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A TEST OF CHARACTER.

"Uncle Henry," said Julia Denham, "may I see you in the library a moment this morning?"

"Certainly, my dear, I am at your command now," he led the way into the room. He handed his niece to an arm-chair and took a seat opposite her.

"Uncle," said Julia, with a little becoming confusion, "I have received an offer."

"Whew!" exclaimed her uncle, "that is coming to the point with a vengeance."

"And I wish to consult you about it."

"A very sensible resolution. May I know from whom the offer has been received?"

"Edward Fitzroy."

"You haven't known him very long?"

"Not very," said Julia, slowly. "But you think you know all about him, I dare say. Are you very much in love with him?"

"Not desperately," answered Julia, smiling. "At the same time I confess that I am strongly prepossessed in his favor."

"And this prepossession is likely to become a warm sentiment. Well, my little niece, as you have requested my advice, I will give it. I do not object to this lover of yours. Indeed I know nothing against him. But then I know too little of him at this rate to be able to form a deliberate opinion of his character. If I mistake not this is also your case. Now it is my theory that no woman ought to marry unless she is sufficiently well acquainted with her intended husband to have a pretty confident assurance of leading a happy life with him. I therefore counsel you to delay giving your answer for a month, and in that time I will contrive to become better acquainted with him."

"Your advice is good," said Julia, thoughtfully, "and I will follow it."

"Thank you," said her uncle, kindly, "for the confidence you have reposed in my judgment. I sincerely hope that the young man will prove to be all that we can desire."

Edward Fitzroy was in business in the neighboring city. He had embarked a small property inherited from his father, in a dry goods establishment, and having a good business tact was driving a flourishing trade. His acquaintance with our heroine had commenced during a summer residence at the village which she made her home. It was not strange that he should have been attracted by Julia. Her gaiety, vivacity and beauty made her generally admired; and had anything else been requisite the reputation of being her uncle's heiress would have procured her suitors. But it is not necessary to dwell further on this point of our story. We are interested to learn how Uncle Henry's plans succeeded.

He first made cautious inquiries relative to the young man's business standing, all of which were answered satisfactorily. But this did not satisfy him. He wished to see for himself. Accordingly he purchased a suit of clothing so different from that which he was accustomed to wear, that with a pair of green goggles super-added he felt convinced they would disguise him sufficiently for his purpose. Thus attired he lounged into the store, and inquired for some trifling article. He was purposely very slow in being suited. Meanwhile he watched with some attention the bearing of Fitzroy, who was trading with a fashionably attired lady at a little distance. Nothing could be more polite or obsequious than the conduct of the young tradesman. With unwearied assiduity he took down from the shelves and displayed a large stock of merchandise, until the fastidious taste of the lady was at length suited.

"He is attentive to his customers," thought Uncle Henry. "That is a good sign. But perhaps it may be simply because she is rich and fashionable. Here's a customer of a different kind. Let me see how he treats her."

in its place was seen the supercilious glance.

"I would like to look at some calicoes," said the customer.

"Here are some," said Fitzroy, curtsy, pointing to a pile which lay upon the counter.

He did not stir from his position, but gazed at the woman with an air that seemed to indicate how utterly indifferent he was to her patronage.

"Will you show me some of them?" asked the woman, mildly.

"There they are, ma'am; you can see them for yourself."

"What is the price of this?" she inquired, looking at one which lay at the top.

"Ninence a yard."

"I don't altogether like the figure," she said, after a pause.

"Don't you?" returned Fitzroy, indifferently.

The customer began to examine some of the other prints. Of course in doing so she was obliged to disarrange them somewhat.

"Don't pull them all to pieces," said Fitzroy, rudely. "There isn't much difference in them. You'd better take the first that comes. How much do you want?"

"Ten yards."

"Well, you had better let me cut it off quickly, as I can't stand waiting on one customer all day."

"Thus importuned, the woman hastily indicated one of the prints, and the required quantity was measured off. Change was hastily made and the woman departed. Her place was taken by a wealthy lady like the first, the rustle of whose silk proved an immediate passport to the good graces of the young merchant.

"I don't like that," thought Uncle Henry, who had not been unobservant of the little scene. "He has no right to treat one customer better than another. At all events all ought to be treated with common civility, whatever their attire may be, or however small may be their purchase. These gloves are half a dollar, are they? (these words were addressed to the shopman, who was waiting upon him). Very well, I will take them."

