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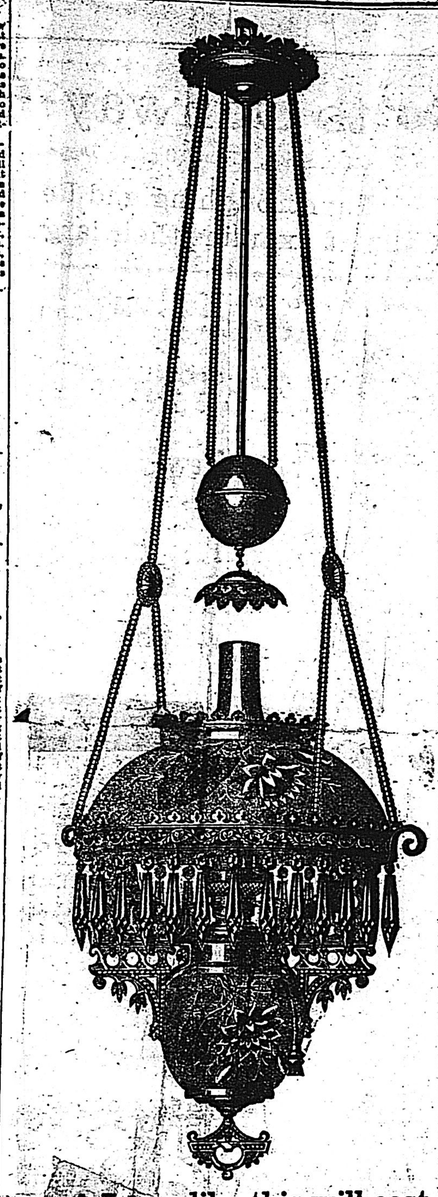

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"So-o—you have fathomed the truth. You are aware that you are my prisoner yet you dare to defy me. You are helpless in my hands, even if I did not possess the power over you which I claim as your father. I have indulged your caprices long enough, Lora, and now it's your turn to bow before my authority. I have separated you from Mrs. Grafton, and brought you to this place that you may learn such a lesson of submission as has never been taught you before. Do you understand?"

"I understand this," cried Lora with sudden passion. "That you are unfit to have charge of me; that you have no fatherly affection for me, or you would never have subjected me to such an ordeal as this. Shame on you, Stephen Ford, that you could not spare your own child the revelations of your utter baseness! I was living in peace and respectability, and you have dragged me from the home in which I was cherished and beloved to bring me to *this!*"

With an ugly sneer, he asked:

"What may you mean by that strong emphasis, my dear daughter? What have I brought you to?"

"To disgrace and ruin!" was the despairing reply. "Never again can I hold up my head among honorable people, knowing who and what I am! You say you are my father, but I repudiate you as such. If you have brought me here with the hope that I will ever lower myself to your standard, you will find yourself mistaken. I comprehend now why I was to acquire skill in engraving; but never shall my hand aid you to carry on the shameless business that vulgar woman says is pursued here."

"So-o—Mrs. Chotean has been talking imprudently, I find. It does not matter much, though, for the sooner you know the truth the sooner you will make up your mind to accept the inevitable. It is nonsense for you to rant in this absurd way, Lora, for in the end you will submit to my will. There is nothing else left for you, child, and I do not mind your puny efforts to insult and defy me. I have had the breaking of a spirit as high as yours once before in my life, and the owner of it was tame enough when I was done with her."

"Yes—tamed by death," said Lora with sudden clairvoyance. "That woman was my mother, and you broke her heart, yet you dare to speak to me of her in this way. You shall not break mine, nor shall you bend me to your infamous purposes. Let me go, and I can labor for my bread. I will never win it by defrauding honest men of their gains, as seems to be your vocation."

A wave of furious passion surged over the listener to these defiant words, and he lifted his hand as if to strike the audacious speaker, but something in her face warned him that if violence were used towards her at this stage of affairs it would be hopeless to attempt to soothe her into eventual compliance with his will.

The uplifted hand fell beside him, and with a harsh laugh, he said:

"What a dutiful daughter my friend, Mrs. Grafton, has trained for me, to be sure. Defiant, denunciatory, getting on a rampage at the slightest provocation! I am afraid that my pearl of price will prove a hard bargain to me."

