



THE MYSTERY OF THE INN BY THE SHORE



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CHAPTER VIII.

Now the intention of the two conspirators, who were conspiring, without Clifford's knowledge, to cure him of his infatuation, was to keep this luckless adventure from coming to his ears. But it leaked out in spite of them, and one evening, when they were enjoying their pipes in the rooms they shared together, they found themselves confronted with King himself, in a state of boiling indignation. It was in vain they tried to prove to him how laudable their intentions had been, how much for the good of the young lady herself it would have been if they could have cleared up the ugly mystery. "If you could have cleared it up, no one would have been more thankful, more grateful than I," retorted Clifford, whose face had grown haggard with anxiety, with unhappiness on Nell's account. "But to send a young fool, without tact, without delicacy, like Lowndes, spying about, and making a thundering idiot of himself—why it was more what you would expect of a couple of schoolboys than of two full-grown men out of Hanwell!" "As to that," replied Conybear, mildly, "I don't know that Lowndes has less tact than anybody else. I must say that, in the circumstances, I should have acted very much as he did; at least as far as following the woman to the room and through the window was concerned. One doesn't stand upon strict ceremony with a thief, even a female one."

young barrister was shrewd enough to guess that, having gone so far unsuccessfully, they would feel bound to take some steps to vindicate their sagacity. So fully convinced was he that they would make some fresh attempt to fix the guilt of the robberies on Nell that he went down to Courtstairs at the end of the week, and on the Sunday morning walked over to the Blue Lion with the intention of warning her that she and her uncle would probably be subjected to more annoyance of the kind from which they had recently suffered. His road lay past Shingle End, and as he approached Colonel Bostal's house he overtook the old gentleman and his daughter on their way back from church. The colonel, recognizing Clifford, as the latter merely raised his hat and would have passed, called him to stop. "No, no," said he, good-humoredly, "we don't get so many visitors down from London at this time of year that we can afford to let you go by like that." Miss Bostal, however, was less cordial. She did not offer to shake hands with him, and she eyed his tweed gait and low-crowned hat with open disfavor. "I am afraid," said Clifford, "that Miss Bostal thinks I haven't brought enough of London down with me." The colonel laughed, and said they would overlook that. But the prim little lady said icily: "I know that young men take things easily, nowadays. It is the fashion. But it used to be thought rather shocking to see a gentleman on Sundays without a frock coat and a tall hat. I am an old-fashioned and prejudiced, I suppose, but—"

She saw him as soon as he saw her, stopped, turned pale, and ran a few steps to the left, evidently with the hope of escaping into the fields behind a group of cottages which stood between her and the inn. But Clifford was too quick for her. She saw by the pace by which he approached that it was useless to try to avoid him, so she gave up the attempt, and came steadily on with her eyes on the ground. "Miss Claris! Nell!" said he, in a low voice, as he came up to her. She raised her eyes to his face for a have received and had probably read them. If there was anything to hope for in that fact, he might hug the thought to his heart; but, considering the terms in which he had written, the warmth with which he begged her to let him come down and see her, there was very little encouragement in that. He was luckier than he had ventured to expect. For as he came over the little bridge which spanned the river he saw Nell herself approaching the house from the opposite direction. She had her prayer-book in her hand, and was evidently returning from Stroom, where she had been to church. moment only, and he saw that a great change had taken place in the girl since he had last seen her. There was in her face a sullen expression, as different as possible from the childlike openness of face and manner which had seemed to him her greatest charm. And his heart smote him as he thought that this change had been brought about, though unintentionally indeed, by him. "You are not glad to see me, I can see that," he went on, hurriedly, as he turned and kept pace with her. "Of course, I had no right to expect that you would be, but still I had hoped." She made no answer. "You got my letters?" "Yes," answered Nell, in a tone in which he was surprised to detect a tremor. "You know that I asked you to let me come down?" "I—I did not write to say that you might, though." But her tone was not angry, he thought. "Well, I did wait as long as I could, but, Nell, I was too miserable to wait any longer. And now that I see you, and see that you look changed, and I think that it is my fault, I feel as if I could hang myself."

