

HELENA GRAHAM, THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER I.

Herbert Clinton paused, as if irresolute whether to reveal the rest or not; but Helena grasped his arm, and in a voice that was fairly hoarse with intense excitement, said—

"Go on," he continued, looking beyond her, as if describing something then passing before him, "the interior of a church thronged with people. Flowers were strewn along the aisles, and I seemed to hear faintly the grand cadences of a triumphal hymn. A clergyman, book in hand, stood before a bridal pair, performing the marriage ceremony. The features of the maid of God are indelibly impressed on my memory, but the two who stood before him had their backs towards me. For about five seconds they remained thus stationary, then it began to grow more and more indistinct; the forms grew shadowy and undefined, and began to disappear."

"Just before they vanished altogether, the faces of the wedded pair turned for an instant towards me; and in the bridegroom, Helena, I beheld myself. The vapor lifted and lifted, until all was gone, and nothing was to be seen but the black walls of the room, and the glowing fiery coals in the cauldron."

"Again the Mahometan threw the incense on the fire, and again mumbled his unintelligible jargon. Again the thick black smoke arose, filling the room; and again became stationary, forming a shadowy panorama before me. This time I saw a prison cell—dark, dismal and noisome. A rough straw-pallet stood on one side; and on the other a pitcher of water and a loaf—orthodox prison fare from time immemorial. On the ground, chained as it were to the wall, grovelled a woman, in shining bridal robes, her long midnight tresses trailing on the foul floor."

"No word can describe to you the utter despair and mortal anguish depicted on her crouching attitude. I stood spell-bound to the spot, unable to move, in breathless interest. Then the scene began to fade away; the prostrate figure lifted its head, and I beheld the face of her whom, a moment before, seemed to stand beside me at the altar. But no words of mine can describe to you the mortal woe, that shone in that despair in that haggard but beautiful face. Helena! Helena! it will haunt me to my dying day. I put out my hand as if to retain her; but at that instant all disappeared."

Once more Herbert Clinton paused. This time he was deadly pale, and his eyes were wild and excited. Helena stood near him, her great black, mystic eyes dilated, every trace of color fading from her face, leaving even her lips as pale as death."

"The third time this strange enchantment went through the same ceremony as before," continued he, "and as in the previous cases, a new scene appeared before me. Now, the time appeared to be night, and the place a dark, lonesome wood. A furious storm of lightning, and thunder, and rain was raging, and the trees creaked and bent in the fierce wind. On the ground lay the dead body of a man weltering in blood. A dark crimson stream flowed from a great, frightful gash in his head, from which the life seemed just to have gone. As the white face of the murdered man was upturned to the light—cut, and disfigured as it was, Helena—I realized myself once more. At Heaven hears me I saw it as plainly as I see yonder pale, fair moon now. A white gashy form, whether of woman or spirit I know not, seemed hovering near, darting, as it were, in and out amid the trees. Even as I gazed, it grew again."

"For the fourth and last time, the Mahometan threw the strange incense on the fire, and 'spoke the words of power,' and a new vision met my horrified gaze. I seemed to behold an immense concourse of people, a vast mob swaying to and fro in the wildest excitement. A low, hoarse growl, as of distant thunder, passed at intervals through the vast crowd, and every eye was raised to an object above them. I looked up, too, and beheld a sight that seemed freezing the very blood in my veins. It was a scaffold; and standing on it with the ignominious halter round her white, beautiful neck, was she who had stood beside me at the altar, whom I had seen chained in her prison-cell, doomed to die by the hand of the public hangman now. Her beautiful hands were stretched out wildly, imploringly, to the crowd below, who only hooted her in her agony and despair."

INTERESTING TO THOSE CONNECTED WITH RAILWAYS.—At a recent meeting of the railroad managers of the United States and Canada, held in Chicago, the fact was stated that an agreement had been entered into, whereby the Companies would in the future refuse in every instance any indemnity to employees for injuries on their roads, and also to cut off all pensioners. In pursuance of this arrangement, the Michigan Central Railroad Company has notified all its employees that the Company will not guarantee them against injury, nor agree to pay their bills, or support them or their families in case of casualty. All are given distinctly to understand that the company will pay its working men only the wages agreed upon, and that they must assume all risks attendant upon the business themselves.

The reasons given for this step are that the net gains of the railroads are now so small that they cannot afford this burden, as heretofore. Besides, it is alleged that accident insurance companies of perfect responsibility will undertake for a small risk, to indemnify all insurers against injury. Other lines will most likely ere long be following in the wake of the Michigan Central in this matter.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London."—See article in Cassell's Household Guide, 156-9m

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