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**The Countess of Landon.**

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Madge looked up with surprise, and saw that the countess's face was pale and stern, and that with the sternness was mingled the faint expression—was it fear?—which had dawned on her face when Madge gave her the bracelet.

"Where did you—" she began, with suppressed anger.

"You dropped it from the drawer, madame," said Madge, with simple dignity.

The countess took it to the bureau and locked it up, and was silent for a moment; then she said, indifferently:

"It is an old portrait. I have several like it, and—value them. Here is your box. Take care to keep it locked. Marion will clean the jewels for you when they need it, and show you how to wear them."

Madge arranged the ornaments in the various satin-lined nests and closed the box.

"Thank you, madame," she said, stately, and was leaving the room when the countess said, carelessly:

"By the way, have you mentioned to any one that you found my bracelet at Mrs. Hooper's?"

"No," replied Madge. "It was really Irene who found it."

"Very well," said the countess; "you need not mention the matter. It was careless of me to drop it, and—"

"I should not have spoken of it, madame," said Madge, quietly, "and I do not think Irene would."

"I will speak to her," said the countess, as calmly as before.

Madge carried the box to her room. Under any other circumstances the possession of such exquisite jewels would have, and very naturally, filled her with delight, but she understood too well why they had been given to her to feel any satisfaction in them. She locked the case in one of the drawers of a cabinet in her room, and went down stairs in search of Irene.

As she passed the library, the door

partly opened, and she caught a glimpse of a gentleman standing just inside. He was a stranger, and looked like a solicitor's clerk, though, of course, Madge did not know this.

She hesitated a moment, for she did not wish to meet a stranger—the occupants of the great place were quite enough for her—and as she stood undecided whether to go back or proceed, she heard him say:

"My instructions were very definite, my lord; the money must be paid, or some satisfactory arrangement made."

Seymour's voice—a tone of irritable impatience in it—made some reply too low for her to hear, and the man, as if in response, said:

"That would be satisfactory, of course, my lord. My client only wants to feel that his money is safe."

"It is quite safe—quite," Madge heard Seymour say. "You will see the arrangement in the papers shortly—in a few days, perhaps."

Madge, recoiling from the position of eavesdropper, waited for no more, but went quickly past. As she did so, the man and Seymour came out. She glanced back and caught a glimpse of Seymour's face. It was almost haggard with anxiety, and he stood gnawing his lip as he watched the man go through the hall and out of the door.

CHAPTER XXIX.

Notwithstanding his resolution that there should be no more festivities at Monk Towers until Irene was safe in his grasp, Seymour insisted upon the ball. For one thing, he felt that Royce his first rival, being disposed of, he had little cause for fear. Besides, Irene had given him almost a promise, and he knew that with her half a promise was tantamount to a whole one.

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when he returned to Monk Towers, looking paler than usual, and with a restlessness in his almost colorless eyes, and a certain twitching at the lips, they ascribed them to the strain of his public work. Madge, who sat next him at dinner, noticed that he ate but little, and that he allowed the butler to fill his glass very frequently.

"I have had an exceedingly hard time of it," he said, softly, to Irene. "No one knows how hard the present-day public man is worked. During the last fortnight I have been slaving as hard as a banker's clerk. Deputations in the day-time, meetings and the House in the evening, and posing over reports and blue books late into the night. But duty—duty, my dear Irene, must be the lodestar of our existence if we seek to lead a life which shall benefit our fellow-men. And verily we shall have our reward."

Madge saw Irene look straight before her, almost as if she had not heard, and saw Seymour glance at her, as if with angry resentment of her indifference.

Somehow his presence among them seemed to cast a kind of shadow over the party. The look of vague sadness deepened in Irene's eyes, the countess became colder and more impassive, and Royce sat almost silent, his handsome face darkening now and again as he listened to his brother's soft, suave tones.

The fortnight had brought a wealth of experience to Madge. She learned two things: First, that the aristocracy are made of the same flesh and blood as common folk; and, second, that beneath the countess's icy exterior there lay a hidden fire, a concealed disquietude and unrest, which showed themselves at times, however carefully the countess might be to keep them buried.

Once or twice Madge, when coming upon her suddenly, heard her sigh with a heaviness which filled Madge's warm heart with pity. At such times she forgot that the haughty aristocrat held her at arm's length and just tolerated her.

Madge also learned—her race are quick to appreciate and imitate—how to enter a room with the self-composure and graceful ease which she had noticed in the countess and Irene. She made no further mistakes at table; and if she did not talk much, she could speak now without the doubt and hesitation which used to bring the flush of misery to her face.

The habit had come home, and Royce had taken her to a meet. He had begged Irene to accompany them, but she had declined on the score of one of her headaches—which to Madge's grief, had become more frequent each day. There was a large gathering, and Madge felt almost frightened at the crowd of men in scarlet and the mob of gayly talking, high-spirited women.

