

# Deceived AND Disowned True as Steel!

CHAPTER XXI.  
ALONE IN THE WORLD.

"I hope to run down," concluded the letter, "and may probably arrange to be with you shortly before the election, which will doubtless prove a matter of accident and surprise to all parties concerned. The world, here in London, was but slowly, and it is difficult to believe, my dear Mr. Verner, that you ever paid me the honor of visiting my poor rooms. I do not forget the pleasure of that visit.

"With all good wishes, and looking forward to our next meeting, Yours at command,  
"J. NORMANBY."

John Verner had crushed the taunting note, with an imprecation on its writer.

"Twenty thousand pounds, and make him member of Parliament! Confound him! And I am helpless. How the chain was forged that delivered me into his hands I cannot understand, but bound I am."

Then he had endeavored to forget Mr. Normanby, and the power he possessed; but now, at Sir Edwin's words the memory revived in all its force.

"Thank Heaven we are not bound to any particular man, and can put forward whom we like," said Sir Edwin, as the two sat over their wine.

"Yes," faltered John Verner, fixing his eyes upon the decenter, from which the mocking face of Mr. Normanby seemed to glimmer.

"It is time, therefore, for us to decide," his host continued. "Now, my dear Verner, what do you say to Morgan?"

"Morgan?" exclaimed Verner, his face paling at the thought of what might have been, had it not been for his bond.

"Yes; could any one be more eligible? Young, energetic, the heir to the Grange—and I might add, future master of Bingleigh—who could be more suitable?"

John Verner shook his head.

"I am afraid," he said hesitatingly, "that Morgan has no taste for politics. He—"

"Nonsense," interrupted Sir Edwin, "all that will come when he takes his seat. He will make a first-class member; he has a stake in the country, in fact, as I said before, just the man for the honor, my dear Verner. There is no difficulty in getting him accepted as a candidate; your influence is equal to mine, and the seat is practically a sine one."

"I—I must think it over," said John Verner, as he rose with his host to join Olive in the drawing-room.

"Certainly," said Sir Edwin, and soon after John Verner took his departure, inwardly anathematizing his hated foe, Mr. Julian Normanby, as he saw his ambitious scheme thus brought to nothing.

CHAPTER XXII.  
THE OTHER CLAIMANT.

IT was the night of the Bingleigh dinner party, and the whole country was in a state of excitement, for it was well known that at the Hall on that night would be chosen the new candidate for election, and already rumor had whispered that the choice would rest upon Morgan Verner, heir to the Grange of Reave Hollow.

It was a dark night and raining heavily, and as John Verner stood at the window, just before leaving the Grange, the storm outside accorded with the storm that raged within his breast. His gray eyes were hard with hate, and his stern, thin-cut lips were tightly shut, as if to imprison the curses which he could have heaped upon the head of the man who held him in his power.

"Did I but dare to brave it out!" he muttered. "How much does he really know, I wonder? What shall I say when they propose Morgan? Can I refuse? No, by Heaven, I will not! Let that fellow's worst. I'll see to it. Morgan shall be member of Parliament. Then I shall be established. Morgan Verner, master of the Grange and of Bingleigh, member of Parliament."

Unconsciously he had spoken aloud, and a low, musical voice from behind

## Ringworm on Child's Head

Caused Great Distress and Spread to Neck and Ears—Cure Was Speedily Effected When Right Treatment Was Recommended.

Grand Bend, Ont., January 14th.—There is no disease of the skin more obstinate than ringworm, and the mother who writes this letter does so fully realizing what it will mean to other anxious mothers to know about Dr. Chase's Ointment.

This remarkable cure was brought about two years ago, and as there has been no return of the distressing disease there can be no doubt that the cure is permanent.

