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Express trains run daily, and when signalled, or when there are Passengers to get down, they will stop at all Stations.

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Dissolution. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Firm of Pope, Vose & Co., LUMBER DEALERS,

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VOSE, HOLWAY & CO. LAWRENCEVILLE, N. S., April 2, 1877. 181 111

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NOTICE. The Subscribers wish to call the attention of the Public to their SPRING IMPORTATIONS, consisting of Boots and Shoes, Tweeds and

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Select Literature. My Aunt's Maid. (Concluded.) I was now completely roused, and in such a passion that poor Clarkson could only utter out something about 'never thinking she should have lived to see the day when such words as these would fall from the lips of Miss Edith'

That very evening I had reason to be rather sorry for my hasty behaviour to my dear nurse, and my confidence in Meekins began to be somewhat shaken.

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wanted on the dressing table, and accordingly I entered my bed-room to find it. The room was quite dark; but, as I knew exactly where I had left the book, it was quickly found, and I was walking towards my boudoir—which opened out of my sleeping apartment—when I fancied I heard a slight noise, and noticed that the street light under the doorway had been very strong for the reflection of firelight

'What no noise?' I murmured, at last, trying to imagine myself very brave. 'It is only the gas, I suppose, which that stupid Clarkson has forgotten to turn down. She is there, I dare say, folding up my dresses or something; and I advanced quite boldly, though my hands were trembling with fear, and, softly turning the handle of the door, pushed it open.

The boudoir was one blaze of light, from several gas jets which were turned fully up, so that I could stand unsheltered in the shadow of the door-way, and examine at my leisure the strange scene before me. It was indeed a startling one, and, in spite of my astonishment, I could not help admiring the charming picture before me.

In the centre of the room stood Sarah Meekins, my aunt's maid, fully equipped in one of the handsomest dresses from my trosses, and surveying her graceful figure, clad in floating clouds of tulle and satin, with undigested satisfaction in the long crystal glass before her. Her blond tresses were arranged in the most elaborate and fashionable style, while my aunt Mrs. Halliburton's old family diamonds flashed and gleamed on her snowy neck and arms, and hung in clusters of light from her little shell-like ears.

She looked so exquisitely pretty, and her admiration of her own charms were so openly displayed, that she put me in mind of some precocious child playing at 'dressing up'; and so little inclination did I feel to scold her, that I verily believe I should have related without betraying my presence, had she not suddenly turned round and caught sight of me in the open doorway. She gave a stifled scream, and sank all in a heap on the floor, burying her face in her hands, and sobbing as if her heart would break.

'Oh, Miss Edith, Miss Edith,' she cried, 'please forgive me! I never meant to put them all on, but they looked so pretty, and—and the diamonds did suit me so! Indeed I couldn't help it! Oh do forgive me just this once, dear, dear Miss Edith, and promise you won't tell Mrs. Halliburton, and I'll never, never do it again.'

'Get up, Meekins,' I replied, a little disgusted at such an abject show of penitence. 'And don't make such a noise, unless you wish to alarm the house! You are a very foolish, deceitful girl, and your vanity will certainly lead you into trouble one of these days if you indulge in many such freaks as this. Take off these diamonds now, and put them away in their cases, and don't let this exhibition occur again, or you will hardly meet with like indulgence.'

She protested with many tears and sobs that it was her first and would be her last offence, and there was really something pathetic and touching in the sight of her pretty baby face, and the big round eyes all brimmed and red with weeping, in spite of all my doubts and suspicions I could not bring myself to be very stern with her, and actually stood on guard at the door, in case Clarkson should come on, while Miss Meekins proceeded to divest herself of my finery, and, resuming her plain, black dress, bade me a penitent good night, and left the room.

I was more amused than angry at this little adventure, and any importance I might have attached to it was quite forgotten the next morning in the anxiety caused by the sight of aunt Halliburton's pale face and feverish appearance. Towards mid-day she grew so much worse that Charlie insisted on sending for the doctor, who pronounced her illness to be a rather severe attack of slow fever, and ordered her instantly to bed. Meekins was particularly useful and gentle in helping me to arrange everything comfortably for the invalid. She was present when my costume and my letters were now always carefully looked up in my desk.

I wanted now but a week to the day fixed for our departure from London, my boudoir was filled with the gay dresses that arrived continually from Madame Celestine's, and the side tables were crowded with the latest fashions. My aunt Laura had sent me a handsome pearl necklace and bracelets; while a rather shabby set of curious old Etruscan ornaments formed my bridal gift from Sir Hector Ashburn.

