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THE Phantom Lover.

(By the Author of "A Bachelor Husband.")

CHAPTER II.

Micky stood staring at the envelope in his hand. He felt as if something had happened to paralyze all power of action.

"What the deuce are you doing?" Micky roused himself with a start, and dropping the letter into his pocket, went slowly out of the room; he felt as if he could not have hurried had his life depended upon it; there was an absurdly cold sort of feeling round his heart.

"I saw it on the letter you gave me." Ashton grunted. "I think it would be better if you posted it to her yourself and 'have done with it.' Micky said with an effort, 'I'm a rotten hand at this sort of thing. It can't do any good if I go and see her.'"

"Money isn't everything," said Micky sententiously. "And if you like the girl, why not marry her and face it out?" Ashton gave a savage little laugh. "It's all very fine for you to say that money isn't everything—that's only because you've got it, and are never likely to be without it. You don't know what it feels like to be up to your eyes in debt and not knowing where to turn for a fiver."

a hard breath—"you see, I hoped we'd be able to get married, and so—well, there was no sense in her staying on there. She was worked to death, poor kid."

He glanced at Micky, but could not see his face. "You understand, don't you?" he said, encouraged by his silence. "She owes them a bit at the boarding-house where she is living. I promised to wipe it off for her, but the mater cutting up rough altered everything, and so . . . if you could give her a little . . ."

"I'll see to it," said Micky. He opened the door of the taxi and got out before it was at a standstill. He took off his hat and let the cold air play on his hot forehead. He could hardly trust himself to speak.

He knew that Ashton had been seen about with her a great deal; knew that he had had to stand a lot of harmless chaff in consequence; he himself had joked about Ashton's "latest" as they had all called her; it seemed a memory to be ashamed of, when he thought of the way he had heard her sobbing in the street that night, of the distress in her eyes, of the hopeless way in which she had spoken.

Ashton rejoined him. "Shut up! The train's in." They went along the platform, followed by a porter with Ashton's baggage. Micky looked at it resentfully; Ashton was evidently prepared to enjoy himself; this was no rush after mere solitude and forgetfulness. He stood stiffly at the carriage door while Ashton stowed his smaller traps on the rack. Presently he came to the window.

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"Yes, well, I shan't write—I'll send you my address as soon as I know where I'm staying, and you can let me know what she said and how she takes it. . . . Oh, confound it!"

A porter had come along and slammed the door; the train was slowly moving; Micky was vaguely glad that there had been no time in which to shake hands. A moment, and he was walking away alone down the platform.

He realized that there was nothing very much to be proud of in an admission that he knew Ashton, and yet they had been friends for years. It was striking twelve when he got home; he stood for a moment on the doorstep, looking up at the starry sky. Several clocks were chiming midnight in the distance; he listened with a queer sense of fatalism.

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He felt strangely removed from all the noise and laughter; after a moment he turned and went up to his room. The fire had been carefully made up and his slippers and dressing-gown put to warm. Micky looked at them with a sort of disgust; it was sickening for a healthy grown man to be so pampered; he kicked the slippers into a corner and tossed the dressing-gown on to the couch.

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