

THE LEGACY HUNTERS.

It was Abigail Varley's threescore-and-tenth birthday. She was a rich widow, childless, and with no known relations save two gentlemen cousins.

Never was cousinly attachment more beautifully illustrated, or cousinly jealousy less amiably exemplified, than in the daily walk and conversation of these two collateral kinsmen. They bestowed so much affection on the common relative, that they had none to devote between themselves.

Both were several years younger than the lady, with a far prospect according to the course of nature, of surviving her; and how to supplant each other in her will, which she had at last begun to talk seriously of making, was the problem which at present engaged their attention.

On the morning in question, when Cousin Roger called to wish Cousin Abigail the usual "Many happy returns," he was not a little chagrined to find Cousin Dick there before him. However, he presented his annual gift, and went through his annual speech without missing a word; and seeing Tabby, the cousinly cat, perched snugly on his rival's knee, by way of not being outdone in cousinly attention, he took up Pompey, the cousinly poodle, though dogs were his abomination.

"Well, Cousin Abigail, I hope your health continues good," said Cousin Roger patting Pompey's head and glancing suspiciously at Cousin Dick, whom he devoutly wished at Jericho.

"Not so good latterly as it has been, the fact is," the old lady continued, "I have been thinking seriously of sending for Mr. Parker, with a view to settling my worldly affairs without delay."

"Oh, there is no need of haste, cousin," broke in Dick; "you have many years before you yet;" mentally adding, "What has possessed the old nunny to put it off so long?"

"Well, well, I suppose there's no hurry about it," said Cousin Abigail.

"And yet," Cousin Roger ventured to hint, "it is always well to be prepared; none of us can tell the minute or the hour, you know."

"And, after all, calling in a lawyer is not so serious a matter as calling in a doctor," said Cousin Dick, facetiously.

The conversation was interrupted by the entrance of a young and beautiful girl, at whom Cousin Dick stared with a surprised and troubled look.

"Pardon me, ma'am," she said, in a voice remarkably sweet and gentle; "not knowing you were engaged, I came to see if you wished me, as usual, to read to you today."

"Presently, dear," Mrs. Varley answered, in a tone that plainly hinted her visitors would not be pressed to stay if they offered to go.

After an awkward pause, the two cousins took their departure together.

"Who is that girl?" inquired Roger, as soon as they had reached the street.

"You may well ask," said Cousin Dick; and, stooping, he whispered something in his companion's ear, at which the latter started suddenly.

"Good heaven! the resemblance is certainly striking. But what is to be done? Do you think the old—Cousin Abigail, I mean, suspects anything?"

"Not yet, I think; but no time is to be lost. I have a plan which it would be well for us to talk over together."

And the two hurried rapidly on. Mrs. Varley had occasionally found time hang heavy on her hands, and so had advertised for a person to fill the post of "companion" to an aged lady. It was thus that Hester Darling had become an inmate of the house.

At as early an hour as was seemly on the morning following that on which we introduced them to the reader, Roger and Dick again presented themselves before their cousin.

"We have thought it our duty," began Dick.

"Our bounden duty," put in Roger.

"As painful as it is imperative," Dick continued.

"To put you on your guard, ma'am," Roger added.

"Against a deceitful and designing person," exclaimed Dick.

"Who is no better than she should be," added Roger.

"Upon my word, cousins, I do not comprehend a syllable you have uttered," said Mrs. Varley; "nor shall I be likely to, if you both keep talking at once. Come, Dick, you seem least excited. What is the meaning of all this?"

"What means, may I venture to ask," said Dick, "did you take to ascertain the character and antecedents of the young woman at present sheltered beneath your roof?"

"Why, none," replied the good lady. "Her young and beautiful face was recommendation enough on which to give her a trial."

"We have ascertained her to be a most abandoned creature," proceeded Dick, "and have deemed it proper at once to apprise you of the discovery. Should she deny the accusation, we are prepared with abundant proofs."

And the two cousins took their leave, with an air of exalted virtue.

Mrs. Varley was a lady of the strictest propriety and severest morals. Much as she pitied the poor and friendless girl, she must be promptly freed from this foul and dreadful charge, or cross her threshold never to return.

