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The Mystery of Rutledge Hall

—OR—
"The Cloud With a Silver Lining"

CHAPTER XXII

She had striven to speak calmly; but Lloyd, watching her, saw how she trembled, and how but for the support of a chair on which she leaned, she must have fallen. At any other time he would have tried to soothe her distress; but her last words had startled him even beyond his own powers of self-control, and he could only look at her in amazement, and wonder at the meaning of her words.

"You don't understand," she said, striving to steady her trembling lips—"you don't know all. Frank loves her, and Stephen; but Mr. Rutledge was wealthy, and she married him, and they were miserable. She," she went on, with sudden fierceness—"she is the one who deserved to suffer; she was the cause of it all, not Frank, whose only fault was loving her."

"As you say, I do not know all," he answered gravely. "I remember reading the case at the time; but it slipped my memory. Stephen was not even a witness, I think," he went on meditatively. "If he had had anything to say, probably I should remember it all the better on that account. But am I mistaken in the notion that Mr. Greville, who was supposed, I think, to have eloped with the murdered man's wife, was engaged to some young lady here?"

"No, you are not mistaken," she said, desperately. "He was engaged to me."

"To you?" he said, in intense surprise.

"To me."

Lloyd Milner was silent then. Sorry as he had been for Sidney—ay, and for her husband—a few minutes before, he was doubly sorry now; and, although it was impossible that he should guess at all the truth, he could not help filling in for himself the blank

parts of the story. Sidney, he thought had married Stephen when her first engagement came to an end, as so many girls married, for wealth and freedom, and, having these, she could not resist attempting to prove the innocence of the man she had really loved, even though she believed him to love with another woman. Young as Lloyd Milner was, he had had a large experience in the world, and he knew something of the strangeness of woman-kind—how often they acted with utter disregard of self, and just in the opposite manner to that in which they might have been expected to act. That Sidney was terribly unhappy he did not doubt for a moment; but, much as he pitied her, he was yet more grieved for Stephen, whom he loved, and who had, as he feared, shipwrecked his life by marriage with a woman whom he did not love, and who did not love him. And yet surely he loved her! thought the young barrister, remembering the few earnest words in which Stephen had asked him to come and see him "made the happiest of men," and the look of earnest passionate love in his eyes as he had stood by Sidney on his wedding-day. Six months had not yet elapsed, and they were estranged and cold—and they had all their lives to spend together!

"Mrs. Daunt," he said earnestly, "I am an old friend of Stephen's, and, for his sake, I should like to be yours. Believe me when I tell you that nothing but misery can ensue from any such deception as this. It would be better—far better, to entreat Stephen for his assistance—he will not refuse you when he sees how your heart is set upon it—then to keep up this system of deception which must be—indeed I see it is—so distasteful to you."

"Do you think I would have tried it," she cried, passionately, "if there had been any other alternative? There is none. He will not help me. He hates Frank, and if he knew that—"

She paused suddenly in terror, afraid that she had betrayed to the keen-eyed lawyer that Frank was in the neighborhood.

"I think if he knew how much his wife was interested, he would give her his assistance," Lloyd said earnestly. "Mrs. Daunt, spare yourself any more pain and humiliation—for you must feel ashamed and humiliated by this continued deception of a husband whose greatest safeguard should be his trust and confidence in you. How can you betray them and him?"

"I don't know," she answered dreadingly. "I can only hope that the shame and humiliation will kill me at last. You yourself have owned that a broken heart is not a myth. I don't look like a very long-lived woman, do I? And my mother died young. And if you care for Stephen you would be glad to hear that he was free again," she added, looking at him with a strange smile. "Shall I tell you how to free him? Go and tell him what you know, what you have discovered while he is still in ignorance of it. Tell him that the wife he trusts and esteems—although he does not love her—is disobeying his orders, is spending his money in an attempt to clear the man who was his rival for Sibyl Nell's love, tell him that he has been in the neighborhood, that his wife had met him by night and by day; betray us to him, so that he may put the officers of justice on Frank's track; and on the day you do so," she added, firmly, with a look on the beautiful face which startled him, "I will find a way out of the

difficulty without any man's help or woman's either."

"Hush!" he said gently. "You speak wildly, and you do not know what you are saying. Why should I betray you to Stephen? I have no wish to add to your unhappiness and to his; it is sufficiently great. Heaven knows! Mr. Greville is safe from any interference of mine; but the risk he runs by coming here is a very great one, and his wisest plan is to do as he suggests here—go abroad while he has the opportunity. And your wisest plan, Mrs. Daunt," he added, almost coldly, "is to give up your desire of seeing him cleared and to run no further risk. It is a wonder your imprudence has not already brought about the result you dread so much."

