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He Wished to Know Too Much

By DOROTHEA HALE

Henderson was always straining to know something that there was no need for him to know. If he had had a wife he would have always been wondering if she were really devoted to him above all other men or if he should die she would forget him and love another equally well. Henderson was not married, but he was engaged to be married to a girl who gave every evidence that she had singled him out above all other men to love.

Both lived on the Atlantic coast, and shortly before the wedding Henderson announced to his fiancée, Margaret Stone, that his presence in San Francisco was required in the matter of certain interests he had there, for he was well off and lived on his income. Miss Stone was poor. When he left her he seemed uneasy about something, and the lady begged him not to go, averring that she had a foreboding that something would hap-

pen to him. Henderson hesitated. He thought he might settle the matter in the west by correspondence. But he concluded to go, and the lovers parted with mutual forebodings.

Two weeks later Margaret Stone received a telegram from her fiancé that he was very ill, but instructed her not to come to him. The next day she received a message from an intimate friend of his who had come west with him stating that Henderson was dead. The friend would bring the body east. In due time a letter came from the friend, Ian Gregory, that Henderson had requested before his death that his body be interred without ceremony and that she should not be present.

Margaret was much shocked, but she bore up nobly under the misfortune. She carried out Henderson's instructions to the letter, omitting to be present during the interment. Gregory when he arrived called upon her, and it was arranged that the two should go together to Henderson's grave. Margaret carried pains with her and put them in the ground so that they would grow over the grave.

She found in Gregory a sympathetic friend. He was extremely deferential, always maintaining a delicacy due to one who has experienced a great grief. She found it difficult to get him to talk of Henderson's last illness. Whenever she mentioned the subject he turned the conversation in other channels, intimating that it was a mournful topic that they would both do well to avoid.

The two made several trips together to the cemetery to note the growth of the plants and put flowers on Henderson's grave, but Gregory seemed to shrink from going there, and the last time they went together he acted so strangely that Margaret did not suggest his going again. He grew moody and discontented. At times he showed signs of taking the place made vacant by her fiancé; at other times he acted as if he would consider such an act a betrayal of friendship. Margaret could not understand him. Any mystery in one with whom we are thrown intimately begets an interest, and since that interest with Margaret was influenced by demonstrations of a growing love for her she found herself thinking a great deal of Gregory. One who has lost a love naturally craves to replace that love.

But the more closely they grew together the more Gregory hung back, and it became evident that something was weighing on his mind. Margaret tried gently to induce him to confide in her, but the bare mention of such a thing seemed to wear upon him dreadfully. Believing that he was suffering from quins at taking his friend's

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place in her heart, she exercised a frankness which would otherwise have been unimmediately to convince him that there was no reason to reproach himself.

The misunderstanding between them had reached a climax when one evening while they were together there was a ring at the doorbell and who should be ushered into the drawing room but Henderson himself.

Now it is not to be supposed that any one of the three under the circumstances maintained any steadiness of demeanor. Henderson and Gregory both looked as if they had been caught stealing. Through Margaret there ran a tumult of emotions. For awhile there was an oppressive silence. Then Margaret essayed to speak, but her voice failed her. Henderson spoke instead.

"I owe you an explanation."

But Margaret recovering herself interrupted him.

"You owe me no explanation, for I understand this mystery which has so long been puzzling me. I have long been aware of your ruling passion that the love of the woman who loves you shall die with you. You have perpetrated this deception in connection with Mr. Gregory to learn whether I would be true to your memory in the way you would wish me to be true. Mr. Gregory consented to lend himself to your experiment. In one sense it has been successful, since it has brought a definite result. Had I not been deceived I would have married him both for love and to supply the void in my heart made vacant by your death. As it is, you have ruined yourself and have ruined me. I doubt if the blessings of married life shall ever be mine."

She left the room. The two men stood for a moment with bowed heads, then departed in different directions.

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