HE SAID SOLDIERS WERE COWARDS A Slander That Led to a Fatal Fight in Tennessee. QUARRELED AT A CHURCH PARTY. Rejected Suitor, to Anger a Former Soldier, in the Gallant Ninth Infantry, California Soldiers in the Philippines Hoodlums and Cowards—Knives and Pistols are Drawn—One Man Killed and Three Others are Wounded. Knoxville, Tenn. (Special).—A slanderous attack upon the American Army in the Philippines made at a garden party given by a church near here started a desperate fight which is likely to cost four lives. One man—the traducer of the soldiers—is dead and three others including a discharged regular, who recently returned from Manila, and who defended the name of the military, are probably fatally wounded. The affray caused the greatest consternation in the crowd gathered at the party. Pistols and knives were used, and dozens of the men about the place became involved in the quarrel as partisans or peace-makers before quiet was restored. The dead: John Kennedy, aged 45. The injured: Alonzo Barger, stabbed 20 times cannot recover. Charles Hobbs, badly cut about the face, neck and breast. Lincoln Monday, stabbed and jugular vein almost severed. Rivalry for the favor of a young woman had a part in bringing about the encounter. Monday the successful suitor had incurred the enmity of Barger, who had as supporters Hobbs and Kennedy. The quarrel began with a mild exchange of personalities. Then Barger said: "Two-thirds of the American soldiers who went to the Philippines were hoodlums and other third were cowards." Monday, who served three years in the archipelago as a member of the Ninth Infantry, and who is a survivor of the massacre of Company C at Balangiga, Samar, sprang to his feet and gave Barger the lie. The latter, encouraged by Hobbs, repeated his charge, and Monday started to attack him. Before those near the combatants realized the seriousness of the affair Barger and Hobbs had drawn sheath knives and began slashing about them with the evident purpose of injuring Monday and any who might come to his assistance. After being frightfully cut Monday got a revolver and fatally wounded Kennedy. WORK CONGRESS HAS DONE. Few Words for Each Recalling the Fate of Leading Bills. Washington, D. C. (Special).—With the approach of the final adjournment of Congress it is interesting to glance over the work of the session already accomplished and yet in prospect. This is done in the following paragraphs: Killed the Nicaragua Canal bill and passed the Panama Canal bill. Killed the bill for a government cable to the Philippines and decided not to interfere with private enterprises pledged to breaking the monopoly. Passed a river and harbor bill aggregating \$70,000,000. Passed a public building bill aggregating \$20,000,000. Passed an irrigation bill and committed to the government to the policy of reclaiming arid lands of the West. May pass a bill for the civil government of the Philippines. Passed many thousands of special pension bills. Prohibited the sale of oleomargarine as butter. Repealed all the war taxes, amounting to about \$70,000,000. The Ship Subsidy bill passed by the Senate was killed in the House. The Chinese Exclusion law was re-enacted. Appropriated \$50,000 for the remodeling of the White House. Passed appropriation bills exceeding that of any Congress at its first session except the war Congress. Has failed to relieve Cuba. Turned its back on the plan to provide for the national defense by enacting a militia law. Refused to pass a bill for a general staff of the army. Pigeonholed all the reciprocity treaties, ignoring the words of the late President McKinley. "The period of exclusiveness has passed." May go on record as being unable to agree on a comprehensive measure for the suppression of anarchy. Considered consular reform as of little importance. Failed to grasp the trust issue and has passed no legislation for the regulation of trusts, ignoring the recommendation of the President and the Industrial Commission. Set its face against tariff revision and tariff reform. Postponed action on the bill creating the Department of Commerce which passed the Senate. Has not placed restriction of any sort, other than those now in effect, on European immigration. Spaniard is a White Man. Portland, Ore. (Special).—The Supreme Lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen, before adjournment here, made numerous decisions upon points of lodge laws. The question was raised whether a Spaniard is a white man within the meaning of the regulations, and it was held that he is. In Arizona and New Mexico the question was raised whether a Mexican is a white man. The decision was that the Mexicans of Spanish descent are white, but that the Mexicans of Indian blood are not. Body Found Sank in a Lake. Ogdenburg, N. Y. (Special).—The body of George H. Robertson, of Depeyster, missing since last October, was found in a lake not far from his own home. The skull was crushed in and the body appears to have been fastened to a weight to hold it down in the lake. Foul play was suspected by a brother of Robertson at the time of the disappearance and searching parties were organized. A few days ago Mrs. Robertson announced her marriage to Ralph Havens of this town.