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Lord Cecil's Dilemma

—OR—
The Picnic
—in—
Woodall Forest

CHAPTER XVII

A slight noise at the door attracted the attention of Ebenezer Lupus, and he glided toward it. He could have declared that he had closed the outer door, but it was open, and he passed into the clerk's office. He was absent some two or three minutes, and when he returned his manner had undergone a marked change. There was a dark-red spot on both of his hollow, hungry-looking cheeks, and his eyes were restless and more brilliant than usual.

"Well, Sir Charles," he said, bristly. "I think that I understand what to do exactly, and if it be your wish, I will begin to work this very day."

"This very hour!" the young man added, vehemently. "You shall have a substantial check to-morrow. Name your own figure."

"Well, a hundred pounds will be sufficient to commence with," Lupus said, rubbing his hands.

"It shall reach you by an early post. If you want more, do not hesitate to ask for it. Work for me, Lupus. Prove to me that this wretched woman has no claim upon me, and I will make you a present of five hundred pounds."

"Thank you, Sir Charles, thank you. I will work night and day. I will at once engage the best detective to be had for money, and you may expect my first report within two or three days. Good-day, Sir Charles."

He bowed his client out and watched him to the end of the street; then he rubbed his hands and chuckled jubilantly.

"At last, Ebenezer, your luck has changed. At last there is a chance to make money. So far Caddick's legacy has been a curse to me. The business of a money-lender, without money to lend! Ha! ha! It is a mystery how I have managed to finance myself so long."

He retired to his private office again, and, after waiting a short time, heard his solitary assistant come in. He touched a bell, and the boy appeared in answer to the summons.

"John, there is a lady in the dead-room. Show her in to me. In future, be careful not to leave the office door open when you go out."

"A gentleman passed me, and I thought that you would see to it, sir," Lupus waved him away, and in one minute he reappeared with a lady behind him. She was richly dressed, but lacked the repose and reserve that always distinguished good breeding. She was young, and many would have considered her pretty. She was dark, had small, regular features, and eyes of a peculiar brilliancy. They were now flashing with some inward working of her passions, and put for a warning gesture from Ebenezer Lupus, she would have spoken before the inquisitive office-boy.

The lawyer carefully closed both of the double doors with his own hands, then he returned to his seat, saying:

"I am delighted to meet with you again, Lady Hastings. What a wonderful coincidence that you should have come here to-day! He has never crossed the threshold, until this morning, since the wedding day!"

"It's no coincidence, Mr. Lupus," the lady replied, quickly. "I followed him here! I heard his devout wish that I were dead! I heard you arranging to get me divorced!"

Mr. Lupus smiled.

"He will pay me for what I do, Lady Hastings, but I am ever ready to sell myself to the highest bidder. If Mr. Spiers has not squandered the whole of your fortune, I will claim him before the whole world!"

She spoke defiantly, and her black eyes flashed.

"One moment, Lady Hastings. I cannot have my business spoiled by you. Mr. Lupus was still smiling.

"And unless you pay me well, I am afraid that I must work solely for Sir Charles. I beg of you not to get excited. My boy may be listening, and I do not wish any living soul to know that Jabez Caddick discovered the whole truth before he died! He left it in writing, to be sent to Sir Charles, but it fell into my hands. That was his revenge!"

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"Do not trouble," she commanded, her pale lips trembling. "I will be all right in one minute. It is the result of over-excitation."

Mr. Lupus set down again, and her ladyship whispered:

"I understand you."

"Ah! That is all I want. We need not be enemies, and I can handle Sir Charles in my own way. I can promise you that it will be effective. What has become of Spiers?"

"He is dead," she replied, faintly. "You are sure of it?"

"I saw his body. He was drowned."

"I am glad to hear it. His appearance would make matters very awkward."

They consulted in whispers for a time, and when Lady Hastings went away, Mr. Ebenezer Lupus gave vent to his delight in a series of low chuckles.

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In the meantime, the young baronet was on his way home; his mind racked by hopes and fears. He would wait until he knew whether his wife was living or dead before he saw Lady Gladys again. He would then break to her the awful story. He did not think for one moment that she could forgive him. The wrong he had committed was beyond pardon. If his wife still lived, he would bid his love an eternal farewell.

There was nothing on earth that might bridge the gulf that would be between them—nothing! He pictured his life without Gladys, and a groan escaped him. It was too horrible—it was worse than death—it would be a life of lingering torture. He told himself that he could not live under the weight of his guilt—his remorse his despair! But when all seemed blackest, hope came to him; there was that still left until he heard from Ebenezer Lupus—there was still the chance that the woman who came between him and his love had given up her worthless life. He prayed that she



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were dead, and asked God to forgive him for so sinful a prayer!

CHAPTER XVIII

It seemed that there had never before been so long a spell of beautiful summer weather in England. For weeks there had been a succession of glorious sunrises, and the mosaic of day climbed the blue walls of the sky, to fall in magnificent state, and disappear in golden grandeur to his couch of fire, in the west. After the heat of the day, the dew fell in soft showers, and moistened the verdure, and nature bloomed afresh each morning, and loaded the air with her incense.

