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The Doctor's Dilemma

By Hesba Stretton

CHAPTER X.—(Continued.)

Without a light I went up to my own room, where the moon had shone upon me in my last night's ride, was gleaming brightly through the window. I intended to reflect and deliberate, but I was worn out. I flung myself down on the bed, but could not have remained awake for a single moment. I fell into a deep sleep, which lasted till morning.

When I awoke my poor mother was sitting beside me, looking very ill and sorrowful. She had slipped a pillow under my head, and thrown a shawl across me. I got up with a bewildered brain, and a general sense of calamity, which I could not clearly define.

"Captain Carey's man brought a letter from Julia just now," she said, taking it from her pocket; "she said there was no answer."

Her eyelids were still red from weeping, and her voice faltered as if she might break out into sobs any moment. As soon as my mother was gone I opened Julia's letter. It began:

"My Dear Martin—I know all now, Johanna has told me. When you spoke to me so hurriedly and unexpectedly, this afternoon, I could not bear to hear another word. But now I am calm, and I can think it all over quite quietly.

"It is an insupportable, Martin. Johanna says so as well as I, and she is never wrong. It is a sheer impossibility that you, in your sober senses, should love a strange person, whose very name you do not know. A Duke could not make an adventuresome life. Then you have seen so little of her. Three times, since the week you were there in March! What is that compared to the years we have spent together? It is impossible that your heart of hearts you should love her more than me.

"I cannot give up the thought of our home, just finished and so pretty. It was so pleasant this afternoon, before you came in with your dreadful thunder-bolt. I was thinking what a good wife I would be to you, and how, in my own house, I should never be tempted into those treacherous tempers you have seen in me sometimes. You could not know how much I love you, how my life is bound up in you, or you would have been proof against that person in Sark.

"I think it right to tell you all this now, though it is not in my nature to make professions and demonstrations of my love. Think of me, or yourself, or your poor mother. You were never selfish, and you can do noble things. I do not say it could be noble to marry me; but it would be a noble thing to conquer an ignoble love. How could Martin De-bree fall in love with an unknown adventuresome?

"I shall remain in the house all day to-morrow, and if you can come to see me, feeling that this has been a dream, and that from which you have awakened, I will not ask you to own it. That you come at all will be a sign to me that you wish it forgotten and blotted out between us, as if it had never been.

"With true, deep love for you, Martin, believe me still.

"Your affectionate
"JULIA."

I pondered over Julia's letter as I dressed. There was not a word of affection in it. It was full of affectionate thought for us all. But what remained? I had not seen Olivia so long as I had known her, therefore I could not love her as truly!

There was no longer any hesitation in my mind as to what I must do. Julia knew all now. I had told her distinctly of my love for Olivia, and she would not believe it. She expected nothing of me, and I was engaged in spite of it; at any rate, so I interpreted her letter. I did not suppose that I should not live it down, this infatuation, as they chose to call it. I might hunger and thirst, and be on the point of perishing; then my nature would turn to other nutriment, and assimilate it to its contracted and stultified capacities.

I went mechanically through the routine of my morning's work, and it was late in the afternoon before I could get away to ride to the Vale. My mother knew where I was going, and gazed wistfully into my face, but without otherwise asking me any questions. At the last moment, as I touched Madam's bridle, I looked down at her standing on the doorstep. "Cheer up, mother!" I said, almost gaily, "it will all come right."

I found Julia awaiting by the fireplace, and leaning against it, as if she could not stand alone. When I went up to her and took her hand, she flung her arms around my neck, and clung to me, in a passion of tears. It was some minutes before she could recover her self-command. I had never seen her abandon herself to such a paroxysm before.

"Julia, my poor girl!" I said, "I did not think you would take it so much to heart as this."

"I shall come all right directly," she sobbed, sitting down, and trembling from head to foot. "Johanna said you would come, but I was not sure."

"Yes, I am here," I answered, with a very dreary feeling about me.

"That is enough," said Julia, "you need not say a word more. Let us forget it, both of us. You will only give me your promise never to see her or speak to her again."

