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TRIAL FOR LIFE

CHAPTER XXV.
Cassinove was about to reply, but was interrupted by the hasty and agitated arrival of the family physician, and the return of the footman accompanied by the Bow street officers.

The circumstances of the discovery of the dreadful tragedy were required and detailed. The butler being the spokesman of the assembled household, related that they had been roused from their sleep by cries of murder that were soon smothered and drowned; that they had hurried in alarm to Sir Vincent's chamber, whence the cries proceeded, and where they found their master wounded and dying, yet clutching with his dying hand the collar of Ferdinand Cassinove, who stood over him, reeking with dagger blood, and accusing with his dying lips the same Ferdinand Cassinove of his murder.

The coroner was then summoned and, accompanied by two magistrates, he hastened to the scene of the tragedy. After the most careful investigation of the circumstances, and a thorough sifting of the evidence, they brought in their verdict.

"Sir Vincent Lester came to his death on the morning of the first of October, between two and three o'clock by a wound inflicted with a dagger, in the left ventricle of the heart, by the hands of Ferdinand Cassinove." And Ferdinand Cassinove was fully committed to Newgate upon the charge of wilful murder.

A feeling of delicacy toward Laura Elmer, who had not been present at the coroner's inquest, restrained him from asking to see her before he was taken away.

soothed and comforted them in the best manner she could, and left them quiet, in the care of her good nurse, Rachel.

Next, she went into the library, and wrote letters to Mr. Ruthven Lester, who was then at Bath, and to other near friends of the family, telling them merely of the sudden death of the baronet, and suggesting the need of their immediate presence in the house.

Miss Elmer, now that she had done all that she was able to do for the assistance of the distressed family, and much also that others in the excitement of the day were not likely to do, felt constrained to do under the circumstances, and if there is anything else in which I can be of use, I hope you will let me know.

"Certainly, Miss Elmer; you are exceedingly kind and disinterested in the assistance you have given to this afflicted family, especially when your private griefs and anxieties must have pressed heavily upon your mind and heart," said the doctor, kindly.

"The Lord in heaven bless you for these words," said Laura, involuntarily wringing her hands over each other in the extremity of her distress.

this much injured young man, and afterward I can set you down at your lodgings," said the venerable physician, as, with an encouraging pressure of her hand, he left Laura Elmer.

Miss Elmer dispatched the note that she had been writing to the family solicitor, and then repaired to her chamber packed and sent off her boxes, with a brief note, to Mrs. Russell, saying only that she would be with her later in the afternoon.

Miss Elmer considerably refrained from trying the spirits of the distressed children, by taking a formal leave of them, and contented herself by leaving with the nurse an affectionate message for the little girls.

Punctually at 4 o'clock the doctor's carriage was at the door, and Laura, accompanied by her kind old friend, departed for that old abode of sin and sorrow, Newgate.

A half-hour's ride brought them to the gloomy prison.

Dr. Clark took Miss Elmer first into the apartments of the governor, to whom he made some communication apart to secure the protegee civility and attention in her future visits to the prison.

Then, attended by an officer, they went to the cell in which Ferdinand Cassinove was confined.

"Met me! how can I help you?" exclaimed the landlady, in consternation, clasping and wringing her pale fingers.

"I will explain. Upon the first meeting of Mrs. Ravenscroft and this unknown girl, your children, who were near at hand, recognized the man, and called your own attention to him. You can tell us who he is."

"Oh, it would avail you little to know! He is one with whom I was intimate when I saw him for an instant that day in the park. I have not seen him since. I do not know where he is. I have not even the least knowledge whether he is in or out of England. I know no more of him, so help me Heaven."

"Mrs. Russell," continued Laura, without for an instant withdrawing her wailing gaze, "you may believe to be a widow—are you sure?"

"In fate; but not in fact." "This man, then, was your husband?" "Yes, yes!" "He left you?" "He was obliged to do it." "He was a fugitive from justice?" "Yes, yes! Oh, it is very cruel to say so!" "No, it is only just. His name, then, is Russell?" "Oh, no!" "What! Then you do not go by his name?" "No, no! I would not, after—after he fled!"

"Why not?" "It would have ruined me! I took my maiden name, and moved into another neighborhood, where I was not known. I dressed in widow's weeds, because it seemed more quiet and respectable for a lone young mother struggling through the world! God forgive me, I did not mean to act a falsehood!"

"What was the nature of this crime which was so heinous as to compel the innocent wife of the criminal to change her name and place of residence to escape reflected ruin?"

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particularly dangerous from rolling stones. Consequently only two or three groups were on the move at one time, waiting at a convenient point for the next sub-division and then moving on.

The ascent was accomplished without accident. At 1,400 the leading men reached the summit of the Aiguille, and at 2,500 they entered the hut; at 3,400 the last men arrived. But the detachments did not rest long. A considerable slope had to be taken next, progress was slow and many rests had to be made in order to reach the Dome du Goiter (4,000 feet).

At 11:30 the observatory (4,400 feet) was reached. The key was handed over to the captain by the cross, a Mr. Ballot, of Paris, and the command found shelter within, although the snow was very limited. Four of the men only suffered from the effects of the high elevation. Here the ascent came to a stop.

It had become very cold, with an icy wind driving the dry snow in drifts. To gain the summit of Mont Blanc (15,780 feet) at least two more hours would be required and about the same time to return to the observatory. At the latter there was room for the command to stay over night. Before late in the evening the command could not get out of the glaciers and snow fields, and as it was impossible to pass the night in the open the captain decided to return.

At 1:30 p.m. the descent began toward Les Gendres Moutets (10,000 feet), which was reached at 3:15 p.m. After half an hour's rest the descent continued. The way was very difficult; crevasses had to be passed, steps to be cut in the ice, and several accidents occurred. One officer had to carry for some distance one of his men who had fallen and injured himself. Night overtook the party, adding to the dangers and difficulties.

After laying aside the ropes, the party descended ever more. I decided to go toward the Pavillon de Pierre-Pointe (6,750 feet), where the main part of the column was assembled at 6:30 p.m. After a short rest the march was resumed for Chamozin (3,415 feet), which was reached at 10:30 p.m. At about the same hour the few stragglers of the column arrived at Pierre-Pointe and passed the night there.

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