

ENT OF ANGER;

of Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow's Quarrel.

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CHAPTER I.

On their return from the theater the servants of Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow saw with the greatest astonishment that neither of them was at home. He bit nally, when their master and mistress dined out, they returned towards eleven o'clock. On this particular evening the lady's maid sat up waiting for their return. At three o'clock in the morning Brownlow returned alone. The maid, asked for her mistress. "Come home," was the gruff answer. "The servants rose early the next morning. They began to inquire. On the day before the who was acquainted with a actor, had received some tickets Theater. Knowing that the mistress were to dine out, she permission to go out with the Brownlow, who was in the room at, said that he had no need of they might take him with all the servants had left at leaving Mrs. Brownlow dressed and her husband finishing a had not sent for a carriage; stand a few steps from the weather was dry. From that knew nothing more. and mistress had been mar- they were evidently rich, be- in a fashionable part of in a charming house beauti- One could well see that lack of money; the butcher, the baker, etc., had never to bills twice, and at meal times sters were never mentioned. there were often stoway in them. Mr. Brownlow was in and headstrong; he was out when he had once taken it that he did not want a thing able to make him change his servants did not like him be- bold and haughty. Naturally, of an entirely different charac- many caprices, and became disappointed in carrying them ed, cried and wept, but, after says she who smiled first and ace her husband. She was like her husband to go out ularly in the evening, and was ad all the letters he received, etely fought for his independ- wish to tell her where he went had been and declared his in- gain the master of his corre- Besides such stormy moments, med to adore each other, but ommon was not without diffi-

sombody charitable enough to inform them of the occurrence.

And then new crowds gathered on the sidewalk near the house, with inquisitive and threatening attitudes. They did not pay any longer attention to the injunctions of the police, and order in the street became disturbed, so that one day the chief of police presented himself at the house of the Brownlows. "Sir," said this clever functionary, "for some time past there has been a serious tumult, the cause of which is not very clear to me. I sent some policemen to disperse the crowd, but new gatherings are found in proportion as the old ones are scattered, and I had to inquire into the motives that brought them together. I have heard some singular rumors to which I can not attach the least credit; but I should like to be in a position to answer them intelligently in your own interest as well as that of public order, and I have come here to ask of you some explanation, which will enable me to act in the matter with propriety."

The chief of police had had some trouble to reach the end of this little speech; he expected to be interrupted at the first words and his little effort had not been studied beforehand. But he found himself in the presence of a cool man, who listened to him without opening his mouth, and who looked straight in his eyes. "When he had finished Mr. Brownlow answered him: "It is a fact, sir, that I have remarked, too, for some time the crowds of people standing before my house. I am ignorant of the reason thereof; so far they have not done any damage to me and I do not complain. If it hinders the travel in the public street, if there should result any disturbance of the quiet and good order of the neighborhood, it is your business to take the necessary measure to put a stop to such a state of affairs. For my part, I should be glad not to have to mix in these crowds every time I go out or when I come in."

After these words he threw himself back in his chair like a man who had finished speaking and had said all he had to say. "Permit me to remark to you, sir," said the chief of police, very politely, "that the present situation can not be prolonged. The gatherings of which you are the cause are not of a dangerous character; it is a restrained and local movement; but if prompt measures are not taken it will spread to the neighboring localities, and on the day when it is generally known that there is agitation around your house you will have the whole city under your windows."

"I should be sorry, I assure you, Mr. Chief of Police, if this should give any annoyance to the city authorities; but it does not concern me. If there is any disorder in the street you have at your disposal the means for its repression. Take your platoons of police; if that is not sufficient, send for the soldiers of the National Guard, and if the movement takes a dangerous aspect you will have it in your power to call out the artillery. But I do not understand why you should address yourself to me in this circumstance. What am I to do?"

"As you ask me, sir, I will tell you plainly. The reason of these crowds whose unusual presence you have remarked yourself, in a street habitually so quiet, is the disappearance of your wife. I do not know what may have given birth to the rumors which are afloat; but it is said that for several days she has been absent from her home, and they even go so far as to accuse you of a crime. I do not doubt for a moment that all these rumors are without foundation. But if you are willing to give me an explanation of your wife's absence, I shall then be able to contradict all the reports which are afloat on her account, reassure public opinion and calm the fears of the people."

Mr. Brownlow rose, and in a few words put an end to the chief's visit. "I have no explanation to give you, sir," said he, "concerning the disappearance of Mrs. Brownlow. The fact of her being absent can not constitute on my part an infraction against the laws or regulations of the police, and if I am accused of a crime, it is the business of the proper authorities to fine the proof."

After this the chief of police had nothing else to do but retire. He had gathered no information to satisfy public curiosity, but to put his responsibility at cover he made out a long report upon all the rumors of the quarter, upon the conversation he had had with the accused, and he gave a correct plan of the situation of the house. This was the first part of the brief.

The press could remain silent no longer upon the event. Several journals had received already letters from their subscribers, in which they complained that there was never any mention in their newspapers of the accidents and crimes which took place on Fifth avenue. It would appear that their columns were reserved for the more central quarters of the city or for a few privileged suburbs, as if all portions of the city should not be subject to equal treatment under their annexation, particularly under a republican form of government.

But as soon as the affair had become the object of a report of the police, the newspapers began to speak of it. It was at first in vague terms; they contented themselves with saying that a fashionable quarter of the city was in great excitement on account of the sudden and unexplained disappearance of a young woman belonging to the best society, but that they did not wish to make themselves the echo of the grave accusations which were as yet formulated only in a whisper. The next day a newspaper, more bold or more pressed for money than others, told in full the name of the street. It was the Journal that gave the most complete details; one of its reporters knew the dramatic author who had given the theater tickets to the maid; he could thus interview her, and, thanks to the indications which she was only too much flattered to furnish him, he was enabled to inform his readers that the name of the young woman was Leonora, and that of her husband Gustave; he described the furniture and gave some detailed information upon the habits of the house.

This number of the newspaper came into the hands of the lady's parents; her father came hurriedly to the house of his son-in-law and at once he asked him: "What have you done with my daughter?" "I have done nothing with her, sir," "Where is she?"

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"I don't know." "Then you will tell me nothing about her!" "No, sir."

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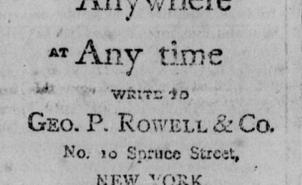
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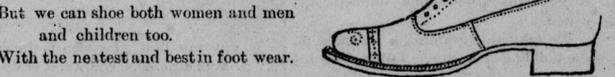


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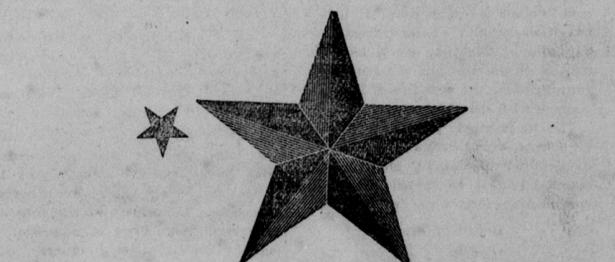
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