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CHAPTER XIV.

"I want you," continued Lady Everleigh, addressing Inez, "to surpass yourself. Everybody—who is anybody in our world—will be at the ball, and you must be the belle. You do not know how much depends upon it. I really think it so important a matter we had better consult Madame Nevers. There are no diamonds in London finer than yours."

After a short study of the splendid face and figure, Madame Nevers soon decided upon the toilet. The dress was to be of the palest rose satin, covered with rich flounces of white lace, and looped up with white camellias. The celebrated Lynne diamonds, she said, were all-sufficient without aid of other ornaments or flowers.

And certainly Lady Lynne looked beautiful in all that brilliant throng, the rich satin made her white arms and shoulders doubly fair. Her beautiful Southern face was radiant, her dark eyes were full of light, and the costly diamonds awoke on her queenly figure, and in the ripples of her dark hair.

Her entree created quite a sensation. Beauties who had been resigning triumphantly saw their reign at an end. A crowd of admirers soon surrounded her, and Lord Lynne smiled as he heard the low expressions of admiration her appearance excited.

That night was the most brilliant Lady Lynne ever saw; ever her bright eyes fell she saw smiles and glances of admiration. People watched her when she danced, and agreed that such grace was rare. The young husband was proud of her triumph, and again thought to himself that he had chosen both wisely and well.



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But a greater triumph still was in store for Inez. One of the royal dukes, who seldom attended either balls or parties, honored her Grace of Rutwell with his presence, and as soon as he was introduced to Lady Lynne, he asked her for the next waltz. There was a glow of gratified pride on her radiant face as she assented, and people talked of the honor paid to the "belle of the season," the beautiful Lady Lynne.

When the waltz was ended, her royal partner found a seat for Inez under the spreading foliage of a magnificent plant that adorned the ball-room. He stood by her side conversing for some minutes, evidently delighted with the wit and vivacity of his fair companion. When he went away, Lord Lynne took his place by her side.

"You look warm, Inez," he said; "that last dance has tired you; come into the cool conservatory, and I will fetch you an ice."

Willingly she rose and went with her husband, who placed a comfortable lounging-seat for her near the fountain, and then went in search of an ice.

The dripping waters had a soft, soothing, musical sound; the perfume of rare flowers filled the air, the sound of the distant music took her thoughts back to that night at Lynne-woods, when she had overheard those few words Philip said to her sister, and a smile of triumph rippled over her beautiful face. It was all safe now; she had won the prize; what mattered now? A life of love and triumph, or gratified ambition, and high hopes lay smiling before her.

Philip loved her; the world laid its homage at her feet. She had nothing to fear; and again the red lips smiled as she remembered her past fear.

"I have been a long time, Inez," said her husband, approaching her, "but really the rooms are so crowded that I have almost had to fight my way."

"There seems to be a great number of people here," she replied, "and so many of them are coming this way."

"Rest a few minutes longer," said Lord Lynne. "You look quite refreshed already. I have something to tell you that the duke said about you."

She smiled again, and watched her husband as he went back into the ball-room. Then the rippling waters drew her attention, and she bent over the fountain with the lovelight still in her dark eyes and the smile upon her lips.

No one ever saw that same smile again upon the face of Lady Lynne. Several people had entered the conservatory, and stood grouped among the flowers and shrubs. One or two sought, as Lord Lynne had done, the coolness of the fountain, and Inez watched them with some amusement as her eyes wandered over the different groups, her quick instinct telling her who were lovers and who were not.

All at once a deadly pallor overspread the face of Lady Lynne, a wild look came upon those dark eyes riveted as though by some terrible spell on the half-averted face of a gentleman who stood alone intently watching her. For one moment her lips opened, as though to utter a piercing cry; but even the very breath seemed to die upon them, they were so fixed and still. The bouquet of flowers she held in her hands fell into the fountain, but she never heeded the fall.

"Lady Lynne, what is the matter—are you ill?" cried one or two ladies who saw that white, startled face, and one of them went up to her, and tried to take her hand.

The Will

There comes a time in the life of every man when he must leave his worldly possessions to the care of another. In anticipation of this, therefore, the first obligation resting on an individual who is possessed of property is the making of a will, and this should be done before the capacities become impaired by time or the ravages of disease.

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It is said that he knows the tribesmen better than they know themselves. He certainly knows more than they do of their family feuds, and he is better acquainted than the shakhs with the indispensable tribal pedigree.

He speaks their tongue and thinks their thoughts. His name is a password from Quetta to Chitral. Powerful chieftains, sheikhs, and emirs hang upon his slightest word, and the Government of India is guided by his judgment and acts upon his advice.

Tall and debonair, he holds himself as straight as the tribesmen with whom he deals. His gaze is keen and cold, and always he is untruffed, imperturbable, cool.

When one has spent the best twenty years of one's life in an atmosphere of excursions and alarms, coolness counts for a great deal. Furthermore Sir John has the unique faculty of retaining his energy and freshness throughout the infernal heat of hot weather in Peshawar. Only those who have endured the furnace heat of the Punjab can realize what it means to pass through a succession of hot weather when the nights are as bad as the days.

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Although he has weathered twenty-three Indian summers, he is still young and vigorous at 45, and when the occasion calls for it he can travel a little farther and a little faster than the tribesmen. That is the secret of his success, for Sir John Mafey can beat the Afridis at his own game, as the tribesmen have once again found to their cost.

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