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THE LOST REGAINED.

BY J. MILTON HOFFMAN.

Only three hundred, sir—only three hundred; very cheap, sir; will you take it? And the polite vendor of jewelry looked up inquiringly at the young man with whom he was bargaining.

Harvey Wayne took the ring under a discussion and, after examining the same, paid the requisite price and departed.

Scarcely had he reached the door when a gaudily dressed young man approached, and on seeing the article which the purchaser had paused to admire, he finally exclaimed:

"Ah, Wayne, what have we here? been investing your surplus cash in jewelry, eh? Allow me to ask whose finger you design this ornament to encircle?"

Somewhat amused at the inquisitiveness of his interrogator, Harvey Wayne passed him the ring and answered evasively—

"What should you consider its value?"

"I am a poor judge of jewelry, Mr. Wayne, and especially of an engagement ring," was the reply. "But you have not answered my question. Who is to be its fair possessor?"

Not receiving a satisfactory reply, Theodore Willis continued his way down the street until he arrived at a large stone mansion, whose appearance, compared with the meagreness of the surrounding buildings, was strikingly grand.

Without hesitancy he opened the door, and springing up a flight of stairs, was soon comfortably seated within his own room. For several hours he remained unoccupied, but at length, preparing his toilet with unusual care, he wended his way towards one of the most respectable and fashionable portions of the city.

Twilight was falling just as he arrived at the mansion owned and occupied by Charles Leland, a wealthy importer, who, being the guardian of a lovely niece, was naturally considered a very important man by the young and unexperienced gallants of the community.

Silently, and as though familiar with the surroundings, Theodore Willis hastened up the grand walk toward a beautiful arbor, over which the clinging vines, nurtured by the hand of man, had formed a canopy of flowers.

"She is there," he muttered, as with hasty strides he neared the structure within which was seated Anna Leland.

Before the fair girl had discovered his approach the ponderous bell which swung in the old stone church chimed out its hour seven. She started and muttered to herself:

"Seven o'clock, and he not here!"

Scarcely had the words fallen from her lips when Theodore Willis entered with noiseless tread. The blood slightly crimsoned her cheeks as he placed his arm familiarly around her slender waist, and whispered in her ear:

"I have come, Anna, to receive my answer."

She gazed dreamily through the vines that clustered over the latticed window, and seemed lost in her own reflections.

"I am waiting, Miss Leland," came again in well modulated tones.

"I do not love you, Mr. Willis. I cannot be your wife, this is my answer!" And she withdrew her hand from his, and brushed back the tangled curls that were sweeping her forehead.

Theodore Willis stood for a moment transfixed with astonishment. Little did he think the result of his long continued attentions would be a refusal. Involuntarily his eyes met those of his companion, when, raising her hand to pluck from the swinging vines a crimson rose, he saw the flash of a brilliant diamond ring, in an instant he recognized the article as the one which the young lawyer, Harvey Wayne, had purchased but a few hours before. Maddened by the knowledge so unexpectedly obtained, Theodore Willis was about to make some insulting remark, when, feeling that such a course would only render him more obnoxious to his fair companion, he wisely smothered his anger, and replied:

"Though you have rejected me, Anna, I hope you will not prevent me from enjoying the pleasure of your society; that would be cruelty indeed."

Being fully assured that such an idea had not been entertained, he bowed with usual grace and departed.

No sooner had the dark foliage of the trees rendered him secure from observation than all his pent up anger burst forth in a torrent of oaths.

"Zounds," he muttered, "the pill was a bitter one, but I took it. I have tried to get possession of her property by the effects of love, but now I will do it by stratagem."

A bitter, contemptuous smile curled his lip as he concluded, and striding forward with unusual haste, he was soon at the end of his journey.

The next morning found him suffering from the enervating effect of a sleepless night. Not wishing, however, to abandon the plot which he had so ingeniously conceived, he drank of several stimulating draughts of wine, which soon restored his shattered nerves to their original state.

Feeling better than he had anticipated, he started up with the evident intention of arranging the preliminaries of the plan which his fertile mind had so readily conceived.

He had gone but a short distance, however, when a boy approached and handed him a letter. It came from a city situated several hundred miles away, and stated that a distant relative had died, leaving Mr. Willis the sole heir to a valuable estate.

"Faith!" muttered the man of wealth, "what a lucky dog I am anyhow. No sooner do I fall on one hand than I succeed on the other. Now my plan is complete. I will give that puppy of a lawyer an opportunity of earning a penny by caring for my property at Oakland, and while he is gone—ha! ha!"

