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# HONORE'S FATE.

"I am pleased to see you now," remarked Hervey, with lazy patronage; "I was saying to Theo, only this morning, that your manners were very much improved."

"At least," observed Miss Trent, indifferently, "you said they were a pleasant contrast to Phoebe's."

"Only this morning," echoed Honore, with wilful misconception. "I'm glad you only said it that once. Unfortunately you have not taken so much trouble with Phoebe as you have with me," she added, stooping to inhale the fragrance of the flower beside her plate; "you must make allowance for us both, but especially for her."

"Phoebe Owen, Mr. Keith," said Miss Trent, turning to Royden, who sat beside her, "is the only one of Mr. Myddelton's relations whom you do not know."

"Except——"

It was Honore who began the sentence, and stopped, blushing vividly, even painfully.

"Except?" Mr. Keith echoed, interrogatively.

"Honore, what pleasure can you find in dragging up forbidden subjects?" inquired Mrs. Trent; and Honore understood the hidden anger in the smooth, soft tones.

Hervey looked down upon his soup-plate, and Theodora attempted to quench her cousin with a glance and a curl of her lip; but Mr. Keith waited for his answer.

"I was going to say," Honore remarked, looking fully into his questioning eyes, while the bright pink faded slowly into its own delicate hue again, "except my own cousin, Gabriel Myddelton. I forgot that his name was never mentioned here. And I—I don't know why I should have spoken of him tonight. At home he is talked of only with horror and contempt. When I mention him, even myself, it is simply in utter bewilderment."

"Why?"

For a moment she read his face with a frank, gentle gaze, and then she dropped her eyes again and answered, very quietly:

"I can see that you know why."

"Please don't bring up that horrible and detestable story again," exclaimed Theodora, with a well-feigned shudder; "we are not hardened to it by hearing it perpetually, as Honore says she does at home."

"No, Mr. Myddelton's murder is not quite a perpetual topic of conversation, even at the Larches, Theodora," said Honore, speaking fearlessly, though her beautiful eyes had a great wistfulness in them.

"Mr. Keith," remarked Miss Trent, to change effectually the subject of conversation, "what a splendid horse you were riding today, and how tired he was! From where had you ridden?"

"From home."

Theodora glanced up with a start. One word or look of encouragement from him, and she could ask the question to which she longed to hear the answer, "Where is your home?" But there came no word or smile of encouragement, however slight, and she was fain to content herself with having achieved her primary object, and turned her guest's attention from a name which she would have given much to be able to expunge from the family tree.

Yet had Theodora quite succeeded, after all? She had shown her hatred of the subject; Mrs. Trent had skillfully withdrawn from it; Hervey had languidly ignored it; Honore Craven had blushed with a keen sense of pain or shame in mentioning it; yet no sooner had the servants left the room than this dreaded topic was uppermost once more, and even handled by each one of the little group with an apparent indifference. Was it because Gabriel Myddelton was now spoken of only as old Myddelton's nephew, and not as a friend or relation of anyone present? Or was it because there was one strong will present, which, without evidence of its power, could lead where it chose, and chose thus?

"If I am really to go with you to Abbotsmoor," Royden said, "I must first hear the entire story of old Myddelton's murder, or what interest will there be for me in the place, Miss Trent, will you tell it?"

"I suppose I must, if you ask me," she answered, smiling; "but it is a very horrible story to tell, and I am not sure that I shall be able to get through it. Honore, you look as if you were prepared to interrupt me in every sentence. Eat your grapes, please. Must I really tell it all, Mr. Keith?" and again she looked up, smilingly, into the handsome, dark face.

"If you will—unless you cousin will help you.'"

He did not mention which cousin, but Honore very suddenly began to attend to her grapes.

CHAPTER III.

"I know, Mr. Keith, that you have not been in this part of the country very long," Miss Trent began; "but still you must have heard of old Mr. Myddelton. You must have heard how he saved and accumulated his wealth until the very mention of old Myddelton's money became a proverb conveying an idea of unlimited riches."

