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At the Mouth of the Treacherous Pit

STORY OF LOVE, INTRIGUE AND REVENGE

CHAPTER VII.

A curious sensation, for which she could hardly have accounted, took possession of Dolores. It seemed to her as though this Black 'Foot had suddenly become part of her life, as though she had seen it before and should see it again—a curious feeling that made her shiver, turn cold, and feel faint.

"Do come away, Miss Chiffon," he implored.

He had walked on a few steps, and Dolores, still with that strange feeling upon her, rejoined him. He spoke without looking at her.

"I must have this place altered," he said. "There is a disused coalmine near here. It has long been closed, and almost all traces of it have been removed; but once there was a terrible explosion, and since then the ground about here has never been quite safe. There are deep, treacherous holes which, if a man fell into, he must meet the most horrible of deaths. Some of the openings have been filled up; others are terribly dangerous, as they are hidden by long grass and cannot be seen. Somewhere about here, or at the other side of the pool, is the mouth of what was once the shaft. I have never seen it; but I am told it is a terrible place. When I have time, all this shall be attended to. I should like to change the pool into a pleasant lake, and this place—which is really beautiful—into a pleasure-land. It would be a great improvement, would it not?"

"Yes," she answered, "it would be very much better. Let us get away from the pool," she added, hastily; "it makes me melancholy;" and in silence they walked on, side by side. Then went then to a little wooden picnic situated on an eminence, from which they could see one of the prettiest landscapes in England. Dolores uttered a cry of delight. Sir Karl smiled.

"I have different spots for different moods," he said. "When I want to dream I come to this place. Some of my pleasantest thoughts have come to me here." A sudden pause seized

him which he could not control. "The dream of my life—the sweetest, the brightest—is realized when I see you standing here in my favorite haunt."

She shrank from him with something of distress in her face. She must not listen to such words now, but, if he had said them weeks ago, how different life would have been! She looked half-longingly at the path they had left. He caught the glances, and said quickly:

"Nay, do not hurry! I will not say one word to distress you. We shall never, in all probability, stand here together again. Do not take from me the only gleam of happiness that can ever reach me."

A great fear came over her as to what he meant, as to what he was going to do. He had said before that they would never be there together again. Fear overcame prudence; she turned and looked him straight in the face.

"What do you mean, Sir Karl? We shall be neighbors. Why do you say that we shall never meet here again?"

"Perhaps it will be better for me to tell you," he replied. "Will you let me explain?"

She bowed her head in silent assent.

"The reason why I say that we shall probably not meet again, is that I am going away from Scarsdale, and the time of my return is uncertain; it may be never."

The sweet face of the girl by his side grew paler, and her lips trembled; and she spoke no word.

"I could not remain here," he went on, with a tremor in his voice, "and hear all that I should have to hear. Let me tell you why I am going, will you? I will not say a word to please you, but the confession will ease my heart. I await your consent."

She gave it in the same fashion as before, with a bend of her graceful head.

"You will always remember, Dolores—you will let me call you Dolores this once—that, in telling you, I asked for no response, for no opinion, that I sought to win from you not even one thought that belongs to another. You will acquit me of any intention of the kind, I am sure. I am going away because I find that I love you! I do not tell you this with the faintest hope of any return, with the least wish to win from you a word or a thought you should not give me. You believe that, do you not?"

"Yes," she said faintly.

"Then let me tell you once more that I love you. I did not know that I was learning to love you with the best and dearest love of my heart until I heard that you were going to marry Lord Rhyworth. The sudden shock startled me into discovering the truth. I found then that I loved you so well that to lose you would darken all my life, and make it almost worthless to me. You were going to speak," he added, for she had looked up to him with parted lips and eyes, which asked a question.

"Yes, I am wondering, if this be true, why did you choose the red rose in preference to the white one on that night at Beaulieu? It seemed to me as though you made a deliberate choice between Lola and myself."

The circumstance, all important to

her, had been of so little moment to him that he had almost forgotten it; but now, as she referred to it, he looked at her horror-stricken.

"Do you mean to tell me, Dolores," he said, "that anything in my manner gave you the impression that I liked Lola better than you?"

"I assure you it was so," she answered. "Lola thought the same thing, I know. I have never doubted it until now."

"And now you know that it is quite untrue. So far as I remember the circumstance, you had done something that piqued me, and I merely took what I thought a little playful revenge. I never dreamed that you would magnify it into anything half so serious. But it is too late to undo the evil now."

"Yes," she replied, "far too late." "I am not the first man," he continued, sadly, "who has lost all chance of happiness from a little caprice, or from not knowing his own mind. If I had not been so heedless, all would have been different. I must be grateful, however, that I alone suffer, and that you are spared."

He looked keenly into her face as she spoke, but no sign of emotion was there, it was grave and still.

"I have found out my mistake now," he resumed; "but it is too late to remedy it, and I must pay the penalty. I am glad that I have had the chance of telling you this. Do you think I am doing right in going away?"

"Quite right," she replied, firmly. "I think it is the only thing to do." "The one gleam of brightness about it will be your approval," he said. "Thank you for listening to me, and thank you for coming here to-day; it will be a sweet memory to me always, that of seeing you in my home."

She looked up at him with a curious expression on her face.

"Promise me one thing," she said—"that you will keep away from the Black Pool."

"I will," he answered. "You do not like the place, and we will forget it altogether. And you, Dolores, you who, without loving me, are my only love, you are not displeased that I have told you my story? I hope you will be happy in your future life; there is no one who could desire you happiness more than I do."

