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Veré turned an inch or so more towards him, looking, as he vexedly thought, decidedly bored.

In truth, poor girl, she was wondering whether she could talk about to him.

"Do you live near here, Mr. Kerry?" she asked.

"I live in the High street. My father is a solicitor here," he answered, a little proudly.

"Oh, indeed! I fancied I had seen you somewhere, but I wasn't sure."

"You have frequently done me the honor to bow to me from your carriage," he said.

Veré became aware that she had hurt his feelings in some way, though how she did not quite know, and roused herself to be more agreeable.

"I remember your face now," she said, with her charming smile, "but to tell you the truth, though I have, as you say, bowed to you several times, I did not remember your name, and when you came in with father you see I did not connect you with your name."

I made a very stupid remark, too," she went on, brightly, "about tireless visitors, and I couldn't help thinking how rude you must think me. But, really, you know, father does have lots of tiresome visitors, and how was I to know that he hadn't had one this afternoon?"

She looked at him laughingly, and Ernest sank a few fathoms deeper in love.

"Rich men are sure to be troubled with heaps of visitors," he said, "but I wasn't begging."

Veré laughed softly.

"Not even for the church?" she asked.

"Why the church?" Ernest asked.

"Because you seem so interested in the church and the church bazaar," she explained, "and I know churches are always ready to swallow up the money."

"I was only interested in the church bazaar," Ernest said in a low tone, "because I met you there."

"Indeed," Veré said, freezing instantly. "What a long time father is. I think I will go and see if he has not finished his letters."

"Don't go," Ernest said, standing up, and barring her way. "I have been for one moment. Your father has left us alone on purpose. He gave me leave to speak. Miss Chetwynd! I have loved you ever since I first saw you. I have never been able to speak to you, so it seems strange to you—but I have loved you."

"Will you let me pass, please?" interrupted Veré, sharply.

"One moment! I only ask you to tell me about it—to remember that I love you. I don't ask for anything—yet. If you will only think that I love you, that I want you for my wife, that I would try to make you happy."

With an imperious gesture Veré waved him aside. He haughtily little head was held high, her eyes flashed ominously.

"I think you must be mad," she said, in clear, sharp tones. "Allow me to pass."

And Ernest stood aside and allowed her to sweep by him. Then he took up his hat and left the house.

CHAPTER VI.

Mr. Chetwynd had retired to his library and was composedly smoking there, when the door was suddenly opened, and his daughter entered, more hurriedly than was her wont.

"Anything the matter, my dear?" asked her father, looking up at the girl's agitated face.

"Father! That man—Kerry—has had the audacity to ask me to marry him," she panted.

"Well, well, my dear! It's generally considered a compliment, isn't it? He's a very nice young fellow, I think, and you might do much worse."

"Father!" cried Veré, indignantly. "I have never spoken to the man before today. How dare he propose to me! I expected you would be angry, but—but I begin to believe he was telling the truth when he said you knew all about it."

"Ah! He told you that, did he? Come, be calm, my dear. Sit down and let us talk about this."

"I don't want to talk about it," cried poor Veré, angry and hurt, and indignant with her father for his cool reception of her news.

"But you must," Mr. Chetwynd said, coolly putting out his hand and pulling his daughter down into a seat by his side in a masterful way. "Now listen, like a good girl. I'm in a hole—a regular fix. I've had serious losses, and am by no means the rich man people suppose me. There's three hundred a year settled on you, but beyond that I haven't a penny. Now, I can't stand that, you know. I'm young and vigorous still, and I want to be off to the goldfields again. I'll soon pick up another fortune there, but the ques-

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tion is—what to do with you. You've no relations to stay with. You can't live alone, and you haven't enough to keep up a decent establishment and pay a chaperone. The best thing of course, would be for you to get married; but you've had none but empty-headed noodles of fortune-hunters after you yet. In the midst of my difficulties, in walks this young Kerry, swears he loves you with all his heart, doesn't want a penny of your money, and is willing to marry you at once. It's just the very thing. They're good, solid, respectable people. The young man himself is quite a gentleman—an Oxford man, too, he tells me. Look at it sensibly, my dear girl, and say if anything could be more suitable?"

Veré rose from her seat in a royal rage.

"I don't know how you dare talk to me like this!" she cried, passionately. "He is willing to marry me, indeed! You've planned it all between you, evidently. There's only one thing wanting—my consent, and that you'll never get. I'd rather sweep a crossing."

"Sit down, and don't be a fool," said her father gruffly. "A nice object you would look sweeping a crossing! Are you in love with any other man?"

Veré flushed and then grew deadly pale. She was in love, deeply in love, with Harry North, or his memory, and she still clung fondly to the hope that he would come back to her yet; but she never dreamt of making a confidant of her father. His long residence abroad had blunted many of his finer feelings, and his daughter found that they had little in common, she fenced with the question, saying:

"What do you suppose? Which of the 'empty-headed fortune-hunting noodles' do you think I fancy?"

