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He believed that he was on the verge of an important discovery, and he was at the same time impressed that it would only bring him shame and sorrow.

"Gladys, would you not shrink from marrying a man whose mother had never been a wife?" he asked, a hot blush mounting to his brow.

"I could never shrink from you, Geoffrey, and I would not accept the position of a mistress in exchange for your love. I might regret such a circumstance on your account; but, dear, my affection for you is far too strong to be weakened by a mere accident of birth. Let us put all such dismal thoughts away from our minds. I will not believe that dishonor has ever touched you or yours," Gladys concluded, looking up with a fond smile.

"Dear little comforter," murmured the young man, trying to return it, though it was but the ghost of one.

"Do not go near that man, Geoff," Gladys continued. "Let us be happy as we are, and not trouble ourselves about the past."

The poor fellow sighed, as if it would be a great relief to let it go, to consign it to oblivion, but the anxious look did not leave his face.

"I cannot, Gladys," he said, with pale, compressed lips. "I shall never rest until all the dark mystery of my past life is explained. I must keep my appointment with that man this afternoon, and I will not leave him until I have wrung from him every scrap of information that he may possess regarding me and mine, and if—"

"Geoff, what?" cried the young girl, breathlessly, alarmed by his unusual tone, and the look upon his face.

"If I find that that man is my father, and that he wronged my mother, he shall have reason to regret both those facts for the remainder of his life," was the stern reply.

"Geoffrey, surely you will do nothing to compromise yourself," Gladys pleaded, anxiously.

"No, dear, I will do nothing to make myself disagreeably conspicuous. But he will not forget if I find my suspicions are true. You will say nothing to Uncle August or Aunt Alice regarding this encounter, please, until after I have seen him."

"No, certainly not, if you prefer I should not tell them," Gladys readily promised.

They turned to retrace their way to the hotel, both too much disturbed by the occurrence of the morning and by forebodings regarding the afternoon's appointment, to care to prolong their stroll.

They parted at the ladies' entrance, Gladys going upstairs to her mother's apartments, where she tried to busy herself with some fancy work until lunch time, although her heart was in a continual flutter of apprehension and miserable suspense.

Geoffrey shut himself up in his own room, alone, for a season, but was too wretched to remain there inactive, and soon went out again.

When the family went down to luncheon he was still absent and his seat vacant.

This was such an unprecedented occurrence that Mr. Huntress left the table to ascertain the reason.

He soon returned with the information that Geoffrey had gone out, but had left word with the clerk, in case inquiries should be made for him, that he might not be back for several hours.

Mrs. Huntress glanced at Gladys as her husband made this report, but she gave no sign of either surprise or disappointment. She had noticed an unusual reserve and quietness about her, ever since her return from her walk, and a suspicion crossed her mind that perhaps there might be some misunderstanding or lover's quarrel, that had caused this unwelcome break in the family party.

She kept her suspicions to herself, however, resolving to wait further developments.

It was after 6 o'clock when Geoffrey returned. Gladys was watching for him at one end of the veranda, and sprang from the chair to go to meet him, as he came up the steps, and then stopped short as she caught sight of his face.

It was as colorless as marble, and there was a look in his eye that actually made her tremble.

He did not speak or even smile, as he came up to her, but quietly drew her hand through his arm, led her

within the house, and to a small reception room, carefully shutting the door behind them.

Then he turned again and faced her. "Gladys," he said, in a hollow, unnatural tone, "it is as I feared."

"Geoffrey!" she cried, in a shocked voice, all her own bright color fading. "The worst is true," he concluded, not heeding her interruption.

"Have you seen him?—did he tell you so?" she asked.

"No, I have not seen him."

"Then how do you know?"

"He has fled."

"Fled?"

"Yes, I went to the 'United States' at five this afternoon. I called a servant to show me the way to room No. 45, and was told that the gentleman who had occupied it left at twelve today."

"How very strange!" said Gladys, astounded.

"No, it is not strange," Geoffrey returned, bitterly; "the man is a miscreant coward, and he dare not meet me; his history is doubtless one of shame and wrong—he knew that I would force it from him, and he fears to remain and confess it. But, Gladys, I shall find him yet—some day I will compel him to face me and own the truth. I will hunt him down! he shall not escape me!"

"Oh, Geoffrey, pray do not let it trouble you so—there may have been some other reason for his going," said the young girl, laying her hand sympathetically on his arm.

"No—I tell you he was afraid to meet me, and his guilt is evident in his flight; he would never have run away like this, if there had been no guilty secret in his life which he was anxious to conceal from me."

"Did you learn his name?" Gladys inquired.

A deep flush arose to Geoffrey's brow, and he gave a start of annoyance.

"No," he said, "I was so wretched and angry that I never thought to ask his name. When the servant told me he was gone, I turned on my heel and walked out of the house and have been walking ever since, trying to recover my composure."

"That was a oversight, dear," said his betrothed, gently; "you should have secured his name and address."

"You are right; I will go back immediately and ascertain it."

"Oh, Geoffrey, perhaps it will be better for you to leave it all just here, the fair girl urged. Where ignorance is bliss—you know the rest."

