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"Thank you; I am very grateful for your past silence, Dr. Turner, and your assurance of future secrecy. I am not a heartless woman, nor devoid of maternal affection," she went on, her lips quivering painfully. "I could have loved my baby as fondly as any mother ever loved her child, if I had been allowed to open my heart to her, but I could not. I had to steel it against her. I never dared even to allow myself to kiss her until the moment they took her away—for fear that I should begin to love her and refuse to part with her. I cannot tell you why—I have always been hedged about by circumstances that made it impossible, and as long as I live I must carry the secret locked within my own heart."

She stopped for a moment, overcome by the sad memories and emotions which this retrospective glance aroused, while the good doctor felt more genuine sympathy than he had ever experienced for her over that mysterious occurrence so many years ago.

"I will try to be content with what you have told me today," she resumed presently, "although it was my intention when I came here to see for myself how my child had been reared. I am glad to know that she has been tenderly shielded by parental love—that life has been made bright and beautiful for her; may it ever be so, and, perhaps, some time, in the great future, where there can be no secrets, I may be allowed to recognize and love the daughter which stern fate decreed I could not have in this life."

Tears actually arose to the physician's eyes at this little glimpse of the innermost sanctuary of the beautiful woman's heart; but he marveled more than ever at the terrible secret which must have well-nigh blighted her early life.

She looked up, caught his sympathetic glance, and was instantly the proud, self-possessed woman of the world again.

"And now, Dr. Turner," she said, rising and drawing her elegant lace mantle about her shapely shoulders, "I trust we may never meet again. If chance should throw us together in the presence of others, I beg, as a personal favor, that you will not recognize me without a formal introduction."

"I will not, madame; and for the sake of your peace of mind, I, too, hope that our paths may never cross again," he replied.

He accompanied her to the door, where they bowed politely and formally to each other, and then the handsome woman swept out upon the street, as composed and self-possessed as if he had merely been purchasing some trifling article for the toilet, instead of rolling away the stone from a sepulchre where, for more than twenty years, a corroding secret had lain concealed.

Dr. Turner went back to his private office, where he sat a long time, musing over the wonderful mystery which had stood the test of nearly a quarter of a century, and wondering if he should ever learn the solution to it.

"It was the most perplexing, yet romantic, incident connected with my whole life as a physician," he murmured. "If I could but get at the inside history of it I could write a book worth reading.

"It was almost too bad," he added, some minutes afterward, "not to tell her about Huntress—it is possible no harm would have resulted from the knowledge; but if there had I should have blamed myself. It was better not."

He watched the passers in the street for several days, hoping to get another glimpse of his visitor.

But he did not—he never saw her again.

CHAPTER XXXII.

Geoffrey Huntress arrived in Santa Fe late one evening, and in the midst of a driving storm, about a week after parting from Jack and Margaret Henly.

He was glad to seek shelter in the nearest public house, which proved to be an adobe, and was kept by a good-natured Spaniard and his wife, both of whom could speak English passably well.

Everything was in the most primitive style, yet comfortable, and the house was a most acceptable refuge from the raging tempest without.

Geoffrey slept well, and awoke to find a bright, beautiful morning breaking, and all nature fresh and attractive in its newly washed attire.

He ate heartily of the savory breakfast that had been prepared for him, and then started forth in search of the postoffice to learn what he could of the history of Lock Box 43.

He was somewhat disappointed to find that the postmaster was a man only about 35 years of age, and, upon inquiry, learned that he had served in that capacity not more than five or six years.

Of course he knew at once that he could tell him nothing that he wished to know, and he began to fear that his journey hither had been all for naught.

"Who was postmaster here before you received your appointment?" he inquired, after making some general talk about the city.

"Old Abe Brown, sir, and I only hope I may be as lucky as he was; he held it for more'n fifteen years."

Geoffrey felt his courage rise at this information.

If he could only find old Abe Brown, doubtless he could tell him something about Lock Box 43.

"Is he living?" he asked.

"Yes, sir, and hale and hearty, too," and going to the door the obliging postmaster pointed out the rude building which his predecessor occupied.

Geoffrey at once bent his steps thither, and was soon knocking at Mr. Brown's door.

"Come in," was the somewhat gruff, but hearty, invitation, and pushing open the door, which was already ajar, Geoffrey saw an old man of perhaps 60 seated on a rude bench, weaving hats from a bundle of tough grass that lay beside him, while his wife, a woman somewhat younger, sat near him, sewing bands around and putting coarse linings into a pile of finished hats.