Her father laughed.

"No. I didn't suppose you'd lost your heart," he said. "Well, then, my dear, you must allow yourself to be guided by me, and you must marry young Kerry."

Veré felt as if she were being hemmed in on ever side, and being pushed into a position from which there was no escape.

"Father, I can't," she cried. "It is quite impossible. You don't understand."

"I understand that it is the only way," he answered, with quiet obstinacy. "I can't leave you without seeing you safely settled. I may be away five years, and I can't do better than marry you to a good steady young fellow who adores you."

"But I don't adore him," cried poor Veré. "I hate him!"

"Come, don't be foolish," said Mr. Chetwynd, beginning to lose his temper. "You must, and you shall, obey me. I am doing the very best possible thing for you, and you'll live to thank me for it."

"I can earn my own living," said Veré.

"How?" inquired her father.

The girl was silent. Like many other hundreds of girls, she was totally unfit to buffet with the world and earn a living for herself, and she knew it.

Still, she had three hundred a year of her own, and she made up her mind to do as much as she could for herself, and to force into this awful marriage.

Suppose Harry were to return and explain his long absence? and as she mentally compared Harry and "that man Kerry," as she contemptuously called him, she felt stronger than ever in her purpose to run away and trust to her father and would-be bridegroom if necessary.

"I shall see young Kerry tomorrow," said Mr. Chetwynd, knocking one ashes out of his pipe, "and will have a talk over this affair. I hope and trust you will be sensible, my dear. You young girls are so clever in your own ideas. I hope you weren't rude to Kerry."

"Rude!" echoed Veré, angrily. "It was not I who was rude. If I could have killed him I believe I should have done it. I hope he will never wish to see me again."

"Oh, I'll talk him over, said her father, easily. "Here, give me a kiss, child, and don't be cross. Can't you trust your father to know what is best for you?"

And turning up her face to his with her finger under her chin, he kissed her and left the room, leaving Veré fuming with rage, mortification and indignation.

CHAPTER VII.

"I'm going to run up to London today," announced Mr. Chetwynd at breakfast the next morning. "I shall catch the 9:15 o'clock, and be home for dinner, I hope. However, I may have to stay the night, and in that case, I'll wire. Good-bye! If I'm not home by seven, do not wait dinner."

"I hope you've had a good breakfast, father," said Veré, who had only just got down. "If I had known you were going I would have been earlier."

"All right, my dear; Thompson has attended to me," and Mr. Chetwynd hurried away, leaving his daughter with a strong feeling of relief upon her. At any rate he could not talk to her objectionable suitor today.

She lingered over her breakfast, enjoying her solitude, and then busied herself over some household duties. She took a walk in the grounds before lunch, and afterwards settled herself for the afternoon in her own little room, determined not to drive as usual for fear of meeting Ernest Kerry.

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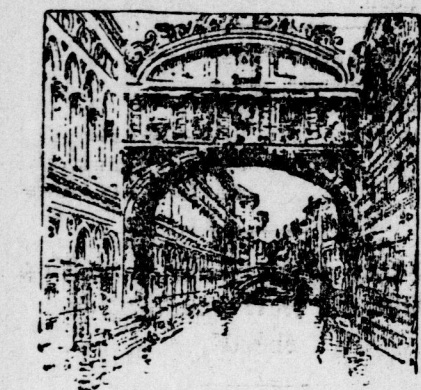
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THE DOGE'S PALACE

The Great Question Now Is, Is It Falling?

Committee of Men Interested in Fine Arts Have a Most Peculiar Label Suit on Their Hancs for Their Statements About the Ancient Edifice—Prevailing Opinion in Venice.

Both Florence and Venice are having difficulties of their own over the preservation of the famous works of architecture that make these cities the paradise of the art students and the source of ideas for modern up-to-date architects the world over, who with rule and kodak leave little unappropriated. In Florence



THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS.

the syndio is on the outs with the society which was organized several years ago to preserve old Florence from destruction. The modern municipality, it seems, in the interests of light, air, and general sanitation has laid ruthless hands on some of the old streets. As the improvements are to be continuous and as it has even been said that the old shops on the Ponte Vecchio itself were threatened as well as several towers and palaces, the society made a strong protest. The result was a letter from the syndio saying the municipality of Florence would do its best by the old as well as the new. The society is, however, not satisfied and fears for the worst.

At Venice a committee of men interested in the fine arts had also made its protest, but curiously enough instead of being viewed as saviors of ancient landmarks their statement that the Doge's Palace needed repairs and was tumbling into ruins has subjected them to an action for libel. Their prosecution has been ordered by Signor Bacelli, the Minister of Instruction in the Italian Cabinet. The committee, it is said, is ready and willing to meet the issue, as they declare there are such serious breaks in the walls that forecast the fall of the building in a very short time. Recently, in accordance with the request of the Government, Signor Boito, the Milan architect, made a partial examination of the Doge's Palace and the library adjoining it.

