

A Cardinal Sin.

Continued from 1st Page. who picked it up on the road. Here's the letter sent to Mr. Bourchier. Manders' explanation of the way he acquired the pocket-book, was so natural and simple, that had he not seemed impossible for a man to talk so coolly of committing his father's murder, Mr. Bourchier might have believed him to be the man he personated.

All this practical conversation was bringing his mind to its usual bent. He confessed to himself that this rascal had defeated him; that to a certain extent he held him in his power. He guessed he would wield his power to his own advantage. Well, he must pay, and be thankful that money could hush the thing up. Having resolved more or less, he turned to the man.

"Now, how much do you want?" he asked sternly, and in a business like tone. "I'll give you five hundred," said the man, "but I'll take it in three instalments. I'll give you one hundred now, and the other two hundred in two months."

"I am not thinking altogether of money," said the man. "I want to know how much you want to pay for the thing. I'll give you five hundred, but I'll take it in three instalments. I'll give you one hundred now, and the other two hundred in two months."

"You fool!" said Philip Bourchier, with cutting scorn. "You fool not to know me better than that!" "Then I'll tell you what belongs to me—the whole of it," said Manders, sullenly.

"You had better try—the law is open to all," said Manders, sullenly. "I will try, and, anyway, you'll hang for murder."

"If you had studied the law you would know that, granting your accusation is true, a man in England can't be tried twice for the same offence. If you doubt me, I will show you chapter and verse. There is a law in England which says that a man can't be tried twice for the same offence."

"Well, I can do as bad. I can tell every one the tale; publish it in every paper; send it round; make it talked of all over the country; and you won't dare move a finger to stop me."

"Yes, he could do that. Mr. Bourchier might laugh scornfully, but the fact remained. "And, I guess," continued Manders, "when the judge is asked to decide between you and me, a little bag of things which will identify the man you shot as my father won't prejudice him in your favor."

"Philip Bourchier's respect for his antagonist was rising—he was clearly aghast. He said roundly: "You had better try—the law is open to all," said Manders, sullenly.

"I told you before, when you cut me so short, I was not thinking of money only."

"What were you thinking of?" "I wanted to get on in the world," said Manders, sullenly. "With your talents," said Mr. Bourchier, "you should be a little further on than that."

"No, I suppose not," continued Manders, choosing to take his words literally. "But you see, I want a start. I want to mix with the right sort of people," he continued.

"Go on." "I'm your cousin—I'm Digby Bourchier—and as I'm as legitimate as you are, and head of the family, I want you to acknowledge me as Digby Bourchier, to let me visit you here and in London, whenever I like. I shan't be a disgrace to you; don't you be afraid."

"You'll allow me to open my drawer, I'll write you out a check for two thousand pounds, and trust I shall never see you again."

Manders rose—justly indignant. He was not acting now; every word he said he felt and meant.

"I'll make no terms, except those I have named. I'll not take a farthing. I'll turn you out of Red-bills—I'll proclaim you a murderer. You think I shall ruin myself—never mind, I'll ruin you. If I can't hang you I can do that. I'll go from here to London and in a week you'll get some strange tidings. Good-morning—you've had your chance and missed. I swear I will do what I say. I haven't much to lose—you have."

He turned to the door. Mr. Bourchier could see he was in grim earnest; he knew that unpleasant consequences must ensue if he let him go.

"Stop," he said; "you are too hasty. I must consider." "I will give you time for that—till to-morrow. Then I will come for your answer. I will either be a good friend or a bitter foe."

"I will come and see you," said Mr. Bourchier, who was not wishing him to awaken any more curiosity with his visits. "You are at the inn, I suppose?"

"No," said Manders, shortly. "I shall call on you to-morrow evening. If I am admitted, not only to the house but to your table—presented by my right name to your family as a cousin, well and good. I shall understand without another word that you yield. If I am denied entrance, I shall know the meaning of that—then matters will take their course. It rests with you to make things pleasant."

Without another word he opened the door and walked out. He thought he had conquered this time. With a light, quick step he went along the drive, nodded cheerfully and gallily to the old woman at the lodge. Some little way down the road he met the two girls returning from their ride. He raised his hat once more—a salute which only the younger acknowledged. He turned and looked after his new cousins, admiring their perfect figures and the way they sat their horses. Josephine, with a girl's curiosity, turned her head for a moment.

"I hope and trust," said Manders, who was most susceptible to such charms as hers, "that matters may be arranged pleasantly to-morrow."

[To be continued.]

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