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her with many tears of happiness, that she need not make herself in the least uneasy about our journey to Nice; as I never intended making it, and Sir Hector would have done without his bride, and, what no doubt was of far more value in his eyes, the eighty thousand pounds bequeathed to me by my respected uncle. Poor aunt was greatly upset, and hardly knew how to act between her affection for me and her astonishment at my sudden change of mind. I stopped at her objections, however, with kisses, and she could only faintly murmur in the intervals—

'Eighty thousand pounds—and a title! Oh, my dear Edith, what will Laura say?—and the family diamonds all lost too—and all for nothing!'

'They will do just as well for Mrs. Charles Halliburton as for Lady Ashburn, aunt! I replied, as I ran laughing up to my own room and rang for Clarkson.

She appeared in a few moments, looking very pale and frightened, and on my enquiring what was the matter, she made in a trembling voice, 'If I would just please step into the boudoir, as she had something particular to show me.'

I followed her into the room, wondering what on earth could be the matter; nor did my amusement subside when I saw her walk straight up to one of the large trunks in which my trosses were packed, and which she had been locked and labelled for travelling for some days, and quietly raise the lid.

'Why, Clarkson, what have you done with all my dresses?' I exclaimed, as I looked into the box, and saw its almost entire state of emptiness.

'For a sheet, Clarkson, who was as white as a sheet, and trembling with agitation, silently lifted the lid of another trunk, and then of a third; they were all nearly empty.

'And that's not all, Miss Edith,' she said, at last, finding utterance for her feelings. 'The awful wicked wretch wasn't content with all the handsomest of your dresses, but she must take your diamonds.'

'Good heavens! you do not mean that they are lost?'

'Lost? Yes, Miss Edith; gone—the same way as all the other things.'

'Gone what, Clarkson? Do explain yourself. What is the meaning of all this?'

'The meaning's clear enough, Miss Edith; there's been a robbery, as any one can see. When did you find out it?'

'In course they must, Miss Edith, and every one has seen when you leave them about as you do, first in one place, then in another. I took them myself, a quarter of an hour ago, off your dressing-table, to wash them, and put away your blue silk as had just come back from Madame's. When I put back the lid, and saw the box half empty, you might have knocked me down with a feather. I was then struck with the thought, 'What a well-gone, too, and all your beautiful diamonds! But it's no more than I expected from the first day I saw you putting all your trust in a simple, old-fashioned box.'

'Well, what is that enough,' I replied. 'Go directly and knock at Mr. Charles's room, and ask him to come to me.'

In a few moments I was joined by Charles, to whom I explained the whole business, which he no sooner comprehended than he went out, returning in a short time with a Mr. Phipps, a well-known policeman, with whom he proceeded at once to the kitchen, where the servants were sitting at supper. What transpired there I don't exactly know; but in about a quarter of an hour Charles came to me, and said—

'We have found the culprit, Edith, or at least we have discovered who she is, though she has managed to get off very cleverly.'

'She! Oh, Charles, is it a woman then?' I exclaimed.

'Yes, and no other than mamma's maid, Miss Mrs. Meekins.'

I sank into a chair, speechless with astonishment, while Charlie continued—

'She must have been wonderfully deep, and daring too, to go off with such an amount of luggage and jewellery. It appears that she asked for a holiday, and went out early in the afternoon in a cab. Wilmore, one of the footmen, actually helped to carry two large boxes out for her, and the idiot never suspected there was anything wrong, but believed some late she told him about her place, and her cousin's which had been lent her. But the police will soon be on her track, and I dare say it will not be long before she is arrested. Who would ever have thought that such an innocent-looking creature could have been guilty of such deception?'

We were destined, however, to be soon a good deal more astonished at the 'independent-looking girl's' daring performance.

Poor aunt Halliburton was in despair at the loss of her diamonds and all my beautiful new dresses, and could do nothing but utter puerile anathemas against the 'base, hypocritical Meekins.' Charlie spent the whole day rushing frantically about from one place to another, and holding mysterious conferences in the hall with all sorts of strange-looking men. But even Detective Phipps, of the Metropolitan Police, after he had seen the evidence of character, with all the combined intellect of Scotland Yard, failed in discovering Miss Meekins's whereabouts; and a whole fortnight passed without any tidings of the culprit reaching us.

Aunt Halliburton, who had been completely upset by the affair, still continued to ill that I at last persuaded her to let me write a short note to Lady Laura, informing her of Mrs. Halliburton's illness, and also a longer one to Hector, in which I told him, as delicately as possible, that I must decline the honor of becoming Lady Ashburn.

I was rather surprised at not receiving any answer to either of these epistles, but I attributed the silence of Hector and his mother to the plague and anger I knew they must feel at my refusal to fulfill the engagement, and troubled my head very little about them. Most of my time was spent in Aunt Halliburton's sick-room, and my spare moments I might have been obliged to be given to master Charlie, who proved himself a most exciting lover.

I had come down to breakfast one morning, rather earlier than usual, and, to pass the time, took up the paper which was lying on the table, and began looking curiously down the lists of 'Births, Marriages

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