Mrs. D. Stebbins, Grand Bend, Ont., writes: "I am going to tell you of my experience with Dr. Chase's Ointment. My little girl had sores come out on her head which looked like ringworms. They were spreading fast, and I tried home treatment, but nothing helped her. I took her to the doctor, and he opened some of the sores, which were as big as the yolk of an egg. The doctor gave me to put on was very severe, and the poor child would cry for an hour or more after an application. For six weeks I continued to spread all over her head, and came down to her neck and ears. She suffered terribly. At last some kind ladies told me about Dr. Chase's Ointment, so I got a box, and the first time I put it on she was relieved of pain, and the second time the swelling was all gone. Before we had finished the first box the sores were nearly gone. I have told all the people around here about your Ointment, and cannot praise it too much. It is now two years since my little girl was troubled in this way, and it never came back, so you can see she is completely cured. You are at liberty to use this statement for the benefit of others who may be suffering in a similar manner."

Joseph Brenner, J.P., endorses this statement as follows: "This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Mrs. D. Stebbins, of Grand Bend, Ont., and believe her statement with reference to Dr. Chase's Ointment to be true and correct."

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him caused him to start violently. Turning round, he came face to face with the mocking countenance of Mr. Normanby. He staggered and gasped at the thick silken hangings.

"You!" he exclaimed.

"Yes," said Normanby, with an ironic smile. "Your joy overpowers me, Mr. Verner. Pray forgive my taking you by surprise. I knew how glad you would be to see me."

"I—I am very glad to see you," stammered John Verner, his face white with mingled fear and anger.

"You look it," said his unwelcome guest, dryly. "You are dining out tonight, I suppose?"

"Yes," was Verner's unwilling answer.

"At Bingleigh Hall," added Mr. Normanby, smiling, as he saw the other man start. "My little bird again, you see. Well, I think I am the best-natured man in the world, for I thought of you and came down post haste, even on a night like this, to be of my assistance in your task."

"What task?" said Verner, his lips dry, as he came forward into the room.

Mr. Normanby, who had seated himself, stroked his mustache.

"Ah! to your great nature, perhaps, it is no task," he murmured. "But many weak men would deem it a difficult one to rise and propose an almost unknown man for the honor all are so eager to bestow upon your son!"

John Verner stifled an oath.

"You know all, it seems," he said. "You know that—"

"I do," responded his opponent. "I know that I hold your bond for a large sum of money to be paid on the wedding day of my dear friend Morgan and the beautiful Miss Seymour. I know that I hold your promise to assist me to become member for Reave Hollow; and I know, too, that you dare not break your bond."

"Dare not!" exclaimed John Verner, glaring at him. "What if I say I know nothing of such a promise. That I refuse to be your slave."

Again the silvery laugh rang forth. "Say what you please, my friend," said Normanby. "What does it matter?"

**MOTHERS, LISTEN!**  
When work exhausts your strength, when your nerves are irritable and restless, when ambition lags and you feel rundown, you need and need quickly the rich, creamy, nourishing food in

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to check your wasting powers, to give you strength and will give you the strength you need.

ter, so that you do as I please." Then, with a sudden change of voice and tone that made the other quail, he leaned forward. "Fool! Did you think I would trust to your promise? No, John Verner, I know you, root and branch; I have the ax in my hand. Dare to break your word, and I cut you down like a tree felled by the woodman's ax."

"What can you do?" retorted Verner, his voice shaking with anger.

"Tell your story to the world," replied Normanby, his voice as hard as steel. "Show your friends and neighbors how you have enriched yourself at their expense. What can I do? Why, this very night I too will dine at Bingleigh. I will unfold the whole story of the robbery and embezzlement which has made you rich and brought the master of the Hall within your grasp. How the county would relish the story of that unposted letter!"

"Hush! Hush!" groaned Verner, looking toward the door. "I did not mean it. It was only a joke of mine."

"His persecutor nodded grimly.

"Ah!" he said. "A very good joke, indeed! Pity I spoiled it by being alarmed, is it not? Well, time presses, and you must not be late."

