

PAUL VANE'S WIFE

"Yes, but I want you to hear about the rescue," she replied; and stroking the hand that held her with loving little touches, she continued, "The deadly serpent glided past me while I stood motionless with horror, and raising itself in shining coils looked into your face with vindictive eyes. Again you moaned and stirred in your sleep as though a subtle sense of danger had penetrated your dreams. Your slight movement aroused its fury, and darting forward, it inclosed your form in its dread coils, raising its head to strike; but just then you awoke, and, as if its charm held you captive, you lay passive, making no effort to escape your fate. Oh, what a cruel look there was in the serpent's gleaming eyes! And your awful danger seemed to burst the bounds of fear that held me, for I suddenly screamed aloud, and from a tree near by appeared the form of a man—that handsome soldier up at Arcady, Colonel Fairlie—

white Landsdowne falling in soft, graceful folds about her poetically perfect form. She wore no ornaments but flower wreaths of starry white jasmine, beloved of the poets, trailing from her shining hair and her white robes, filling the air about her with their subtly sweet perfume. The other guests soon arriving, the house and grounds were speedily filled, and an orchestra discoursed sweet music from the western piazza. "Paul Vane could never remember afterward just how it happened that he found himself wandering with Lorraine upon his arm through a secluded part of the grounds where the lights were fewer, and the sounds of gay voices and intoxicating music came to them mellowed by distance. He was looking into the dark, shivering face that had put on a subtle shade of melancholy—melancholy that suddenly merged into fear and dread, for turning her eyes one moment from his face, Lorraine suddenly espied among the thick shrubbery before them a ghastly object—the same corpse-like, blood-stained face that had driven her out of her senses a few nights before. Again its gloomy, menacing eyes seemed to scorch her very soul, and in uncontrollable terror she shrieked aloud.

"Have no fears, my darling; no deadly serpent can ever enter our Garden of Eden." And as he gazed with adoring eyes at his wife's loveliness, he recalled these lines of a favorite poetess of his own land: Virginia: "Has the red rose borrowed her scarlet bloom From thy bright lip, my sweet? And the lily stolen thy brow's pale hue, Her fairness to complete? And where the summer violets hide Within some leafy dell, Thine orbs have caught their tender blue By some sweet, subtle spell."

"Oh, pray, do not let us disturb the pretty tableaux!" cried the heiress, gaily, and looked archly at Paul Vane, as he advanced with a dim, glowing smile, his white brow and welcomed them, in hearty Virginia fashion, with a warm hand-clasp, followed by Vivian, who had grown pale again, for an icy hand seemed suddenly to clutch her heart as if that dread, haughty, malicious fiend, her of the bitter west, this woman was to bring into her life. She tried to walk steadily to greet Lorraine, but her head swam, and she almost reeled as she went forward to greet the imperious heiress. "How pale you are looking this morning, Mrs. Vane!" Lorraine's voice had so strange a tone that Colonel Fairlie, who was walking by her side, looked quickly at the rector's fair young wife, and saw that the heiress had spoken the truth. The blue eyes that had looked so brightly and arch when they last met were dark and grave with some inexplicable pain, and her smile, as she met them, was sad instead of joyous. What was it? he wondered: for had he not seen her a moment ago with her husband's arm about her, and her head upon his breast? Surely, she could not be unhappy, she who loved and was beloved so tenderly. "You received cards for our luncheon party next week?" Lorraine said presently, with her pretty, patronizing air—the air proper to her position as mistress of the rector's pretty, simple wife. "You will bring your wife, will you not, Mr. Vane? It will please her, I know, for she looks romantic; and it will be lovely out of doors that night—moonlight, and roses, and—everything," vaguely; then a slight shiver ran over her as she recalled last Sunday night, and her terrible experience out in the night and the storm, although she had almost got over her terror now.

CHAPTER IX. Arcady is one blaze of light. The beautiful grounds were lighted with colored lanterns; statues and fountains gleam in the garden lights that fall upon them, and the harvest moon floats resplendent in the blue heavens. To-night is Miss Lisle's lawn-party, and all Arcady is en fête. The gentlemen are sauntering about, or waiting in the huge, white hall for the ladies to appear. Upstairs in my lady's boudoir all is confusion. Dresses lie strewn about in disorder; silks, satins, laces, jewels glitter in the light; for she means to look her best to-night. The spectre has not appeared to her again, and all fear of it has passed from her mind as she clasps the splendid jewels on her throat and arms, and gazing proudly in the mirror, thinks of the name by which Colonel Fairlie had called her—"Queen of Hearts."

