

The Mystery of Rutledge Hall

"The Cloud With a Silver Lining"

CHAPTER XIII.

"There is plenty of time," Dolly had reached her in the snows of the said, brightly. "Mind you write to me previous winter but one, and which answered, forcing a little tuneless often, Sidney, and tell me all about she kept still. "I am innocent-be true to me." your travels; and don't stay away too long. I dare say that selfish brother Frank Greville had written to her of mine will not be very willing to on the second day after the coroner's Dolly pouted: "and there is plenty of come home, he will be so glad to have jury had found him guilty of "Willful time to drink your tea, if you care to you all to himself. Poor fellow, he has murder;" and the letter which awaited have it. They are all in the hall waithad a hard time of it lately between her on her wedding-morning was in ing to say good-by." cressmakers and milliners. Why, here the same handwriting. is a letter for you, Sidney! It has It needed no signature for Sidney been waiting on your table; it is the to recognize it as with fascinated eyes

dressed to 'Mrs. Stephen Daunt.' " "A letter-for me?" Sidney questioned, starting a little, and going hastily the fate you have brought on yourself. over to the dressing-lable. "Oh, yes!" Faithless and forsworn, how can you she added, her voice changing a lit- expect to be happy? Heaven help felt as if every one must know the tle, in spite of all her efforts. "More you, Sidney! You are indeed to be

She took up the letter; but her fingers were trembling so violently that she could not open it; and she put it letter had been brought, and Sidney down hastily, glancing at Dolly to see | could only conjecture. if she noticed her intense agitation. "It was no dream then," she said, But Dolly, in her self-imposed labors pushing back her hair from her forehad not perceived Sidney's pailor and rible extremity. "It was Frank I saw. trembling limbs, and she had a min- and he is here in Ashford! Oh, Heaute or two in which to recover herself; ven, if he should be detected, and

Dolly turned quickly-for, notwith- is no one to whom I can turn for help. standing all her efforts, Sidney could What does he mean? I cannot understand this note. Oh, it is terrible!

not control her voice. "What is it, dear? Are you ill?" What have I done? What have I done

to deserve such misery as this?" she asked, running to her. "Ill?"-with a little laugh. "Oh, She threw up her hands wildly, and no! But I wonder if, amid all the began pacing restlessly up and down confusion and bustle down-stairs, it the room, ruthlessly trampling on the rich folds of satin of her wedding-

"Of course! Why not?" said Delly dress, which had been thrown on the laughing. "I will ring."

"No, don't ring," Sidney opposed carpet, while she crumpled the note hastily. "Will you run down yourself, in her nervous hands. dear, and ask Bessie to make it for "What can I do?" she mouned. me? She knows how I like it, you have no help on any side. I dare not know. It is a shame to trouble you." trust Stephen-He believes him guilty

"A great shame!" laughed Dolly, as -and my father will not help me. Oh, she departed on her errand; and, as it is too terrible-it will drive me soon as the door closed behind her, mad!" Sidney snatched up the letter, and She dared not make any inquiries

It bore no signature; but Sidney picion. There was no one to whom she knew the handwriting too well to need could appeal for assistance; she knew one. Many a tender little note that how firm was the general conviction she had received in time past had been of Frank's guilt. She remembered Mr. written by the same hand, and by it Greville's terrible oath, and shuddered too had been written the words which and trembled in every limb at the re-

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collection that he was in the house among the wedding guests, when his son must be near. There was no other way of accounting for the note upon her table than by Frank's proximity; and, if his presence in Ashford should ecome known to his father, the conequences would be most terrible. And in a few minutes she must go; the carriage was already at the door to take the "happy pair" to the station, and Sidney could have cried out loud in her anguish and dread. How could she go away in this terrible uncertainty? How could she leave Frank, her old friend and playmate, in this strait? And yet she was powerless—she must go-she must go! And, above all, she must strive to let no one guess, no one suspect her fear, lest suspicion should be aroused.

What did he mean by saying that he had come too late to save her? Had trouble and privation turned his brain? she wondered. Why was she to be pitied now?

It was all strange and bewildering to her. Only one thing was clear, that Frank was in the neighborhood; and that alone was sufficient to cause terrible fear and dread.

