

# THE FATAL REQUEST OR FOUND OUT

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## CHAPTER XXI.—Continued.

One member of the household was soon to discover this. Miss Perkins came upon him unexpectedly, as he was stooping, with his back toward her, and apparently engaged in closely examining the keyhole of the door belonging to his master's private room.

"What's that you're doing?" she cried, sharply.

The individual thus addressed started violently, and something fell to the ground with a clink—something which he immediately covered with his foot before he turned and faced her without making any reply.

"You've changed your ways lately," she said, seeing he made no answer, "and always hanging about this door. What's your game, I should like to know. Anyhow, you aren't up to no good. People as gets into respectable houses under false names very seldom is up to any good."

With this Parthian shaft she turned away and left him, looking back once over her shoulder, with that same malicious smile, as she marked the effect it had produced. What did she mean by that remark of hers about a false name? How could she have found it out? The shot was too near the bull's eye to have been fired at random. Good heavens! Was it possible she could have any suspicion of the real truth?

There was no source whatever from which she might have obtained this information—Ah—!

He flew upstairs at a tremendous rate, flight after flight, to the top of the house, to his own room, burst the door open and entered.

There was a modest looking box in the corner of the room—a box which contained his few belongings.

Had he remembered to lock this on the last time when he had occasion to resort to it?

No, the lid offered no resistance to his hand.

He began to turn over the articles which it contained, but could not hit

ment she stood motionless, holding the magazine in one hand, while she looked at the individual before her with a puzzled, searching expression upon her countenance. Then a sudden light seemed to break in upon her—she gave a gasp—her expression changed from curiosity to amazement, and, uttering a little cry, she turned sharply round and ran rapidly up the staircase, leaving the other a prey to the liveliest astonishment. What other remarkable incidents was the day to bring forth?

Meanwhile the young lady had regained the stronghold of her own apartment, locked the door, and, throwing the now despised magazine into a corner, sat down to confide the state of her feelings to the keeping of her faithful diary:

"A most extraordinary thing has happened," she wrote. "My head is in a whirl and I hardly know what I am writing, or what to do, or think. To imagine that I have so often puzzled myself over that young man's likeness to someone else, a likeness which I could never quite fix, though I have often seemed just on the point of doing so. Very likely I should never have hit upon it but for that, apparently, utterly insignificant action of mine in dropping the book I was carrying. He rushed forward to pick it up and returned it to me and—all at once it struck me like a flash where I had seen him before. It was the same circumstance—the same action—and the same young man!"

"It is a most extraordinary thing and takes my breath away even while I write; but there is no mistake about it. There could not possibly be two people so exactly alike and with precisely the same manner—unless this is a twin brother of the other. But if so, how is it that one is a gentleman and the other only a servant?"

"Was there ever such a combination met with before, and what—oh, what is the reason for his extraordinary conduct, unless—unless he is the Prince in Disguise, after all!"

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"Hold your tongue, woman," was the angry reprimand she brought upon herself. "This is no business of yours."

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"What have you done that you are ashamed of your name?"

"Nothing," was the proud reply, given with head erect and defiant; and there was something about the manner and tone by which the other was obviously impressed.

"Why, then, do you refuse to answer the question I have put to you?" he asked in a milder voice.

"There are family reasons," was the answer.

Family reasons! A man servant with family reasons, just as though he were anyone else, instead of being a useful sort of machine, hired out at so much a year, with board and lodging! No wonder there was something incongruous in the sound!

"I have nothing to do with your reasons," was the answer, "and I must absolutely decline to retain any one in my service under a false name."

He knew now that it was coming—notice to leave on the spot. Or might there not be a reprieve? He was entitled to a month's notice in the ordinary course of things. Oh, why had he procrastinated so long and wasted such golden opportunities? A month's warning—that was all he prayed for. A month?—another day was all he asked.

"Then you refuse to give me your proper name? I ask for the last time."

(To be continued.)

EXPENSE OF COLLEGE MUSCLE.

Vast Sums Spent by Leading American Universities.