"No one will rival me to-night; no one can!" she thought, exultantly, as she turned to go down to receive her guests, who were beginning to arrive. In the hall she was joined by the guests of the house, and a new one who had arrived that morning from Chicago—Miss Josephine Thornton, a plump brunette with lovely blue-grey eyes. The young widow, Mrs. Ambrey, had already descended, and was engaged in a desperate flirtation with Colonel Fairlie, who looked up with a sigh of intense relief as the beauty descended the wide oak staircase. Grandmother Lisle was at the open front door waiting in her pretty, placid fashion, for her guests; and her delight knew no bounds when the rector and wife were seen among the first arrivals. Vivian was in white, as usual—simple, creamy

pressed pain in it. She moved away through the moonlight by her husband's side, a tall, white, graceful shape which the soldier's eyes followed with eager admiration, then was lost to sight in the winding path. Only then did he turn toward Lorraine. "You are better?" he asked, sinking into a seat by her side, and gazing with cold, calm eyes into her pale face. "So you recall my existence at last?" she flashed, bitterly. "Think you, Colonel Fairlie, that Mr. Vane would have relished seeing you follow with a lover's gaze his wife's fair form until it faded from sight?" "As much as his wife relished the embrace in which your arms held her husband when we came suddenly on you just now, Miss Lisle."

"So, then, you really did see a ghost, Miss Lisle?" "Did I not say so repeatedly?" she cried, indignantly. "I believed you in jest. I thought you invented the specter to account to Mrs. Vane for the situation in which she found her husband." Her dark eyes blazed with wrath. "How dare you!" she cried, angrily. "What can you mean?" "You threatened to flirt with the golly rector—I believed you were carrying out your threat," he replied, coolly. "You were wrong. We were talking of serious matter—my soul, perhaps," she said, maliciously. "Then she paled again. 'I did see something,' she whispered, fearfully. 'It was a dead man. There was a dead state in his fixed blue eyes; on his fair, white brow was a bloody stain. Oh, God! can I be going mad, that I am haunted thus?' wailed Lorraine, suddenly dropping her ghastly face in her jeweled hands. On the stern, handsome face looking at her there was no faintest trace of pity—only bitter exultation. He smiled sarcastically as he said: 'You must be going mad, indeed, for there are no such things as ghosts; and if there were, who of them would choose to haunt glorious Miss Lisle, the Queen of Hearts?'

He saw her shrink and shiver, but went on, pitilessly: "Who, indeed, unless some poor wretch, who had gone mad for love of her fatal charms and died? Are there any such on your lists, Miss Lisle, and was the face you saw a familiar one?" She crouched in her seat without uttering a word, and presently she heard him repeat ominously: "Thus from the throne of her high disdain, My lady looks on her suitors below, While each one craves her favor in vain, And passes away in bitter pain. She says with a laugh that is sweet and low, 'L'Amour est mort, mais vive l'armoire!'" Lorraine sprang to her feet, pale, furious. "Take me back to my guests!" she cried, piteously. "But just then a gay party of young people almost rushed upon the scene, headed by the young widow, Mrs. Ambrey, who cried, gushing: (To be continued.)

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He shook hands with them heartily on parting, and said: "You have spoken much better than many distinguished persons who usually come here to see me. As I have recently personally contributed \$40,000 for the repairing of the Baths Diocletian, and really don't know how the money has been employed. The King's straightforward speech, which implied considerably more than he actually said, had an immediate result in an official announcement that the facade of the Santa Maria Deglia Angeli, close to the Baths Diocletian, would be repaired within the next three years.

SCOTLAND YARD'S LONG ARM. Jewel Robbers Arrested in California After Five Years. Merced, Cal., Jan. 19.—A Scotland Yard detective is reported to have arrested in this city last Sunday two men, who are accused of having committed \$200,000 jewelry robbery in London nearly five years ago. The accused men, it is said, waived extradition and expressed a willingness to return to London at once. It is reported that the detective and his prisoners left for New York on Sunday night.

LONDON TIMES NOT SOLD. Negotiations Had Been in Progress, But No Sale Was Effectuated. London, Jan. 18.—Apparently a hitch has occurred in the reorganization of The Times, which on Jan. 6, it was announced had passed from the control of the Walter family to a new company, with C. Arthur Pearson as managing director. A paragraph appears in The Times this morning stating that no sale has been effected, and that the previous statement referred to the negotiations that were in progress.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson. CHAMBERS TO KINGSTON. New "Lifer" is Shackled to Prevent Suicide. Toronto, Jan. 20.—Shackled to prevent him from carrying out an oft-repeated threat to suicide, George Chambers, highwayman, was taken to Kingston Saturday morning to serve out a life sentence imposed on him in criminal assizes by Chancellor Boyd Friday. As he was boarding the train he said, "You don't need to think that you will keep me long. I will end it soon."