"Olivia quite understands about my engagement to you," I said. "I told her at once that we were going to be married, and that I hoped she would find a friend in you."

"A friend in me, Martin?" she exclaimed, in a tone of indignant surprise; "you could not ask me to be that?"

"Not now, I suppose," I replied; "the girl is as innocent and blameless as any girl living; but I dare say you would sooner befriend the most good-for-nothing Jesuit in the Channel Islands."

"Yes, I would," she said. "An innocent girl indeed! I only wish she had been killed when she fell from the cliff."

"Fash!" I cried, "understanding at bare mention of Olivia's death; 'you do not know what you say.' It is worse than useless to talk about her. I came to ask you to think no more of what passed between us yesterday."

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which Is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Natal does not fear an invasion of Boers.

China's apology is satisfactory to Japan.

There are 12 cases of plague at Naples.

The port of Rio, Brazil, is affected by the plague.

Mrs. McKinley continues to improve in health.

Gompers and Mitchell challenge Shaffer to prove his charges.

General Corbin found conditions in the Philippines satisfactory.

Ten Boer leaders recently captured have been permanently banished.

The steamer Sierra arrived from Australia with \$2,500,000 in gold.

Particulars are received of the kidnapping of Miss Stone, the missionary.

About a dozen persons were injured in a wreck on the O. R. & N. at Fair-eld Wash.

Inhabitants of Samoa are much displeased at their treatment by American authorities.

The Anaconda Mining company has declared its regular semi-annual dividend of \$1.25 per share.

It is announced by a leading Chinese paper that the court will not return to Peking for two years.

Kruger will not send a mission to America.

Emma Goldman was released from the Chicago jail.

Czolgorsz was convicted of murder in the first degree.

The Duke of York and party left Ottawa for the west.

Measurements were taken of Columbia and Shamrock.

European countries are taking steps to suppress the anarchist press.

Imperial yeomanry of England with few exceptions refuse to re-enlist.

A Missouri murderer, on being cornered by the posse, blew out his brains.

Intense suffering from cold and starvation exists in the Yangtze district.

Judge Jere Wilson, Admiral Schley's principal counsel, died suddenly at Washington.

The transport Buford, which was grounded in the Philippines, has been floated uninjured.

Indians at Nome, Alaska, are threatened with starvation, and many miners are in bad circumstances.

A new torpedo boat destroyer and a new Holland submarine boat were launched at a New Jersey ship yard.

Another attempt to rescue Miss Stone, the American missionary, in the hands of Turkish bandits, has failed.

Edward J. McIntire, of Portland, was murdered near Okeus, Wash.

Five masked men held up Pendleton gambling house for \$1,500.

Arbitration council will declare itself incompetent to act on Boer appeal.

At Chehal, John W. Ferrier was acquitted of the murder of Brannon Holcomb.

Bureau chiefs of the treasury department as a body called on President Roosevelt.

Duke and Duchess of York enjoyed a day on the Ottawa river as the guests of lumbermen.

Admiral Sampson, at his own request, will be relieved as commandant of the Boston navy yard.

President Shaffer reviews the late strike, and severely criticizes other labor organizations.

Czolgorsz, the assassin of President McKinley, was placed on trial. He pleaded "guilty," but the court ordered the plea of "not guilty" to stand. The prisoner seemed unconcerned.

Destructive forest fires in Colorado have subsided.

A Cheyenne woman shot and killed her father-in-law.

Columbia is being prepared for the coming yacht races.

The Buffalo Exposition has suffered a heavy financial loss.

No poison was found on the bullets or revolver taken from Czolgorsz.

McKinley memorial services were held at Chicago and other cities.

Harry De Windt will again attempt the overland journey via Behring straits.

The Duke of Roxburgh, who is being spoken of as a possible husband for Miss Astor, is just 25 years of age, and returned recently from South Africa, where he served with distinction as a lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards.

A period of five seconds between a flash of lightning and a thunder means that the flash is a mile distant from the observer. Thunder has never been heard over fourteen miles from the flash, though artillery has been heard at 120 miles.

THE ASSASSIN COLLAPSED.

Czolgorsz Beginning to Realize His Position—Strong Guard Over Prisoner.

Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Leon F. Czolgorsz, assassin of President McKinley, in the custody of the sheriff of Erie county and 21 deputies, arrived in Auburn at 3:15 a. m. The prison is only about 50 yards from the depot.

Awaiting the arrival of the train there was a crowd of about 200 people. Either from fear of the crowd, which was not very demonstrative, or from sight of the prison, Czolgorsz's legs gave out, and two deputies were compelled to almost carry the man into the prison. Inside the gates his condition became worse and he was dragged up the stairs and into the main hall. He was placed in a sitting posture on the bench while the handcuffs were being removed, but he fell over and moaned and groaned, evincing the most abject terror. As soon as the handcuffs were unlocked the man was dragged into the principal keeper's office. As in the case of all prisoners the officers immediately proceeded to strip him and put on the new suit of clothes. During this operation Czolgorsz cried and yelled, making the prison corridors echo with evidence of his terror.

The prison physician examined the man and ordered his removal to the cell in the condemned row, which he will occupy until he is taken to the electric chair. The doctor declared that the man was suffering from fright and terror, but that he was shamming to some extent.

The collapse of the murderer was a surprise to everyone, as he showed no signs of breaking down while en route. He ate heartily of sandwiches and smoked cigars when not eating. He talked some and expressed regret for his crime. He said he was especially sorry for Mrs. McKinley. Czolgorsz reiterated his former statement that he had no accomplices in the crime and declared that he had never heard of the man under arrest in St. Louis who claimed to have tied the handkerchief over his hand concealing the pistol which he used. He says the handkerchief was not tied. He went behind the temple of music, arranged the handkerchief so as to hide the weapon, and then took to his place in line. He sent to his father the following message: "Tell him I am sorry I left him such a bad name."

Czolgorsz was in normal condition again this afternoon. There are five cells for condemned men in the prison, and Czolgorsz was placed in the only cell now vacant, so that all five are now occupied. Two keepers are constantly on guard in the room, but to guard against any attempt on the part of the prisoner to commit suicide, two more guards have been added, and one will constantly sit in front of Czolgorsz's cell and will have a key so that any attempt at self-destruction may be frustrated at once.

FIRE ON BY POLICEMEN.

Ten Strike Sympathizers Attacked Non-union Teamsters.

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—Bullets flew thick and fast at Fourth and Polson streets this morning, resulting in the serious wounding of Herman Kamla and the slight wounding of John Wilson. The shooting was done by special policemen, who had been quarreling with non-union teamsters. They allege that while going to work they were attacked by 10 strike sympathizers, who proceeded to give them a beating. Both men allege that they were knocked down, and a general struggle followed, but that they soon regained their feet and then, backing up to the buildings at the spot, drew their revolvers and opened fire. Wilson was shot in the shoulder. Both men declare they were innocent spectators.

Oregon Short Line's New Road.

Salt Lake City, Sept. 30.—The Salmon River Railroad, a 90-mile branch of the Oregon Short Line, and penetrating a rich mineral belt of central Idaho, will be announced, completed September 30 and train service will be inaugurated almost immediately. The road runs from Blackfoot, Idaho, northwesterly to Mackay, through the lava beds to the copper district around Mackay.

Relief for Guayaquil.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Sept. 30.—The fire Wednesday night, which destroyed 11 blocks in the south end of the city, involving a loss of about 1,000,000 sucres, has caused great distress among the poor people who inhabited that quarter. A fund for their relief was opened yesterday, and already amounts to \$12,000. The commercial part of the city was not damaged.

Man Killed by a Bear.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 30.—News has just reached this city of the killing by a bear of Dan Rice, of Nelson, B. C., a well-known hunter. Rice and George Adams were out hunting and separated, agreeing to meet in the evening. Rice did not turn up at the camp, and after two days the remains of the unfortunate man horribly mutilated, were found.

Bernard Loeb.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 30.—Bernard Loeb, a pioneer of Montana, and one of the California argonauts, died here today at an advanced age. He was one of the pioneer merchants of California, and also of this state. He was burned out in the early days of Sacramento, then went to Portland, Or., and from there to Placerville, Idaho, where Montana was still a part of that territory. He came to Helena in its early history.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance.—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.—Latest Market Report.