She felt as if they were whispering to one another: "Here comes that spy girl poor Royce Landon married," and her face paled and her hand trembled on the reins.

But Royce murmured: "Keep up your heart, Madge. There isn't a woman here better mounted, and I'll wager not one of them will ride straighter."

The last words saved her. Yes, at any rate, she could do that.

Presently, as they stood waiting for the hounds to find, one and another rode up, and Royce introduced them to Madge.

The women looked at her critically and coldly, but the men with an instantaneous admiration and friendliness, and one of them, whom she had not recognized in the crowd, held out his hand as he raised his hat.

"You do not remember me, I am afraid, Mrs. Landon," he said. "I had the pleasure of being introduced to you at the Lyceum. You haven't forgotten Irving in The Corsican Brothers, at any rate."

It was Lord Rochester. Madge's face lighted up with a smile which gave the waiting touch to her beauty.

"I have not forgotten you, Lord Rochester," she said in her low, clear voice.

"Is this your first run this season?" he asked, with the exquisite mixture of benevolence and deference which distinguished his manner toward the other sex.

"It is my first of any season," she said, faintly. "I have never hunted before."

"(to be continued.)"

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PEOPLE WHO HAVE EATEN GEMS.

A Washington woman lost a pair of pearl earrings and a brooch valued at \$200. After a thorough search the settings only were found in the garden. The stones had disappeared.

Suspecting her pet turkey of the theft she had the bird killed, with no result until the body was submitted to a chemist, who, after an examination, declared the bird to be the culprit. Upon entering its gizzard the pearls had immediately dissolved.

To commemorate her loss Mrs. Brackett arranged an impromptu dinner, at which the piece de resistance was the turkey.

This dinner of a pearl-fattened turkey recalls the classic story of Cleopatra, who, at a banquet given to Antony, took from her ear a magnificent pearl, worth a king's ransom, and dropped it into a cup of vinegar, which, when it had dissolved the precious gem, she drank to her guest's health.

Lentils Served With Rubies. Claudius, the son of Anopos, a celebrated actor, having been informed that dissolved pearls possessed a delicious flavour, invited to a banquet a select coterie of friends, to each of whom he presented in a costly goblet a portion containing the precious stone.

Seed-pearls served with rice formed one of the delectable dishes of which that tyrant, the Emperor Helioagalabus, was wont to invite his guests to partake.

Sauces of gold and precious stones were by no means rare at his luxurious entertainments, the costly and the common being generally blended.

Thus peas were mixed with golden pieces, beans were sprinkled with beads of amber, while lentils were concealed beneath a layer of rubies.

At the time of the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards certain of Cortes' officers, angered at the refusal of a wealthy Mexican to disclose the hiding place of his possessions, of which a great portion consisted of emeralds, devised a hideous retaliation.

The hoard having been discovered, the conqueror invited their prisoners and his family to a banquet, at which the dishes were sprinkled with the wretched man's gems. These the Spaniards compelled him, his wife, and children to swallow with their food, making sure of their recovery by murdering their feeble guests, whose bodies were then buried and the booty regained.

Apples Worth Having. A similar idea, although not carried to the same tragic length, was that conceived by another Spaniard, the Duke of Alva, when summoned to an entertainment certain Hollanders, who, by his orders, had been kept without food for two days.

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together with various gems that had formerly belonged to their wives. Naturally the starving men put these aside, whereupon their host, with the grim observation that hungry men must not pick and choose ordered them back to their cells. Far different the spirit in which, when at the zenith of his fame, John Law, of Mississippi Scheme notoriety, gave a dinner at the Hotel Soissons to a dozen poor men. At the conclusion of an excellent repast there was brought to the table a dish, containing twelve apples, which were handed to each of his guests by Law himself, with the remark that he trusted they would carry away with them what they could not eat. None dissented when each of the fruit was found to contain a precious stone of considerable value.

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James B. Essex wax rose from out the wreck, serene, without a scratch, the steering wheel around his neck, and carbon in his hair. (His bus had run against a cow which in the road appeared, and there was grease upon his brow and mud upon his beard. Yet beautiful and bright he stood, his feet in tar immersed, and cried, "By James, I'm feeling good! The old bus was insured, insured my life, my legs, my lungs, and everything that's mine; I wish I had a thousand tongues, to say I'm feeling fine. No weary yells do I keep about him. His heart's in his eye, his insurance agents weep, and write in bitter pain. There are few losses in this vale that can't be promptly cured, if one will spend a little kale to have his junk insured. My house burns down and I sit by, and watch the leaping flames; "Why do you pity me and sigh? I say to tearwet dames; insured is all that burning shack, and all the goods therein, and if I weep and beat my back, such grief would be a sin." He cleaned his greasy face with gas, and rubbed his injured chest, and shook a pint of broken glass from out his ample shoes. "The

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