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# **MARGUERITE'S SECRET**

"Oa, neaven! now can you be so inflexible, Philip: I asked for a month- a fortnight might do—Philip; let me go for a fortnight! "No."
"For a week, then, Philip; for a week!
Oh, I do imptore you—I, who never asked a favor before! Let me go but for a week!"

"Alas! no, for my power to do so was no greater than than now. But then, at least, on my refusal to confide this affair (that concerns others, Philip) to you, you might have withdrawn from me—now, alas! it is too late."

inflexibility.

Again Marguerite threw herself at her husband's feet, clasping his knees, and lifting a deathly brow bedewed with the sweat of a great agony, and eyes strained outward in mortal prayer, she pleaded as a mother might plead for a child's life. In vain, for Mr. Helmstedt grew obdurate in proportion to the earnestness of her prayers, and at last arose and strode away, looking out upon the stormy weather, while she remained writhing on the spot where lateshe had kneeled.

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She passed half an hour, during which no sound was heard but the fierce moaning, wailing, and howling of the wind, and the detonating roar and thunder of the waves as they broke upon the beach; during which Marguerite remained upon the carpet, with her face buried in the cushions of the sofa, writhing silently, or occasionally utfering a low moan like one in great pain; and Philip Helmstedt stood reflecting bitterity upon what had just passed. To have seen that proud, beautiful, and gifted creature, that regal woman, one of nature's and society's queens, "le Marguerite' de Marguerite' to a man of his haughty, scornful, sarcastic nature; passionately as he had loved her, proud as he had been to possess her, now that she was discrowned and failen, her values was greatly lessened in his estimation. For not her glorious beauty had fascinate his senses, or her wonderful genius had charmed his mind, or her high so cial position tempted his ambition, so much as her native queenliness had flattered the inordinate pride of his character. He did not care to possess a woman who was only beautiful, amiable or in tellectual, or even all these combined but to conquer and possess a woman who was only beautiful, amiable or in tellectual, or even all these combined but to conquer and possess a woman who was discrowned, fallen, fallen into a miserable, weeping, pleading woman, no longer worthy of his rule, for it could be right have been pdroum. But now this wom, And what was it that had suddenly stricken Marguerite down, from her pride, of place and cast her quivering a thing the roar of the storm a low, shuddering sigh, a muffled rustling of drapery and a soft step, and turned to drapery and a soft step, and ter. He did not care to possess a woman who was only beautiful, amiable or intellectual, or even all these combined; but to conquer and possess this grand creature with the signet of royalty impressed upon brow and breast—this was a triumph of which Lucifer himself might have been pdroum. But now this queen was discrowned, fallen, fallen into a miserable, weeping, pleading woman, no longer worthy of his rule, for it could bring no delight to his arrogant temper to subjugate weakness and humility, but only atrength and pride equal to his own. And what was it that had suddenly stricken Marguerite down, from her pride of place and east her quivering at his feet? What was it that she concealed from him? While versing himself with these thoughts, he heard through all the roar of the storm a low, shuddering sigh, a muffled rustling of drapery and a soft step, and turned to see that his wife had risen to leave the room.

ly migrations of yours that so puzzled your friends; will you now explain them

to me?"
"Philip, ask to take the living, beating heart from my bosom and you shall do it—but I cannot give you the explanation you desire," she answered, in a mournful tone.
"You cannot!" he repeated, growing white and speaking through his closed teeth.
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"Another! Man or woman?"
"Neith-oh, Heaven, Philip, I cannot

"Very well," he said, but there was that in his tone and manner that made his simple exclamation more alarming than the bitterest reproaches and threats

than the bitterest reproaches and threats could have been.

"Philip! Philip! taese things occurred before our engagement, and you heard of them. Forgive me for reminding you that you might have requested an explanation of them. and if I refused, you might have withdrawn."

"No, Marguerite! I am amazed to hear you say so. I had no right then to question your course of conduct; it would have been an unpardonable insuit to you to have done so; moreover, I thoroughly confided in the honor of a woman whom I found at the head of the best society, respected, flattered, followed, courted, as you were. I never could have foreseen that such a woman would bring into our married life an embarrassing mystery, which I beg her now to elucidate."

"Yet it is a pity, oh! what a pity that you had not asked this elucidation."

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"Why? Would you then have given it to me?"

"Alas! no, for my power to do so was no greater than than now. But then, at least, on my refusal to confide this affair (that concerns others, Philip) to you, you might have withdrawn from me—now, alas! it is too late."

"Perhaps not," remarked Mr. Helm; stedt, in a calm, but significant tone.

"My God! what mean you, Philip?" exclaimed his wife, starting up from her recumbent position.

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"To question you farther—that is all for the present."

She sank down again and covered her face with her hands. He continued.
"Recall, Marguerite, the day of our betrothal. There was a fierce anguish, a terrible conflict in your mind before you consented to become my wife; that seeme has recurred to me again and scene has recurred to me again and again. Taken as a link in this chain of again. Taken as a link in this chain of inexplicable circumstances connected with you, it becames of serious importance. Will you explain the cause of your distress upon the occasion referred to?" A groan was her only answer, while her head remained buried in the cush-

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"One moment, if you please, Marguerite, "her was the self with the ward within a few marguerite, queen of beauty and of song, whom hes had proudly carried off from all competitors? She, looking so subdised, so the lastrous purplish hair that fell, uncurled and waving in disheveded locks, down each side her white cheeks and the lastrous purplish hair that fell, uncurled and waving in disheveded locks, down each side her white cheeks and the lastrous purplish hair that fell, much he lastrous purplish hair that fell, much least the lastrous purplish hair that fell, when he had not all with you, if you please where the boson.