The salmon run continues good.

Wheeler county has total equalized assessment of \$967,551.

Oil lands in Malheur county will be filed on by Portland syndicate.

Ninth and tenth grades have been added to the Woodburn public schools.

The county treasurer of Yamhill is under indictment for a \$1,800 shortage.

The old Masonic hall at Roseburg, now used by a steam laundry, was totally destroyed by fire.

Baker City owns a placer mine which it is estimated will bring a royalty of \$2,000 a year.

Work is being pushed on the Nehalem coal mines and some coal may be shipped this fall.

Stone is being shipped from Forest Grove for the stepping of the new normal school at Weston.

Anthrax, a fatal cattle disease, is killing many horses and cattle in Marion and Klamath counties.

The grand jury recommended that the city authorities of Astoria enforce the city ordinances and preserve better order.

Gold nuggets are being found quite plentifully in the gizzards of chickens which forage about Oak Grove near Milwaukie.

The drills of the Southern Oregon Oil company near Ashland have reached blue slate at a depth of 400 feet, and come up dripping with oil seepage.

Ten thousand brook trout have been planted in Ladd creek, near La Grande, and a like number in a branch of the Grand Ronde river near Island City.

The La Grande sugar factory has commenced the fall run with 1200 tons of beets in the receiving bins. There are 130 men employed in the factory and 300 in the fields.

Philomath reports a scarcity of houses to rent.

Umatilla county proposes to try crushed rock on her county roads.

The Salvation army will hold a harvest festival at Pendleton, September 24-25.

Many Christian Adventists are at The Dalles to attend the camp meeting which opens Friday.

It is estimated that nearly \$500,000 has been invested in Eastern Oregon mines since January 1, 1901.

A Woolgrowers' association for Wheeler, Crook, Wasco and Sherman counties has been organized at Mitchell.

Rapid progress is being made on the improvements on the new race-track and grounds at The Dalles. It will all be completed this week.

A grain buyer for an Athens company purchased several lots of wheat at 44½ for club and 45½ for blue-stem. Nearly 30,000 bushels were sold.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, nominal 55c; bluestem, 55c; valley, 55c.

Flour—best grades, \$2.05 to \$3.50 per barrel; graham, \$2.60.

Oats—Old, 90¢ to \$1.00 per bushel.

Barley—Old, \$1.15 to \$1.50; brewing, \$1.60 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 to \$18; middlings, \$20 to \$21; shorts, \$19 to \$20; chop, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$11 to \$13; clover, \$7 to \$8; Oregon wild hay, \$5 to \$6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25¢ to 27¢; dairy, 18¢ to 20¢; store, 12¢ to 15¢ per pound.

Eggs—23¢ to 25¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12¢ to 13¢; Young America, 13¢ to 14¢ per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00 to 4.00; hens, \$4.00 to 4.50; dressed, 10¢ to 11¢ per pound; springs, \$2.50 to 3.50 per dozen; ducks, \$3 for old; \$3.00 to 4.00 for young; geese, \$6 to 9 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12¢ to 15¢; dressed, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound.

Mutton—Lamb, 3½¢, gross; dressed, 6¢ to 6½¢ per pound; sheep, \$3.25, gross; dressed, 6¢ per lb.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$6 to 6.25; light, \$4.70 to \$5; dressed, 7¢ to 7½¢ per pound.

Veal—Small, 8¢ to 9¢; large, 7¢ to 7½¢ per pound.

Beef—Gross top steers, \$3.50 to 4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00 to 3.50; dressed beef, 5½¢ to 6½¢ per pound.

Hops—10¢ to 11¢ per pound.

Wool—Valley, 11¢ to 13½¢; Eastern Oregon, 8¢ to 12¢; mohair, 20¢ to 21¢ per pound.

Potatoes—\$1 to \$1.15 per sack.

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster are entitled to claim as "perquisites" every article which is taken into the abbey for the purpose of the coronation, and that reverend body received rich harvests in 1821, 1831 and 1838.

