

A True Diamond

CHAPTER XII.
NEW ARRIVALS.

"Toney, you are the most extraordinary girl!"

"Whatever is the matter, Uncle Dove? Now what is extraordinary in helping a poor young fellow that has no mother or sister to confide in? He'll be awfully conscientious. I believe, and give me all his tips. You see, if you don't have much loose money about you, you can't it. Stephens isn't much help. He's such an old stager, and then he orders Jim about so much."

"And pray are you going to write Jim's love letters?"

"No, of course not, Jim's got two young women, uncle, so that would be hard work."

"Two! Hardly honourable."

"Oh, yes, he explained it to me, one he walks with and the other he's promised to. It is the one that he walks with. It only means that if the other throws him over he'll be engaged to this one. It's not a bad plan, is it?"

"Well, that depends."

"Did you walk with anyone besides Aunt Dove?"

"At this moment they saw Lewis Waycott coming towards them. Toney ran to meet him."

"Oh, did you mind? Uncle Dove says that you—"

"Lewis' handsome face was all smiles."

"Mind, oh, no. We had a lovely afternoon, didn't we, Miss Whitburn? Quite refreshing."

"My dear Waycott, you have been victimized by this Australian."

"I never had such appreciative guests," said Lewis, laughing. "But indeed, Sir Evas, won't you let me lend Miss Whitburn my hunter? She has a born talent for riding and taming wild colts."

"No, no, certainly not. Lady Dove would—No, impossible."

"Aunt Honoria will be so sorry to have missed you," said Lewis, turning to Toney, whose hard exercise had painted her cheeks a beautiful color.

"Oh, you must all come and dine with us, Waycott, next week. Tomorrow—no, not to-morrow—but Lady Dove will write. Your young cousins must make friends with Toney."

"Miss Crump likes music," put in Toney; "you said your cousins did too. You know I hate it, but—"

"I forgot, come, Uncle Dove, the race. We shall lose," and without further ceremony, Toney dragged away her uncle, who could only just call out to Mr. Waycott by way of explanation.

"We are racing my hunter Bess, Waycott; be thankful you have an Australian niece living with you."

"Well, uncle, I thought I just made time a little cheaper for you. You were precious dull here, and oh! it's not half as nice as home. Pups was a man in a thousand."

"I'm sure he was. His daughter is one in ten thousand I think."

"No, I'm only ordinary, but Pups!"



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Oh, he was just a sort of King Arthur. There wasn't a living being he didn't care about, man, woman, child, or beast. He wasn't stiff and proud as you are about Jim."

"I'm sure I didn't mean to be, Toney, but you see—"

"Never mind now, uncle; come on and don't talk. I see Bess right away beyond the park palings. She'll beat us sure as cheese," and he obeyed.

Lady Dove had come home rather late for her tea. She had paid a series of calls and had been mostly at home. At all these houses she had discoursed about Toney. At some of these were charitable people—she had laid stress on the advantage it would be to the poor, penniless girl to live with her and receive her education from that poor and learned young clergyman, Mr. Hales, to whom she had given the living of Aldersfield. At the houses of the more worldly she had said that Sir Evas was so kind that he had insisted on befriending a sort of relation, whose father had utterly neglected her, and who was left without a penny. She hoped in time to fit her for earning her own living, and, by bestowing much care upon her education to make her look and speak rather more like a lady than she did at present.

Australia was a dreadful country, she continued, where evidently etiquette and manners were unknown; in fact, everything calculated to bring a softening influence to bear upon young people. She must not mind the trouble, as it was for the poor girl's own good. Her last call had been paid on Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Honoria Waycott, and she found the ladies only just returned from a long drive.

Miss Honoria Waycott was anxious to hear more of the girl who had appeared to rouse some interest in her uncle, but she could not forbear commiserating Lady Dove on having to deal with such an undisciplined nature. Mrs. Hamilton remarked that her daughters had never been any trouble to her, they were so gentle and so clever, indeed they had quite a genius for music. It was so good or young people to have time and opportunity given to them to study some special accomplishment. Had Lady Dove's new intimate any talent?

"I hope he will," murmured Miss Crump, whose mind could no more grasp what enormously rich meant than she could imagine the number of uncounted stars. Twenty pounds a year had been the only riches she

"Oh, none at all! She is quite untrained and untamed. I fancy she likes best the society of servants and of all those beneath her. This is always a bad sign."

