

JOHN BURT by FREDERICK UPHAM ADAMS

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CHAPTER XXIX. Edith's Confession.

"The papers say Mr. Morris will be arrested. Is it true, Jessie? Look at the big headlines! Isn't it awful!"

Edith Harrison's cheeks were reddened with excitement as she rushed into her cousin's room. "Mr. Blake was here while the general was at breakfast," they gabbled on breathlessly. "They talked a minute and then he hurried away. Isn't Mr. Blake lovely? And he's so big and handsome and generous and good-looking and manly, and—and everything I just love him, Jessie, don't you?"

"You will love John Burt? What a foolish little sweetheart you are, waiting your life on a man you haven't known for years!" "You're jesting, Jessie, don't reject my love!"

"It's not likely I shall have a chance," said Jessie. The little face had grown very serious. "I sincerely hope not, Edith. John Burt is dead, and he has not forgotten me. He will return, and rich or poor, my faith is in him. You'll come back, and when he does he'll find me true."

"There was a beautiful light in the deep brown eyes and a longing smile touched the tender lips. Edith's face was lighted with joy as she clasped her cousin's hands.

"You're the dearest darling in the world, and no man is good enough for you," she exclaimed. "John Burt will return, I'm sure of it, and he'll be proud of you. (But, Jessie, you must not let Mr. Blake propose to you. Why?"

"Because—" and Edith faltered. She lowered her eyes in confusion, but when she looked again in Jessie's face they flamed with passion.

"Oh, Jessie, can't you understand? I'm jealous of you, horribly, madly jealous, and she threw herself sobbing on her cousin's breast. "I know it's not your fault that he loves you, you can make him stop. Please make him stop. If it wasn't for you he would love me. Tell him—tell him anything so he will know that you don't love him! Oh, Jessie, won't you?"

"What can I tell him?" asked Jessie in amazement. "I can't make him propose and then command him to stop. But, Edith, darling, I'm so sorry, so awfully sorry."

"What Jessie could command herself she asked if Edith really meant it.

"I loved him the moment I saw him, and he fell in love with you at the same instant," declared Edith. "Hancock, whose intuition had told her truth. "Make him stop, Jessie; you can find some way to do it; I know you can."

"That is the agreement. You owe us about two hundred and eighty thousand dollars on that stock, General Carden. Do you wish to pay it today?"

A sarcastic smile played around the corners of Mr. Mason's mouth. "I do, I expect, and I will meet the terms in cash."

"Very well, General Carden, it can quickly be arranged."

"There was no more of expression on the grave face of the banker as he turned to a clerk and ordered him to produce the check from the vaults. Mr. Mason glanced at the slip and made a rapid calculation.

"Two hundred and eighty thousand, four hundred sixty-seven thousand, five hundred and seventy cents," he said, passing over a slip of paper. "Is that your check?"

"General Carden bowed and motioned to one of his companions, who placed a satchel on the counter. From his depths General Carden produced the check, stamped and exchanged it for the stock.

"I trust your faith in the value of these certificates may not prove an error," said Mr. Mason with a very smiling face. "I bid you good day, sir."

General Carden bowed gravely and left. "You are a man of words, Mr. Mason," he said, looking at the younger man with a smiling eye. "I'm sure you are."

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paid over the money? What do you mean, Mason?" "I mean what I say, Mr. Morris," was the reply. "Do you know what has happened? With that stock you lose control of L. & O. Someone has got the general control in this transaction."

"Blake! Blake!" gasped Morris. He clutched the arm of his chair and the muscles of his neck twitched nervously. Facing up and down the room he burst into a storm of ineffectual protest.

The ticker, which had been silent, spluttered rapidly, and the ominous sound did more to call Morris back to his senses than any words of the broker. He lifted the tape and eagerly scanned the characters. "Why, that must be a mistake! Five hundred shares of L. & O. at 38! It must be one 28!" Morris gazed at the figures like one in a trance.

There came a violent rapping on the door, and without waiting for a response, a broker entered. His collar was torn, and his hair was rumpled and moist with perspiration. "Blake & Company are bidding up L. & O. at 38! They want them four thousand shares up to and they are yelling for more. How does it stand now?"

"I don't know," said the broker, who had been expected, and the stock rallied when given support by Morris and others interested with him. The young millionaire speedily regained his courage.

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"What can we do?" he asked, weakly. "His brain was in a whirl. A heavy rain was falling in the hallway and Randolph Morris entered the room."

"You raised hell, and here you're giving me a greeting to his son and saying, 'I told you to keep your nose out of this Compostolitan business. You've made a financial blunder, and I suppose now, because the bottom hasn't fallen out of Compostolitan, that you're all right, don't you? Been sporting it, have you? Well, damn it, you're a man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the city. Look it up.'"

"Tell him about this business," said Arthur Morris, sullenly turning to Mr. Mason.

"In few words the latter explained what had occurred in L. & O. The old millionaire's face was a study to this hurried reader. The look of anger, hatred, and perplexity and then to fear. The millions amassed in a lifetime were menaced in ten minutes, and the eyes of Randolph Morris.

"(To be continued.)"

THINK LITTLE OF WOMEN.

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Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As 'tis is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

1. Farm of some 250 acres, well wooded, some beautiful, 20 to 30 miles from Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

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