"Our uncle's existence was one long course of amassing and hoarding," remarked Honore, speaking almost absently, while her clear, listening gaze was fixed upon Theodora's face; "and I think the people about Abbotsmoor are quite right when they whisper that wealth—acquired and used so—must bring the very reverse of a blessing to its possessor."

"Its probable possessors do not happen to think so," put in Capt. Trent, lightly.

"They know, of course," added Royden Keith, as he raised his glass slowly to his lips, "that it depends upon themselves and upon their use of the wealth."

"You really want to hear the story of old Mr. Myddelton's murder, do you, Mr. Keith?" inquired Miss Trent, as she deliberately pealed the peach which she could not stop to taste; leaning forward a little so that when she turned to Royden she could see the expression of his listening face. "I wish you had seen Abbotsmoor before I told you. We shall be there on Thursday, and I will show you the window through which the murderer forced his way."

"I have seen Abbotsmoor; I know the window," remarked Royden, calmly.

Miss Trent looked round, surprised.

"Oh, I did not know," she said, vexed, it would seem. "Then Lady Somerson, I supposed, anticipated our picnic? That was very unkind of her, because I told her of it two weeks ago."

"No, I went alone," said Royden, in his cool, grave tones. "One evening, as I passed the lodge, I was tempted in to see the gloomy old place."

"You will not think it a gloomy old place on Thursday," observed Theodora, with her most charming smile. "But I must get on with my story, or you and Hervey and mamma will be bored to death."

For an instant Royden glanced across at Honore, as if wondering why she should not be bored, too. The girl's look of eager, yet sorrowful interest, was answer enough.

"I told you, didn't I, that old Myddelton's brother had one only son—Gabriel? He was educated to no profession, because, of course, he was known to be his uncle's heir. After his parents died—they died when he was quite a child—he lived entirely at Abbotsmoor. His uncle did not send him to college; and he wasn't very well educated, was he, mamma?"

"As I remember him," remarked Mrs. Trent, indifferently, "he was a quiet, gentlemanly young man, amiable and easily led, but with a pernicious habit of arguing certain matters with his uncle. At that time I never imagined what awful passions lay beneath this quiet demeanor; still, I always, even then, considered him inexcusably ungrateful for what was done for him; of a moody nature, and sadly deficient in refinement of taste. He could not bear the restraint of a regular life at Abbotsmoor; indeed, he made no secret of the fact that the order and punctuality of his uncle's life were irksome to him."

"But order and punctuality were not all, Mrs. Trent," put in Honore, speaking with quiet earnestness. "I have often heard that life at Abbotsmoor was sordid and utterly solitary."

"And Gabriel Myddelton," remarked Royden, refilling Theodora's glass with great leisureliness, without one glance into Honore's face, "was perhaps by nature neither utterly sordid nor utterly solitary."

"He proved himself both to no mean extent," returned Capt. Trent.

"He proved himself," added Theodora, with a slow elevation of her eyebrows, "a hundred thousand times worse than that; and it is no wonder—is it, Mr. Keith?—that we are all ashamed of even belonging to the family of Gabriel Myddelton."

"Miss Craven, I believe," said Royden, "is the only one at all allied to him. How does she bear the heavy yoke of such a connection?"

As he gazed into Honore's face, he saw her cheeks burn; and, knowing the color must be born either of a great pain or a great shame, he turned the question aside:

"Now, Miss Trent, what a long time we hover on the verge of that murder!"

"Honore, do not interrupt me again," said Theodora, once more taking up the thread which it pleased her to fancy Honore had broken. "Well, Mr. Keith, once Gabriel and old Mr. Myddelton had a quarrel, and it ended in Gabriel's either being turned out of the house or voluntarily leaving it. A message was sent at once to summon Mr. Myddelton's lawyers—the firm in Kinbury was Carter & Haughton in those days; now Mr. Haughton (I told you he was one of old Myddelton's relations and Honore's guardian) has the whole business. Well, Mr. Carter came, and Mr. Myddelton made his will, leaving his property, as I told you, to his sister, Lady Lawrence, to be, by her, bequeathed among his connections. The lawyer was at Abbotsmoor nearly all day, and when he left the house at last, he met Gabriel returning to it. They stopped a little time talking, and Mr. Carter, being a silly, chatty old gentleman, told Gabriel of the will he had just left in his client's secretaire, and which would leave him penniless instead of a millionaire; adding a word of advice to him to try to regain his old position before it was too late."

