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Point in 1882. His service has been in the artillery, in which branch he reached the grade of colonel last March. His last command was that of the artillery district of the Columbia, which headquarters at Fort Stev-

## THE DOUBLE CROSS

(Continued.)

She pronounced the words with noticeable vehemence.

"And that son—is the stranger in the black mask?"

"The stranger in the black mask," she replied, "controls the destinies of all three of us, John—your own destiny, and Felipa's and mine. But now, we cannot talk here much longer. That marriage contract must be annulled. Felipa need never know of it nor of—the double cross. I have arranged for everything. Senor Reyes, the Minister of Justice, is now in Guanajuato. And this is what you, John, must do."

She paused. I could dimly see her white dress now, as I peered into the darkness. And I knew that, as she spoke, she was making her way toward the patio door.

"The Senor Reyes," she said, "arrived at Guanajuato this evening on the train that brought Ildefonso. The Senor Reyes will sleep tonight in my private car 'Sunrise,' at the station. He wishes to leave on the train that departs at daybreak in the morning for Mexico City. He has with him an application for the annulment of our contract, John—our contract of marriage. I will sign it. So must you. You must ride to the railroad tonight, and reach the car a little before daylight. There you will sign the application and get back here before Felipa is up in the morning. She will know nothing of your absence. That is all. Now you open that door, while I open this one."

As I opened the garden door, she cried in an excited voice.

"If you will surely board the 'Sunrise' before daylight in the morning the way will be cleared for your marriage with Felipa."

"Which means that I will forfeit my fortune," I said. "Very well! I will reach the 'Sunrise' in time. For I love Felipa. While you, Alva, you love the son of Leon Alvarado. And so, we must annul—"

The Golden Senorita had left the room, going by the patio door, which she had closed after her.

And I fancied that I heard the bang of the door of the motor-car, out in the patio.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

THE DUEL.

I saw down to ponder a moment upon—the double cross.

Two women of the cross! Here was the mystery of mysteries. Two women who had never met, two women wholly unlike in appearance, the one a wondrous brunette, the other a glorious blonde, yet each bearing identically the same sign of the cross.

And I—I was betrothed to both of them.

Did I also—love—both of them? No! Nonsense! Can a man love two women at the same time? Ridiculous! I loved Felipa, only Felipa—the girl of the convent and the woman of the steamer. And Felipa loved me, of that I felt quite certain in spite of all I knew of her inexplicable "affair" with the stranger. Had she not asked me to forgive him—everything? Well, I forgave him—because I didn't know why.

The stranger? Would he prove really to be, the son of Leon Alvarado? If so, then here was a heart-tragedy—a tragedy of tangled lives. For Alva loved that man; she had told me so, just now, decisively and vehemently. But he—he loved Felipa; he had told her so, ardently and with fervor, that very evening. Poor Alva!

Of these two women, which was the true woman of the cross? Alva, of course. Had she not furnished abundant, overwhelming proof that she she alone, was the woman my father had in mind when he made his will? She was the woman named in the marriage contract. Eie herself had signed that contract, which was now to be annulled because she loved, not me, but her guardian's son. And she herself had come to me of her own accord and had deliberately shown me the sign of the cross—as Reyes had said the woman alluded to in the will would do.

On the other hand, I had found on Felipa's arm a cross identical with that which Alva had just now displayed on her own arm. The will required me to marry a woman bearing such a sign. Very well then, Felipa herself bore the sign and Felipa I would marry, even though her's was not the true cross. What? Marry Felipa?—and lose my fortune? Yes! A thousand times yes! For I loved Felipa.

Thus I mused, till suddenly I heard excited voices out on the corridor—recognized Felipa's voice and Joaquin's and the stranger's. And presently, in the stranger's voice, I heard the cry:

"Senor el Captain Ruiz! Let go of my sister."

Yes, I heard the stranger cry this astounding command in an imperious voice ringing with authority.

Rushing out on the corridor, I was just in time to hear Coaquín snarl:

"Who commands me?"

And without waiting for answer out shot his hand to the stranger's mask and tore it from his face.

Joaquin then, having unmasked the stranger, gave one quick glance close into his face and cried:

"The son of Leon Alvarado!"

Cut then I arrived on the scene. It was too dark to see the stranger's features plainly, unless I went close to him and peered at him as Joaquin had done; but so great was my respect for the stranger that I simply could not take advantage thus of his helplessness. Besides, as I had promised not to tear away his mask, the implication was, that I would not seek in any way to discover his identity.

"And since it is you, Leon Alvarado," Coaquín added, "you probably know the use of a sword."

And with that he struck the stranger across the mouth with the mask, then drew his sword.

"At your service, here and now," promptly responded the stranger, with a calm air of utmost self-assurance.

"Lieutenant, your sword, if you please, for the Senor Alvarado," said Joaquin, turning to one of his two brother-officers (lieutenants) who were of the group.

The lieutenant handed the stranger his sword and the unmasked man immediately drew the gleaming blade.

"Senores!" I cried, protestingly. "Senores!" pleaded Felipa, in a horrified voice.

The four men—Joaquin, the stranger and the two lieutenants—had stepped off the corridor into the garden.

I sought to get Felipa away from the scene, and dragged her almost by force into Don Sustino's room and closed the door.

"Felipa," I said, taking her trembling form in my arms, "what has happened here? Tell me, quick!"

"I was hurrying along the corridor John, in search of you," she answered, in a tremulous voice of deep excitement, "when I met Joaquin and his two lieutenants. Joaquin, seemingly greatly agitated, caught me in his arms, passionately—think of it!—and swore by his soul and honor that you were alone in your room with a strange blonde woman—a woman with golden hair. Just then the stranger came up."

"No," he cried, hearing what Joaquin was telling me, 'there was no blonde woman in the Senor St. John's room.'

"Joaquin still kept hold of me, and the stranger then commanded, in a terrible voice:

"Let go of—my sister!"

"'Ged of my soul! his sister! John John, what can he mean? My brother!—Impossible!'"

"To Be Continued."

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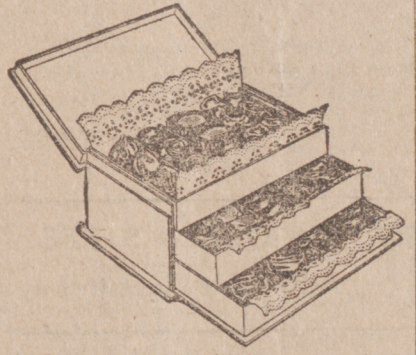
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