

A Millionairess; Countess Westerleigh

(To be continued.)
CHAPTER XXVII.

Vane put his hand to his head.

"You mean that—that she does not love me?" he said, almost inaudibly. Senley Tyers inclined his head.

"She does not," he said.

"It is a lie!" shouted Vane. "How dare you—that right have you to say this?"

"Every right," came the reply. "She told me so herself."

Vane staggered and sunk into a chair, and sat with bowed head, silent, motionless, for full a minute.

"She told you?" he said at last, and his voice was like that of an old man.

"Yes. You can not doubt me or her. Why should she go if she really loved you and wished to be your wife?"

Vane's head dropped lower.

"Vane," went on the grave, quiet voice, "I honor her for her courage, her honesty, her true womanliness. Think! A baser, a lower nature would have snatched at the opportunity offered her—would have married you—well, for self-interest, or say, out of gratitude. But this girl is made of finer clay than most women. She would not go to the altar with a lie on her lips. She preferred to take refuge in flight. I repeat, I honor her—I reverence her. To follow her would but to insult her."

Vane rose trembling still, but calm.

"I must follow her," he said, hoarsely. "Where has she gone? You know so much," with stern bitterness, "perhaps you know that. Do not keep anything from me. Do you know anything?"

There was an ominous ring in his voice, a menace in the sudden flash of his blood-shot eyes which made Senley Tyers distinctly uncomfortable for a moment.

"My dear Vane, is it likely I would keep anything from you? Yes, I know where she has gone. Where else should she go but to London?"

Vane seized his hat, then, as if fighting for calm and self-possession, said, quietly:

"Find—and the time-table: I am half blind! See what train I can catch—"

His voice failed him, and he turned his head away.

She did not love him! Had he led to the darkness of the night to escape being his wife! In that moment Vane Tempest tasted the bitterest

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"It was not much trouble. You were not able to do it for yourself." A tinge of color rose to the girl's face.

"I am a cripple," she said in a low voice, and with the cripple's pathetic appeal in her large eyes.

"I am sorry," murmured Nora, answering the unspoken appeal with a glance of sympathy.

The girl smiled up at her, and as Nora made a movement as if to pass on, she said:

"Are you staying here?"

Nora shook her head slightly, and the girl covered her with one of those womanly glances which take in the whole figure in an instant.

"No!" she said. "I thought that perhaps you might be a visitor, like ourselves."

Nora shook her head again and took another step, then a sudden faintness attacked her, and with a little sigh she sank down on a bench beside the chair.

The girl uttered a soft exclamation and her hand darted below the girl's arm and started out again with a scintillant. "You are faint," she said, quickly. "Take some of this quick! There!" She poured some of the scent on her handkerchief, and held it to Nora.

Nora passed the handkerchief across her lips, and struggled against the weakness which threatened to overcome her.

"Thank you," she said, offering the handkerchief back. "I—I have walked a long way, and am tired, I think."

"Keep it. But let me put some more on it," said the girl. "There! take the bottle and bathe your lips and forehead. Walked? How far have you walked?"

Nora forced a smile.

"I don't know," she said: "a great many miles." (She was on the point of adding: "From Lunenburg to here.") "Twenty—thirty; I don't know."

"Twenty—thirty!" exclaimed the girl. "How I wish—Oh, how selfish of me! I was going to say how I wished that I could walk even one! But thirty miles! Why, you must be half dead!"

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