## CELEBRATED CASE.

CHAPTER XVII.

"RUBLES, EMERALDS AND SAPPHIRES!" The count did not press the question and Valentine gladly talked of the allimportant presentation. The count evi dently considered it a matter of great consequence that he should be introduced you? to the prime minister, and be duly re cognized by him as the Count de Mor- ent. nasse.

'You will, no doubt, meet many of your old friends and associates, said Valentine carelessly. 'I wonder if they will recognize you? Have you changed very much

in all these years?' The count darted a rapid glance at Val. entine's face; but hers was perfectly

frank in its expression. 'I have altered very much; several of my former acquaintances met me in Paris and they all declared that they should

not have recognized me.' sympathetic. You must have had much

'Yes; but that is over. We will think only of the future. My old friends in this neighborhood went into exile with me Many of them are dead. I care nothing for society; I always did lead rather solitary life. If I care for change, I can

'Yes; he finds pleasure and occupation in a public service. It is better than to rust out in a private existence, surround ed by luxuries. Besides, it would wean my thoughts from the past.'

This allusion sent Valentine into a long reverie, and she found it a difficult thing

For the remainder of that day, and the whole of the next one, nothing was thought of but the preparations for the reception.

Valentine became a mere lay figure, on which were hung garments, in all stages of manufacture. The count took far more interest in her appearance than she did herself--vanity being, as yet, an undeveloped passion.

He discussed the arrangement of her hair; suggested rouge and little black patches on the face, as he had noticed them on the most beautiful ladies of the court Valentine aided by Henri de Calonne-who was present at this important counsel decidedly rejected the rouge and patches The count had to be content with her natural color, and Henri declared that no amount of patches could make her eyes any more brilliant.

On the all-important day-which was as lovely as any one could wish for Valentine rose, with a smile on her face, and joy in her heart.

The hours would fly until afternoon and then she would see Adrienne. The hour appointed for the reception was two o'clock in the afternoon; but it would continue for hours, probably until late in the evening.

For certain reasons, which the count did not explain he told Valentine that he would prefer arriving at the Hotel de Ville as soon after two o'clock as possible. The duke would present him and Valentine to the prime minister, and Valentine could easily imagine that if it were done like living eyes piercing her soul. before the rooms were very full, the Duke de Choiseul would have an opportunity of exchanging a few words with her father.

after breakfast her maid being in a state of delight that bordered on distraction Valentine listened kindly to the bursts of admiration, and now and then glanced at haunt me! Emeralds, rubies, sapphires her own reflection in the mirrors. She The clasp with three diamonds! the med that Adrienne was at that moment in the cover the truth, I shall go mad! The for a sight of Adrienne; she wanted to see her fair face, and decide for herself what had been the effect of the count's denunciation of the convict.

She was dressed and was standing be fore the mirror, surprised and wondering at her own brilliant appearance, when the bell rang in the crimson parlor. This was a summons from the count, who strictly observed the etiquette in vogue, and never entered his daughter's suite of

For a moment, thinking of his criticisms Valentine lingered and examined herself from the top of her masses of powdered hair to the tips of her little white satin slippers.

eyes were certainly bright, her cheeks were like fresh roses. Her lovely neck and arms were shaded by delicate lace. which but partly concealed their beauty. The long, Watteau train of white brocade on which lay bunches of pink roses, fell, away from the white satin petticoat, which was softened by flounces of rich, yellow ish lace.

Valentine took her fan and gloves, and passing through her boudoir and a small ante room, entered the crimson-parlor.

The count, richly dressed, was seated at a table, engaged in opening a heavy wooden box. He rose, met Valentine. and taking her hands in his, slowly and admiringly scanned her figure from head to foot.

last.

'So beautiful that the jewels i have brought you seem quite unnecessary Still, they were your mother's and I would like you to wear some of them to-day.' 'Jewels! I never had any on me

They will feel strange to me. 'They will complete your toilet, how ever, and it is time for you to assume what suits your rank. So, my daughter, make yourself even more beautiful. You will find a variety of gems, but take your

will return for you when the carriage is will probably be at the reception. You said. Have nothing to do with her: do

heart. She looked at the count without speaking; but her eyes were eloquent looks so pretty, and she is so good !enough.