The opinion prevails in Venice that although there is no immediate danger the Government will have to order the removal of the books in the library, and to order the execution of pressing repairs without delay. The trouble with the Doge's Palace is said to be that the addition of the heavy upper story to the graceful work of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries was made without strengthening the foundations. This has weakened the whole structure, and in consequence, with the main palace thus affected, the Bridge of Sighs and the Library of St. Mark's are also involved. Travellers who are familiar with the great monuments of both Florence and Venice will view the efforts at the preservation of the structures famous in the history and poetry of their own as well as other European tongues, with special

interest. It is yet an open question both in Florence and Venice as to who are right, the authorities or the critics.

A Vanished Island.

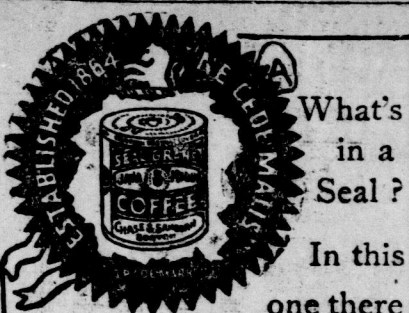
Another Pacific island has disappeared. H.M.S. Penguin has been surveying in the neighborhood of Haapl. The result of the labors of Captain Field and his assistants will be to materially alter existing Admiralty charts in some respects, several reefs of doubtful existence not having been located and others discovered of which there is no record hitherto. But the principal change will be the disappearance altogether of Meia Island from the chart. This island in 1880 was 150 feet high, and there is now no sign of it beyond the reef which was beneath it. The case is no doubt similar to Falcon Island in the more southerly part of the group, which was discovered some months ago to be non-existent. Both of these islands were on the line of volcanic action, which passes through the group in the direction of the Islands of Kao Letto and Niurfoon. Their existence was, no doubt, due to seismic causes, and their disappearance in such comparatively short time was the effect of wind and water.

Geese With Shoes.

It is not generally known that in Prague there exists a goose "bourse," where yearly some 3,000,000 geese change hands. Its most active time lasts generally from about six to eight weeks, from the middle of September till the first days of November. During this time immense flocks of geese are driven into the suburbs, especially from the districts lying on the right bank of the Vltava. These are then conducted at night over the bridges to the Jewish quarters, the trade being principally in the hands of the Israelites. As the geese are driven from long distances they are "shod," that is to say, walked repeatedly over patches of tar mixed with fine sand. This forms a hard crust on the feet of the geese, and they, thus "shod," are able to cover immense distances without fatigue.

—Bucharest Rumanische Lloyd.

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THE LISTENER.

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Alli Ferragho Bey, the new Turkish minister to Washington, is 40, handsome, rich, a wit and speaks fluently six languages.

Henry Havemeyer, the sugar magnate, is a man of regular hours. He rises every morning at 7:30 and goes to bed at 10:30 every night.

Albert Williams of Charleston, W. Va., says he was the colored child whom John Brown kissed as he was being taken to his execution.

By the death of his father Coningsby Diersel inherits a memorial ring which Ralph Diersel bought with \$25 especially devised to him for that purpose.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana is said to be one of the greatest readers in the senate. All new books, especially history and fiction, are at once purchased by him.

Ex-Governor Sprague of Rhode Island, when recently in Washington, met his two daughters for the first time in 18 years, during which time they have lived abroad and in the west.

Isaac Wyman of Salem, Mass., owns a note for \$40,000 to which the name of George Washington is attached. The note was given Wyman's great-grandfather for money advanced to supply the pressing needs of the Revolutionary army.

Senor Don Rafael Iglesias, president of Costa Rica, who is now visiting this country to benefit his health and to study incidentally the institutions of the United States, comes of an ancient and distinguished Costa Rican family. He is only 38 years of age.

Two-Boots-Standing-Together has been deposed as chief of the Tuscarora Indians in northern New York because he has declared himself in favor of woman's rights. Previous to this declaration he had been respected and looked up to by the warriors of his tribe.

Professor C. E. Lindeman, after whom the great Alaskan lake was named, says that while in that region he wore silk underwear or red flannels steeped in lard oil and outside of his woolen clothing overalls of corduroy. "In that dress," he adds, "I never suffered from the cold."

Owing to the wound he received at Fort Fisher Captain Bob Evans was retired from the navy's active list and was only restored, after much pleading, by a joint resolution of congress which exempted him forever from physical examination as to disability. He is the only officer in the service who has been so honored.

Timothy E. Blackstone of Chicago, who gave the Blackstone Memorial library two or three years ago to his native town of Bradford, Conn., has now added \$100,000 to its endowment. It is one of the finest public libraries in the United States and cost more than \$400,000. Mr. Blackstone's first endowment gift was \$100,000 so that the aggregate of his benefactions is more than \$200,000.

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