Meanwhile the woman who had just purchased the calico re-entered the store with a hurried step and a look of trouble. She waited until Fitzroy was through with the lady upon whom he was attending, and then pressed to the counter.

"Well, what now?" asked the young man, superciliously.

"I believe you made a mistake about the change you handed me."

"A mistake!" he repeated. "It is quite impossible."

"But," said the woman, anxiously, "don't you remember that I gave you a two-dollar bill, and you only gave me back two quarters?"

"Wasn't that right?"

"No; I bought ten yards at ninence a yard, which made but a dollar and a quarter."

"And you handed me a two-dollar bill?"

"Yes."

"Then I must have given you back three quarters."

"But, sir, it cannot be, I have only two."

"Oh, you'll find the other in your pocket, if you haven't spent it," said Fitzroy, insolently.

The woman ol red.

"Indeed, sir, I know I am right," she said, troubled.

"It is for your interest to," he returned, with a sneer.

"And you won't rectify the mistake, then?" said the poor woman, faintly.

"You make a great fuss about a quarter of a dollar."

"It is of some importance to me," said the woman.

"I can't return it," said Fitzroy, shortly. "There is no end to the importunities that would be practiced upon me, if I allowed everybody to come back and claim that they had not received the right change."

Here Uncle Henry, who had listened with indignation to this scene, interposed.

"You are mistaken," said he, decidedly. "I saw you hand this lady her change, and you passed her but two quarters."

Fitzroy glanced at the speaker. It has not been mentioned that Uncle Henry, the better to conceal his identity, was coarsely dressed, and accordingly Fitzroy set him down as a person of no consequence. He therefore answered, haughtily:

"I shall need more than your word, my good sir. How do I know but you are in league?"

"Good-morning, sir," said Uncle Henry, abruptly. "You may hereafter regret this gratuitous insult. Madam, will you allow me a word with you?"

The woman followed him out of the shop, while Fitzroy in no very pleasant mood muttered about the "airs of these beggars."

"Madam," said Uncle Henry, when they were in the street, "will you accept from me this piece of gold which will in a measure atone for this man's rudeness and your loss? Nay, no thanks! What I have witnessed has been worth more to me than the small sum."

At the end of a month Edward Fitzroy came to receive Julia Denham's answer to his suit. He felt quite confident of a success—a con-

fidence which was somewhat diminished by the coldness with which she returned his greeting.

"I must decline the honor of your alliance," said she, in answer to his urgent proposal.

"But what can have wrought this change in you?" he asked, his countenance changing.

"I must refer you to my uncle."

Uncle Henry, who entered the room immediately, explained in a few words in what way they had gained an unfavorable impression of his character. He concluded by saying:

"The man who is obsequious to the rich and impertinent to the poor, shall not, with my consent, marry one in whom I feel any interest."

A year afterward Julia formed an alliance with one more worthy of her, and never had cause to regret adopting her uncle's test.

JUDGE LYNCH AT WORK.

Four Murderers Treated to a Summary Dose of Kentucky Justice. Special Dispatch to THE TIMES.

CINCINNATI, September 4.

Henry county, Kentucky, is in a state of great excitement over the lynching of four men who were confined in the jail at New Castle. For seventeen years the counties of Owen and Henry, situated in the southeastern part of the State, have been terrorized by a gang of banditti who have shot, burned and stolen almost without fear of law. The roads in the region are narrow rocky bridle paths that run along the sides of the mountain streams. Travel is almost entirely on horseback or on foot, and the familiarity of the outlaws with every turn in the roads and dark corners in the thickets enabled them to put travelers out of the way with very little inconvenience, and without fear of detection. During the war many of their murderers were charged to rebel soldiers, and at one time General Burbridge caught a number of Confederates to be shot in retaliation. A few weeks ago one of the band, named Shuck, was hung at Owen. He pretended to the last his innocence, and made a statement on the scaffold implicating several of his comrades. Soon after another member of the gang, named Carter, made a full confession, and on the strength of this four men were arrested and lodged in New Castle jail. Three of them were brothers, named Goodrich; the other was James Simmons. At half-past 1 o'clock this morning a mob, numbering fifty men, surrounded the jail, overpowered the jailer, took the four men out of their cells, hurried them a short distance from the building and hung them in a ghastly row.

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