I understand, Valentine; you think me harsh and unkind. I am, however, acting for your interests. You must trust to my judgment in this matter. I exact obedience. So, remember! The count raised up his hand with a

way out of this trouble! Surely, I shall have promised to love and help!

Her bitter reflections were interrupted heard the count leaving the room

Valentine was now thoroughly indiffer- to talk with you, Valentine.'

'There are some ornaments there, 'Oh, how lovely, miss! I never saw such

'Oh, I do not know. Any of them, you daughter of a convict. can decide; you know more about these

either set will match your dress. you look at them and make a selection?' difficulty. 'I do not care to see them, Marie. What do you think most appropriate?" Well these diamonds would be lovely :

sidered more becoming. The maid glanced at her, and saw the alteration in her color and expression.

'Perhaps miss, you would like this one; it is very peculiar, but certainly very beautiful; it is made of rubies, emeralds, and

looked behind her at Marie, who, still

the words startled me! I must be very nervous when even the mention of those rienne and the chanionesse filled it with stones alarms me. I suppose many neck aces were made after that design and doubt my mother owned one of them. But this mental explanation was not entirely conclusive. Valentine looked at it was composed of topazes, turquoise-

> 'That necklace has no locket, no medallion, Marie.' 'Oh, yes, miss, it has -a lovely medal-

'But the clasp has no diamonds?'

'Yes, miss; three large diamonds.' 'Three large diamonds!'

Valentine sank back in the chair, seeng nothing, only conscious of a creeping sensation of horror that seemed to paralyze her. The maid noticed her movements, and hurried to her.

your father ?'

No sooner had the girl closed the door after her, than Valentine rose and hurried to the table. The box was a strong one, square, with metal-bound corners, and a curious, complicated lock. Valentine ex- three diamonds, you pressed the center even take my hand? amined it, and then nerved herself to look at its contents. Each article jewelry lay gleaming on its dark velvet cushion Valentine glanced over the diamonds and pearls and stood transfixed before the oft-described necklace.

Yes, there was the clasp; below it hung the medallion; the different gems blazed and sparkled with their borrowed lights

'Is this the 'necklace?' she cried, snatching it from the cushion, and clutch ing it tightly, as if fearing that it would suddenly disappear from her sight. 'Oh, what is the matter with me? I am a fool to let my imagination thus torture me! And yet, that man's words--how they will go to her! But stop! Suppose it should be the necklace that she gave

Madeleine!

The result was very satisfactory. Her away and tremble so when he heard her Why can I not be satisfied that this is in deed mine? Must I live with this haunt ing fear always in my heart? And what did I promise Adrienne? That I would work with her in finding a clew to her

> what will! I will know the truth!' The sound of a heavy door opening and shutting brought Valentine back to the

Trembling, pale, and wild-eyed with the contemplation of her own thoughts, she turned and saw the duchess.

door. She was in full court dress, a violet velvet train over a white satin petticoat, rich lace and magnificent diamonds completing the costume.

At the sight of her form, Valentine, who a moment before had wished for her presence, slipped the necklace into the deep side pocket of her dress, and tried in vain to recover her composure. The duchess met her with outstretched

hands. Valentine could not meet her

'Good-morning, Valentine. How lovey you look, child; your dress is beautiful. I think I shall have the pleasure of presenting the prettiest girls that the duke will meet in Provence. But what is the matter, Valentine? you are pale, and your hands tremble.'

thought it would be very pleasant for you to go with Adrienne, so I came in to say that we would call for you. Adrienne

keeping up her strength on my account. 'Yes madame; but I do not think-I mean it will be better not to call for me.

you not willing to tell me? 'Oh, madame, I would be only too happy to go with you, but my father-

What, the count objects? 'I suppose he will; he wishes me to go

in the carriage with him.' Well, of course you should consult his pearls? wishes; but surely that is not what you

Valentine shivered, and drawing her not be forced to insult the girl whom I hand from that of the duchess, turned The duchess looked at ner, trying to is a very convenient entrance. I am so

by the appearance of her maid, who had seek some explanation of the complete glad we can see each other so quickly, change in this strong, self reliant girl. Will you come in and see Adrienne ing. for a few minutes? She has been pining