"I wish to talk with you, if you please where he place of her on the sofa, and then, standing at the hard to want the review of the sofa. The section of the section

told me truly so far as you spoke; but your manner was not truthful, Marguerite. You affected to treat that letter lightly, yet you took care to destroy it; you talked, jested, laughed with unprecedented gayety; your manner completely deceived me, though as I look at it from my present view it was a little overdone. You sang and played, and hecame Thalia, Allegra. for this night only, and when the point toward which all this acting tended, came, and you made your desire known to me, you affected to put it as a playful test of my confidence, a caprice; but when you found your bagatelle treated seriously, and your desire steadily and gravely refused. Marguerite, your acting all was over. And now I demand an explanation of your conduct, for, Marguerite, deception will be henceforth fruitless forever:

"Yes, madam, that was the word I tused, purposely and with a full appreciation of the meaning." aid Mr. Male

used, purposely and with a full appre-ciation of the meaning," said Mr. Helm-

stedt, sternly.

"Deception! Heaven and earth! deception charged by you upon me!" she exclaimed, and then sank down, covering her face with her hands and whispering her face with her hands and whispering

fully trusted. Still, if you can satisfactorily account for your strange conduct, we may yet go on together with some measure of mutual regard and comfort; which is, I suppose, all that, after the novelty of the honeymoon is past, ordinarily falls to the lot of married people. The glamor, dotage, infatuation, that deceived us into believing that our wed, ded love was something richer, and rarer, and diviner than that of other mortals like us, is forever goue! And the utmost that I venture to hope now, Mrs. Helmstedt, is that your speedy explanation may prove that, with this mystery, you have not brought dishonor on the family you have entered."

(To be continued.) (To be continued.)

#### WHO GOT TROUSERS?

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On the same train a man named Mc-Leod lost three coats.
J. Canham, en route to Spragge;
Manitoba, from Toronto, arrived in North Bay on Sunday morning poorer by two thousand dollars of negotiable paper, besides ready cash, watch and tickets. Canham was obliged to wait a day in North Bay to secure funds to continue his journey. The robbery occurred between Allandale and North Bay.

On the same train a man named Mc

Bay.

Two men on No. 1 express on Monday night lost their trousers between North Bay and Sudbury vittle sleeping, but the cash loss was small. Three other passengers were relieved of their valuables on Monday night west of North Bay. The C. P. R. Co. have taken steps to protect passengers from taken steps to protect passengers from further trouble of a like nature.

#### THREW ACID IN FACE

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Toronto, June 10.-When Miss Eliza Webb, 20 years old, 5 St. David's street, coming home from work with her married sister, Mrs. Perkins, 95 Parlia-

Stevensville, June 9.—A Wabash passenger train running at full speed left the tracks one mile west of here this morning at about four-thirty. About twenty passengers were injured. That none were seriously injured was almost, a miracle as most of the coaches were completely wrecked and several passengers removed by chopping away the wreckage. The wreck-is supposed to have been caused by the spreading of the rails.

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ler face with her hands and whispering to her own heart, "I am right—I am right, he must never be told—he would never be just."

"I know that the charge I have made is a dishonoring one, madam, but its dishonor consists in its truth. I requested you to explain that letter; and I await your reply."

"Thus far, thilib, I will explain; that yes!— that letter was —a connecting link in the chain of circumstances you spoke of—it brought me news of—that one's peril of which I told you, and made me, still leaves me, how anxious to go to—that one's help. Could you but trust me?"

"Which I cannot now do, which I can never again entirely do. The woman who could practice upon me as you have done this evening, can never more be leaved."

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Thomas Ferguson, cf Amaranth, Sentenced to Six Months.

Orangeville, June 9.—The General Sessions opened this afternoon before His Honor Judge McCarthy. Thomas Ferguson, a young Amaranth farmer, was placed in the dock. The prisoner had dealings with G. M. Vance, K. C., Shelburne, who advanced him large sums of money, taking ar security a chattel mortgage on his stock, but Ferguson sold it and did not account for the proceeds.

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\$5.00 Waists for \$2.98

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Paris, June 9.—Lemoine, the alleged swindler under arrest on a charge of obtaining from Sir Julius Wernher a large sum of money by pretending that he could manufacture diamonds, and who obtained a remand in order that he might have an opportunity of proving that he could do so, was in court to-day.

Lemoine lengthily explained to Judge Poittevin the difficulties he encountered in installing his electric furnace. He accused his landlady, Mme. Clark, of being in league with Sir Julius Wernher to cause him to fail to make the diamond he was to produce in court. Now everything was ready. Two hundred crucibles, costing five france each, had just been received. He declared that if he were granted a small delay he would prove himself no swindler.

Judge Poittevin remarked that the best jokes were the shortest. He had summoned Sir Julius Wernher tor June 17th, and if the diamond was not then forthcoming he would send Lemoine before the Correctional Court.

Charged With Fraud.

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St. Catharines, June 9.—William J. Vance, a city tailor, is in a queer position. To-day Vance was to have appeared in the Police Court to answer a charge of refusal to pay wages to a girl in his employ. The police claim that Vance, in order to defraud his creditors, entered into a false partnership with Charles Peterson, making over property to him by a bill of sale. A warrant was accordingly issued, and Vance will be given a hearing on Thursday.

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