She crushed the note and hid it in her breast as she heard Dolly's voice in the passage, and in a minute Miss Daunt entered the room, carrying the

"You must drink it quickly, Sidney," she said, lightly. "The carriage is ound, and Stephen is in a fever, saying you will miss the train."

"I don't think I care for it," Sidney laugh. "I won't wait, Dolly. Is that my hat, dear?"

"You are in an awful hurry now."

But Sidney did not heed: she was putting on her hat with unsteady hands, preparing for the weddingfirst. I suppose, that you have had ad- she stood starring at the pregnant journey, and surreptitiously rubbing her cheeks to bring some color into them. She had not minded her nellor before: now it increased her fear of arousing suspicion. In her terror she secret weighing so terribly upon her, and dared not meet Dolly's eyes, lest That was all. There was no date, she should see suspicion and distrust no postmark-nothing to show how the in them.

fulness. "Yes, I think I have; besides, if I forget anything, I can easily me rich, you know! Shall we go down now, Dolly? I am ready, and you say that Stephen is impatient."

"All bridegrooms are impatient, I dren had planned to take their lunch through me! What can I do? There should think," remarked Dolly, laugh- and go down the road two miles for ing, and putting her arm round Sid- a picnic. The lunches were all put up ney as they left the room together. as the best of days so often will, 'Oh. Sidney, how glad I am that you turned out rainy. "Well, you can have are indeed my sister! We thought your little individual packages just once that Stephen would have married the same, that's something," said Sibyl Neil! Thank Heaven, he did table with you and Aunt Louise just not! I wonder where she is now?" like any day," they wailed resentfully, went on little Dolly, thoughtlessly.

"Don't, Dolly, don't!" Sidney said, needn't sit down to the table then." with a little seb of pain; and bolly offered mother. "You can go down sofa, its long train trailing over the apologized lovingly and penitently; and the girls went down-stairs together to the old stone-paved hall, where cried, "let's be miners. Can we take are pretty much of a routine. No wonthe wedding-guests waited to bid the the electric flashlight? And the girls der they crave a bit of differentness

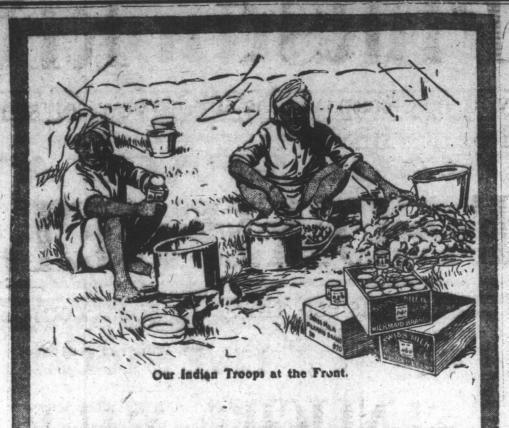
newly married pair God-speed. In the same strange, mechanical manner Sidney went through the farewells, while Stephen waited impatiently, anxious to get her all to himself, and fearing every minute that she about the note, fearing to arouse suswould faint, her movements were so

slow and unsteady. Surely no paler bride had ever started on her lifelong journey than Sidney, when her husband lifted her at last into the carriage! But Lloyd Milner was perhaps the only one present who noticed the swift look of terror with which she glanced around, as if she feared that something terrible was going to happen to prevent her going. It reminded the young barrister of the look he had seen sometimes in the eyes of criminals standing in the dock awaiting their doom. A strange look, he thought, to see in the eyes of a woman on her wedding-day! (To be continued.)

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neighbor's family beginning to get fussy," she said, "and recently. Two visthen we had a jolly idea. We'd have iting cousins and her own four chillunch in front of the fire. I sent Jack over to the store for frankfurters and rolls and we cooked the frankfurters in front of the fire and made some in little individual packages when the harmless homemade hot dogs. And then for dessert we toasted marshmallows. It was no trouble at all for me. and you should just see how the children leved it. It was an adventure to them. You ought to have heard them "that isn't a picnic." "Well, you The Great Adventure of Eating in the

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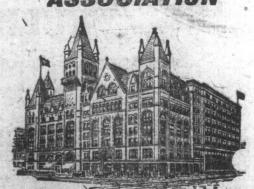
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