

## "THE BITER BIT."

Major De Lancy was sitting at his club in Charles street smoking. He was, for the time being, alone, and not only was his face serious, but he was drawing at his cigar with a certain fierceness which denoted anger and annoyance.

"Hallo, De Lancy," cried a well-known voice. "What's up? You look as grave as an undertaker."

"And you as though you would soon require my services. I may safely echo your question. Why, Vane, you are but the shadow of the merry lad who joined us not many years ago. You're going the pace too fast."

"I know it; but it's too late to put the drag on."

"Not a bit of it. It is never too late to mend—turn over a new leaf."

"I would if I could tear out the old one, a la Dilke; but I'm in debt and difficulties, but cannot extricate myself."

The major continued to pull strongly at his cigar, and silence fell between them.

"Charles, he said, looking up suddenly, 'I'm off home to-morrow to York-shire. The preserves are good—lots of young birds, and this is only the first of September. I should have started yesterday, you may be sure, but for something that has rather put me out, and detained me here against my will. And now, my boy, suppose you accompany me; it will give you plenty of time to confide your troubles to me, if you feel inclined. I have asked a few good fellows down, and my dear old mother and pretty sister will make you welcome. They always come and take care of me and my friends at my little shooting box, and declare they like it, although it cannot be half so comfortable as their own home."

"But they have your society to make up for it."

"That is what they say. They are weak enough to believe in me completely," he laughed.

"Not so very wrong, either," returned Charles Vane with a smile; "but are you sure they wouldn't think me an awful bore?"

"Quite; they extend their welcome to my friends. Shall we start by the afternoon train?"

"It is awfully good of you."

"And you will come?"

"I should like it awfully—it was a lucky chance for me which kept you in town. It's an ill wind which brings good to no one."

"Then that is settled. It is the first time I have ceased to feel savage for the past two days."

"That is not much in your line either, major. Your circumstances and disposition seem generally to make life an easy matter with you."

"Well, I'm a bit off the line now. It is not pleasant to receive a demand from a man you don't know, to return him a thousand pounds which you have never borrowed, now is it?"

"By Jove, no! Who has been trying on that game with you?"

"Cheatham, the advertising money-lender of Spring street."

"The deuce he has! He's the sharpest old beggar in town; Jew to the back bone, although he eats pork like a Christian, and would produce the baptismal certificate at a few hours' notice if you doubted his assurance of his religious views. There is no dodge he is not up to."

"Well, it is a case of the 'biter bit' this time; he has been 'had' at last."

"What, old Cheatham? I'd like to shake hands with the man who could out-wit him."

"I don't think I should."

"I'm all rosiety, major; do tell me about it."

"Well, the day before yesterday I had got my leave, and had made up my mind to travel from Plymouth by the night train, when I received a letter from the money lender, telling me my bill was due, and requesting immediate payment of the same. I wired back that there must be some mistake, as I had given him no bill, and received a return telegram saying: 'There was no mistake whatever. Upon which I took this strange communication over to the colonel, and asked his advice. It was run up to London at once, and sent the matter. I do so, and here I am.'

"And what about the bill?"

"It had been given him by some one representing himself to be me, and very cleverly the rascal did it. He called at Cheatham's office and sent in his card."

"Major George DeLancy, 17th Fusiliers."

"The eagle-eyed one of course saw him, and by his own account was very polite."

"The stranger seems to have been a man of about my own age, of military and gentlemanly appearance."

"He told Cheatham that he had independent means, but that he was for the moment inconvenienced for a little ready money in consequence of some family matters, and that he had made up his mind to borrow £1,000, but from whoever he might get it he should require a promise of strict secrecy, and the sum should be returned in three months, but he would permit no inquiries to be made concerning him."

"He was not in the habit of borrowing, and it would annoy him greatly if the transaction became known."

"Mr. Cheatham promised implicit obedience, swore never to betray the Major's confidence, and asked when the money would be advanced, as he might not be able to supply it for a day or two."

"His client told him with nonchalance that there was no hurry whatever—the affair was not pressing, a week hence would do him admirably, and Cheatham, unctuously rubbing his hands together, said that would suit him exactly; upon which the stranger took up his hat and gloves and turned to the door, but Mr. Cheatham was there before him, bowing him out with his extra best cringe."

