

THE VISION OF A FACE.

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ROBERT GRAHAM is a literary young man who desires to be original. He gives up his law studies and becomes a publisher.

PARTE II.

"This was what Bob Graham saw in the glass: first of all, his own face and shoulders, and then behind him the face of a young girl.



"THEN THE HAND BECKONED TO HIM."

teeth. He saw the eyes, too, large and gray. They shone on him with undimmed brightness and the look in them was full of mirth.

He tried to arouse himself, but could not; he tried to take his eyes away from the face in the glass, but in vain.

He was overcome with terror, and a burning desire came into his heart to render the young girl the service which he thought she desired.

The face was gone! He threw from him the weight which seemed to oppress him, then he turned toward the door.

No, the room was perfectly empty. He looked back and looked into the mirror again. It reflected the room perfectly, but the face was not to be seen.

He was not afraid. The vision of the face had brought no terrors with it, may rather, he loved to think of it.

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feetly awake. I was as much aware of what was going on as I am now. The face was real enough, the dress was real enough.

"Can it be the spirit of that girl?" he asked himself. "Is there anything in the world that can do this? A girl married in this very room, and why did she appear in such a way? No, it cannot be that; but how is it to be explained?"

"How could it? It was a beautiful face, better looking than anything ever dreamed of. Good and pure!" He thought of his words to Herbert Walker and laughed. "Yes, it was good and pure," he repeated. "I'd give something to see it again. Why—"

He stopped suddenly; his eyes averted strangely. "I mustn't make a fool of myself," he cried. "I know it's not the thing to smoke in a bed room; but Mr. Walker is a good old sort, and a cigar always sets me right. I'll have a smoke. I'll bring me back to my senses."

"It's no use," he cried; "I shall never rest till I see that face again, never! I'll go and get a cigar. I'll get a cigar. I'll get a cigar. I'll get a cigar."

"Yes, a good night," he replied. "You weren't frightened by the sight of the mirrored woman, were you?" "No, I wasn't frightened. I've had a splendid night."

"Well, you're late, anyhow, and if you don't make haste you'll not catch the one o'clock train for London. You are sure you'll not stay and meet the girls?"

"No," he replied, although he wished after the fashion of the world, to have a good time. "Why, the girls are all so different when the girls are around. We shall have a grand time tonight."

"You are very good," replied Bob. "I'll get back to London." "Neither Herbert Walker nor his father pressed him to stay, and a few hours later Bob was in London. His landlady brought him some tea, and after he had partaken of a rather scanty meal he sat down before the fire in his little room.

"Shall I go back to the law?" He said this aloud, and it seemed to him as if the lips said "No."

"I think I must be losing my head, said Bob; but if he were, he was not desirous of finding it again. It was bliss to have words to sit there and dream and see visions.

And so, with eyes closed, he watched the face, which he could still see plainly, and somehow it seemed to tell him something.

"The face is an inspiration," cried Bob, "a real inspiration. I feel as though I had a new world to live in. He took a number of loose sheets of paper from a drawer, and commenced to scribble.

"It is as if there is in it than I thought," he said. "There is enough in it for a book. Yes, it's good for a short story. I must work it out fairly, and again Bob gave himself over to dreaming.

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mother's only sister had just died, leaving him a considerable sum of money. This letter was typewritten, but the old lady had with his own hand written another to the effect that he hoped he would now give up his tomfoolery about literature, and come back to the law again.

After some correspondence with his old master, however, he accepted his offer, and settled down to the law again. The acceptance meant a struggle for him, for he had set his heart upon winning fame as an author; but when he tried to write another story, he could think of nothing. His vision had gone. He realized, moreover, on reading the proofs of the novel which had been accepted, that he had simply told the dream of his own life.

The face he had seen in the mirror was the face of his heroine, and after he had told his hopes and fancies about it, there seemed to be nothing more to say.

To be concluded.

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