"Give me up, then," said Lora.

He regarded her with an expression she could not fathom, and something like amusement came into his eyes as he dryly said:

"That is easier said than done, my fair dragon. 'The secret of this prison house' would soon be known to the outside world if you were allowed to make good your escape from it. Having brought you hither, there is only one chance for you to evade the durance in which I shall hold you till you have become one of ourselves."

"There is no chance of the last," she eagerly said. "What is the avenue of escape that is open to me?"

"A marriage with Rosen. He is to join Silas—that is, my brother—at Cleveland, and come hither when the yacht returns. As his wife you can go back to the gay life you love, for he is one of ourselves, and would be responsible for your good behavior."

A deep flush came into Lora's face, followed by deadly paleness. She bitterly said:

"My vanity was flattered by claiming a count as my lover, and I am rightly punished by the humiliation of this hour. Not even to escape from this place, with all its degrading associations, will I consent even to receive this man when he comes. Marry him! How can I do that, when you know that I am pledged heart and soul to another?—that I love Frank Nugent with all my heart, and that he loves me well enough to follow you up and snatch me from your power?"

"Young Nugent may be put out of the question," said Ford, coldly; "for at the last accounts he was lying ill of the yellow fever at Memphis, with no hope of his recovery. I would not tell you this while you were dancing and fluttering among your admirers, but it is as well for you to know it now."

Lora reeled and clutched the railing by which she was standing. For a moment she felt stunned, but she rallied almost immediately, and said:

"If Frank had died I should have heard of it. A telegram would have been sent to Ma Julia, and she would not have kept it from me. I do not believe that statement, and whether true or false, it can have no influence over my relations toward Count Rosenberg. It is dreadful enough to know myself to be a counterfeiter's daughter, without deepening the disgrace by becoming a counterfeiter's wife."

Ford's face became livid as she uttered the last words. In low, concentrated tones of wrath, he said:

"The day shall come when you shall be something lower than either, for you shall become the slave of one or the other of us. As his slave, he will deck you in finery paid for by the money you scorn. As mine, your dainty hands will become more familiar with the graver chair with the piano, for you shall use your skill in my service, or abide the consequences."

"Let the consequences be what they may, I will never, never serve you in that way!" she vehemently exclaimed. "If I have the misfortune to be your daughter, that does not give you the right to threaten me in this dreadful manner."

"I will soon do more than threaten," he said, with a dark look which alarmed her even more than his words. "There is no chance of escape from the island, therefore you may have the range of it till Rosen comes. That will be within two weeks from this time, perhaps. It may be earlier; it may be later. That depends on the movements of Silas, and your count is so deeply smitten that he will be sure to be ready for my brother, let him come as soon as he may.

"When they arrive your destiny will be settled as you may decide—freedom such as Rosen may choose to allow you as his wife, or servitude to me which will break down your pride and bring you to the level of all the rest of my subjects. If you fancy that you are to enjoy immunity from labor because you are my daughter, you are much mistaken. I maintain no one in idleness, and if you refuse to work for the food supplied to you, its quantity and quality can be lowered until you will be glad enough to come to terms."

While he thus spoke Lora regarded him in silent horror. Such affection as had begun to bud toward him in her warm young heart withered before this cruel threat. In its place came indignant contempt, hot anger, that he should expect to rule her by such means as he had indicated.

She haughtily replied:

"You may starve me as you threaten, but I will never become a tool in your hands to be used for dishonest purposes. I would cut off my hand sooner than allow it to serve you in the way you wish. Can you really be my father, Mr. Ford? Parents do not usually degrade and destroy the children they love, and you are rich enough to have saved me from this terrible ordeal if I am your daughter. What object have you to attain in subjecting me to it? Why did you remove me from a happy home to bring me to such shame and humiliation as this?"

Ford, hard as he was, almost shrank from the clear light of the eyes lifted to his as this doubt was expressed; he felt that some intuition had warned her of the slightness of the tie between them, and he was doubly enraged against her when he saw how fearless and unsubdued she was. He seized her arm with such violence as to leave the impression of his fingers upon it for days afterward, and angrily said:

"You doubt your paternity because I have put an end to the life of extravagant frivolity you have lately led. If I had allowed that to go on indefinitely, I should have been treated with none of these heroics. I have chosen a husband for you, and we both thought it best that you should become one of the initiated in our fraternity before the marriage takes place. You will have to put aside all this folly and accept the fate I have decreed to you."