"Of course he did make inquiries, he admits the fact, and found that my credit was good, and that I was the owner of a couple of estates, and he was more than satisfied."

"When the sharper returned, at the day and hour appointed, he entered the money-lender's office in a towering passion."

"He knew human nature, and doubtless had had dealings with other Mr. Cheathams before. He was aware that it was a dead certainty that the man had made inquiries, and he traded on it. He accused the wretched Jew of having broken his word, and vowed that nothing on earth should induce him to take a penny of his 'dirty money,' and paced the office in a fury."

"In vain Cheatham swore by all his gods that he had not enquired, not asked one single question."

"The major would have nothing whatever to do with him, and strode to the door, and again Cheatham was there first, and in possession of the handle."

"He would not be denied."

"The major must not go; the money was actually in his office; he would make it twice the sum, if he desired it, upon his note of hand only. He should be so sorry not to do business with him in consequence of such an unpleasant mistake."

"He begged, and prayed, and implored till the major's face cooled, and he obliged him, he at last consented to take the £1,000 for which he had bargained; showing the most utter indifference about it, the money lender eagerly counted out the notes, and handed them to him, and the major left the office."

"And did not return to it?"

"No, and never will; he changed the notes, and started for another country, wherein to begin a new life! It is the cleverest trick I have ever heard of."

"Poor beggar! I hope he'll reform," said Charles Vane, "and by Jove! I'm glad he gave Cheatham a lesson; he has ruined many a good fellow who had got meretriciously entangled in his net. Of course, you're not responsible in any way."

"Neither morally nor legally; he is too big a scamp to command my sympathy, to which he now wildly appeals."

"Rather! and how did that scoundrel get your card?"

"It is not a fac-simile of mine; he must have had it printed for himself, and is now probably using the rest of the hundred in the United States."

"No, no, the money once obtained, he would keep it for the transaction."

"You are right; he has doubtless another alias before now."

"The affair has annoyed me; it is a new and unpleasant experience to be mixed up with such a man as Cheatham."

"I wish it were with me," sighed Vane. "Come, dine with me, and to-morrow we will go north; let us both forget our troubles."

"Easier said than done, De Lancy. I'm sure I'm not worse than you're I might, but I've tired my governor out, and he has stopped payment. I've wasted a fortnight of my leave because I have not had the pluck to face him and tell him the truth about my liabilities."

"Well, suppose we ask him down, and set Rosie, that is my sister, to wheedle him. He wouldn't have a chance against her. I can tell you. You always were a favorite of mine in spite of your faults, for you are blessed with a heart, instead of that strange article which does duty in most men's breasts in these degenerate days."

Charles Vane extended his hand and grasped that of his friend.

"Major, you're a brick," he said with feeling. "I'll try to be a better fellow, if only to gain your good opinion."

It was actually dark when Major De Lancy's dog cart turned into the gateway of his pretty little place.

"They don't expect you, but they will be pleased to see you nevertheless," he said. "Stay, there is one of the gamekeepers; drive on, and I'll speak to him, and be after you in a minute, and the major jumped out."

Charles Vane alighted before the hall door, which was almost immediately opened, and in another moment two soft arms were about his neck.

"You dear, dear old pet," cried a silvery voice, "I have been watching for you for an age; how late you are, and how glad I am to see you! and also not only gave him a hug, but a very decided kiss."

Then she recoiled a little.

"George, I will never forgive you!" she cried, "you have been cutting your unsteady. It is not half the size it was, and it was such a beauty."

Major De Lancy was crossing the lawn, and his footsteps gave back no sound. He broke into a hearty laugh, and there was a suppressed chuckle from the direction of the house's porch, where stood the groom hidden by the darkness.

"Don't alarm yourself, Rosie," said her brother. "I have not shortened a hair."

For one moment the girl stood, as it were, spell-struck. The next moment she and Charles Vane aside with strange power for such soft arms.

"You wretch!" she cried, and fled through the lighted hall like a sky-rocket.