"Yes, indeed," Mrs. Hamilton answered, making a mental note of it and quite determined that her daughters should not associate with Antonia Whitburn. Just as Lady Dove rose to go the two young ladies came in.

"Do stay for tea, Lady Dove," said Lewis is not in. He meant to see someone on business and said that he would not go out. Ring the bell for tea, Maud."

"Why, here are some tea-things, Aunt Honoria! Lewis must have had a private tea-party. Who could have come in?"

Lady Dove excused herself, saying she expected friends, and called out of the room, remarking to herself, "Of course, Mrs. Hamilton means one of her girls to be mistress of Waycott Hall. It is certainly a very nice place. That young man is entirely led by women. Poor fellow!"

As she neared home she thought she saw the old pony being led round the stables by a gentleman. It looked like Lewis Waycott, but as this was an impossibility, she dismissed the subject from her mind, and when she entered the drawing-room rang Miss Crump's bell.

"Miss Crump, if you please, make the tea. Where is Antonia?"

Miss Crump's cheeks were quite pink, instead of being, as usual, the colour of ancient pastry; but she looked rather more nervous than was her wont.

"She said she would go and meet Sir Evas."

"Meet Sir Evas! Why, the Stones are coming! Miss Crump, is everything ready for them, and have you seen to the flowers?"

"I've not quite done them," said Miss Crump, for the first time equivocating to her employer.

"Very tiresome! However, you can go and finish when the General comes. Rivett tells me the grey dress is ready for Miss Antonia. She must come in this evening. Sir Evas thought it would be a good thing to have her down; I don't. The girl should have no notice taken of her. I'm sure. However, if Sir Evas gets a thing into his head—Now, Miss Crump, if you please, I am rather tired with my drive, and we will finish the novel."

Miss Crump obeyed, though her unfinished duties prayed so much on her mind that she made several careless blunders and was severely reproved.

"Fray leave off. It irritates my nerves to hear you stumbling over such easy words. I shall have to listen to that old General this evening; he is very tiresome with his long stories which he expects people to listen to; but he is enormously rich, and I quite expect he will leave Sir Evas his money. Sir Evas is the only man he really likes, and his own brother does not require any more money."

"I hope he will," murmured Miss Crump, whose mind could no more grasp what enormously rich meant than she could imagine the number of uncounted stars. Twenty pounds a year had been the only riches she

had ever handled. Now and then she wondered what it would be like to be even moderately rich; but she had put such dreams away as being quite unprofitable for her, only a poor companion and a tradesman's daughter.

Lady Dove, went on meditating aloud.

"He is not at all strong. He has heart complaint, or some such thing; but I don't believe he has made his will. These old men with money are very tiresome. Really we want money sadly to keep up this place, and live in it as we ought to live. Instead of that here are all these new expenses coming upon us."

Poor Miss Crump felt painfully conscious that her twenty pounds must be a great and unnecessary drain upon the Dove estate; but she could not see how she could dress suitably on less, and save five pounds a year so as to have something to fall back upon when the day came, so often predicted by Lady Dove, when she really could no longer afford to keep a companion.

Thus it happened that Miss Crump was not released till the dog-cart came dashing up to the front door, and then the poor companion hurried distractedly to the dining-room. Just as the General was lowering his gouty foot from its elevated position, Toney, red and breathless, rushed up to him.

"I've won; but Uncle Dove has lost. General Stone. Here he comes, and here is Aunt Dove on the steps."

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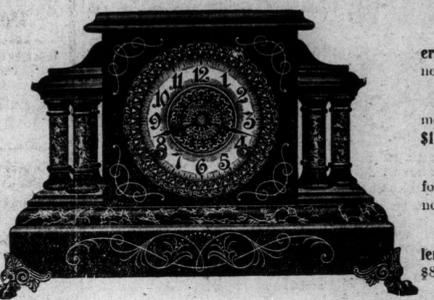
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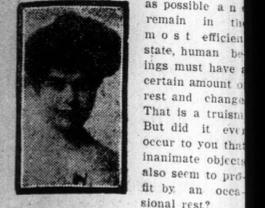
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