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CHAPTER XIII.
A DEBT OF HONOR.

"Yes," he said, with a smile and a glance into the lovely eyes, "yes, I think I understand. That certainly seems one sufficient reason. And the other?"

"He was a great deal too rich. He had estates valued at thousands, here, there, and everywhere. He asked me to marry him; and I would have done so had he come back to me in good health and really master of himself, but he was not. It was naturally just as impossible for me to marry a man who might get mad with drink at any moment, as it was for me to take advantage of a man in his condition."

"Quite so, quite so," said Kenneth, with a touch of impatience. "So you refused him, as any honorable woman would have done under the circumstances."

"I didn't refuse him unconditionally, Mr. Markham," she said, sitting up a little straighter in her chair. "I told him that if he had the moral strength and resolution to save himself, or even allow himself to be saved, from drink and all that it brings with it, I would marry him, but not until he was cured. Then he swore that no one should cure and save him but myself. My aunt consented, and consulted our doctor, who has made a specialty of such complaints. So we went to his house at Hampstead, and, of course, you know what happened."

"Yes," said Kenneth, "it must have been terribly painful for you."

"It was awful," she replied, with a shudder. "But even now I have not told you what I came here for, and I must have wearied you very much, I am afraid."

"On the contrary," he said, remembering what she had told him about her husband and her father, "I am deeply interested. Pray go on, and tell me how I can help you."

"Thank you," she replied, with a little tremor in her voice. "It is most kind of you to say that. While Sir Arthur was under our care he went to his solicitors, with his cousin, Mr. Ashley, and made a will in which he left nearly everything to me, as though I had been his wife, although, of course, he provided for Mr. Ashley, who is not very well off. He also left the family heirlooms and some old furniture and jewels to his two elder sisters, who are very well off. This morning I had a letter from his solicitors, saying that these two ladies had

determined to contest the will, on the grounds of improper influence. I think you call it—in other words, accusing me of fraud, of stealing, in short, I don't want the money, but I must clear my honor. Now, will you help me to do it, Mr. Markham?"

"Yes, I will," he replied. "My father owed your father and your husband a debt, a debt of honor, and I will do my best to pay it."

CHAPTER XIV.
THE LAWYER AND THE MAN.

The fact that, as Kenneth Markham believed, the husband and father of Lillas had died after being brought to poverty by the failure of the Markham group of mines in West Australia, fully decided him to take up her case and do his utmost to prove that the great fortune which Sir Arthur had left to her was really hers.

Moreover, a long series of careful investigations had shown him that, in spite of his infirmity with regard to drugs and alcohol, Sir Arthur had been, both in the legal and the moral sense, in the full possession of his faculties when he made the will. Indeed, he could find no evidence to show that Lillas or her aunt even knew that he meant to make it, and his own solicitors were prepared to swear, if necessary, that there was nothing abnormal in his behavior when he called at their office for the purpose of executing the will.

Another point very much in her favor was the fact that Arthur Ashley, Sir Arthur's cousin, who might naturally have expected to benefit considerably, but who had only been left a legacy of a couple of thousand pounds, at once admitted that, although he thought he had not been treated as he might have been, he saw no reason to believe that his cousin had been improperly influenced, and since his fortune was absolutely at his own disposal, if he chose to leave it to the woman who had been his first and only love, there was nothing more to be done in the matter.

There remained, however, the circumstances of Sir Arthur's death. As described to him by Lillas, her aunt, and the nurse, they were as follows:

When they opened the door of his bedroom they found him standing in the middle of the room, with a revolver in his hand, which he had fortunately emptied firing at imaginary enemies, and doing no more harm than breaking a couple of mirrors, into which he had probably fired at his own reflection, and smashing two or three pictures. He had continued snapping the empty pistol until they opened the door, when he had then flung it at them. It had passed between Lillas' head and her aunt's, and struck the wall with such force as proved that it would have very seriously injured, if not killed, either of them that it had struck.

He was obviously in a state of high fever and delirium, and unhappily Doctor Mathews had gone out to see an urgent case. A man was sent on horseback to fetch him, but by the time he returned, Sir Arthur had suddenly quieted down and had gone back to bed. The nurse and Miss Holroyd had remained in attendance till the doctor's arrival. He administered a sedative, and Sir Arthur had gone to sleep. The nurse had then gone back to bed, and Lillas and her aunt had taken turns to watch the patient until the nurse came on duty in the morning, so that the doctor might be summoned if necessary.

In the early hours of the morning,

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"My dear Ken, I don't care a snap of a finger for her loveliness. Mind, I'm not saying a word against her; but if I were going to discuss this thing impersonally, we mustn't shut our eyes to the fact that beautiful women have used their beauty for bad as well as good ends before now. The first fact in the business that I don't like, or perhaps I should say looks a bit suspicious to me, is her coming to see you herself, when, as you've just told me, Sir Arthur's own solicitors were willing to act for her."

"Which," said Kenneth, is another insinuation of undue influence."

"Yes," laughed Ackersley, "you can call it that if you like. I have not had the pleasure of seeing the lady, but after what you have told me about her, I should say that there is a suspicion—fascinated as you have been so far by pansy eyes, perfect features, shimmering, golden hair, baby cheeks, and red, tremulous, eloquent lips, and all the rest of it—that her looks must have had something to do with your inclination to advocate her case. You know you have never done anything like this before. It does make one just a trifle suspicious."

"In other words," Kenneth interrupted impatiently, "you think that I have allowed a pretty face to make a fool of me."

"I am not taking you for a fool," said Ackersley, with a touch of his Northern burr. "I am taking you for a man, Kenneth—not a lawyer, but just a man; and if you don't know what a man feels like when a beautiful girl—and as you tell me this Mrs. Ashley is no more than a girl in years—looks into your eyes, with nice, soft, pansy eyes, and tells you a story with those same lips, well, a man of your age who has blood in his veins is very apt to believe her assertions!"

"No, that's all very well, my dear fellow; I quite understand what you mean; but I think you are inclined to leave out the lawyer," laughed Kenneth, leaning back in his chair. "Mrs. Ashley told me her story, and I confess that I believed it, whether or not under the influence of pansy eyes and eloquent lips, doesn't matter, because after I had heard the said story I turned to and concocted another one, as far as possible the direct opposite."

"You mean the opposite to all she told you?" said Ackersley, in what Kenneth somehow seemed to think a somewhat doubtful tone. "Well, the one that you have told me has been positively interesting, but somehow I have an idea that your version ought to be more interesting still."

"Why?"

"Because, if it's as good as I expect it to be, it will go some way toward proving that you have managed to get to the back of this good lady's mind; and that's a thing that no man born of woman ever did yet. Secondly, it will prove that you are one of the greatest lawyers that ever wore stuff or silk. Now, what is it?"

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