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# Western Ontario.

## A Woodstock Laborer's Fight With a Mad Dog.

### Legal Decisions Affecting Sarnia Foresters and Essex Oil Men—First White Child Born in Sarnia.

There were 17 births, 16 deaths and 6 marriages registered at the Woodstock town clerk's office during October.

A. J. E. Belleperche has been appointed deputy high chief ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters for Windsor district.

Contractor Cooper has the foundation for the Stavely Memorial Hall at Clinton completed. The work done is of a most substantial character.

The marriage is announced on Friday of Mr. E. A. W. Ireland, B.A., barrister, of the firm of Douglas & Ireland, Chatham, to Miss Louise Courtney.

Mr. Thos. E. Hardy, of New Sarum, was yesterday united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth B. Glass, of Springwater, at the parsonage of Rev. G. F. Salton.

Rev. J. H. Sowerby preached his farewell sermon in the Guelph First Baptist Church on Sunday. He leaves for his new charge, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., this week.

Rayside is the name of a new post-office opened in Oxford county. It is on the main line of the C. P. R., a quarter of a mile north of Campbell's Corners.

Neil Dewar has sold his farm in Southwold, consisting of 100 acres, to Thos. Robertson, M. C. R. dispatcher, for $3,200. Mr. Dewar will reside in St. Thomas.

W. C. Yawkey, Daniel Scotten, William Wright and other Detroiters who own large tracts of land in Sandwich, have engaged Constable Master to act as gamekeeper for them, and keep off American poachers.

W. G. Poile, the King street confectioner, who had been ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, for several days, passed away Monday morning. Deceased was a highly respected young merchant, and his death is deeply regretted.

The funeral of Samuel Shaw, of Guelph, took place on Sunday afternoon, and was a very impressive spectacle. All the Masonic lodges of the city were largely represented, and a long line of carriages followed the hearse to the cemetery.

The house, barn and outbuildings of Jacques Lesperance, a farmer, living near Puce, were totally destroyed by fire Monday. All of the live stock in the stable was saved, but five or six hundred bushels of corn and a number of agricultural implements were burned. Loss, $3,000; partly insured.

Mr. Louis Laforge, who, with his wife, lives in Corunna, some six miles below Sarnia, claims to be the first white child born in Sarnia, says the Sarnia Observer. On Oct. 12 last Mr. and Mrs. Laforge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Both are hale and hearty, and have every appearance of living for many years to come.

A crowd of about fifteen left Wallaceburg on the steamer City of Mount Clemens on Saturday night, bound for Detroit, but owing to a heavy fog they were landed on the dock there early Sunday morning after spending the night down the river a couple of miles. The steamer John Lee left two hours later with the same crowd bound for the same destination.

Ex-Detective Thomas McKee took possession Monday night of Aberdeen stables, owned by Sol White. McKee had bought them in at sheriffs' sale a year ago, and given the owner a year in which to redeem them. Nothing was done by the owner, so he seized them, and turned out the horses that were boarding there.

On Monday morning Wm. De Geer, of Chatham, was killed at the Park street crossing of the G. T. R. in that place. When picked up the man was not unconscious, but he was unable to speak. The inquest was adjourned in order to secure the attendance of the trainmen of the freight which caused the fatality, the story being that the man was kicked off the train by one of the crew.

Quite a building boom has struck Thamesville, considering the season. The Bambridge House is rapidly approaching completion; J. A. Secord's house is being pushed forward; J. G. Cameron's is also progressing, and N. Shaw is building a house on Victoria street, on the lot recently purchased from Mrs. Link. Others also contemplate building in the near future.

