THE MYSTERY CLEARED UP;

OR, THE HERITAGE OF MADAME YALTA.

CHAPTER VIII.—(Cont'd)

"It was, I believe, at the Rink that she arranged her meeting with you. Having failed in that, she tried not long after a less violent and surer means. You were followed step by step. You were observed one evening entering the Varietes. She came there. You invited her to supper. I need not tell you the rest."

"No, I have not forgotten the sequel. Then this creature did all by order of the one-handed?"

"Yes."

"So I supposed, for she possesses her two hands and is very skilful in pilfering with them. But this brunette with the golden complexion cannot be Russian?"

"No, she is French and married to a Pole."

"I pity him. And now may I ask how it is that your gardener has been associated with her in the several plays in which she has acted?"

"You told me that he passed for her protector, did you not?"

"Yes, when he appeared with her at the theatre; but in Rue Jouffroy he was taken for porter of his house, which appears to have served as headquarters of the band—I have seen him there."

"Not last night, I suppose, for yesterday evening quite late he came to me for orders for some changes I wished to make in my conservatory, and this morning, quite early, I found him at work."

"He was not of this expedition; but why had he served her before?"

"He is her husband."

"Her husband! and he tolerates the life she leads!"

"You are mistaken with regard to Justine. Her conduct is quite irreproachable. She obeys no one but her husband, whom she loves—and a woman who protects her."

"Yes, the woman of the bracelet. But why did she give asylum to this Carnoel? To save him from Borisoff was well, but to hide him at her house—that hardly accords with her great love for her husband."

"That is absolutely false. Justine carried M. de Carnoel to a house where he is in safety, but she is not with him."

"Then M. Villagos—"

"Has lied. He invented this fable to draw you into a trap. You incommode him. He wishes to be rid of you."

"I incommode him! How?"

"You have meddled with his affairs."

"Without suspecting it, certainly. What affairs has he? Is he also a conspirator?"

"The chief of them. Villagos directs all the intrigues against the government of the Czar; and he has not the same grievances as the proscribed Poles. He is Russian. His name is not Villagos, it is Grisenko. He has no country to avenge. He is a Nihilist."

"Nihilist! this amiable doctor! Then he was concerned in the theft of the casket?"

"It was he who organized it."

"Ah! now I see why he pointed out to me the brunette who skated on rollers. He was in league with her. But why does he reproach her now for her connection with Carnoel? I am lost in inconsistencies."

"They are only apparent. I have not told you all. Villagos knew from the first that M. de Carnoel had disappeared, and that he was suspected of the theft. It mattered little to him that the innocent should be accused. He even rejoiced in it, for it diverted suspicion from the real culprits. Now it happened that the woman who played the principal role in this affair was interested for this young man who was accused, and who was not there to defend himself. She took into her head to repair the wrong that had been involuntarily done, and to attain this end, it was necessary to find M. de Carnoel. This project did not suit Villagos, who feared she would compromise herself, and, above all, the Nihilists. And he had reason to fear it, for M. de Carnoel had fallen into Borisoff's hands, and could not be delivered without coming in conflict with a man sent to Paris for the express purpose of watching over the enemies of Russia."

"The lady confided her design, then, to this Satanic doctor?"

"No, but he guessed it. She allowed herself to let fall expressions of sympathy for the misfortunes of M. de Carnoel. It was all that was necessary to make him divine that she would seek to save him."

"Did she know that Carnoel was a prisoner in the house of Rue de Vigny?"

"No one knew it, but the lady suspected it and acted accordingly. Villagos only learned it afterward. How, I cannot tell. You saw him this morning. He certainly made an effort to surprise your secrets. Are you certain you did not let him do so?"

"I! deliver up a secret you commanded me to keep! I listened to the doctor, but told him nothing—or almost nothing."

"Little as you may have said, it was too much. Villagos is sagacious and cunning. He has to appear the false to discover the true. I fear you have, unknown to yourself, given him the information he was in search of."

"You have a sad opinion of me. Is it my intelligence or my fidelity you mistrust?"

"Neither; but you are hardly the rival in cunning of a man whose life has been spent in conspiring, and who possesses in the highest degree the art of reading the thoughts of others whilst concealing his own. Try to remember. Did you not let fall some imprudent word? Did you not say, for instance, that M. de Carnoel was taken last night to a house in Rue Jouffroy?"

"It was he who said so. I told him that he was mistaken."

"And that he was there no longer, did you not?"

"It is true," answered Maxime, reddening a little. "But he knew it already. I told him nothing new."

"And no doubt you spoke to him of Kardiki?"

"I—no—I believe not."

"Be frank, and hide nothing from me, I pray. It is important I should know."