Charles Vane was a long time making Rose forgive him for what was, after all, no fault of his, but he could not forget the touch of her ripe lips, nor the pressure of her rounded arm, and he was very patient and persistent with her.

He liked her all the better, perhaps, for her spirit and the annoyance she felt, and made up his mind to conquer the antagonism with which she met him after the contretemps.

"When she did forgive him, she did it royally."

And Major De Lancy forgave him too when he confessed that beautiful Rose had consented to be his wife.

Sir Percy Vane, Charles's father, was asked down, and there was no doubt about Rose's power to wheedle him. He was totally 'mashed.'

For her sake he paid off every penny of her fiancé's debts, and, moreover, promised a liberal allowance to enable the young man to marry. "I don't expect a wish, my dear," he said, before he took his leave, "that you will make my boy happy—you couldn't fail to do it—I earnestly hope he will make you so—I am glad to think that when I see the doctor will bring such a charming mistress to the dear old place."

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CHATHAM TO FREDERICTON.	FREDERICTON TO CHATHAM.
LEAVE	LEAVE
Chatham 7.00 a.m.	Gibson 6.30 a.m.
Blackville 7.20 "	Marysville 6.45 "
Blackville 7.40 "	Cross Creek 6.55 "
Doaktown (arrive 10.25) 10.45 "	Doaktown 7.30 "
Doaktown 11.40 "	Doaktown (arrive 10.10) 10.20 "
Cross Creek 1.00 p.m.	Blackville 11.50 "
Gibson (arrive) 2.30 "	Chatham June (arrive 1.00) 1.20 p.m.
	Chatham (arrive) 1.30 "

The above trains will also stop when signalled at the following stations: Nelson, Derby Siding, Upper Nelson, Chatham, Chatham, Upper Blackville, Blackville, Stewart's, Lantz, Little Crossing, Clearwater, Portage Road, Forbes Siding, Upper Cross Creek, Covered Bridge, Lionville, Durham, Newmarket, Munro's Siding, Penitence.

Connections are made at Chatham Junction with the INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY for all points east and west, and at Gibson with the N. B. RAILWAY system for St. John and all Western points, also at Cross Creek with Stage for Stanley.

## CHATHAM RAILWAY.

SUMMER 1888.

On and after MONDAY, JUNE 4th, Trains will run on this Railway in connection with the Intercolonial Railway, daily, (Sunday nights excepted) as follows:

LOCAL TIME TABLE.	THROUGH TIME TABLE.
NO. 1 EXPRESS, N.B. ACCOMMODATION	EXPRESS, ACCOMMODATION.
Leave Chatham 8.30 a.m.	Leave Chatham 8.30 a.m.
Arrive Chatham June 4.00 p.m.	Arrive Chatham 10.30 p.m.
Leave Chatham 11.45 a.m.	Leave Chatham 11.45 a.m.
Arrive Chatham 4.40 p.m.	Arrive Chatham 6.00 p.m.
LOCAL TIME TABLE.	THROUGH TIME TABLE.
NO. 2 EXPRESS, N.B. ACCOMMODATION	EXPRESS, ACCOMMODATION.
Leave Chatham 10.30 a.m.	Leave Chatham 10.30 a.m.
Arrive Chatham June 11.05 a.m.	Arrive Chatham 1.30 p.m.
Leave Chatham 11.15 a.m.	Leave Chatham 11.15 a.m.
Arrive Chatham 11.45 a.m.	Arrive Chatham 1.30 p.m.

Trains leave Chatham on Saturday night to connect with Express going South, which runs through to St. John, and Halifax and with Express going North which runs over to Campbellton.

1. Local connections are made with all passenger Trains both DAY and NIGHT on the Intercolonial.

2. Pullman Sleeping Cars run through to St. John on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and to Halifax Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and from St. John, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and from Halifax, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The above Table is made up on I. C. Railway standard time, which is 76th meridian time. All the local Trains start at Nelson Station, both going and returning, if signalled.

All freight for transportation over this road, if above Fourth (4th) Class, will be taken delivery of at the Union Wharf, Chatham, and forwarded free of Truckage Custom House Entry and other charges. Special attention given to Shipment of Fish.

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