'Alas, madame, I dare not.' 'Dare not, Valentine! What has Adri-

'She, madame, nothing! My father has her pocket, and again examined it. brilliant diamonds; and these pearls! forbidden me to speak to her. He says! Oh, they are exquisite! Which will you that the daughter of the Count de Mor- then. This is the necklace! Let me

'They are all so lovely, miss! and eyes and crimson cheeks. She seemed of Madeleine! Oh, what what is this Will to gasp for breath; every word came with mystery? On one side or the other is con-

have to suffer, but I did not expect this! a galley-slave -a man whom every cir Well, Valentine, however hard it may be, cumstance pointed to as the murdererbut with your complexion pearls are con- my child, do your duty, obey your father, even the testimony of his own child. On Adrienne would tell you that a father's the other, a gentleman, respected and ac-'Oh, indeed!' Valentine's voice was wish should be a daughter's most sacred cepted as the Count de Mornasse, return-

'I know it, madame: but --- ' 'Poor girl! she would devote her life to her father's service if she could. nothing be done?'

'Alas, Valentine, nothing.' 'Then you think the soldier's story en you say?' Valentine sat up suddenly and tirely false?' Valentine had faced the me. eaning over the box, was admiring the filled with meaning. 'Those papers and -not she who is to bear this misery and 'Child, your own father's words com pletely contradicted his statement.' 'But his theory of the murder—the dis-

> appearance of the money-'Lies, all lies!' 'That necklace that you gave his wife?' ed it or hidden it to avert suspicion.'

emeralds and sapphires.'

Valentine seemed to much interested to speak. The duchess shook her head. over and over again; and while she was

'No-madame ?' 'It is very improbable. You see, that 'You are not well, miss. Shall I call would not care for a duplicate of mine. Valentine, and stretching out her arms Ornaments should be unique, or they she would have embraced her friend.

'No, no !' she gasped. 'Leave me for fastened on the duchess; her voice, when touch a little while, Marie; I will ring when I she gained control of it, was husky and 'Madame, you would recognize that

'Anywhere! It had my likeness set in hours are so long, so weary without you. diamonds in the medallion; the clasp had I have been so weak, so ill! Will you not one and it opened. My Christian name

of |-Clarie-was on the inside piece! Valentine tottered, and caught at the nearest chair for support.

'A sudden thought! Adrienne-her grief, my own duty. 'Ah! you love her-you would help the clear, searching eyes, in which were

'Yes-if I-madame-see those jewels Love and hope were no longer shining in there. My father-brought them to me, their dark depths. Adrienne had seen am to wear some of them: if you her own features when sorrow had taken

'Why, certainly; but, Valentine, in- never expressed the fear mingled with leed, you must control this grief, this terror that she now perceived in Valen-

treasure of the former Countess de Mor- to her griefs, shared them, and tried to nasse. Valentine softly drew the neck- sustain her with pleasing hopes. This lace from her pocket, and put her finger was the girl who had put her arms about on the center diamond of the clasp. 'I will know, she murmured. The help her. What had come over Valen-

tine? What had caused this change in stone moved under her slight pressure. the clasp opened with a spring, and the one who had vowed constancy and never one fatal word 'Clarie' met her eves. the room; the duchess turned, but Val- scrutiny. She shivered, and, putting out

drop to her side, thus concealing the Can you thus reproach me? If I were in proaching put her hand on Valentine's

arm. Valentine's face, white and rigid from you-I would love you more than with horror, startled her. 'Valentine, something terrible is weigh- ju Igment is liable to error; that men being upon you. Will you not confide in

'But what have you in your hand?'

One of the jewels, madame. I do not

'Well, let me see it.' The duchess held out her hand. Valentine shrank away from her, and quickly put the necklace into her pocket. Her as if to clothe her assertion with the soleyes were wild with fright, her whole emnity of an oath. body shook; she murmered, gasping as if low, steady tones, the stern expression of

Come, try and be calm, my child. See, the pearls are beautiful, and Adrienne what is right.' will wear pearls. Will you have these ?' from the duchess to the casket. Then she turned away and threw herself into a large chair as if perfectly exhausted. The duchess sat down near her, and tried

'It is useless, madame; my mind made up. I will not go to this present- away, and shrinking, again showed Adsense, unless you are physically unable?'

