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THE WHEEL O' FORTUNE

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CHAPTER XI.

A Woman Intervenes.

When Mrs. Haxton descended the yacht's gangway, and seated herself in the boat which had brought Abdullah from the shore, she threw a main with fate. But she was acting with her eyes open, whereas poor mortality is oft called on to take that dangerous hazard blindly. During several haggard hours she had weighed her prospects in the scale of judgment, and the balance was woefully unfavorable. Wealth she had none; and now she saw position slipping away also. As sure as the sun would rise next day, so sure was it, as matters stood then, that exposure and humiliation must arrive. To this hard, level-headed shrewd woman there was no blinking the outcome of an official inquiry. Alfieri was in Massowah, Alfieri, the man she had wronged as Delilah wronged Samson. If he were arrested, owing to Irene's abduction, he would demand to be confronted with von Kerber, would ask that she, too, should be arraigned with the Austrian, and put forward such an indisputable plea that, whatever the outcome for the Italian, her English friends must recoil from her with indignation. And there was worse in store. Mr. Fenshawe's generosity might provide the means of returning to Europe, but she would go back discredited, a mere adventuress, while the publicity attached to the yacht's errand could hardly fail to bring her name into fatal notoriety. In a word, social ruin stared her in the face, and the prospect was so unpleasant that her despairing glance turned more than once towards a dressing-case containing drugs whose labels spelt oblivion.

Then came the Arab, with news of Irene's return, and like any desperate gambler who ventures the last shreds of a vast capital on some almost impossible chance, she determined to fight Alfieri to the end.

It was not a thing to be done in cold blood. Unarmed men have saved their lives by boldly attacking lions, but that is no argument in favor of an unarmed man going out of his way to search for the king of beasts. And the measure of Alfieri's hate was supplied by his daring attempt to capture her. She shuddered to think of the result had he been successful yet she nerved herself now to out-manoeuvre him. Of course there were some elements in her favor the blunder which had placed her enemy at loggerheads with the authorities gave her a momentary advantage. The man's lust for vengeance might, indeed, sweep aside her attack, but she must risk that. Had fate been kinder, Mrs. Haxton was cast in the mold that produces notable women. She knew when to unite boldness with calculation; she would always elect to die fighting rather than cover without a blow; and she would never believe a cause lost while there was a man to be wheedled.

The Somali crew ferried her swiftly towards the landing stage, and she had Abdullah render a full account of the rescue.

"You speak of a boat," she commented, with a puzzled air. "Did you see the occupants?"

"No, madame. We heard some shouting by Italians. That is all."

"A boat!" she said, deep in thought. "That seems to suggest that I was to be brought back to the town. The hired carriage and the long drive into the country were intended to throw dust in the eyes of those who might endeavor to find me."

"Or to a ship," suggested Abdullah. "Had they a show in readiness? Perhaps by this time, they may have slipped away to sea under cover of the darkness."

Mrs. Haxton laughed, but her mirth had not its wonted musical cadence.

"No," she said, "that is not likely. Grand Dieu, if only it were! Now listen, and do exactly as I bid you. Somewhere

in Massowah, probably in one of the small restaurants, you will find a man named Giuseppe Alfieri. You must inquire at every café and boarding house in the main street—there are not many. You cannot mistake him. You met him once at Assouan, and you may recall his appearance—he is tall and thin, with a lean, sallow face, clean shaven. He has long, black hair and his eyes are large and deeply set. When you find him you will say that I wish to see him. He will be surprised and talk big, but he will surely question you. Make no secret of the fact that you are in my confidence. Tell him I offer a truce, that I am in a position to make terms. He may bluster, and boast, perhaps, that I am on my knees. Well, admit it, and remind him that where I fail, he, at least, has no chance of success. Do you understand? It is a question as between money and revenge, Alfieri is something of a fool. If the bait be tempting enough he will swallow it, and not for the first time."

Abdullah nodded with complete comprehension of her under-thought. The Italian had been tricked once. It might be possible to trick him again.

"If he agrees, Madame, when is he to meet you?"

"To-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock, at the hotel."

"But this other affair has set the bazaar in an uproar. One cannot carry off young English ladies so easily. Monsieur Alfieri may be a prisoner."

"No such luck," said Mrs. Haxton bitterly. "You are not acquainted with the twists and turns of events, Abdullah. That which was simple at Assouan has become complex here. Alfieri has inflamed the mind of some high official at Rome, or he never could have persuaded the Governor to go to such lengths as to arrest Fenshawe Effendi, not to speak of Monsieur LeBaron. No, this pig of a Governor has a Minister behind him. He may threaten but Alfieri is safe."

"Nevertheless, he may be hidden."

"That will suit me equally well. Ziti! Abdullah, you are not so quick as usual to-night."