"I am sure of that, and I am grateful to you," she said, gently. "You have no word of comfort to say to me, Dolores?" he asked. "Yes, I have. I think you a noble man; I appreciate from my very heart the compliment you have paid me, and I wish you well."

Her voice faltered, and she turned her pale, sweet face from him; something in her manner struck him.

"Great Heaven, Dolores," he cried in a voice hoarse with emotion, "I believe you care for me!"

When she looked at him the pallor of death was on her face.

"Hush, Sir Karl; you must remember honor always! Never mind what I think or feel. I am Lord Rhyworth's promised wife; you are bidding me farewell; let no word pass between us that either will regret."

But he could not regain his composure.

"I believe you care for me," he persisted. "If I were sure that such was the case, I would—"

He stopped abruptly, for her hand was laid upon his arm.

"You will not forget," she said, "that in a few weeks I shall be Lord Rhyworth's wife. I—I am willing to say farewell to you kindly; but you must not speak to me in that way."

He was silent. She went on:

"If I have a secret, Sir Karl, you must not try to force it from me; you must respect it."

(To be continued.)

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Interchange of Teachers

TORONTO, Ont., June 24.—(Canadian Press)—Organized exchange of university professors and secondary school teachers is likely to result from the forthcoming visit to Canada of English educationalists in connection with the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in the opinion of W. J. Dunlop, director of the extension department of the University of Toronto. Mr. Dunlop, who is well known to teachers as editor of "The School" for nine years, has just returned from Wembley, where he supervised the erection of the university's exhibit.

The possibility of arranging a regular exchange of visits between professors in the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, was one of the chief items dealt with at the conference of universities of Great Britain and Ireland, which Mr. Dunlop attended. There exists at present no organized interchange between the staffs of the home and colonial universities, and the exchange of ideas between the leaders of scholastic and scientific endeavor is carried on through sporadic visits and occasional permanent transfers from one side to the other.

"The Universities' Conference is anxious to have a regular scheme established for exchanging professors," Mr. Dunlop told the Canadian Press. "The British Association meeting here will probably give the necessary impetus for the initiation of a movement of this kind."

Primary teachers are exchanged under a plan fostered by the league of Empire, but there is still no agreement whereby masters in secondary schools may spend visiting terms. Secondary teachers would share in the proposed general scheme embracing all branches of education, Mr. Dunlop thinks.

Canadian teachers stand to benefit from the papers in the education section of the British Association, as well as by contact with the distinguished educationalists who are to deliver them, it is pointed out. The program of this group is being registered by the chairman, Dr. Ernest Barker, principal of King's College, London, so that at least two-thirds of the addresses will be made by overseas visitors. In this way, teachers in Canada will have full opportunity to scrutinize the latest ideas from England in education methods, and will be able to decide to what extent they can be adopted here.

"We have a great deal to learn from British educational systems," Mr. Dunlop said. "One admires the thoroughness with which education is conducted. In Scotland especially, the aim is to produce thinkers, in the secondary schools as well as in the universities."

"In our anxiety to impart the maximum amount of information in a given time, and under the pressure of numerous examinations, we often lose sight of the primary object of education."

"Teachers are sure to receive inspiration from the British Association meetings. They will receive an invaluable insight into the manner in which educational problems are attacked in England, and in this way may find a solution for some of their own teaching difficulties. High school and public school teachers throughout Canada, who can spare the time, should make a point of attending the sessions."

Among important lectures arranged are Interchange of Teachers Between Various Branches of Education, by Dr. Nunn; Sense of Humor in Children, by Dr. Kimmins; Tests for Scholarship and Promotion, and the Psychologist on the Education Committee, by Dr. Burt; Modern Tendencies in Geography Teaching, by E. Young. In addition, valuable papers will be presented by Canadians.

Change of the date of the conference from Sept. 6-15 to Aug. 6-13 permits school teachers to join in the sessions without interfering with their class work.

Marriage Difficulties Smoothed Out

TORONTO, Ont., June 24.—(Canadian Press)—The Sunday World prints an interview with Mrs. A. H. G. White of this city in connection with the marriage of her cousin, Miss Eleanor Green, of New York, to Prince Viggo of Denmark. She says that the Prince fell in love with Miss Green when the latter was visiting in Copenhagen. His parents at first would not consider the match, but he appealed to Queen Alexandra. So sympathetically did she plead his cause with Denmark's King and Queen that Viggo was summoned to another family council, where it was decided that the Prince must choose between possible succession to the Danish throne and the choice of his heart. He never hesitated. Joyfully he departed for America, met Miss Green, declared his love for her without restraint and was accepted. But that was not all. A terrible blow fell when the girl's father decisively refused consent on the ground that the difference in the stations and ranks of the lovers might lead to future unhappiness. The couple talked of eloping. It has been rumored that they were on the eve of making preparations to elope. But the world was spared this sensational aspect of royal romance. Viggo decided to make one attempt to soften the stern resolution of the parent. He was granted an interview, and was so convincing, so earnest and so charming, that the father's objections were overcome, and his consent secured.

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Germ of Hoof and Mouth Disease Reported Found

BERLIN, June 2. (A.P.)—Bacteriologists throughout Europe have been interested in the recent announcement here of the discovery of a bacillus capable of reproducing the hoof and mouth disease in animals. Specialists have come to Berlin to investigate further, while there have been many letters and cablegrams from the United States and England, where there have been epidemics this spring. News of the discovery came from Professor Paul Frosch, of the Royal Veterinary College, who has

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