She made no reply. Her excitement was fading away now, and with it her strength. She sank down upon the nearest chair, breathing quickly, her pale lips parted like those of a person in pain. Suddenly Dolly's voice was heard in the hall without, and a gleam of terror crossed her ashy-pale face. Lloyd made a slight reassuring gesture with his hand, and hurried out of the room; and Sidney heard his voice speaking lightly to Dolly, saying how long she had been, so long that he had thought she must have been making the sketches herself. Then came Dolly's sweet soft voice and gay laughter, and his again sounded, suggesting an adjournment to the library. Then all was quiet; and presently Sidney raised herself to her feet, and dragged her trembling limbs up-stairs to her room to prepare for her drive into Ashford to see Chrissie, shading her face with her hand as she went, lest she should meet any of the household.

Mr. Milner had been pitiful, angry. Would it not be wiser to take his advice and give up the miserable attempt? But it was too late now; the matter was no longer in her hands; she could do nothing now—nothing, save suffer and tremble, and live in suspense and terror respecting what was to come.

CHAPTER XXIII

The snow was falling softly, covering the town of Ashford, the park at Lambewold, and the pretty ornamental grounds surrounding Easthorpe with a pure spotless covering charming to look at from the windows of warmed and cozy rooms, but not so pleasant to encounter, if one was compelled to be without at the time. A tired wayfarer, a man who was walking wearily along the high-road leading to Ashford, which town he must walk through before he got to his destination, shook it off his shoulders with an impatient sigh as he went on his way.

Sidney and Christine Greville were in the former's boudoir, watching the flakes as they whirled and danced before the windows, at one of which Sidney stood, an expression of perplexity and care on her fair face as she looked out, while Chrissie was crouching over the fire, holding out to its warmth two tiny hands which were almost transparent in their emaciation.

It would have been difficult for any one who had not seen Christine Greville for two years to recognize her, and in the past few months especially the change in her had been very great. All her fierce resentment and rebellion against her brother's fate had faded now; she no longer gave way to despair; she had not strength to rebel; she could only suffer.

(To be continued.)

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New Laws

RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND "INFANTS."

Three new Acts have come into force in Great Britain: Administration of Justice Act, 1925; Guardianship of Infants Act, 1925; Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Act, 1925.

In the first the Lord Chief Justice is given power to dispense with the holding of assizes where unnecessary. There is a scheme for the establishment of district probate registries to supersede the present very much larger number of such offices; and there is an extension of power to make grants of probate and administration in district probate registries.

Henceforward it will be possible for appeals from the equity jurisdiction of country courts to be taken in the Chancery Division. The second Act lays down the principle that "the welfare of the infant" (a person under 21) shall be regarded as "the first and paramount consideration" in deciding all questions relating to the custody or upbringing of an infant, or the administration of the infant's property. To effect the mother is put on an equal footing with the father in the power to appoint testamentary guardians, and the rights of the surviving mother as to guardianship are equal to those hitherto belonging to the surviving father.

A Wife's Rights.

Under the third Act it will no longer be necessary for a wife seeking separation and maintenance orders to prove that the cruelty or neglect of the husband has caused her to live apart from him.

Among new grounds for such orders granted to husband or wife is that the other has been guilty of persistent cruelty to the children.

An act of misconduct hitherto could invalidate an order granted to a wife, but the court now has discretion to refuse to discharge the order if the misconduct was conducted to by the failure of the husband to make proper payments.

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Labour Party Leadership

One conclusion that can now be formed from the Labour Party conference at Liverpool, writes a Political Correspondent, is that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is still firmly established as the natural leader of the party.

Nor does there now appear any reason to predict a split between the left and right wings of the party with the object of forming a more progressive left party under separate leadership.

One reason for this may be a falling-off of the influence exercised by Mr. John Wheatley, the Clydeside ex-Minister of Health. If any left party is formed it is now more likely to be frankly Communist.

Another Forth Bridge

The River Forth at Stirling is to be spanned by another bridge, to provide more convenient communication between the burgh of Stirling and the village of Cambuskeneth, to reach which by road a long detour is necessary. There is a ferry service in operation, but this is now somewhat out of date.

Plans for the erection of a two-span flat arch ferro-concrete bridge, 14 ft. wide, and to carry a load of 12 tons, have been approved by the Joint Bridge Committee of Stirling County Council and Stirling Town Council. The cost will be £11,562, towards which an unemployment relief grant of £2625 will be received.

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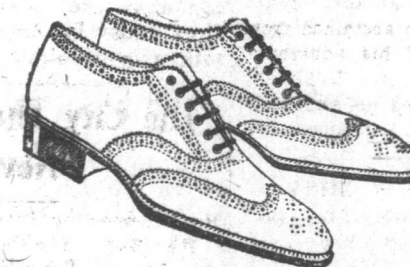
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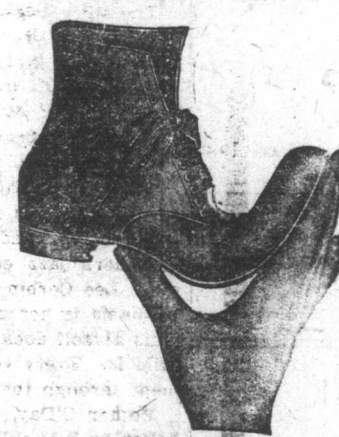
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