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS. Domestic. The torpedo boat destroyer Hull was launched at the yards of the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company. The vessel was christened by Miss Mabel Hull, of Newton, Mass., a grandniece of Admiral Hull, after whom the vessel is named. The anthracite coal miners have now been on strike six weeks. The strike of 1900, in which the men won a 10 per cent increase, lasted just that long. The end of the present struggle is not in sight. George Williams, a Danish negro, was picked up adrift by the schooner Baker and brought to Norfolk. He had been for 10 days without food and drink and was almost insane. A mortgage for \$15,000,000 from the Virginia Passenger and Power Company to the Merchants' Trust Company of New York, trustee, was filed in Petersburg, Va. Three Italians who brutally assaulted David James, of New Kensington, Pa., and fatally wounded his son, had a narrow escape from lynching. The Southern Railway, the Seaboard Air Line and other railroads have been indicted by the United States Grand Jury at Atlanta on charges of violating the Interstate Commerce Law relating to pooling of cotton rates. Indictments were returned by the Philadelphia Grand Jury charging members of a school board with conspiracy to extort money in connection with the appointment of school teachers. The International Association of Boot and Shoe Workers, in convention at Detroit, decided to hold the defense fund of the organization down to \$60,000. Johann Most was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for the incendiary article he wrote when President McKinley was assassinated. Annie Reno, aged 10 years, was fatally burned at Braddock, Pa., and four others who went to her assistance were seriously injured. Judge Hancey, of Illinois, gave a decision that the Illinois Anti-trust Law of 1891 is unconstitutional and void in all its parts. The body of a Miss Bartfield was found in Choctaw county, Ala., with her throat cut. A search is being made for the murderer. Walter Gordon, who killed Charles Daw, a farmer of Manitoba, and Jacob Smith, Daw's hired man, was hanged for his crime. Pedro Feleise, a leader of the lard-rones, who is accused of many atrocities, was captured with a number of his men. Anthony O. Sherman, cashier of the Merchants' Bank of Newport, R. I., shot himself and the bank was closed. Dr. Joseph P. Cobb, of Chicago, was elected president of the American Institute of Homeopathy. Forest fires are causing loss of life and immense destruction of property in the State of Virginia. New York dealers are negotiating with a view of importing Cardiff coal unless the strike soon ends. The third trial of Jesse Morrison for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, was begun at Eldorado, Kan. No trace has yet been found of the missing American teachers in the Philippines. The Supreme Court of Virginia decided against the father in the petition of Dr. Otto Meyer for the custody of the child because the father declared himself an unbeliever. United States Judge Wing, at Cleveland, Ohio, gave a decision which will enable the Great Lakes Towing Company to demand that the striking tugmen's licenses be revoked. Colgate University conferred the degree of LL. D. on Seneca E. Payne, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives. Prof. R. E. Blackwell was elected president of Randolph-Macon College, in Virginia, to succeed Rev. Dr. W. G. Starr, resigned. Bishop Nicholson, of the Milwaukee Diocese, created a sensation in his diocese by declaring against the use of tobacco. President Harper, of the University of Chicago, announced plans to expend \$1,200,000 on a secondary school quadrangle. Nel Anderson, Jr., 17 years of age, son of a prominent merchant of Brigham, Utah, was kidnapped. Foreign. Over 100 teachers in the national schools at St. Petersburg have been arrested on the charge of circulating revolutionary ideas. It is another illustration of how the discontent in Russia is spreading. In an interview in London Mr. Bernard N. Baker said his shipping combine would welcome the other proposed British combine if it developed into something tangible. A number of American millionaires will soon arrive at Kiel on their steam yachts to witness the regatta. Emperor William will take part in the races. American shapers have been working off notes of the American Confederacy upon unsuspecting tradesmen as genuine United States money. There is much speculation in London as to whether the transport Bavarian, with the British troops returning from South Africa, will arrive in time for the coronation. In the British House of Commons Lord Beresford again made a fierce attack on the Admiralty on account of the deficiencies in the navy. Emperor William made a speech at Aix la Chapelle in which he made a strong plea for the observance of religious obligations. Coronation Day will be celebrated as a day of mourning by the United Irish League of Ireland. Lord Brassey, testifying before the House of Commons Committee on Steamship Subsidies, said the government should assist the Cunard Line to retain it under the British flag. Financial. The New York Sub-treasury statement shows that the banks have lost \$75,000 during the week. The Norfolk & Southern directors have declared regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent, payable July 10. According to the statement issued by John Stanton, the domestic production of copper during May was 25,763 tons. The General Commercial regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, on the preferred stock has been declared, payable July 1.

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