'You are fretting about Adrienne. Do not let that weigh with you for a moment victim of a cruel man's heartlessness! After you have been presented, I will talk tine? Surely you do not blame my father? to your father, and obtain his consent to I am the cause of all his wretchedness.' your speaking to Adrienne Reflect, my child. For years you have not only lived were here I would fall on my knees bein great seclusion, but even your name was withheld from your associates. It is be made manifest to the world; that he very important that you should now be should be restored to his liberty, to his introduced and accepted as the daughter country, to his child \_\_\_\_\_ of the Count de Mornasse. Nearly all

What shall I tell Adrienne?

'Not to call for you! why, Valentine, except through you. You see, your pre- rais d as if invoking help and guidance. what is it that agitates you so much? Are sence at this presentation is, therefore, was a sight so strange, so in xplicable unnecessary for many strong reasons. So, der the circumstances, that Adrienne sank be calm and self reliant, my dear child, into a chair and covered her face with her All will yet go well. I must leave you. hands, (To be continued.)

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'Is it possible?' Her voice was quite trouble in your exile?'

interest myself in public affairs.' 'Like the duke, I suppose?'

to give all her attention to the count and his affairs. Whatever reasons he might have for wishing to forget the past, she, on the contrary, loved to recall it Ad-

She commenced her toilet very soon was principally occupied with the idea allion! What shall I do? If I do not dishands of her maid, and she began to long duchess! She can decide the question! I

'How beautiful you are!' he said, a Valentine laughed and blushed

choice; all will equally become you. I ready. One word. Valentine. That girl must be careful, and remember what I

you understand me-nothing!" Valentine felt her face changing. The old weight was suddenly back on her

warning gesture, and left the room.

Valentine threw herself into the nearest chair, and gave away to her feelings of disappointment and despair. Proud

tears filled her eyes aud choked her. 'See, Adrienne, and not notice her! impossible! I cannot do it! Oh, for some are fretting about?

'Is there anything else, miss to do for

things than I do.'

'Rubies, emeralds, and sapphires, did

'Yes; miss, and such brilliant ones. Perhaps you would prefer this.' 'Rubies, emeralds, and sapphires ! How

lion set with diamonds!

Valentine stared at her, dimly catching lose one of their principal charms.

Valentine shuddered: the necklace shook in her trembling hand, 'What am I saying? Should it be Ma deleine's necklace-the one that the soldier said was taken with the money and the other jewels-what then? Let me think. What did my father say? Why, that the papers and jewels had been out of his possession-never! Then, if this were Madeleine's necklace, how could some with these other ones! Impossible! am letting my fears destroy my reason. Of course this was my mother's-is now mine. But stay; why did he stagger name? Why does he keep me from her?

father's innocence. Shall I put this away hide it, forget it?-this, the soldier's last hope—let Adrienne die of a broken heart? Never! I will keep my promise, come

interests of the moment. The duchess had entered by the garden

'Yes madame; I do not feel very well. 'Why, has anything gone wrong? I

others made like it?' What, duplicates?

Valentine stood speechless, her eyes feet and shrank away from Adrienne's

'Why Valentine, what is it that agitates by Adrienne's gaze, stood immovable, and you so? Are you ill?'

The duchess turned away to look at the Valentine the friend who had listened her on that terrible day and promised to

entine stood as if petrified; her eyes were her hand, clung to the chair for support. fixed on something that she held in both she said, sadly. 'The daughter of a gal-Valentine shuddered, and let her hand you. I will not trouble you again —

fore this have been accounted guilty, although the evidence was purely circumstantial, and later discoveries proved them 'You! Oh, no! I cannot. I must to be guiltless. I would still sustain you

her features for a moment softening into 'No, no! I -not now. I will not wear one of wondering admiration for the gentle girl before her. Well, there are others, Valentine. Valentine stood for a moment looking Why do you speak so decidedly, Valen-

'Not go! Why Valentine, that is non. despair. 'It is not that, madame. There are other considerations.'