But I know too much already. I can never rest until I sift this matter to the very bottom. Could you, darling? If you were not Uncle August's own child, and knew there was some mystery connected with your birth, would you be satisfied until you knew the truth?"

"No, Geoff, I don't believe I should," Gladys replied, thoughtfully, "and I know that such a discovery would make me very unhappy," she concluded, with starting tears.

Geoffrey stooped and kissed her fondly, and then turned and left the room.

The young girl sighed wearily as she turned and followed him.

"I am afraid there is trouble in store for him, for my heart is heavy with forebodings," she murmured.

Half an hour later Geoffrey returned, and there was now a savage glitter in his eyes, although his face was pale and full of pain.

He found Gladys watching for him as before.

He went up behind her chair, leaned down, and whispered in her ear: "The man's name is—William Dale, and he is registered from Fort Union, New Mexico."

"Gladys looked around, a startled expression on her face."

"William Dale?" she repeated; "then he must be—"

"My father, and—a parent to be proud of, surely," the young man interposed, with exceeding bitterness.

"Oh, Gladys!" he continued, in an agonized whisper, "I feel as if I should go mad—I can bear anything better than dishonor."

Gladys turned and laid her soft cheek for an instant against the hand that was resting on the back of her chair.

The involuntary and sympathetic caress comforted him more than any words could have done, for it seemed to say, no matter what lay back among those early years before she knew him, nothing could shake her love for him, and he would always be the same to her.

With a wish I could know the story of my mother's life," Geoffrey continued, with a sigh, while a moisture gathered in his eyes. "Poor woman! I am afraid that her fate must have been a sorrowful one. Darling, I believe I shall go to New Mexico and see what I can learn about this man who is registered from Fort Union."

"Oh, Geoff, I fear it will be chasing a will-o'-the-wisp!" Gladys said, looking distressed.

"I cannot help it. I must go. I shall be wretched and good for nothing, until I learn what there is to know. I am going now to tell Uncle August about it."

He sought Mr. Huntress, and laid the whole matter before him, making known his desire, too, to go to New Mexico to see if he could gain any further clue.

Mr. Huntress sympathized heartily with him, and favored the project. He could well understand how restless and miserable Geoffrey would be until he had used every possible means to discover his parentage.

So he did all he could to hasten and facilitate his departure, and even offered to accompany him; but Geoffrey frankly told him that he preferred to go alone.

He felt that if he must learn that any stigma rested on his birth, he could not bear to have any one, not even his kind friend, witness the struggle that must come with the knowledge. He could fight it best by himself.

He left the next day but one, but owing to delays both by rail and coach, he did not reach Fort Union until ten days later.

He made inquiries for a man named William Dale, but for several days could gain no intelligence whatever regarding such a person.

At last he fell in with an old miner by the name of Henderson, who had known a man by that name many years previous, and who directed him to that mining village already described.

Thither Geoffrey hastened at once, reaching it one evening just at sunset, and only a week after Everett Mapleson's visit to the same place.

(To be continued.)

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Special Cable.

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London engagement, appear at the Adelphi Theatre, the recognized house of melodrama. Among the novelties to be produced will be a version of Alfred de Musset's historical drama, "Lorenzaccio," in which the great actress will play Lorenzo and for the first time appear before a London audience in a male character.

IRVING IN THE SHADE. With Wednesday afternoon's revival of "As You Like It," at the St. James' Theatre, George Alexander is said to have collapsed. Sir Henry Irving, never before has London seen such staging and accessories. Julia Neilson was the ideal Rosalind, so far as appearances went, but she fell short in acting the part.

THE TALK OF BERLIN. A Berlin correspondent says: Public attention during the past week has been equally divided between the dockers' strike and the Lutetia-Loek trial. The latter interests the Emperor particularly, and special reports have been made to him. The Foreign Office had a corps of shorthand reporters at the trial, and the Emperor's view to the dockers' strike against other persons involved in intrigues of the present and past cabinets. The Foreign Office has determined to make a clean sweep of the intrigues, and prosecute all the culprits. About fifteen persons, including newspaper men, detectives, and officials of various offices, are likely to be charged with the crime. In addition, the editors of several of the newspapers and a string of correspondents who have been posing as repositories of special information from high places will also be branded as impostors.

THE BRITISH BLAMED. In Berlin, the dockers' strike is generally regarded as having been instigated by British agitators, acting in the interests of British ships. The whole industrial press is voicing the conviction, and the whole Socialist press refutes it. The Emperor has expressed the opinion to Prince Hohenlohe that if the strike is not settled at the end of the week the Imperial Government is to intervene and insist upon arbitration.

THE ENGLISH COURT INTERESTED. The English court is reported to be still in a state of apprehension concerning the Bismarck revelations. It appears that the Queen and her late consort, Prince Albert, corresponded confidentially for many years on political family affairs with the old Emperor William, when the latter was simply King of Prussia, and it is understood that most of these letters, originals or copies, are in the possession of Prince Bismarck, and further revelations may therefore be more piquant in their personal touches.