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A movement is under way at the University of Chicago to endow athletics in order to remove certain objectionable features of an admission fee system to struggles for college honors, and a half million dollars is the amount needed to provide sufficient capital to maintain the varied sporting interests of the institution. Columbia has recently purchased real estate valued at \$2,000,000, a part of which will be used for an athletic field, according to present plans. Princeton is building a gymnasium which will rival in cost and elaborate equipment any of her collegiate halls. There are several preparatory schools whose gymnasiums and fields added within the last three years represent an outlay of \$50,000 each.

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thought there was no objection to my adding the letter."

"Then your name, according to your own statement, is Edward, and you have merely added the final letter. If so, I am sorry."

This was more than the woman could stand, and she broke in, unceremoniously upon her master's speech. "Edward! Edward what, I should like to know? He's deceiving you, sir, in trying to make out as that's his surname. Ask him what the other is and why he's had to drop it?"

Mr. Ferrers turned toward him, wearily. "Is the woman right in asserting that the name you have given is only your Christian name? In which case it would seem that you have added the other letter for the purpose of making it do duty as a surname?"

There was a second's hesitation, during which the housemaid lit her up with impatience, before the answer came, slowly.

"My Christian name is Edward; it did not seem to me to be of any importance which I gave."

Perkins sniffed triumphantly. "So you're going to try and get out of it that way," she thought, "but it won't do."

Something in this last answer had helped to raise him in his master's suspicions.

"I must insist upon your giving me your right name," he said, authoritatively.

"Shall I answer him with a lie?" was the thought which passed through the other's mind. "Surely, one more need not weigh very heavily upon my conscience? And in such a cause!"

But, in the same instant, the face of this man's daughter rose up before him. "How she would despise him, if she knew," he thought, with a sudden reaction and a sense of self-contempt, as he answered, still respectfully enough—

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Box Kite Photographs.

Remarkable have been the photographs taken in cloudland by means of box kites. The kite is first flown to the height at which it is intended to take the photograph, and, having been made secure to a windlass below, the camera is attached to the line on one side and to a second kite on the other, and is thus taken up to the first kite. Some remarkable pictures have been secured in this manner, and it is certain that in the next great war the kite-camera will play an important part.

To Yawn and Stretch.

Do not try to suppress a yawn. It is nature's way of resting tired muscles and does not necessarily mean that you are sleepy. You yawn because you are tired. You may be sleepy, also, but that is not why you yawn. To gape is not an indication of laziness either, far more frequently it is an evidence that muscles have been overstrained and require rest. If you are where you can stretch at the same time, do so, for it is also nature's way of relaxing the muscles.

Three Doctors' Opinions.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15th.—Physicians have accepted Dodd's Kidney Pills as the standard remedy for diseases of the Kidneys and kindred complaints. R. H. Dunaway, M. D., of Benton, Ill., says:

"Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me of Diabetes after everything else had failed and I was given up to die. I have since prescribed them in my regular practice for every form of Kidney Trouble and have never as yet known them to fail."

Jesse L. Limes, M. D., St. John, Kansas, says:

"I prescribed Dodd's Kidney Pills for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McBride of this place who suffered from Epileptic fits following Scarlatina; results were miraculous; I have never seen anything like it."

Leland Williamson, M. D., Yorktown, Ark., says:

"Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine I know of for all forms of Kidney Disease. I believe in using the remedy that relieves and cures my patients, whether ethical or not and I always prescribe Dodd's Kidney Pills and can testify that they invariably accomplish a permanent and perfect cure of all Kidney Complaints."

So Much—So Little!

"So much to do, so little done!" —Cecil Rhodes.

Is there no debt that you do not owe? To lighten others' care and woe? Is there no comfort that you cannot give? To help another creature live? Hast thou no peace that cannot bestow? And let a sadder being know?

Oh, fellow Philistin, stop a while To give a helpful, loving smile. Thy life is not thine own to live. Thou hast gained so much, then give! But give not only of thy wealth, Give, too, a little of thyself.

Oh, do not answer thus to me— "I've greater cares that first must be." Thou canst not live this way, for, Friend, What will confront thee at the end, Since there is little comfort stored For those who live to merely—hoard.

Oh, soul so stultified and mean, What bit of love canst thou then glean? With not one voice to intercede And help thee in thy pressing need? I look then to it, Ay, count the cost Of precious, helpful moments—lost.