"Never! Let me go, and I will bind myself by the most solemn pledge not to betray what I have learned since I came to this place. Take back all you have given me, leaving me but the means to get back to those who love me, and I will promise to forgive the outrage against me of which you have been guilty; I will try to think kindly of you when I am far away from your tyranny and threats."

"Let you go from me, Lora!" asked Ford, suddenly assuming a tenderness of tone which the poor girl found quite as repulsive as his late harshness, "I can never think of that, my daughter, for it would be equivalent to giving you up forever. We shall come to a better understanding as time goes on, Lora, and I am sure there will be no need to fulfil the threats I made in my anger just now. I cannot give you up—you are too important to me to allow me to do that. Let things rest till Rosen comes, and then you shall decide as to going forth with him, or remaining here as my companion for several months to come. I shall stay here till I have won you over to my interests, my daughter, and you will have time to make up your mind to the inevitable."

In a low, firm tone, Lora replied:

"I am not dear to you. For some reason of your own, you wish to detain me near you, but it is not for love. We do not torture those we love, and you are inflicting on me an amount of suffering which a man like you can never measure. I shall not be won over to do your bidding. As to Count Rosenberg, I will not even see him when he comes."

"We shall see about that when the time comes," said Ford, smiling grimly. "In the meantime we will let the dispute rest. It will be time enough to recur to it when the necessity arises. Since you are here, perhaps you would like to see something of the skilful work carried on not far away."

Lora made a gesture of loathing, and said with fire:

"You might have spared me this crowning insult. I will see nothing, that when I go away I may be free to deny all knowledge of what goes on here."

"Aye—when you go away," sneered Ford, and he left her abruptly, angry, and beginning to doubt his final success with her.

"At the worst," he said himself, "I can keep her here till she is of age, and can sign away her right to her fortune as a ransom for herself. Grafton will never dare to interfere in her behalf; and as to Nugent, I can easily find means to settle with him."

CHAPTER XXXIII.

AN UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL—AN IMPORTANT INTERVIEW.

The day passed on, and each one seemed to drag its slow length along more heavily than the one which had preceded it. There was a book-case filled with light literature, and a piano which had been sent to Elfie by Mr. Ford when she returned from school, but the unhappy prisoner was not in a state of mind to enjoy either.

Lora was too wretched, and too much embittered by the fearful change in her life, to permit her to look forward to any possibility of brightness in the future. The stamp of disgrace was upon her, and however true Frank might be, there could be no hope of realizing the dream of happiness which, she now knew, was dearer to her than all the triumphs she had won in her brief reign of power.

Lora was too restless to remain in the house. She took long walks over the island, which was not over two miles in length, and explored every accessible spot—not with the idea of effecting her escape, for that she believed to be impossible, but simply to exhaust body and mind, that the oblivion of sleep might the sooner come to her when she had laid her head upon her pillow at night.

She saw very little of Ford, and when they did meet he observed the truce between them which he had himself decreed. He did not again refer to their last conversation, and made such efforts as were possible to be the same to her that he was before he separated her from Mrs. Grafton. Lora accepted this state of things as best for both of them, and she watched and waited, believing it impossible that her abduction should be passed over, and no effort be made by her friends to discover whither she had been removed in so underhand a manner.

The forlorn girl spent hours upon a small headland which projected into the lake, affording a wide view toward the south, and she knew that from that direction succor must come if it came at all. To depict all that was thought, felt and suffered by that young heart in those weary hours would be a painful and profitless task.

A gay, giddy girl, full of ambitious dreams and proud hopes, had been lured on the Arrow; a sad, thoughtful woman sat and looked out on the lake, who believed that all joy, all hope in life was over for her. Her pride, her high sense of honor, were outraged by what she had learned since she came on the island, and she believed that even if she were permitted to leave it, never again could she find happiness or peace on earth.

"It is useless to spend hours in watching for Rosen," said Ford, maliciously, "for he will not be here under ten days at least;" but Lora only curled her lip disdainfully in reply, and went on her way without deigning to notice the taunt.

