

FILE NO. 113

BY Emile Gaboriau.

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The banker looked wildly from Raoul to M. Verduret, then fastening his haggard eyes on his wife, exclaimed: "What is the meaning of this?"

"The moment that the Marquis de Lagors was perceived that Raoul de Lagors was the only obstacle between him and Madeleine, he would find it difficult to be compelled to preserve his self-restraint, no matter how dreadful the discoveries might be."

"When he discovered the proofs of guilt on my part, he must impose silence upon my resentment, until fully assured of possessing certain evidence."

"There was one simple means of ascertaining whether the diamonds had been pawned. If the letter lied in this instance he would treat it with the scorn it deserved."

"Hurry into Mme. Faugel's room in her absence he opened the drawer of the chest-drawer, where she kept her jewels."

"The last dozen or more leather and velvet boxes containing superb sets of jewelry which he had presented to her were gone."

"Twelve boxes remained. He nervously opened them one by one. They were empty."

"The anonymous letter had told the truth. And she had been thus deceiving him for twenty years! But suddenly a gleam of hope penetrated his confused mind—slightly, barely possible; still a straw to cling to."

"Perhaps Valentine has put her diamonds in Madeleine's room." Without stopping to consider the imbecility of what he was about to do he hurried into the girl's room and pulled open the drawers after another. What did he find?

"Not Mme. Faugel's diamonds, but Madeleine's seven or eight boxes also empty. Great heavens! this was the gentle girl whom he had treated as a daughter, an accomplice in this deed of abhorrence! Had she contributed her jewelry to add to the disgrace of the roof that sheltered her?"

"This last was almost too much for the miserable old man. If his wife could deceive him now when she was silver-haired had not she deceived him when she was a young girl?"

"Not only did he suffer in the present, but the uncertainty of the past tortured his soul. He was like a man who is told that the exquisite wine he has drunk contains poison. Confidence is entire; it is, or it is not. His confidence was gone; his faith was dead."

"The wretched banker had rested his every hope and happiness on the love of his wife. Believing that she had proved faithful, that she had played him false, and was unworthy of trust he admitted the possibility of peaceful joy, and felt tempted to seek consolation from self-destruction. What had he to live for now, save to mourn over the ashes of the past?"

"But this dejection did not last long. Indignant anger and thirst for vengeance made him start up and swear that he would lose no time in vain regrets."

"M. Faugel well knew that the fact of the diamonds being stolen was an insufficient ground upon which to bring an accusation against any of the accomplices. He must possess overwhelming proofs before taking any active steps. Success depended upon great secrecy."

"He began by calling his valet and ordering him to bring him every letter that should come to the house. He then wrote to a notary at St. Remy for minutes and authentic information about the Lagors, and especially about Raoul."

"Finally, following the advice of the anonymous letter, he went to the Prefecture of Police, hoping to obtain a biography of Clameran."

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