"Come in, stranger, come in!" repeated the man, as Geoffrey paused upon the threshold; "don't stand on ceremony, 'cause we can't, for we've got to get this case of hats off before dinner, and we'll have to work right smart to do it, too. Have a chair, sir; guess, though, you don't belong in these parts," and the old man gave the younger one a searching glance from a pair of keen eyes that gleamed beneath his shaggy, overhanging brows.

"No, sir, I do not belong here; I am a stranger," Geoffrey answered, as he entered the room and took the chair indicated. "I was directed hither to make inquiries regarding some circumstances connected with your services as postmaster several years ago."

"Eh!" ejaculated Mr. Brown, in an astonished tone, and suspending his employment to eye his visitor with an indignant glance, while his wife turned a pale, startled face to him.

Geoffrey smiled, as he realized that they imagined he had come in an official capacity.

"My inquiries are of a strictly private nature, and relate to a gentleman for whom I am searching," he explained, to relieve their anxiety.

"All right; fire away then, lad," returned Mr. Brown, coolly resuming his work, "I thought if them chaps at Washington had sent anyone down here at this late day to rake over old coals it was mighty queer, for there wasn't a single dis-crip-ancy from the time I went into the office till I came out. Old Abe Brown is honest if he ain't handsome," he concluded, with a merry twinkle in his eye.

"I do not doubt it, sir," Geoffrey replied, with a quiet laugh, "but I wish to ask you if you remember a man who hired Lock Box 43 for several years in succession during your term, and who had his letters, or at least, some of them, directed simply with that inscription?"

"Yes, sir, I do remember him—a tall, handsome chap, with blue eyes and brown hair, and he had the finest beard I ever saw on a man, the first time I saw him; he had it all shaved off, though, after a while. I say, stranger, I reckon he must have been something to you, for I'm bless'd if you don't look like him!"

The man dropped his hat upon this discovery, and leaned forward for a better view of Geoffrey.

"Go on, if you please," the young man said, briefly.

"Well, as I said, I remember him; I don't often forget anybody that I've ever had any dealings with," Mr. Brown resumed. "He was a generous fellow, too; had plenty of money, and scattered it right and left like a prince. It was a curious conceit, though, his having his letters sent just to the box—some of 'em; they didn't all come that way."

"No?" cried Geoffrey, eagerly. "To whom were they directed? What was his name?"

"Well, now," said the old man, again laying down his hat and scratching his head meditatively. "I shouldn't wonder if you'd got me this time. I'm pretty good at spotting a face, but when it comes to names and figures—unless somebody happens to be owing me," he interposed, with a sly smile, "I don't amount to much. 'Pears to me, though, his first name was William—William—hum! I don't know—William something; and there was a general or captain—I can't remember which—tacked on to it besides."

(To be Continued.)

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Demise of an Irish Bishop—Dockmen Decide to Continue Their Strike.

DEATH OF AN IRISH BISHOP.

Dublin, Dec. 21.—The Most Rev. James Lynch, D.D., Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, died at Tullowa, county Carlow, yesterday. He was consecrated Nov. 4, 1866.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—Eight of the Anarchists who were convicted at Barcelona of complicity in the bomb-throwing that occurred there on June 7 last have been sentenced to death.

THE STRIKE CONTINUES.

Hamburg, Dec. 21.—A ballot taken by the striking dockers at five different meetings resulted in 7,265 votes being cast in favor of a continuance of the strike, and 3,761 votes being cast against the strike continuing.

MESSAGE FROM McKINLEY.

Vienna, Dec. 21.—The Marquis De Hoyos, the Spanish ambassador, declares that the Spanish Government has received positive information that Mr. McKinley is not in favor of a war with Spain. The Neues Weiner Journal publishes an interview with Count De Casa Valencia, the Spanish ambassador to Great Britain, in which he says he is convinced that Mr. McKinley will not allow a rupture of the peaceful relations existing between Spain and the United States.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDERS BUSY.

London, Dec. 21.—Figures just published regarding the shipbuilding in the United Kingdom during the present year show that this branch of industry is not losing ground. The total tonnage launched was 1,326,822. Harland & Wolff, of Belfast, alone built 81,316 tons, which beats all records and is five times the amount which all the British dockyards have added to the navy. On the Clyde 420,841 tons were launched, which is an increase of 60,689 over the year 1895. It is said that not a single ship building yard abroad approaches any of the leading British firms.