"Pardon, Madame, you have told me what I am to do, but you have said no words as to yourself, yet behold, we shall be on shore in a few minutes."

"I am going to the fort. I have one card to play with his Excellency. Pray to your Prophet, Abdullah, that it may succeed."

The Arab bowed silently. It might be that he stood to win, no matter who lost, in this war of intrigue.

"Do I see you again to-night, Madame?" he asked, as the boat drew alongside the jetty.

"I think not. Come with me until I obtain an alabaster. Then, to your search and report to me early to-morrow."

They soon found an alabaster, one of the small open carriages made popular in Egypt by the French, and Mrs. Haxton was driven towards the fort. The Arab began his quest for Giuseppe Alfieri, but found him not, for the most convincing reason that Alfieri was then seated in the Governor's library, smoking the Governor's cigarettes, and drinking the Governor's best Capri.

His Excellency had just returned from the hotel. He, too, had deferred to the morning a tactful explanation that pressure of business had prevented the despatch of Mr. Fenshawe's cablegrams that night. But tact was not his most obvious gift. Though he hoped to mollify the irate yacht-owner with soft words, he did not spare Alfieri now.

"The madness of it!" he cried. "You say it is a mistake. That is the plea of a stupid child. The affair would have been just as awkward if you had carried off the Signora Haxton. She is a British subject. In two days the newspapers of Europe would magnify the incident into an international dispute, and, with Abyssinia always ready to fan the flame—"

"Believe me, Excellency, the Signora herself would have written that she had gone away of her own free will," broke in the other.

"I doubt it very much. Her friends could not fail to think that she was writing under compulsion. I tell you, idiot, that you are, you have prejudiced your own case, made difficulties where they did not exist. If your sworn statements are true."

"They are true, true as death," vociferated Alfieri.

"Ehben! Why, then, strengthen your enemies by giving them just cause for complaint?"

"If only you knew what I have suffered through this woman, Excellency!" came the angry cry.

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LA TRAVIATA AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Boston Opera Singers Receive Hearty Welcome Back to St. John.

The Boston Opera Singers, who on their first appearance here in September won for themselves golden opinions and firmly established themselves in the esteem of the music loving public of St. John, opened their return engagement at the Opera House last night with Verdi's La Traviata. The several artists having won their way to the hearts of their hearers were therefore thoroughly on rapport with the audience, who greeted them as old and tried friends.

It may be said that the performance last night was a very smooth one, and, without in any sense disparaging the rendering of the same work as given in September, was certainly greatly in advance of it in general ensemble and finish. This, of course, is the result of the six weeks' work, together with a consequent mutual understanding and confidence, as compared with the opening week of the tour.

The play having been previously performed, and reviewed in these columns, any story of the plot or extended comment is unnecessary, suffice it to say that with Miss Helen Darling as Violetta lay the honors of the evening. Never, since her first appearance in St. John, has she been heard in better voice or to better advantage. Her acting was strongly emotional and the acme of artistic distinction, and with her fine voice capable of great range of expression and tonal color, she made a deep impression. It only remains for wider opportunity and greater occasion to demonstrate her great powers, the limit of which she has as yet far from reached.

Mr. Paul as Alfred Germont, the inconsistent lover, confirmed the high opinions already formed of his fine qualities as an artist of sympathetic perception. His rich voice was heard to advantage. Signor Alberti, as Alfredo's stern and unbending father, rendered his role in fine traditional style and used his rich voice with telling effect, while his acting and deportment are always a study in themselves.

The part of Annina was very effectively taken by Miss Kirby and she was heard to advantage as also were Miss Mallette as Flora Bervoix, Joseph Florian, Gordon White and C. A. Pendleton. The climax at the close of the third act was excellent.

It would be a flagrant omission not to make acknowledgment of Signor Francini's work at the piano and as director of the music. As the head and front of the accompaniment, his fluent technique and minute knowledge of the score, accomplished results beyond praise. Flo-tow's Martha is the bill for tonight.

AT THE PRINCESS

Delighted crowds attended the Princess last night and saw one of the finest programmes yet offered by the management. The pictures are all new and excellent. A Great Wrong Righted is a melodrama, telling of misplaced confidence, a woman's heart and a man's peridy. Dr. Jinks' Liquid Restorer and the Rashful Youth are two comedies. Mrs. Jas. J. Tufts' singing of "Jessie's Dream" made a great hit and she was repeatedly encored, as was Ed. Courtney's singing of "I Would Like to Love a Pol-Like You." This programme will be repeated today for the last time.

RICHARD III AT NICKEL

If Nickel Theatre had been twice as large, it could not have accommodated the crowds that gathered to see Richard III and the remainder of the remarkable programme last night. As was expected, the Shakespearean tragedy was a magnificent feature. The photography was excellent and the acting of the highest class. A special company of Shakespearean players enacted the grand historical work, which was replete in all the important scenes

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