THE BRUSSEWITZ BUTCHERY. Emperor William has not approved of the sentence imposed upon Lieut. Brusewitz (four years' imprisonment in a fortress and dismissal from the army for killing a mechanic) who was running him through the back with his sword, who had accidentally knocked up against the lieutenant's chair while endeavoring to show the fact, which was said to have come to the surface, and his Majesty has ordered the case to be reopened with a new trial. Part of the evidence is said to refer to the damaging antecedents of Brusewitz and the rest is reported to show the fact, which was not disclosed at the trial, that the officer ran the man through the body after listening to the apologies of his victim and appeals for mercy.

BALITIC CANAL TRAFFIC. The first annual official report of the Baltic Canal has just been issued. It shows that 16,834 vessels passed through it, with a tonnage of 1,595,983. Of these ships 1,551 were steamships, with a tonnage of 1,140,578. The German vessels numbered 14,557, the Danish 812, the Swedish 336, and the British 154. The dues amounted to \$2,878,000 marks, which is 780,000 marks below the expenses of running the canal.

NOTES. Early in January splendid collection of diamonds and other precious stones, which formerly belonged to the French crown, will be sold at Amsterdam. The collection includes two mantle knots which belonged to the Empress Eugenie, with 341 stones, weighing more than 1,000 carats. There are also 181 brilliants and 766 rose diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds.

The year 1896 has proved a rare harvest for the company promoter. It is estimated that \$14,750,000 (\$708,750,000) of shares in different concerns have been offered to the public during the past eleven months, being the highest amount in several years, or 242,000,000 (\$20,000,000) above the same period in 1895, and double the amount of 1894. Over 115,000,000 (\$65,000,000) were earned last month.

Some definite shape is being given to the frequent newspaper demands for a memorial to the late Robert Louis Stevenson. The meeting was recently held in the rooms of the Scottish Arts Club, Edinburgh, with this object in view, and Lord Rosebery was present and empowered to take steps for the furtherance of the movement of public meetings and otherwise.

The splendid gift of gold communion plate from Mr. Hooley, the champion stock promoter, to St. Paul's Cathedral, is not adequately appreciated by the ecclesiastical authorities. The complaint is made that police precautions will be required for guarding it, owing to its great value.

The South African millionaire, J. B. Robinson, has bought a stately mansion, Dudley House, Park Lane, Piccadilly. Another Africaner, the stock broker Beit, has built a palace near Grosvenor Gate, and Barney Barnato is erecting in Park Lane the largest and most gorgeous building in England. Robinson, Beit and Barnato may expend themselves in the expenditure of millions, but they cannot get admission into clubs and social circles where poorer men are welcomed.

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Grand Trunk Railway returns of traffic for the period ending Nov. 30, 1896: Passenger train earnings, \$146,341; in 1895, \$150,548; freight train earnings, \$294,899; in 1895, \$318,345; total, 1896, \$441,240; in 1895, \$468,893; decrease, \$27,653.

Expert Stephen Little, of New York, has made public the report of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It shows that the net income of the company was overstated for the nine months ending June 30, 1892, and for the three years following. The amount of the inflation is fixed at \$2,721,067 81.

An arrangement has been arrived at between the Grand Trunk and Canada Pacific Railways for the interchange of tickets. By the action of the railways it has become possible for them to do away with all outside ticket agencies, and the consequence is that in towns where such existed they have been withdrawn. The towns in which the offices will be closed are as follows: Blenheim, Bowmanville, Barrie, Clinton, Dresden, Goderich, Hamburg, Lindsay, Minto, Niagara Falls, Port Perry, Pembroke, Seaforth, Shelburne, Simcoe, St. Marys, Tilsonburg, Thamesford, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Norwood, Owen Sound, Plattsfield, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Smithville and Tweed. In each of the above towns the offices of both railways will be closed. In the following towns the Canadian Pacific offices only will be closed: Alliston, Aurora, Bracebridge, Brighton, Brussels, Chesley, Chesterville, Collingwood, Durham, Elmira, Enterprise, Exeter, Forestburg, Georgetown, Hanover, Kincardine, Lucan, Lucknow, Meaford, Moorefield, Paisley, Parry Sound, Stratford, Sunningdale, Tara, Wallaceburg, Warton, Berlin and Brantford. A few of the above are already closed, and the remainder will be closed at once.

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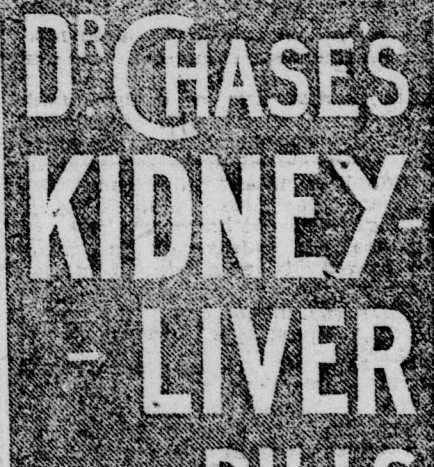
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