"I only told him that I fancied I had recognized your fencing-master dressed as a gentleman and seated in a box beside the woman of the Rink, but that I was not quite certain."

"Thank you," murmured the countess, who had become quite pale. "I know now what to think of the consequences of your conversation with that man."

"But," resumed Maxime, quickly, "he replied that I must be mistaken; that this Kardiki was a poor devil of a Polish refugee, and had no acquaintance with Mlle. Justine."

"And it was after having given you this assurance that he told you that I would pass the day in the country"

"Yes. What connection was there between this falsehood and the mistake I made of mentioning the name of Kardiki?"

"If Villagos endeavored to defer you from coming to see me, it was because he did not wish me to know that he was aware of the conduct of Kardiki. I will explain to you why I know, as I told you, the woman who protects Justine, and who undertook the campaign to draw M. de Carnoel from the claws of Borisoff. In acting thus, this woman disobeyed the orders of the Nihilist committee, represented by Villagos, and has incurred a terrible punishment. Villagos thought you would speak to me of your conversation with him; that I would forsee the danger which menaced my friend, and would hasten to warn her of it. If he has engaged you to defer your visit till to morrow, it is because he has resolved to act before you have seen me."

"Well, his Machiavellian plan has miscarried, and now that we both understand perfectly the situation, I charge myself with bringing M. Villagos to reason. Shall I begin by boxing his ears, to teach him to fool me as he did this morning?"

"No," said the countess quickly; "to play your life against his would be too unequal a game. It is for me to act, for I alone can save those who have been exposed to the vengeance of the Nihilists. But first I must convince you of M. de Carnoel's innocence. I have not yet spoken to you of the second attempt—the one which succeeeded. It was made by one man alone—the same who accompanied my friend on the first expedition, in which she lost her hand. I knew this man, and I swear to you that no one assisted him in opening the safe; that he took only the casket, and that he was ignorant of the existence of M. de Carnoel."

"It remains to be explained how M. de Carnoel had on his person the fifty thousand francs which were certainly taken from the safe. Vignory explained to us that the packages of notes were pinned in a particular manner, and is certain of having pinned them himself."

"M. Vignory is mistaken, or he lies."

"My uncle would scarcely admit that, if the question were submitted to him."

"He would admit it, I suppose, if my friend should appear before him to confirm the statement I have just made to you."

"I doubt it. Besides, she could not do that without confessing her own guilt."

"Without confessing that she has conspired against the oppressors of her country."

"It would be a generous action—too generous; for if M. de Carnoel is innocent, why does he not come forward himself?"

"He would already have done so if my friend had not restrained him," replied the countess, with confidence.

"Your friend! He has, then, taken refuge with her?"

"Where else would he go after the events of last night? Justine carried him to her protectress, and he has remained with her."

"That is natural enough; but the asylum is ill chosen for a man who claims to vindicate himself of the charge with which he is accused, for the person who receives him has attempted to open the safe, and one of her accomplices has succeeded. It will not fail to be said that these people all understand each other."

"My friend will request M. Dorgeres to examine all those who took part in the affair of the casket. They will declare unanimously that M. de Carnoel knew nothing about it, and as they will be compelled to accuse themselves their testimony need not be suspected."

"Well, let him appear and plead his own cause if he has nothing to reproach himself with. I do not say that he will win, but in any event he has little to lose."

"And had he everything to lose he would not hesitate."

"You have, then, seen him?"

"Yes."

"Will he go alone?"

"No. In all probability he would not be received."

"Will it be more likely if he goes with your friend?"

"I shall go with him, and I count on your assistance. Your presence would be indispensable to me."

"I am at your service, but my situation is a difficult one. I have just sworn to my cousin, sworn on my honor, that Robert de Carnoel was unworthy of her."

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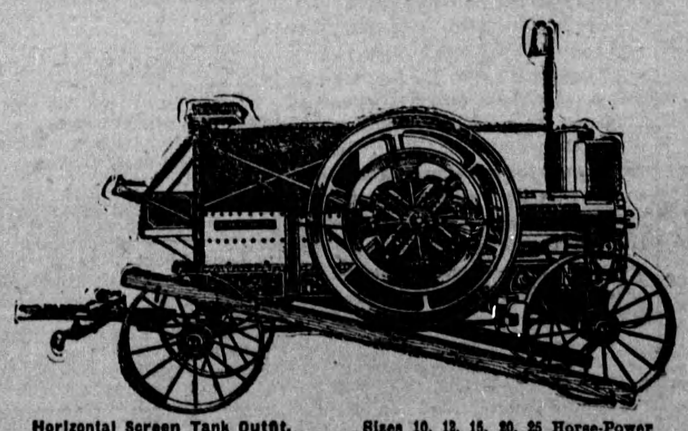

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