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## The Mystery of Rutledge Hall

— OR —  
"The Cloud With a Silver Lining"

CHAPTER V.

"Dolly does not hunt, Mrs. Rutledge," Stephen answered, smiling, as he bowed over the little hand so graciously extended. "And indeed we ought to apologize for coming into your presence in such a guise," he added, glancing at his hunting-coat and splashed "tops."

"You need not," she returned, languidly. "Monsieur mon mari has already put in an appearance incognito with mud, and he made no excuses. I am sure Miss Arnold would forgive Mr. Rutledge a graver misdemeanor," she added, with a smiling glance at Sidney, who was speaking to Frank and whose face looked very pale, but very lovely, under her large feathered hat.

"I think she would," Stephen said, almost involuntarily. "How is it you were not at the meet to-day, Mrs. Rutledge?"

"Monsieur mon mari disapproves," she replied, demurely, handing him some tea. "If he could put me into a glass case and keep me there, he would do so, I verily believe."

"That is not surprising," Stephen said, with a bow and smile; and Sidney saw how Frank Rutledge's passionate haggard eyes went swiftly and fiercely to them, where they stood, and how an angry frown knit his brows as he saw Stephen taking the cup of tea from the white hands of the beautiful woman who looked so superb and stately in her rich dress and so perfectly in keeping with her costly surroundings.

Having received his tea, however, Stephen drew back, and the conversation became general, the subject still being the Hunt ball, and the decorations and dresses and preparations for that looked-forward-to event.

"Dolly has at last made my mother consent to her going," Stephen remarked, smiling, "and the child is wild with delight."

"I suppose so," Mrs. Rutledge said, smiling. "It will be my debut also, for I have never yet been at a ball. We shall both remember that night, I dare say," she added, with a little laugh.

Remember that night! Of the five young people present not one ever forgot the night of the Hunt ball and the horror to which it gave birth, although, as they sat around the fire in the beautiful room, none of them

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from the fire and looked round hurriedly. Stephen had left the piano, Frank was in his former place near her, Christie's fair head was still bent over the photographs, and Mrs. Rutledge was leaning over them as usual, her voice calm and even as usual, and she answered Miss Greville's remarks.

It was snowing softly when they prepared to leave the Hall, Sidney going with them, and standing, a tall stately figure, on the threshold of the grand old house of which she was mistress. She had caught up a light fleecy white shawl and thrown it over her head, and she looked wonderfully beautiful. Frank was standing by her side, talking eagerly in a low tone, and it was Stephen who put the two girls into Dr. Arnold's comfortable brougham.

"When are you going to Lindhurst, Sidney?" he said, as he drew the fur rug carefully over her.

"On Thursday," she answered, forcing a smile.

"After the ball?" he interrogated.

"Yes, after the ball."

"How long shall you be away?" he asked, as he held the little gloved hand for a moment, a restless little hand, which fluttered in his strong clasp.

"Only a few days," she answered.

"Tell Jarvis to drive on, please. We need not wait until Frank has finished his adieux."

Stephen drew back, and they drove off; and Sidney, leaning back in the carriage, took away with her a picture she never forgot—a picture of the tall slim woman in her soft, velvet draperies, and the handsome haggard young man standing on the broad stone steps. And she never recalled that picture in the future without a throb of pain.

CHAPTER VI.

The snow, which had begun to fall so lightly on the afternoon of the day on which Mrs. Rutledge had received her husband's remonstrances with such indifference, continued to fall at intervals during the whole of the next day, that fixed for the Hunt ball; so that by the evening there was a soft thick covering upon the hills and the house-tops, and a great deal of slush in the streets, which deadened the sound of the vehicles that thronged the High Street on their way to the Assembly Rooms.

All Ashford was in a state of suppressed excitement about the entertainment. The Hunt ball was always looked forward to by the young people of the neighborhood, and this year it would have an unusual interest owing to two or three circumstances in connection with it. One was that the Earl de la Poer had announced his intention of being present; and, as he was young, wealthy, and unmarried, the young ladies felt that there was a more than ordinary inducement to look one's best on the occasion. And another cause for excitement was the fact that Squire Rutledge's beautiful wife would make her first public appearance; and eager was the curiosity shown as to what she would wear, and whether the famous Rutledge diamonds would grace the assembly.

Moreover, Miss Daunt, of Lambwood was to make her debut; and, of course Sidney Arnold would be present, and there was a good opportunity for seeing how she liked her fiancé's devotion to Mrs. Rutledge, of which all the Ashford gossips had been speaking for some weeks past.

(To be continued.)

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## Investigating Halibut's Habits

VICTORIA, B.C., Aug. 25.—Science is endeavoring to find out the secrets of the halibut family.

For years the habits of this important commercial fish have been a matter of considerable mystery, and the government decided that such a great deal depended on a thorough knowledge of the halibut's origin, wanderings and customs that it would be worth while to make an investigation.

The Canadian halibut vessel Sea Maid is now cruising on the halibut grounds off the coast of Northern British Columbia and to these not unfamiliar with the purpose in view of its operations are peculiar, for after the fish are caught they are thrown back alive into the water.

When the fish are hauled on board, however, landing nets are used so that the hooks will not mutilate and cripple them. Numbered metal tags are then fastened in the cheek of the halibut or in the flesh close to the base of the tail. The fish are weighed and returned to the sea.

A reward of a dollar a fish is paid by the government for the return of all tagged fish, the object of the tagging being to ascertain the rapidity of the halibut's growth, the course of its wanderings, and so on, much in the same way as the mystery of the sockeye salmon was investigated some years ago.

## Prison Used as Hotel

A Grey-haired widow, who lives alone in her own small house above Agie, Switzerland, was recently sued for not paying her taxes, which amounted to a small sum.

A gendarme climbed to the hamlet to arrest the widow unless she agreed to pay. He was asked into the house, where he was given a glass of wine while the widow collected her belongings before going to prison. Later, to the astonishment of the gendarme, he found the widow in the garden with a cow, a pig, a dog, and some chickens, ready for the journey.

"As there is nobody in the house to look after the animals while I am away I thought I would take them with me, and I hope you will help me," the widow explained with a smile.

The officer refused and returned alone to Agie, where the widow was sentenced in default to twelve hours' simple imprisonment. Some days later the widow entered the prison with her empty baskets, stating that, having sold her produce in the local market and not wanting to pay for a night's lodging, she had come to "suffer" her sentence.

The amused warders placed the widow in a cell, and next morning, after a hearty breakfast, she left for her home after thanking the warders for their hospitality.

## Oldest Firm in England

A business firm established 517 years ago is still flourishing at North Walsham, Norfolk.

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The borough surveyor of Northwich, Cheshire, has reported to the town council the completion of the lifting of the centre of the town an average of five feet, an operation which has taken three years.

The whole of the business portion of the town, including ten streets, three banks, the county court, and two hundred shops and houses, has been raised to counteract the effect of subsidence caused by the brine pumping which goes on continually beneath the town.

If the foundations had not thus been deepened the buildings would have collapsed.

The work has been carried out without stopping business in any way. Shops have been lifted while full of customers. Only seven or eight buildings, including the ancient Angel Hotel in the Bull Ring, have had to be demolished because they could not safely be lifted.

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Low brow Visitor: "Thanks, man—I'd just as soon have a pot of Scotch and soda."

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