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LORD MORDEN'S DAUGHTER  
— OR —  
THE TRAGEDY OF THE CEDARS.

CHAPTER XXVII

After threading his way through its intricate mazes for some twenty yards he saw Dora standing on the lawn, the sunshine falling upon her dainty form and burning her hair with shimmering gold.

"I am here, sweetheart!" he said.

"Oh, you darling! How did you know that I wanted you!" cried Dora.

"Do you not always want me? I heard your love note, and I have responded. I wish that Fairfax would go home, so that I should have my little wife all to myself. I have left him in the conservatory, and must go back to him soon."

He put one arm about Dora's slender waist, and together they strolled through the sweet gardens, to the miniature forest beyond, and gazed upon the shining water of the Thames.

"Your friend, Mr. Fairfax, is a genius, is he not, Edmund? And I have heard that you are always strange people," Dora observed.

"He is a brilliant fellow," Edmund replied, "and was once the gayest of the gay."

"What is the story that he referred to, dear—the story that you were to tell me?"

"I did not intend to mention it for a long time—I am not sure that I ought to do so now, but if you insist, Dora—"

"Insist!" she smiled, fondly. "I insist upon nothing but that you love me forever as you do now, and do not go to the city to-day. It would be cruel for us to part on our wedding day."

"I promise," laughed Edmund, "for I have already discovered that it would be impossible to tear myself away. I will get rid of Fairfax—I will make use of him by sending a message to his club to explain my absence to Rogers, and a gentleman named Hassard. And when he is gone, we will spend a happy, happy day together."

"I am so glad," whispered the girl, "for I have read somewhere in some book of old folklore that it is bad luck to part on the wedding day, if only for an hour! And, darling, I shall not feel quite happy—quite sure of you until Mr. Fairfax has gone back to London."

"Poor Fred," murmured Locksley. "I think that if his fate had befallen me, I should have died. Dora, I will tell you why my friend is so strange to-day, and then you will pity him as I do. My wonder is that he came—that he could bear the torture of lacerating a wound that may never heal. I have not told you from whom I bought this place. It was Fred Fairfax. I have not told you why he sold it. It is because he has been wronged by a heartless woman. 'The Myrtles' was to have been their future home, but she died or deserted him on their wedding eve. He has not told me much of his trouble, but I have gathered sufficient to know that he loved a creature who was unworthy of him. This will explain his emotion when he referred to our future—this will explain why he broke down, for the bitter past must be ever present among associations which once held

point where yours was stopped, is fully discussed and adjudicated, and a precedent is established in English law. The minister had not pronounced the benediction, had not proclaimed you man and wife when the ceremony was broken in upon by people armed with legal authority. I will not be positive, but I feel that I am on safe ground, and you must go back to the city with me, and wait in my chamber while I read up."

"Great Heaven! this is almost too much for me!" groaned Locksley. "How am I to tell Dora—my poor, little Dora?"

"Say nothing at present. If I am wrong, there is an end of the matter. If I am right, you must go through the ceremony again."

For five—ten minutes Locksley was dazed, blinded with grief and disappointment.

"It shall be as you say, Fairfax," he said, at last.

He seemed to have aged years in a few short minutes.

"Then let us go at once, old man," the barrister urged. "Tell your wife that I am ill—or anything you please. I cannot bear to face her. Tell her that I am not able to travel alone, and if things turn out badly—if the worst comes to the worst, you must be married again."

"And in the meantime?" groaned Locksley. "And in the meantime? Suppose that there has been no marriage, and this scoundrel Marlowe becomes aware of it?"

"He will not find it out all at once," replied Fairfax. "His efforts, if he continues to annoy you, will be confined to setting the marriage aside. He will be unable to obtain a hearing before Miss Deane is of age, and will consequently fail. Haste, there's a good fellow, or we shall not get through with the business to-day."

Locksley tottered from the room.

CHAPTER XXVIII

He was surprised how bravely Dora heard his excuses, and while he talked of the sudden illness of his barrister friend, his heart was dead and cold within him.

"It is too bad," said Dora, biting her lip hard, and hastily brushing away a tear; "but I will not add to your disappointment, darling, by worrying you. You will come home soon, will you not?"

"Yes, yes! Oh, my love, what a world of doubts and sorrows this is!" He snatched her to his breast, half-ashamed of his own weakness, and pressed kisses on her lips and cheek.

"I shall watch for you from this window," she told him. "I do not believe that I shall leave it until you come back. Do you see what a beautiful view it has of the drive? You will not be gone long, dear?"

"No, I will not be gone long, though it will be dark before I return; so that it will not be wise of you to tire yourself by waiting fruitlessly here."

"Still, here I shall be, Edmund, and my thoughts will be ever with you."

He laughed constrainedly, saying: "Then I will tap the window when I pass!"

The cab, which Fairfax had not permitted to go away, drove up to the door, and Locksley knew that it was madness to delay longer.

"Good-by, sweetheart," he whispered again. "In life and death you are first in my heart—remember!"

It was a strange speech to make, and Dora was startled by his white face, his earnest tones.

"In life and death!" she repeated simply.

He strode from the room and sprang into the cab, where Fairfax was waiting for him.

The barrister doffed his hat to Dora, and the hansom drove away.

Once only did Edmund look back, and it was to see a picture that he never forgot—a picture that was photographed on his heart forever. Dora was standing at the open window in the library, her fair face seeming almost ethereal in its loveliness, and she was waving him farewell.

Agreeing sob escaped him.

"Fairfax," he said, "I feel as though we had parted forever—as though a great evil rolled between us!"

"You are depressed, old fellow. Things are not so bad as they seem. It is only the dark cloud before long days of sunshine."

For a little while they rode in silence; then Locksley asked: "(To be continued.)"

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The great naturalist, Cuvier, had a huge head, and his brain weighed 64½ ounces, or at least twelve ounces above the average. On the other hand, (the French statesmen) had small heads, and brains in proportion to their size.

But if the size of the human head is not increasing, its shape is certainly altering, and for this statement we have the authority of such men as Sir Arthur Keith and Professor Otis Mason. In the skulls of our remote ancestors we find that the forehead sloped backward. That form of head is becoming rare—at least among the white races. The long head is becoming more usual among white races, whereas the typical skull among the yellow peoples is round.

Usually yellow races have smaller heads than white, and Dr. Joseph Sims, an authority on the subject, states that, as a general rule, people who live in cold climates have larger heads and heavier brains than those who reside in the warmer parts of the earth.

If the size of the head increased in proportion to increased brain power, man of the future would be like "Tom Noddy"—"all head and no body." What will happen—what is actually happening—is an improvement in the shape of the head and a thickening of the brain cortex. Both brain and spinal cord are bound to develop.

Taking the height of a man as 5ft. 7in., if he is well proportioned the length of his head should be 2in.; in other words, his height should be seven and a half times the length of his head. Lord Balfour, among living men, coincides absolutely with this standard.

Children's bodies are very different. For in the baby the head is one-fourth of its entire stature. But the head grows only half as fast as the remainder of its body. The trunk becomes three times and the legs five times their length at birth.

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Twenty-one persons were dead in the sinking of the steamer Norman, according to a statement issued by Mayor Ross. The steamer had sixty on board and was returning from the Mississippi, having along with it a party of swimmers who had completely overboarded. The rudder was broken and when the Norman was struck, according to reports, the ship was tilted. But the ship, who was passing, was virtually all the survivors were on board the boat. The survivors were rescued. It is saying he first was rescued and then turned about his task.

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