Two thousand of the 30,000 books on the French Revolution, which have been presented to the Bibliotheque Nationale by the British Museum, will be kept there. The remaining 28,000 will be sent to the Bibliotheque Sevigne.

AT THE ISLAND OF RUK.

German Authorities at That Place Are in a Fighting Mood.

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—According to information brought from the Caroline Islands by the brig John D. Spreckels, the German officers in authority on the island of Ruk are prepared to give a warm reception to an unknown American whaling bark that has San Francisco for its home port. Last year, it is said, the whaler sold a quantity of knives, revolvers and other warlike material to the natives on the island, leaving before the German officials knew about the transaction. They were very wroth and made up their minds to give the whaler a warm reception upon her annual visit to Ruk this year. A big gun was planted on an eminence overlooking the usual anchorage and a petty officer and 15 men were placed in charge of the weapon. While the gun is intended for general use against smugglers, the American whaler is particularly desired to come within range.

As an evidence of the summary measures taken by the Germans against smugglers, officers of the John D. Spreckels cite the case of the Japanese schooner that was seized some months ago upon being apprehended in the act of smuggling revolvers and ammunition to the natives. Not only was the ship and its contents seized, but all the Japanese traders on the island of Ruk were sent away.

CAPTURE OF MISS STONE.

Details Related by Members of Party She Was With.

Boston, Sept. 27.—Details of the recent capture of Miss Stone, the American missionary, and one of her helpers, by brigands in Turkey, are given in a letter received here by the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions. The facts became known to one of the missionaries of the board at Sanokoo, European Turkey, by members of the party with which Miss Stone and her assistant, Mrs. Teika, were traveling when the capture was made, and who fled on being released by the outlaws.

There were 15 to 18 in Miss Stone's party. The bandits confronted them in a narrow valley, surrounded them and compelled them to wade a river and ascend a wooded mountain side for about an hour. There appeared to be about 40 brigands dressed like Turks, but speaking Bulgarian. At length a stopping place was reached. The next morning Miss Stone and Mrs. Teika were missed, and it was apparent that the main body of the outlaws had disappeared, leaving only a guard. Later this guard compelled the captives to give up their watches, money and jewelry, after which they disappeared up the mountain, leaving the missionaries free.

WERE OF ASIATIC ORIGIN.

Early Race of Cliff-Dwellers Left Undisputed Evidence in Caves.

Durango, Colo, Sept. 27.—Leonold Batres, a scientist representing the government of Mexico, is in Durango on his way from a visit to the cliff-dwellers' ruins of the Mancos canyon. Senor Batres has fully satisfied himself that the inhabitants of the cliffs were of Asiatic origin, as he found many baskets and other trinkets of Asiatic and Japanese design, but how many thousands of years ago they came to this country he is unable to even make a guess. He thinks the mound builders and the cliff dwellers two distinct races. The cliff dwellers, after leaving this section migrated to Mexico, going through Arizona, where indications of their stoppage en route are found. In Mexico they comprised the original Toltecs and built cities. That this is so is verified by legends and inscriptions Senor Batres found on the walls of some of the rooms. Senor Batres says the United States government should take steps to save the ruins and preserve them from vandals and tourists, as they form a wonderful link to a prehistoric race. The ruins are being destroyed by visitors and no time should be lost in taking steps to preserve them.

DARK WAYS OF CHINESE.

Pass Through United States Only to Return at First Opportunity.

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The Chronicle says that the Chinese are now seeking to evade the restriction act by taking advantage of the transit privilege. They come to San Francisco, it is asserted, and at once depart for Mexico or other foreign ports, only to cross the border back into this country at the first opportunity.

Since July 1, 758 Chinese have arrived in this city en route to foreign countries.

Of this number 269 were ostensibly bound for Guaymas.

Students Ask Leave to Issue Paper.

London Sept. 27.—A dispatch from Odessa to the Times says the students have taken advantage of the greater freedom recently allowed to them to petition for permission to establish a periodical. It will be called The World of the Student, and will be devoted exclusively to the interests of students throughout the empire. It is hoped that the minister of education will permit the publication.