

THE FATAL REQUEST OR FOUND OUT

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CHAPTER XXIV.

The Enigma.

He turned and looked behind him as though other than that same James Ferrers, whose narrative and confession he held in his hand; and again looking behind him in the darkness of the doorway, he saw the pale, narrow, furtive countenance of Perkins, the housemaid. For a moment there was an intense silence, during which both seemed to hold their breath and nerve themselves for the struggle that lay before them.

to live—a year, that is, if I kept myself free from all excitement and received no sudden shock. Tonight, I feel, will not satisfy me. How shall I myself that I ask this—it is for my child."

"He had touched the one responsive chord. Ted laid the envelope which contained the secret, down upon the table.

"I consent to spare you the punishment due to the deed," he said slowly, "I must first know all. Your written confession, to be pursued after death, will not satisfy me. How shall I know then that you have not lied? I must have it from your own lips now."

"I have not yet already had it from my own lips," exclaimed Mr. Ferrers, with sudden passion. "Have I not declared to you that I am not ready to swear it, however much appearances may be against me? I swear I never murdered him!"

"Do you deny that you are the man who wrote the letter which summoned my father to Dover?—or that you are the other passenger who traveled by the 4:30 train and occupied a compartment on the fourth carriage from the engine?"

"The other man bent his head. 'I do not deny it.'"

"I am not sure that the bullet that was discovered in the padding of the same compartment, which the Freely party partially consumed, was your father's murderer?"

"No need for further explanation. With a sudden cry, his hand pressed to his heart, and a ghastly gray sweat settling down upon his face, Mr. Ferrers dragged himself to the nearest chair.

"The medicine—the medicine!" he whined, in a dreadful tone, pointing with one hand towards the medicine bottle and the other towards the man who held the directions on the label, measured out the proportion prescribed and held the same to the lips of what seemed the almost dying man.

"Cruel, cowardly, cold-blooded murderer!"

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SHATTERING OF A ROMANCE.

Girl's Answer to Lovy's Young and True Groom.

For several minutes the young man did not speak. His heart was too full. It was enough for him to know that she had accepted of him; that she had promised to share his fate.

With a new and delighted sense more upon her head, she realized that she had secured for her welfare and comfort a young man who was not only a good husband but a good friend.

Dean Parry, when in charge of a fashionable church in London, was known as Prof. Jowett's paragon.

While watching in a little chapel of a few acres from Rugby, England, on the Wrexham road, the axes so strictly divided that they crossed each other in a way that the cutting forms a right angle, in one of which the men sit, and the women in the other.

Uncle Eben's Advice.

"Don't put in too much time worrying 'bout de little things dat can't be helped," said Uncle Eben. "I once had a man dat was a good man dat was a regular ole Christian. He used to say dat de best way to live is to be satisfied with what you got."

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Dr. J. W. L. Douglas, Yorktown, Ark., Mar. 1, 1904. Gentlemen:—I have been engaged in the practice of medicine in this section for ten years. This is a very sickly climate, on the Bayou Bartholomew, near the Arkansas River. It is particularly malarious and miasmatic; we meet with many and various abnormal conditions of the human family, prominent among these are kidney diseases.

Case 1. Mrs. Smith, Yorktown, Ark., age 29. I have for some time, been using Doan's Kidney Pills in these many manifestations and with uniform success, curing most cases. I can further say that even in hopeless cases where they have waited too long, Doan's Kidney Pills afford much relief and prolong life.

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