In spite of this assertion, on the fourth evening a sail was descried on the edge of the horizon, and as it rose more clearly to view, it was evident that Flath Innis was the point aimed at by those on board.

Lora started up, moved rapidly toward the small settlement which lay half a mile away, and on reaching it, found the men gathering toward the landing, and the women and children at the doors eagerly watching the approaching craft.

Lora had held herself aloof from these people, for she felt that she had nothing in common with them, and she shrank from holding communion with those she knew to be the willing assistants of Stephen Ford in the lawless trade he carried on.

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NEWS ITEMS.

John Gamble was sentenced to death at Toronto for the murder of the girl Elizabeth Bay.

That brown eyes are oftener seen among women than men is a fresh French discovery.

In London official circles it is expected that Mr. Chamberlain will start for home by the end of next week to report the failure of his mission.

The New York Tribune's London correspondent says the Tories and Liberal Unionists have all been brought to approve of the Local Government Bill.

St. Thomas had a $30,000 fire on Tuesday morning. During its progress William Hillis, 65 years old, dropped dead. Causes, heart disease and excitement.

The nine missing members of the crew of the French steamer Suez, which foundered at sea recently after having been in collision, have been rescued.

Archbishop Walsh laid the foundation stone of the National Irish church of St Patrick at Rome last week. The Archbishop of Philadelphia was present.

The proposed new rules of procedure in the British House of Commons provide for closure by a simple majority, and for the summary suppression of debates at midnight.

Chairman Mills, at Washington, says the Committee of Ways and Means will bring in a Tariff Bill reducing the Internal revenue by $25,000,000 and the Customs Revenue by $50,000,000.

The magistrates have dismissed the summons against Major Roberts, the governor of Cork jail, accused of assulting young girls, on account of lack of evidence and the great lapse of time since the alleged offences.

The Anglican Synod of Nova Scotia met last week and unanimously elected Rev. Dr. Courtney, of Trinity Church, Boston, to the Bishopric in Nova Scotia. Forty-four clerical delegates and forty-one lay were present. He was the only candidate nominated, no votes were cast against him, but there were three blank ballots.

"Here is a list of twenty words which not one person in ten, "says a Baltimore paper, "will spell correctly without preparation:—"Abnorring, bayou, aisle, triayllable, agreeable, amateur, beleguer, mysterious, different, illiterate, initial, crowd, exemplary, complaisant, recommend, collectible, chaise, solicited, actually, preparation." This seems an argument for Federal aid to education.

The Inter-state law, which was to have made all railroad matters so pleasant in the States, has not fulfilled the expectations of its authors. In a case now before the Commerce Commission the plaintiffs show that the discrimination in staple goods between New York and Chicago amounts to 40 per cent. on sugar, 40 per cent. on coffee, 162-3 per cent. on canned goods, 66 2-3 per cent. on prunes in barrels, and 116 per cent. on prunes in boxes. That is, to say, the shipper by carload gets this difference in freight as against the shipper of less than a carload.

Proceedings are still in progress for the unseating and disqualification of Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, on the ground of personal bribery in the Quebec election. Mr. Joseph Martin, who was the opponent of the Minister on that occasion, claims to have documentary evidence over Sir Adolphe's own signature sufficient to sustain the action taken. Mr. Martin has also completed arrangements for a hearing by the Supreme Court of the appeal from the decision of the Quebec Judge dismissing the petition against the Minister of Militia because of the expiration of six months.

Dr. Courtney, who has been elected Bishop of Nova Scotia, and has accepted that office, is a Broad Churchman and the High Church party decided to accept him and made the nomination unanimous and therefore did not bring forward Rev. John Langtry's name. Bishop-elect Courtney is an Englishman who resided eighteen years in the United States and was never naturalized. He is fifty-four years old, a good preacher and possesses fine executive ability. He is a graduate of Glasgow University, was ordained Priest in 1856 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, was curate of parishes in England and Scotland, became associate rector of St. Thomas', New York, in 1876, and is now rector of St. Paul's, Boston, with $3,000 salary. His first work will be the erection of the Centennial Memorial cathedral, the foundation of which was laid last autumn.