Four days had passed since Sir Charles Hastings had parted from Lady Gladys, and promised to return again soon. He had received her fond letter, and had replied to it. The reply was short, and had been hastily written. He was coming to the abbey that day—he was coming to see her father, and her heart bounded joyously. She took the little letter from her pocket again, and read the dear writing:

"MY DARLING—I am going to see the earl to-morrow. Will you meet me in the park before I see your father? I shall be in the spot that you have so aptly named the Fairy Dell, at eleven o'clock. I have not written to the earl, so that my visit will be somewhat of a surprise to him. Yours in death, CHARLES."

She felt that there was something in this letter that was very vague and unsatisfying. What did he mean by "Yours in death"? Why should he finish with these dreadful words?

Her father had recognised the handwriting and the Hastings crest, when he passed the letter to her.

(To be continued.)

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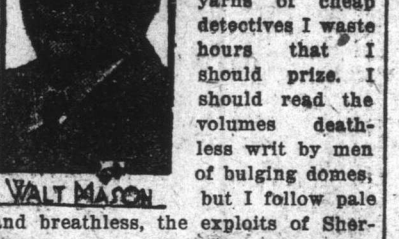
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FOOLING AWAY TIME.

That my taste needs some corrective I admit with streaming eyes, for with yams of cheap detectives I waste hours that I should prize. I should read the volumes deathless writ by men of bulging domes; but I follow pale and breathless, the exploits of Sherlock Holmes. While my wiser neighbor traces Einstein's theory to its source, I, with Cleek of Forty Faces, mix with sinners vile and coarse. I pass up the stately diction of philosophers and seers, and the thimble sleuths of fiction are my comrades through the years. And my aunts, with eyes accusing, tell me how I'm wasting time, but I find the sleuths amusing, and they're surely not a crime. I have found it doesn't matter what a fellow likes to do; some one's bound to rise and splutter burning language over you. If I liked the works of Bacon my fierce aunts would rise and say, "By your reason you're forsaken since you read that stuff all day!" So, ignoring the objectives of the good and wise and true, I commune with punk detectives who've just found a hopeful clue.

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Fashion Plates.



A CHIC AND CHARMING DESIGN.

3801-3798—Here is a very popular variation of the jumper dress—and a pretty design to wear with it. As portrayed, wool jersey embroidered in floss was used. The gumpie is of pongee with self frills and hemstitching for trimming. In duvetya or crepe a trimming of grosgrain ribbon would be pleasing.

The gumpie 3801 is cut in 7 Sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. The Dress 3798 is cut in 5 Sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48 inches bust measure. The width at the foot is about 2 yards. This style is good for slender as well as for mature figures. The dress front is cut with fullness beneath the yoke extension of the back. To make up this style for a 38 inch size, requires 2 1/2 yards of 36 inch material for the Gumpie, and 3 1/2 yards for the Dress, of 40 inch material.

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A PLEASING DINNER DRESS.

3796-3788—Simplicity and simplicity stamps this model as youthful and becoming. Crepe-de-chine trimmed with a plaid edge, and tiny roses and leaves of chiffon would make it very attractive. The roses could be in a

color contrasting to that of the gown. With long sleeves one could have this in satin, taffeta or velvet, with trimming of embroidery or jet.

The Waist Pattern 3796 is cut in 6 Sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, and 44 inches bust measure. The Skirt 3788 is 6 Sizes: 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, and 34 inches waist measure. The width of the skirt at the foot is about 2 yards. To make the dress for a medium size as illustrated in the large view will require 7 1/4 yards of 27 inch material. This illustration calls for TWO separate patterns which will be mailed to any address on receipt of 15c. FOR EACH pattern in silver or stamps.

A DAINTY FROCK.

4025. One of the season's pretty models is here portrayed. Convenient pockets are placed under the tab extensions of the waist, which has long lines and girde extensions which close over the back. White lines with frills and bows of organza would be pleasing. Pongee is a natural shade with plings of green crepe would be attractive.

The Pattern is cut in 7 Sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. A 38 inch size will require 4 1/2 yards of 40 inch material. The width at the foot is about 2 1/4 yards. Pattern mailed to any address on receipt of 15c. in silver or stamps.



A NEAT AND SERVICEABLE APRON.

4030. Percelle with facings of linen is here depicted. Black saten with cretonne would be attractive, as would also crepe with trimming of a contrasting color or with rack for a finish.

The Pattern is cut in 4 Sizes: Small, 34-36; Medium, 38-40; Large, 42-44; Extra Large, 46-48 inches bust measure. A Medium size will require 4 1/2 yards of 36 inch material. Pattern mailed to any address on receipt of 10c. in silver or stamps.

A GOOD APRON.

Pattern 3224 made the comfortable model. It is cut in 4 Sizes: Small, 32-34; Medium, 36-38; Large, 40-42; Extra Large, 44-46 inches bust measure.

Placed-percalle in white and black is here illustrated. One could have gingham, seersucker, lawn, alpaca, drill, or saten. A Medium size will require 4 1/2 yards of 36 inch material. A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 15 cents in silver or stamps.

A BECOMING DRESS FOR WORK OR PORCH WEAR.

3848. Neatness and utility are expressed in this model. The closing is at the centre front, the lines are good, and comfortable, and the style has pleasing features. One could have this in checked gingham, with vest, collar, belt and cuffs of white, pop or pique. Other wash fabrics are equally desirable. For warmth, flannellette and gabardine are recommended.

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