FIREDAMP EXPLOSION.

London, Dec. 21.—An explosion of firedamp occurred yesterday in a coal mine at Resicesa, in the valley of Tems, Hungary. A large number of men were at work in the mine, and 40 of them were killed outright. Rescuing parties entered the mine as soon as possible after the explosion, and succeeded in taking out eighteen men, who were seriously injured. It is known that 27 miners are still entombed, but whether they are alive or not is uncertain. Efforts to reach the part of the mine in which they were working are being made, but the work of the rescuers is greatly hampered by the bad character of the wreckage and the great volume of after-damp.

THE KAISER'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Emperor William will spend Christmas with his family at Potsdam, the elder princes arriving home today from the military academy at Ploen. Six splendid fir trees have been ordered from the Hartz Mountains for the Imperial family. The distribution of gifts will take place in the shell hall of the new palace. During the holidays his Majesty will make frequent use of the new athletic hall, which is annexed to Mon Bijou Chateau, where he plays football and cricket with the eldest of the princes.

All the members of the Bismarck family will assemble at Friedrichsruhe for Christmas. Prince Bismarck is feeling pretty well, and every day loads of presents for him are arriving from various places in Germany and abroad. Many are coming from America.

THE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME.

London, Dec. 21.—The Queen's speech at the opening of the session will contain no surprises as regards internal legislation. First among the Government bills are those relating to education. Mr. Balfour, the Government leader, has taken out of Sir John Gorst's hands the main execution bill dealing with the relief of voluntary schools. The Duke of Devonshire will promote a bill on secondary education, which has the support of the Government.

Next in the speech from the throne will be mentioned the measure dealing with private bill legislation. This is really a stride towards home rule all over. At present all private bills are settled through party committees sitting in the House. They pass through several stages. The Parliamentary solicitor and the Parliamentary bar reap fortunes, and the public interests are correspondingly fleeced. Some of the leaders of the Parliamentary bar, the late Hope Scott, for instance, are known to have gleaned during the few months that cases were before the committees annually £30,000. Although no specific charge of corruption can be leveled against the clique subsisting off that system, it is in itself a corruption. For many years the least prejudiced opinion has demanded that local tribunals shall settle local bills, and this measure, which is now under preparation by the Local Government Board, will be a preliminary to the greatest of all the measures the present Government can undertake. It is learned that nothing will be heard of the Irish Local Government Bill for another session. The remaining measures agreed upon are a masters' and workmen's conciliation bill, the Employers' Limited Liability Bill and the amended Drundards' Act makes confinement in certain cases compulsory, and some amendments in commercial procedure.

CABLE NOTES.

Emperor William has dismissed from the service Naval Lieut. Ketelhodt, who recently killed a lawyer named Jenker in a duel, after ruining his wife.

The supreme Prussian court has confirmed the decree of the president of Posen, forbidding the display of any flags or colors, save the Prussian and German.

STRANGE CASE.

A Young Farmer Who Periodically Falls Asleep at Work and Can't Be Aroused.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The suburban village of Wexford has a queer case of somnolence, which has puzzled every doctor yet consulted. A farmer named Thomas Wright, living just outside the village, has four children, the eldest of whom, Richard, a robust-looking boy of 16, began last June to take frequent naps during the day. After a hearty sleep of nine or ten hours at night, he would suddenly drop asleep during the forenoon while walking behind the plow, or, dropping his knife and fork at the dinner table, fall into a slumber lasting an hour, from which only the most vigorous shaking could arose him. Apart from a slight pallor, the boy enjoys good health, but the sleeping fits continue, despite the doctor's prescriptions.

NO NURSES.

Canadians Cannot Work in United States Hospitals.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Immigration Inspector Debarry has received from Washington notice of a new ruling by the Secretary of the Treasury on the alien labor law. This ruling is on the question that was raised in this city two years ago as to whether the Canadian trained nurses who come to this country to work in hospitals do so in violation of the law. When the question was raised before it was held that they could not be interfered with, as they were semi-professional persons. Now the Secretary of the Treasury has ruled that these nurses can be deported. Inspector Estell, of Ogdensburg, is now at Dansville, where he went to deport five Canadian nurses who are employed in a sanitarium there.

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