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The Future Life of Animals.

Sir William Blunden, a doctor and baronet, has just favored a meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with some views on the future state of animals. He "certainly believed," he said, "in the future existence of animals, and though he could not bring forward evidence in support of the proposition, he could not at the same time bring forward evidence to the contrary. If they took the case of the tiger's ass, which was born and reared in hardship, he found it hard to think that a merciful Creator formed that animal merely to suffer at the hands of man without receiving some compensation in the next life, if not in the present."

Juvenile Reverence.

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First Strike by Unionists.

The English tailors have the credit for being the first to offer organized resistance to industrial oppression, and hence were the pioneers of modern trade unionism. As early as 1721, in the days of the handlooms, there was a union of tailors in London numbering 15,000, and they went on strike for better conditions of employment, notwithstanding the acts of parliament that outlawed such combinations, made strikes a criminal act and limited wages by law.

Power of Thought.

"Although the power of thought is often exaggerated, it is much greater than most people imagine," said a woman. "Evil or depressing thoughts, it is said, create a literal poison in the blood, and by producing enough of this poison a man could actually think himself to death. Depressing thoughts depress physical vigor and lead to diseases such as dyspepsia, which in their turn lead to still greater depression, and, once started on this track, the end is a mere matter of time."

SHARKS IN TORPEDO WORK.

Suggestion That the Great Fish Be Utilized in the Naval Service.

All sorts of queer devices are offered the army board of ordnance and fortifications as engines of destruction. One of the strangest suggestions of this kind yet presented to the consideration of the board contemplates the use of large fish, preferably sharks, for the propulsion of submarine torpedoes. According to the plan proposed a shark is to be imprisoned in a tube at the rear end of the projectile, and is to be controlled in its movements by the active application of wireless telegraphy.

In case the shark became restless and attempted to swim away on his own account it was to be given an electric shock, and in that way kept on its course until the torpedo had reached its target. Another remarkably ingenious proposition emanated from the same fertile brain, and contemplated the employment of war balloons in any desired direction. In this case also the birds, harnessed to the aerial vehicles, were to be controlled in their movements by a system of wireless telegraphy. These balloons were to be provided with torpedoes, or bombs, which could be dropped at any desired point by the use of wireless telegraphy.

SCHOOL ESSAY ON DUCKS.

Boy's Writing Showed He Had Deeply Studied the Subject.

A schoolboy in Jewett City, Kan., was assigned to prepare an essay on the subject of "Ducks," and this is what he wrote: "The duck is a low, heavy-set girl, composed mostly of meat and feathers. He is a mighty poor singer, having a hoarse voice caused by getting two many frogs in his neck. He likes the water and carries a toy halloon in his stomach to keep him from sinking. The duck has only two legs and they are set so far back on his running gears by nature that she come partly near missing his body. Some ducks when they get big have curls on their tails and are called drakes. Drakes don't have to set or hatch, but just loaf, go swimming and eat. If I was a duck I'd rather be a drake every time."

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A Professional Nurse Tells Her Experience With Doan's Kidney Pills.

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Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Gentlemen—I heartily wish those who are suffering from backache and disturbed action of the kidneys would try Doan's Kidney Pills. As was the case with me, they will be more than surprised with the results. I had been troubled for years with my spine. I could not lie on either side. Spinal cramps would follow, and words could not explain the agony which I would endure. While in these cramps I could not speak or move, but by making a great effort after the cramp had left me I could begin to speak and move a little, but my whole back was so sore and lame that I could not even have the back bathed for some time. My nerves were in a terrible state. I would rather sit up at night than go to bed, dreading the cramps and the terrible backaches. I consulted physicians, but got only a little relief for the time being. Seeing your advertisement, my mother urged me to try Doan's Kidney Pills. After using one box I was better, and have ever since been on the gain. I have no backache and no cramps now and I feel like a new person. My nerves are better and I know my blood is purer. Words cannot express my thanks to you for what Doan's Kidney Pills have done for me. In my work as professional nurse I have a chance to recommend them; and they did me so much good that I will do so on every possible occasion.

HATTIE BRIGHAM, Nurse.

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold at 50 cents per box. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for a free trial box.

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ELEANOR R. PARKER.

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