And Theodore Willis walked rapidly down the street until he had reached the office occupied by the firm of Scribner & Wayne; the junior partner being Harvey Wayne, with whom the reader is already acquainted.

"You are aware, Mr. Wayne, are you not, that I have property at Oakland?" was his first interrogation, after being comfortably seated in the office of the attorney.

"I believe you were expecting property," was the reply. "Can I be of any service to you in that direction?"

"Well, yes."

Mr. Willis then produced the letter and read it to his companion, after which he continued:

"It will probably require several weeks to properly attend to the estate, how much time can you spare from your business here?"

"A month, or even two, if necessary," was the reply. "But you have not answered my question. Who is to be its fair possessor?"

"I could not stay that long," he answered laughing. "I shall have business, before a year expires of far more importance than arranging of estate difficulties."

"Indeed, May I ask its nature?" inquired.

"Certainly, but do not be offended if you do not succeed in eliciting a correct reply."

"Matrimony?" suggested Mr. Willis, with feigned merriment.

"Perhaps so. But when do you wish me to start?"

"Immediately, if possible to-day."

"Very well, I will leave in two hours."

It was with mingled feelings of pleasure and chagrin that Mr. Willis departed from the office of the young man, into whose care he had placed the certificates of his newly acquired property. His main object was to get rid of his rival for a few weeks, so that his well-conceived and fully successful plot could be more easily executed. In this he had been fully successful. His pleasing manner and fascinating address had fully won the confidence of the young lawyer.

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myself. Farewell. ANNA LELAND.

"What a progressive individual I am," exclaimed Mr. Willis, after finishing the closing lines. "Sharp, too! Nobody seems to be aware of the fact, however, but myself. This letter, for instance, is a good specimen of my ingenuity. I will send it to Mr. Wayne in about three weeks. He doubtless will then be sufficiently settled to enjoy the contents. However, I must not forget to enclose the ring; that would be carelessness indeed. This letter" continued he, after placing the ring in the folds of the perfumed note, "will, I am certain, accomplish my purpose. Harvey Wayne will not return."

On this point Mr. Willis seemed peculiarly positive. He thoughtfully was associated with the disposition of Mr. Wayne. He thought that, by permanently ridding himself of his rival, he could regain the friendship of Anna Leland, and ultimately succeed in claiming her for his bride.

"I have succeeded charmingly, so far," he remarked, as he stepped to the door to witness a train of cars sweep by.

He was just in time to catch sight of a having hanklekerchief, and the cheerful face of Harvey Wayne looking from the car window. For a moment his rascality was so apparent to himself that he turned his head and remarked—

"There he goes. He suspects nothing wrong. By the prophet! I am a great scoundrel. I feel as if I ought to be kicked."

Scarcely had the words fallen from his lips when a young man, hardly twenty years old, approached.

"Halloo, Mr. Willis," said the newcomer, "you seem excited. What is the matter?"

"Take a seat," was the blunt reply, "Jack Raymond took the proffered chair, and after seating himself, with unexpressed inquisitiveness, exclaimed—

"Well Mr. Willis, how is your suit progressing?"

"Suit? what suit? Ah, yes; you have reference to my little affair at Oakland?"

"By no means, my dear sir; I mean your suit with Miss Leland. Have you been successful?"

Mr. Willis smiled as he thought how remarkably unsuccessful had been his latest part to win the love of Anna Leland.

"I will make a confident of this young man," thought he, "the result of which will perhaps be to my advantage."

This Mr. Willis immediately proceeded to do by giving his companion an edifying address on the instability of matrimonial engagements, his case being cited as a particular example.

Jack Raymond listened attentively until he had comprehended the past and present condition of affairs, and the future expectations of Mr. Willis, when he somewhat discouragingly remarked—

"It is a pretty deep plot, Mr. Willis, but your rival, if I am not mistaken, is good at counterplotting. Yet you will make the attempt, however, I suppose?"

"Yes, certainly, I can do no more than fail, and even then I shall have the satisfaction of knowing that I have occasioned considerable trouble."

"What a peculiar friend of consolation," laughed his friend; "one would think by your indifference, that you were on old stager in the business."

Mr. Willis smiled a bitter smile, and changed the subject by saying, as he brought forth a decanter of wine—

"This will encourage me at any rate."

He filled a couple of wine glasses, and handed one of them to his companion. Seeing with some displeasure that his visitor was evidently trying to avoid the wine, he asked—

"Do you not drink?"

"No," was the emphatic reply. "I have reasons which have always kept me from drinking."

"What may they be, pray?"

"My father died a drunkard, and—"