

THE FATAL REQUEST OR FOUND OUT

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CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

It was rather strange, but the moment he put this question the little doctor shifted his glance, and merely answered, "Humph!" with a look to be looking at nothing in particular.

"You know what I mean?" said the somewhat impatient response. "Did my father meet his death through the shock of the collision or by—?"

"Your father was not killed in the railway accident at all," was the paralyzing reply, as the giver of it still avoided the eye of the questioner. "What! about the latter, leaning to his feet. 'What do you mean? For heaven's sake, explain yourself and do not talk in riddles!'"

"What I mean is this," was the answer given with great confidence and decision, as he once more allowed himself to meet the other man's eye. "Your father was not hurt to death, as you feared, and he did not perish through the shock of the collision, which you hoped might be the case, as being the more merciful death of the two. Your father was shot!"

Had the young man received a bullet wound himself? It would not seem to have started more violently than he did on hearing these words.

"Shot!" he cried—"shot!" Then, passing his hand across his forehead—"I'm not dreaming, am I?"

Dr. Cartwright shook his head.

"No, my boy, you're not dreaming, except inasmuch as life itself is a dream. Your father, I repeat, was not dead by foul play—that is putting aside the question of—"

"Suicide!" cried the young man, snatching at the word, as it were. "Suicide! My father! Oh, you must be mad!"

The doctor shook his head again.

"I discovered, on examining the body after you had left the church, that death had resulted from a bullet wound in the right temple, which had

it said—Here it is—you can see for yourself!"

Dr. Cartwright brought his spectacles to bear upon the document.

"Am returning to-day by the 4:30 train. Shall be home to dinner. Friend accompanies me."

He read it through twice before returning it. "And you say you have no idea what the name of this friend your father went to meet was?"

"To my knowledge, I have never heard it mentioned. I thought I knew all my father's friends, but this one must have been an entire stranger to me, and my father must have had some reason for—"

He stopped abruptly, respect for his dead parent held back the words upon his tongue. But Dr. Cartwright apparently guessed the remainder of the sentence.

"You mean, your father must have had some reason for concealing the fact of his previous acquaintance with the man he went to meet at Dover?"

The young man's face flushed.

"I tell you, no! I won't believe it! I won't even listen to such a supposition for a moment! I tell you—but there, you never knew him!" And he turned his back again.

"To return to our subject," said the doctor. "You insist on concealing this same unknown personage with the very circumstances of your father's death?"

"Who else could it be?" exclaimed Ted. "You yourself have put the motive of robbery out of the question!"

"Certainly," cried the doctor, "having disposed of that motive only makes it the more necessary to provide another."

"And there again you supply it yourself," burst out the other. "You hint of the possibility of my father having something discreditable in connection with his past life."

"(To be continued.)"

"HE'S ALL I HAVE."

Old Man's Pitiful Plea for the Life of His Dog.

The trembling, speechless of a shabbily dressed old man crying as if his heart would break and pleading imploringly for the liberty of his dog, propped up on a stool, and Jackson, his dog, who was the dog was dragged from the side walk to the wagon.

"Oh, my dog, mister! Don't take him from me, he's all I have," wailed the old man.

The man with the rope around the dog's neck stood like a statue looking pityingly at the old man, who was the policeman on the wagon seat moaned.

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Dr. Burrill had a seat assigned him in one of the front pews, and glanced at his face on the face of the functionary who discharged the office of ushering the people into their places, seemingly so indifferent to the whole of the congregation he belonged.

Dr. Burrill knew that his father's body now lay there within the chancel rails, in one of the new constructed coffins, which had been roughly put together to meet the sudden and unprecedented demand.

He sat in one of the front pews, and the number of seats had been reserved for those who, it was felt, had the greatest claim to them, for he observed, after a few minutes, that the same place into which he had been ushered also contained two of his fellow passengers on that ever memorable journey.

The former, it was impossible to doubt, had found her worst fears realized, for she still cried silently for her father, and her mother, who was now supposed to be about forty years of age, and who was good-looking, but her eyes, and that same restlessness of movement, as if she were perpetually rustled the leaves of her prayer book, which betrayed the excitement that seemed to be suppressed in her.

But, then, we are all at liberty to show our grief in our own peculiar way.

In the other pews round him he recognized other faces—those of fellow-sufferers, who had been seen at the station or in the church in the early morning of the day before.

Among these there were, of course, the faces of his neighbors, who were those who had found the living where they had looked for the dead, and who, after a few hours of "waiting," had discovered the one they sought, either in the shelter, or in some of the neighboring hamlets, and were present on that morning with a saddened joy and grateful unexpressed.

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AGRICULTURE

The Origin of Varieties.

Beginning at the beginning, we find that the first species of cultivated plants was in the grass kind of species, said Prof. L. H. Bailey in an address to nurserymen.

As a result of the selection of more intimate, various indefinite forms groups were recognized within the limits of the species. Gradual selection, given place to cultivation and cultivation, very particular groups appeared and were recognized.

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MAKE NEW CLIMBING RECORDS.

Himalayan Peaks Ascended by Adventurous Mountaineers.

Mountaineering records have recently been broken in two respects in the Huza Nagar peaks of the Himalayas, on the northwest frontier of India, says the Chicago News. For four years past Mr. and Mrs. Bullock Workman have been carrying on climbing operations in those parts with the aid of Swiss guides, and on 12 last Dr. Workman and two guides climbed an unnamed peak near the Chooy Loongma glacier to a height of 23,240 feet. They did not reach the top, but this is higher than the previous world's record, which is the summit of Annapurna, in the Andes, 22,838 feet. Mount Everest, however, the highest peak in the world, still remains unconquered. On the same day Mrs. Bullock Workman reached a height of 22,200 feet, which breaks the previous record for women—held by herself—by 1,503 feet. Mrs. Workman is middle-aged and middle aged, with gray hair and a by no means athletic figure.

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Flashlight Cartridges.

Great care must be taken not to explode a flashlight cartridge in a confined space. If confined a terrible explosion will result. More than one experienced photographer has been killed by becoming careless in this respect. The most efficient flash compound by the higher its explosive power and it should never be used in a confined space, not even the lid of a box, but spread in a long trail. The force of the explosion is, therefore, minimized, while the light area is increased.

A MANLESS ISLAND COLONY.

Greek Women Who Live an Entirely Independent Life.

On a small island in the Greek archipelago there lives a colony which is composed entirely of women. It is a sort of religious order, which considers it a disgrace for one of its members to even look at a man. So when a fisherman approaches the island, the women pull the gray cows of their caissons over their heads and turn a blind eye. Provisions are their own products, being strict vegetarians. Only the man, who is an essential element in the colony, is ever allowed to leave the island. The other women remain on the island all their lives, taking their turn at tilling the fields, washing, housekeeping and fishing.

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