Mrs. John Taylor, living opposite Vollan's mill, Chatham street, Windsor, was found dead in her bed Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Life had been extinct four hours before Coroner Bell was notified. To all appearances she was as well as usual in the morning, but about noon she became ill and took to her bed. Death is supposed to have been caused from heart failure.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: "The many friends of Principal Hunter, of the collegiate institute, will be sorry to learn that his condition is not improving; indeed, his trouble has assumed a serious phase, having developed into consumption. * * * Mr. Hunter, in company with Dr. Hunter, will leave on Thursday for Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Hunter, after breaking up house, will leave for California a few weeks later.

Annie McCrimmon, daughter of Mrs. Ed McCrimmon, residing near Fairview Park, St. Thomas, and who is subject to fits, attempted to curl her hair on Saturday. While heating the curling irons over the coals in the stove she was seized with a fit, and fell on the stove, where she remained about a minute and a half, the usual length of a fit. Fortunately, the fire in the stove was low, or the result would have been serious.

The Dufferin House, on the market, Woodstock, was sold at auction by Sheriff Brady. The sale was brought about by a case in the high court of justice, in which Maria H. Swartz was plaintiff, and Neil and Mary Valinda Swartz were defendants. There was a fair attendance, and the bidding was splendid. The hotel, exclusive of stables, was finally knocked down to the present lessee, George Douglas, for $5,000.

Frank Osier, of Rodney has been arrested in Detroit charged with smuggling, and it was discovered that the goods being smuggled were the fruits of Mistele Bros.' robbery at Rodney. An effort was made to get Osier back to Rodney for trial, but the Detroit authorities decided to hold him on the charge of smuggling. In Osier's trunk was found jewelry supposed to be the fruit of other robberies.

As Osgoode Hall, in Bain vs. Independent Order of Foresters, Fitzgerald (Watford), for plaintiff, appealed from judgment of Robertson, J., dismissing without costs an action tried at Sarnia and brought by plaintiff to recover $5,000 upon a benefit certificate issued by defendants. The plaintiff, claimed a total and permanent disability by reason of the loss of the portion of his left arm down from about midway between the wrist and the elbow. J. A. MacGillivray, Q.C., for defendants, contra. Appeal dismissed without costs, defendants not asking for costs.

On Saturday, during the progress of the Ingersoll-London Rugby match, Master Charles Clark, son of Mr. A. J. Clark, Ingersoll, aged about 9 years, met with a painful accident. He was on the shoulders of another boy, when some of his companions pulled him off, and in falling he was so unfortunate as to break the outer bone of the left arm, near the elbow. The arm was also dislocated.

At Osgoode Hall, in Tate vs. Natural Gas and Oil Company of Ontario, Aylesworth, Q.C., for plaintiff, appealed from order by Street, J., in chambers, varying an order made by a local judge at Windsor, adding, upon the plaintiff's application, the Ontario Natural Gas Company and Hiram Walker as parties defendants, by striking out the name of the company and restricting the claim to be made against Hiram Walker. W. R. Riddell and A. D. Crooks, for the defendants and the parties added, opposed plaintiff's appeal, and also appealed from the order of Street, J., in so far as it refused to strike out the name of Hiram Walker altogether. After argument the court directed that the appeals should stand over until after the amendments to the statement of claim necessary to charge the proposed parties have been prepared.

A big black collie dog belonging to James McDonald, Broadway, Woodstock, developed symptoms of rabies on Saturday afternoon, and if the dog was really mad, E. Schwalm probably saved his own life by his cool-headed action. Schwalm was working on the new sidewalk at the foot of Perry street shortly after four o'clock, when the dog rushed from the west side of the street to where the men were at work. It was frothing at the mouth, and its eyes were gleaming and bloodshot. When a foot or so away the dog crouched and made ready for a spring at Schwalm's throat. The latter was armed with a crow-bar, and just as the animal was about to jump at him, dealt it a terrific blow on the head, killing it almost instantly. Several men who witnessed the affair say that the dog showed every symptom of madness.


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