject of raising money, retired with the firm resolve soon to be on his way to the old world.

CHAPTER VIII.

A few more days sufficed to complete Claude's arrangements for his departure for Europe. He was anxious to be away. He had no difficulty in raising sufficient money for his purpose, rather, it was provided for him by the helpful Mr. Saybrook, his own part in signing the necessary papers. The shrewd lawyer had managed to win his utmost confidence, and the reckless young man scarcely took the trouble to read the papers he was advised to sign. In only one thing did the lawyer find him firm, and that was in his positive refusal to allow Rolff House and the immediate estate to be in any way subject to mortgage or other incumbrance. In fact, one of his first objects had been to provide for the residence of Carl and Margaret in the old house, and their comfort and maintenance during his absence. All his other business affairs he left unreservedly in the hands of his lawyer.

The hardest task to Rosa to come. It was that of breaking to Rosa Bruyn his intention to leave home for a period of years. To be sure she knew that he had cherished such an intention previous to his aunt's death, but Claude was well aware it would be a sad parting both to himself and to the maiden he loved with a passionate fervor. He did not see her as often as usual, for his time was full of business demands. In truth, he was loath to break to her the news of his arrangements for departure. But the time came when he was under the necessity of announcing his plans.

Full of a feeling of sadness and doubt, he could not shake off, he started one afternoon for farmer Bruyn's home, distant only about half a mile from Rolff House. It was a lovely October day. On his way, he met Rosa, who had started to visit the village on some household shopping errand.

Near where they met, a by-path led to a noble old wood that extended to the rear of Rolff House, and thence to the village. Claude took the hand of Rosa under his arm, and led her unwittingly down the path toward the old wood. As soon as they had entered the wood, and were out of sight and hearing of any chance passer-by, Claude paused, and seated himself on a moss-grown rock, while Rosa took her place beside him.

"I know why you have brought me here, Claude," she said to Rosa, who it in your eyes for days past. Besides, although you have not spoken to me, rumor and gossip have. You are going to leave me. I know that. Nothing can say will restrain you. I would not restrain you against your will. You will leave me, and I—I shall be broken hearted."

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or three, at most—why, darling, it will fly on wings of wind, and almost before you are aware of it, I will be back to claim you as my bride. We are both young and in vigorous health—why should we indulge in despondent views of the future? It is no great matter to cross the ocean to the old world. Hundreds do it yearly, and the danger is not much greater as far as I am concerned than if I remained quietly at home."

"I know all that you would say, Claude," interrupted Rosa, "and perhaps I am as ready as you to indulge in bright anticipations of the future. Yet a weight has come upon my heart—I do not fear much for any danger to either of us—I scarce can say what I fear. A premonition seems to weigh upon me that we shall never meet again, or, if we do, it will be as strangers. You are going out into the great dazzling world from this quiet little village. I trust you, and yet I feel that your free and sociable nature will lead you to form new attachments. For myself, I cannot tell what awaits me. I shall remain true to you, but it may be at an expense of trial and suffering you do not dream of. The future may contain happiness for us, but, to me, it seems hidden behind a cloud."

Claude exerted his utmost power to comfort the despondent girl. And he succeeded, in a measure. The nature of Rosa Bruyn was to reflect the moods of others. She possessed great depth of character, and firmness and a resolute spirit were there, but far hidden in the depths, and only to be called forth by some great emergency. On the surface, her sweetness and kindness seemed naturally to appeal for sympathy and support, and hence it was easy for her to take strong impressions from the moods of others. Claude, in particular, exercised an almost supreme control over her. His bold, confident, aspiring nature was the opposite of her quiet, small one, and in his so-called unaggressive disposition, and in his sedate humor, though not the less did her own sweet individuality assert itself in influence upon his somewhat reckless character.

They did not linger long. Rosa had her errand to accomplish, and Ralph accompanied her to the other side of the wood, toward the village, and, after an affectionate parting, and a pledge to see her daily before his departure, he returned to Rolff House. His mind was full of a weight of care and doubt. Almost unconsciously, he proceeded to his room, and taking down the box that contained the mysterious roll confided to him by his aunt, he explored it long and curiously. Then he read over carefully the paper of instructions that was also contained in the box. There were two keys in the box. From the paper, he learned that the small one was the key to the old south cellar, while a large and massive one, rusty with age and disuse, was the key to the vault of which his aunt had spoken.

Claude had never entered the old cellar. The door had always been kept locked, and his aunt had retained the key. He now resolved to gratify his curiosity in regard to the old cellar and the mysterious vault-of which he had never heard previous to his aunt's communication, except as a superstitious people, in the mouths of gossiping women, which he had regarded as silly and false."

With the key in his pocket, he proceeded through the old hall, then down a flight of stairs to the basement, in which there were several rooms, most of them empty and dimly lighted. A narrow dark passage led from some distance from the flight of steps by which he had descended toward the south side of the house, and at the end of this passage was a door and another flight of steps that gave access to the south cellar. The massive foundation of Rolff House was divided into several vault-like apartments, separated by heavy stone walls through which there was no communication, and access to each was by a flight of steps from above and a single door.

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The Commuter's Joy. "Ugh! the gay commuter now! Much pleasure comes to pass; He neither has to shovel snow Nor move the blooming grass."

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Practical Advice. "Your overboos," the doctor cried; "Do not forget the same. For he who gets cold feet is like To quit life's busy game."

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