'Tell her I have not forgotten my pro-'And the jewels- will you wear the

'Perhaps so, madame. The duchess rose and kissed Valentine in her kind motherly way. 'There, dear child, now you will compose yourself, and do what is right. This

and without any ceremonious announce The duchess smiled, as she returned Valentine's deep courtesy, and slowly disappeared in the ante-room beyond No sooner had the heavy door shut than Valentine drew the necklace from

'There cannot be the slightest doubt nasse can hold no intercourse with the think. Given by the duchess to Made leine; placed by the soldier in a box with The scorn in Valentine's tone drew the the money, the jewels and the papers attention of the duchess to her flashing taken with them-stolen by the murderer cealed a fearful crime. Which story am l 'Poor Adrienne! I knew she would to believe? On the one hand, a convict ing after an absence of twelve years, to

the soldier did not perjure himself: that 'And must she suffer on forever? (an his theory was right! Another did the deed! But who? Why do I tremble so? My brain seems on fire! 'You will do right!' The duchess said so as she left Yes-I will do right! Adrienne duchess now, and her eager eyes were shall not suffer any longer! Is it not she jewels that he persists in speaking about?' disgrace? No, her father is innocent: another man inurdered her poor, helpless mother, and that man is-my father!'

claim his family estates, and bringing

with him this -this irrefutable proof that

Overcome at the horror of her own conviction, Valentine fell back, nearly fainting on a chair. She still grasped the necklace, but all her physical and mental the secret that tortured her. She tried 'It was a curious necklace, I believe : to think of some explanation for her father's possession of the necklace, but 'Oh, not at all! It was made of rubies, her reason would not accept what her fancy suggested. The dull, heavy torpor 'Yes, madame-no doubt there were of despair was settling down upon her. The count's manner and words were his

'I must see Adrienne,' she murmured.

speaking the door near her again opened and Adrienne stood before her. Adrienne was a vision of loveliness in necklace was made to order; the design her white satin and brocade draperies. was my own. Of course a person who Her eyes sparkled with pleasure, her lips could afford to wear such a necklace parted in her own bright smile as she saw

With a cry, Valentine sprang to her

Adrienne's arms fell at once, her eyes

'I see you do not wish for me. Valen-

tine. I should not have come, but the

filled with tears.

'Oh, do not touch me! I dare not-I cannot-Valentine clasped her trembling hands and drew back; but then, as if fascinated the two girls eagerly looked at each other. Valentine's face was baffling. Adrienne could not read the drawn, set features, reflected in turn agony, despair and grief. its strongest hold upon her, but they tine's beautiful face. Yet this was her

failing sympathy? Adrienne's heart failed A sharp despairing cry rang through her before Valentine's silent, earnest ley-slave should not hope to associate is it. Valentine?' asked the with the daughter of an honest noble gentleman. I am sorry to have disturbed 'And can you believe that, Adrienne necklace in the folds of her dress. The your place and you in mine, is that what duchess saw the rapid movement, and ap- you would think? Is that the way you would treat me?'

> with hope, and whisper of courage; for I tell you, Valentine, that in spite of the overwhelming testimony of your fither's evidence against the truth of my father's word, my soul still cries out, my mind refuses to accept the conviction of his guilt; my heart assures me, teaches me, that he Adrienne raised her hands to Heaven.

Valentine drew near her, speaking in

truth. Cost what it may, I will tell you to follow its dictates; they will show you 'What-what have you discovered? 'Because, Adrienne, I am now as strongly convinced as you are of your father's innocence!'

'Oh. Valentine, can you speak to me

thus?

'Adrienne, your heart teaches you the

serve it yet-wait - wait ' 'Again, Valentine! Alas, what have done? 'Nothing. You have only suffered, the Why does your voice change so, Valen-You, Adrienne! Oh, no; if your father fore him, as I do now before you. I would assure him that his innocence should yet

Adrienne gazed at her, as if doubting these estates are yours, in right of your the evidence of her senses. Valentine mother. The count cannot claim them, on her knee, her hands classed, her eyes

Valentine's voice broke in sobs.

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