He took a folded paper from his pocket and held it out to Verner. "Here is a speech in which to decline the proffered honor. Am I not thoughtful for you? Read it, as you go along, and embellish it with that flowery eloquence which has made you so famous in the city; and remember, you are not to be content till they have accepted your candidate."

"I—I will do it," said John Verner, taking the paper with trembling hands. "I will do my best."

"I don't want your best," sneered Normanby. "I want the seat. Your influence, joined with that of Sir Edwin Seymour, must carry the vote, and before the end of the month I shall be member for Reave Hollow."

"You shall," said Verner.

"Come, then; I think I hear the carriage," said Normanby, and helped his unwilling host into the hall.

"What will you do to amuse yourself?" asked Verner, as he was about to depart.

"Why, get myself warm and dry, after my wretched journey, and enjoy a bottle of your excellent Burgundy with that little dinner you were kind enough to bid me order, then, with a cigar, I shall be quite content. Pray do not worry yourself about me. I am a simple creature, with few wants."

He saw his victim into the carriage, and waved him a smiling adieu, and John Verner sank back with clenched teeth and roging heart.

The dinner at Bingleigh Hall was soon in full swing; and one would have thought politics to be an unknown subject, so light and witty was the conversation. To-night the Hall looked as prosperous as of yore, and to Olive it almost seemed as if old times had returned. Sir Edwin sat at the head of the table, more like his old self than he had been for many months; servants were back in their places, and the table groined beneath the glittering plate, expensive wines, and dainty dishes. The soft, shaded light fell full on high-bred faces; mirth and pleasure reigned; only in John Verner's heart was there rage and disappointment, as he thought of the sacrifice of ambition he was soon to make.

Contrary to his usual caution he drank more and more heavily, till a new courage entered into him.

On the departure of the ladies chairs were drawn up closer, and a sudden pause proclaimed that an engrossing topic was at hand. Conversation veered round to the more serious subject of politics, and opinions were freely passed as to the possible candidates for the constituency at the next election. All eyes were turned to Sir Edwin, who was talking to the principal guest of the evening, a member of the retiring cabinet. The latter gentleman had just inquired for the master of Falcot.

"Lord Cravenden," replied Sir Edwin, "is not to be found. He has gone away, his mother tells me, on his travels again, and has promised to send on an address soon; but at present none know where to find him."

"Strange man!" murmured the cabinet minister. "I suppose some day he will marry and settle down; meanwhile, how about the election? Have you fixed on an eligible candidate?"

"I am just about to propose one," returned Sir Edwin, as he rose from his chair.

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The Pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires for a 38-inch size 3 3/4 yards of 36-inch material.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

CHAPTER XXIII.  
INSULT ANSWERS INJURY.

NEVER had Mr. Normanby shown to greater advantage than during the days preceding the election. He had received the invitation to stand as candidate with a surprise and modesty which were as graceful as they were false.

A dinner had been given at the Grange in his honor; and the cleverness of his return-speech showed an aptitude for political life which was only to be excelled by the tact with which he overcame Sir Edwin's natural prejudices, till at last that gentleman was fain to admit that he would make as suitable a member as Morgan Verner would have done.

All this time Morgan Verner himself, under the plea of more business—though his nature was extremely vague—had kept in the background; and it was not until the actual day of the election that the young gentleman appeared upon the scene, when he motored down to the Grange with a party of young men, of an even more vicious and dissipated character than himself.

He eyed the posters bearing Normanby's name with a sullen scorn, not that he wanted to be in his place; indeed, it would have meant too hard and strict a life, but he had been badgered by his friends and acquaintances as to the reason for the choice of a comparative outsider, and he had had considerable difficulty in answering them.

(To be continued.)

Cheese is one of the best substitutes for meat.

To polish a black marble clock, rub over with olive oil and finish with a clean chamois leather.

A cup of hot water with a teaspoon of salt, taken regularly before breakfast, relieves indigestion.

