

his hair, without danger of discovery. How I summoned resolution enough to leave him...

And then I was sorry for it. Poor humanity! Time has got all the credit of being the great consoler of afflicted mortals.

One to Benjamin, telling him to expect me the next evening. One to Mr. Playmore, warning him, in good time, that I meant to make a last effort to penetrate the mystery at Greenwich.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

ON THE WAY TO DEXTER.

"I declare to Heaven, Valeria, I believe that monster's madness is infectious—and you have caught it!"

This was Benjamin's opinion of me (on my safe arrival at the villa): after I had announced my intention of returning Miserrimus Dexter's visit in his company.

Being determined to carry my point, I could afford to try the influence of mild persuasion. I begged my good friend to have a little patience with me.

I only heaped fuel on the fire. "See him again?" Benjamin repeated indignantly. "See him after he grossly insulted you, under my roof, in this very room? I can't be awake; I must be asleep and dreaming!"

It was wrong of me, I know. But Benjamin's virtuous indignation was so very virtuous that it let the spirit of mischief loose in me.

"Gently, my good friend, gently!" I said. "We must make allowances for a man who suffers under Dexter's infirmities, and lives Dexter's life. And really we must not let our modesty lead us beyond reasonable limits."

"Ob, the new ideas! the new ideas! By all manner of means, Valeria, let us have the new ideas! The old morality's all wrong, the old ways are all worn out. Let's march with the age we live in. Nothing comes amiss to the age we live in. The wife in England and the husband in Spain, married or not married, living or not living together—it's all one to the new ideas. I'll go with you, Valeria; I'll be

worthy of the generation I live in. When we have done with Dexter, don't let's do things by halves. Let's go and get crammed with ready-made science at a lecture—let's hear the last new professor, the man who has been behind the scenes at the Creation, and knows to a T how the world was made, and how long it took to make it.

"I am going to clear my mind of cant," said Benjamin sternly. "I am going into the library."

"What are you going to read?"

"I am going to read—Puss in Boots, and Jack and the Bean-Stalk, and anything else I can find that doesn't march with the age we live in."

With that parting shot at the new ideas, my old friend left me for a time. Having despatched my note, I found myself beginning to revert, with a certain feeling of anxiety, to the subject of Miserrimus Dexter's health.

"About a week after you had gone away, ma'am," she said, with extreme severity of manner, and with excessive carefulness in her choice of words.

The housekeeper shook her head, and looked as if she thought it in bad taste to mention the subject at all.

"About a week after you had gone away, ma'am," she said, with extreme severity of manner, and with excessive carefulness in her choice of words. "The Person you mention had the impudence to send a letter to you. The messenger was informed, by my master's orders, that you had gone abroad, and he and his letter were both sent about their business together."

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