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dilection for fast-racing automobiles ended tragically.

At the age of twenty-five, the Marquis de St. Hilaire found himself the sole executor of the Madison estate, and the guardian of a young lady of eighteen. To his horror the executor discovered that the light-hearted, open-handed, free-living Madison had not only spent his own fortune, but had made way with that of his sister. With a white, startled face young St. Hilaire looked across the table at Monsieur Gérin, his family lawyer, saying, with much feeling: "He was my dearly beloved friend, his honor is as sacred to me as my own. His name must remain untarnished. His memory must be kept unsullied. His sister must never know."

"Mademoiselle Madison is approaching marriageable age; already suitors for her hand are presenting themselves. What answer will you make when an accounting is demanded? How will you hide her brother's defalcation?" inquired the lawyer in his keen, analytical tone.