A cracked vase can be mended with paraffin, melted, poured in and turned rapidly so as to coat the inside.

## The British Navy Still Rules the Waves.

though, to some folk, an odd skirmish might appear to find it napping. But you never hear of a British warship, no matter how out-gunned, beating a retreat; and at least ninety-five times out of a hundred they beat the enemy.

Our Man's Navy Serge Suit, Made of British Navy Serge, is a Leader To-day.

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## Drowning Accident.

A message from the Supt. of Police, St. John's, to Chief of Police Hutchings reads as follows:—

The body of William Welch, 32 years of age, said to be a resident of St. John's, was found floating in the bay, this city, about 5.20 p.m. of the 13th inst., while he was attempting to board the fishing schooner "Laver," he being a member of the crew, and the Fish Pier, this city, he accidentally fell overboard, and was drowned, and the body later recovered.

It is possible for you through your department to notify his relatives, or, if not, give this item to the press so that it may come to the attention of those interested.

## Served Under 2 Flags.

Pte. John Ashley, of the Canadian Trenchers, and son of Mr. Jas. Ashley, of St. John's, arrived in the city on Saturday on furlough. Pte. Ashley left home about fifteen years ago for the United States, where he enlisted in the American Army. He was for four years with his battalion in the Philippines and also saw service in Mexico.

At the commencement of hostilities in Europe he slipped across into Canada, and signing on with the Canadian forces he proceeded to France and has figured in practically all the engagements his regiment took part in. He was wounded at Lens and again at Vimy Ridge and has only recently been discharged from hospital. He still suffers from the effects of his wounds but is well on the road to recovery.

## Accident Averted.

Not infrequently have small boys been warned to keep away from the dock at the King's Wharf, where they engage themselves at jiggling "tom-cods" and other frolicsome pastimes, owing to the numerous accidents that have occurred there. Yesterday afternoon another drowning accident was barely averted when a youth named Peddle unconsciously took a header. Fortunately, a fisherman named James King, of Quill Road, happened to be around the pier at the time and rescued the lad who was badly chilled as a result of his sudden immersion. Being unable to swim, the boy would, no doubt, have drowned if not for the prompt aid of King.

## Glencoe in Port.

The S. S. Glencoe reached port yesterday morning from the West Coast mail service. Capt. Blandford reports high winds and snow storms throughout the voyage. She brought a large freight and the following first class passengers:—

Capt. M. Holburg, R. Gough, Mrs. Power, P. Flynn, Miss Whealan, Mrs. G. O'Brien, Lieut. James, A. Hillier, J. S. Clair, E. Flemming, S. F. Gibbons, J. D. Burke, Miss L. Spearns, Misses Power (2).

## Express Passengers.

The following first class passengers are on the incoming express due this afternoon:—

Major Sullivan, Mrs. E. Whitten, Henry J. Crane, M. Costello, J. McClosky, J. S. Byers, H. R. Leonard, H. G. Ellis, R. W. Davis, F. V. Chesman, Capt. Howsen, J. H. Moulton, Mrs. A. Moulton.

## Hockey Notes.

Hockey enthusiasts are now eagerly looking forward to the season's games. The League will meet probably on Wednesday to arrange the fixtures and discuss other business. It is not unlikely that four teams will enter, namely, the Terra Novas, Victorias, Feldians and St. Bon's.

The College hockey teams are also getting ready for a "spin" over the arena.

## Trouting Season Opens To-Morrow

The trouting season opens to-morrow, January 15th. Waltonians are busy to-day making preparations. If to-day's atmospheric state of weather in any indication, it is yet unsafe to predict that some of the ponds won't be caught over.

## FREE TO ALL SUFFERERS

HERAPION

Another Libel Suit.

Police Sergeants, Detectives Byrne and O'Connell, we learn, have instructed their attorneys to institute a libel action against the "Trade Review" for alleged defamatory references, published in that paper on Saturday last.

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