

And where, then, was Annabel? What had she been doing, and to what condition had she been reduced?

To learn these things we require to return to the evening of the day on which Ellen Matlocks died.

Now that her devoted work was ended, and the poor sinking one whom she had so faithfully ministered to was beyond all need of earthly assistance, Annabel began to realise how weary and exhausted she was, how thoroughly worn out in body, how greatly under the influence of mental lassitude, and how much she needed rest.

Yet speedily she found that rest was to be denied to her, for no sooner had the body been swathed in the shroud than Mrs. Langton informed her that she had made arrangements for her departure early in the morning, accompanied by Ellen's brother, who was to travel with her to England, partly as an attendant and partly as a protector.

Annabel received the intimation with no little surprise. She did not understand the necessity for such haste, nor did she see wherein it was desirable that she should set out having Mrs. Langton to follow by herself, not only without a travelling companion, but having in addition the anxious charge of conveying the body. She had begun to give expression to these very natural ideas when Mrs. Langton gave her to understand in a very decided tone that her mind was made up, that the arrangements were made, and could not be departed from.

Of course she had ready prepared an array of specious reasons why this plan should be followed—reasons which the unsuspicious girl never thought particularly of considering.

Annabel was in truth so terrified both in body and mind to give much heed to the matter. She had a vague dislike to the proposal, and was decidedly of opinion that it was not the best course to adopt, but seeing Mrs. Langton so determined, she had no desire to contend the point, and quietly acquiesced, and within half an hour thereafter she was sunk in the most profound and oblivious sleep which she had known since the happy days of childhood.

So utterly were her senses steeped in oblivion that when Mrs. Langton awoke her with the intelligence that morning had come, and the hour of her departure was at hand, it looked to her as if she had been asleep only for a minute; and, oh, how strong was the desire to sleep on—how difficult it was for her to rouse herself into motion, or even to keep her heavy eyelids from again closing.

But Mrs. Langton was absolute—even impatiently so, and brought her to a large basin filled with cold water that she might bathe her face, and be thereby withdrawn from the power which sleep was exercising over her.

It had the desired effect so far as to make Annabel dress and prepare to go. Truth to say, she had little or no preparation to make, for Mrs. Langton seemed to have been making these for her over night, packing her boxes, and doing all other necessary things, so that, after she was dressed, Annabel had little to do but take breakfast, ere she was ready to set out. A conveyance was already at the door to convey her and her attendant, with their luggage, to the railway station, and in a state which positively bordered on semi-unconsciousness she entered the vehicle, and, as the horse moved off, heard Mrs. Langton say:

"Good-bye for the present, my love. We shall meet again at Rockstone."

Richard Matlocks was on the box beside the driver, dressed, not in mourning, as Annabel expected, but in his usual light grey costume, and with neck being encased in a thick woollen mantle (for the morning air was chilly) and a huge great coat laid across his knee. He did not seem to be excessively grieved by his sister's death, and after Annabel had been shut in and the vehicle got into motion, he favored Mrs. Langton with a steady and significant look, which she as steadily and significantly returned.

Only a moment before had she impressed the kiss of the traitress on Annabel's cheek, whom she so basely and so cruelly betrayed, and now in the look exchanged by her and her accomplice there was a fulness of dark meaning which only themselves understood.

Though knowing full well that she was not to see Annabel again—that she was about to be consigned to a frightful imprisonment at her instigation, and to gratify her unholily wishes—yet a tear of pity dimmed her eyes, no throbs of compassion stirred her bosom, as she cast the final glance on the meek and languid face within the carriage, and turned away into the house to utter deliberately the lie which she had framed as the beginning of that frightful series of falsehoods by which her own part of the foul plot was to be prosecuted.

The lie she told the simple farmer and his family, who wondered at the suddenness of the maid's departure, was that the death of her young mistress had so affected her mind that her brother was taking her away to a place of seclusion. The kind-hearted people executed gestures expressive of their saddest pity; and thus the first link of the chain was forged which was to bind Annabel in hopeless despair.

The journey from France to the sea coast seemed to Annabel much longer than when they journeyed inland, and she noticed also that they were going another route, for the scenery and the places through which they passed were different from those which she remembered on that occasion. But her excessive weariness and lassitude kept her from rousing up to any great interest in outward things, and Dick had no difficulty in satisfying her on the subject. He admitted that they were returning by a difference route, according to Mrs. Langton's instructions, in order to go by a vessel which would land them at a port nearer to Yorkshire than Dover. Set at rest by this explanation, she relaxed into her state of listless quiescence, and allowed her companion to manage all the affairs of the journey as he pleased.

Thus without her knowing it they quitted France, crossed the frontier into Belgium, and at length reached the quaint town of Flushing, where in a hotel in one of the narrow streets near the harbour Annabel was taken to lodge till the vessel was ready to sail.

BURGLARIES.—Burglaries are becoming frequent in Montreal. Two occurred on Friday night, one at a house in Deny street, the servant, girl mysteriously disappearing with the intruders. Nothing was stolen, while the girl was gone, leaving behind her all her clothing. She bore a good character and it is feared a dark tragedy had occurred.

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