She went directly to Hester's chamber.

"You must tell me your past history, child," said Mrs. Varley, in a determined, but not unkindly, tone.

"Oh, madam, I pray you pardon me; but I cannot tell it!"

"Then it has been one of shame and guilt?"

"For a time, of shame, madam," answered the young girl with flushed cheek, "but never of guilt."

What was it that caused Mrs. Varley to start so suddenly, and stagger half-fainting to a seat at Hester's dressing-table?

"Who—whose likeness is that?" she exclaimed, in a scarce articulate voice, pointing to an open miniature on the table.

"My mother's," Hester answered.

"Then you are Florence Marvin's child?"

"That was, indeed, my mother's name."

"More, you are the daughter of my only brother, George Haywood, for Florence Marvin was his wife."

With a stifled cry, she who had believed herself alone and friendless in the world, fell on her kinswoman's neck and wept tears of mingled gladness and sorrow.

Her story, which Hester had refused to confide to a stranger's ears, she now willingly imparted to one from whom she felt she had no longer a right to withhold it.

That her brother had married in opposition to her father's wishes, and had been disinherited in consequence, was already known to Abigail Varley; but what distant spot he had selected for his home, and what had befallen him there, she had never learned.

The story was sad enough:

After a few toilsome, but not unhappy, years—for they were spent in the loved society of his wife and child—a dire calamity had fallen upon George Haywood. He came under suspicion of a fearful crime. A network of circumstances too intricate for man's wit to disentangle environed him, and he was condemned to die. The stern judgment was carried into effect, and the "executed murderer's" despised widow sought concealment for herself and child in a change of place and name. Long, long years afterward, the truth was discovered; but the judicial murder was passed among things irrevocable. The poor widow died at last—died broken-hearted, but with one consolation—she had lived to see her husband's innocence vindicated.

"And this, poor child, is the shame of which you spoke?"

"My life has known no other."

Not many days after, Hester was sent to one of the first seminaries in the land, for she had yet time enough to avail herself of opportunities of culture hitherto beyond her reach. Her aunt and she kept their own counsel. Cousins Roger and Dick only knew that the object of their solicitude had disappeared, and probably congratulated themselves on the success of their virtuous stratagem.

After a time, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Abigail's lawyer, was sent for; and after that the good lady seemed wonderfully revived in health and spirits. At her next birthday, the prospect of "many happy returns" produced anything but a happy effect on the two expectant cousins, who began to think that after all, the life tables were not infallible. But her time came at last, and, within a decent period after the sad event, Cousins Roger and Dick were duly summoned to attend the reading of Abigail Varley's will.

They were a good deal startled at the sight of their old enemy, the strange girl.

Poor Tabby, as if seeking consolation in her bereavement, leaped upon the knee of her old friend Dick, who stroked her back pathetically, but a little nervously. Pompey, who took things more philosophically, stretched himself out for a snooze at the feet of Roger.

Mr. Parker, drawing from his pocket the document, proceeded to read it. The introduction was long and formal. But, hark! there's something coming now.

"To my cousin, Richard Figgins—"

Richard looked at Roger in triumph. —

"I give and bequeath—"

You could have heard both their hearts beat.

"—In consideration of the natural love and affection which I have long observed between them—"

Dick looked puzzled.

"—MY FAVORITE CAT TABBY—"

Dick gave Tabby a furious stroke the wrong way.

—AND NO MORE OF MY ESTATE—

With a fling that betokened a "nostalgic" remembrance of the legacy, Tabby was sent mewing and spitting to the farthest corner of the room.

"To my cousin, Roger Smith—"

It was Roger's time to triumph.

"—In consideration of the natural love and affection—"

Roger began to feel suspicious.

"—I GIVE AND BEQUEATH MY DOG POMPEY, AND NO MORE OF MY ESTATE."

With a violent kick, Pompey was sent spinning after the cat; and the fear of her who had so long kept the peace between them being no longer before their eyes, the pent-up enmity of years found vent in an uproarious fight, in the noise of which the voice of the old lawyer was almost drowned; but the words, "rest and residue of my estate—nice, Hester Haywood," were sufficiently audible, and Cousins Dick and Roger stayed to hear no more.

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