He was put in the smoking compartment of the first-class coach and is under careful guard of County Constable Stewart and Deputy Sheriff Jarvis. Wealthy Men Nearly Always "Dead Broke." The millionaire is chronically "broke." He never has more than \$2 or \$3 in his pocket, and often hasn't care for two cents. He comes down town in his automobile and sits a check. He has his box of cigars in his desk and credit at every shop in town. What is the use of being out-dressed by carrying money. By being without it he protects himself from the small borrower, who is a constant nuisance, declares a writer in the Chicago Tribune. If he carried money with him he would not know what to do with it for he regards it as a nuisance to pay cash for his luncheon or for any purchases he may make. It is so much easier to sign a check for his luncheon and to tell the salesman to charge and send the goods he buys. The millionaire, more than any other class are addicted to the telephone habit. They telephone their cigar man for their cigars—to be more accurate, they have their secretaries telephone for them. They send their secretaries over to their haberdasher to buy ties for them, and shirts and collars, or anything else that they need in a hurry. Of course the private secretary always has everything charged and the need of money is done away with. When cash must be paid, which is seldom, a check is given. Sometimes millionaires are greatly embarrassed by being "broke." One millionaire borrowed \$2 from me one night last week because he was compelled to call a cab driven by a strange caddy and he didn't have enough small change in his trousers to pay

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TWEEDSIDE

Mr. and Mrs. David Fleming visited Mr. and Mrs. John Harkins at Caistorville on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. David Gunning entertained a few friends at an oyster supper on Tuesday evening last. Miss Cora M. Atkins, of Jackson street, Hamilton, who has been visiting for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bradt, has returned home. Mr. Trumm and daughters, from near Watertown, South Dakota, have been visiting at Mr. Elgin Althouse's, recently. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Althouse and daughter, Elma, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nelson, Grimsby, on Monday of last week. Miss Pearl Sweet, of Delhi, Ont., has been visiting relatives in this neighborhood. Mr. Wm. Hildreth, who has been under the care of Dr. Green, is better. The many friends of Mr. Samuel Marshall and family extend to their dear hearted sympathy in their bereavement. The stork called at the home of Mr. Ed. Tweedle on Tuesday night. There was no service in the church on Sunday, the 12th, on account of the unfavorable weather.

DAY NURSERY DONATIONS. The board of Day Nursery, 200 Rebecca Street, is grateful to the friends who have so kindly helped it with the following donations.

Grocers' Association, from picnic, \$10; Mrs. Balfour St. Friend, 50c; Miss Kindergarten 50c; Mrs. T. H. Pratt Christmas turkey, wardrobe, doll, Mrs. Butler Christmas pudding, cake, oysters, ice cream, Mrs. McBride nuts, oranges, raisins, St. Andrew's Church cake, bread, plain biscuits, Stanley Mills toys, French toys and clothing, Victoria Ave. School potatoes, carrots, candies, toys, sugar, jelly, Peaches & Hobson meat, sugar, French cakes, sugar, tea, coffee, cornstarch, jelly, tapioca, Miss Stewart candies and oranges, Mrs. Campbell candies, Geo. D. Elder oranges, bananas, Canadian National Church pastry, cakes, preserves, St. Andrew's Church biscuits, cake, potatoes, pastry, bread, Victoria Ave. Kindergarten apples, grapes, cabbage, onions, potatoes, Mr. Hedley blackboard Mr. Ralston whitewashed the kitchen and painted pipes and boiler, Mrs. Chadwick two baskets grapes, Mr. Lee rebates on bill, 3rd grade King Edward School onions, rice, sugar, apples, carrots, cake, grapes, turnips, Heas Street School grapes, bread, onions, cake apples. Children kept and fed at 8c per day while mothers go out to work.

CRASHED INTO CABOOSE. One Man Instantly Killed; Two Men Injured. Toronto, Jan. 20.—Zacynth Larocque, aged 27, single, a French-Canadian, of St. Lazare, Que., instantly killed. Joseph Prefontaine, cook, aged 29, married of South Durham county, three ribs broken and much cut about head.

ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE. Close of an Interesting Meeting Held at Brockville. Brockville, Jan. 19.—The Ontario Conference of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which has been in session here since Friday, closed to-night with a public meeting in St. Peter's Church, conducted by Rev. T. W. Powell, M. A., Eglington. About 125 delegates were present, and the meetings very largely attended. This afternoon in the Opera House Very Rev. Dean DuMoulin, of Cleveland, and Mr. Hubert Carleton, M. A., Boston, Secretary of the Brotherhood of the United States, addressed a gathering of 800 men in the Opera House. The speakers were given close attention, and the meeting proved most interesting. Bishop Mills presided. A public meeting was held last night in Victoria Hall, addressed by Dean Farthing, Kingston, and Dean DuMoulin.

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