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**Bound by a Spell**

CHAPTER XXV.—(Continued.)  
"One day he asked permission to take  
me with him to see the horridly  
show, at Hury. I did not wish to go. I  
always had a strange feeling about  
amounting to a dread of being left alone  
with him; but I must not have men-  
tioned it for the world. Grandfather,  
however, thinking that it would please  
me, gave a ready assent.  
"In the exhibition we met a very dis-  
agreeable looking old lady, who was in-  
troduced to me as Mrs. Humphries, and  
who invited us home to dine with her.  
She was accompanied by a young lady,  
with remarkably red hair, and strange-  
looking eyes, whom she called Judith.  
"We went, Cousin John and I, home  
with them to a large brick house in a  
retired part of the town. After dinner  
Cousin John and the young lady, whom  
he called Miss Porter, began to talk  
about me. I had never heard of her  
before—did not know the meaning of the  
word. Suddenly she turned to me,  
and asked me how I should like to be  
examined. I answered that I did not  
know what it was. "Oh, it's the strong-  
est sensation in the world," said John.  
"This young lady is very clever at it."  
"After some little persuasion, I con-  
sented, but very unwillingly. Then they  
took me into a dark room. Miss Porter  
sat down in a chair, on the wall at the  
back was hung a black curtain, and  
around her shoulders was draped a black  
cloth. Upon the table in front of her  
was a lamp, in which was lit a single  
candle. She then asked me to stand  
before her. She seated me opposite to  
her, and bade me fix my eyes upon  
hers. I did so. Never could I forget  
the effort. I was once taken to a  
wild beast show. The glare of her wide-  
ly dilated eyes was exactly like that  
which I had seen there in the tiger's.  
It fastened upon mine, and held them  
fastened. I had no power to shift them,  
and as I gazed, something grew upon  
my face. They gradually dilated until they  
seemed to be two enormous globes of fire,  
suspended in utter darkness. Then I  
lost all recollection.  
"It appears that while in this condi-  
tion you are compelled to answer truth-  
fully any question put to you, and to  
execute upon awaking any act you may  
have promised to perform while in the  
mesmeric state. I believe that in my  
trance they extracted from me every par-  
ticular of my uncle's will.  
"When I awoke I found myself in the  
dining room, lying upon my side. I  
remembered holding a cigarette in my  
hand. I felt very weak, and strangely  
dazed. Cousin John made very light  
of the matter—said that I had been  
dazed, and fainted away, and impressed  
upon me that I must be sure not to  
speak of it to grandfather. And I did  
not.  
"I cannot dwell upon the dreadful  
story. After this he found ways and  
means to subject me again and again to  
the terrible influence. My nerves were  
shattered, my memory was almost destruc-  
ed, and a kind of stupor came upon  
me. Night and day, sleeping or  
waking, those awful globes of fire  
glared at me out of the darkness. It  
was killing me, she showed me, and  
the deadliest poison could have done  
my grandfather was in a troubled state  
of mind. Physicians were called; they  
pronounced my complaint to be a gradual  
softening of the brain.  
"In the meantime, I was restrained  
from divulging the truth to any one  
except Cousin John—threats not only against  
myself, but against my dear grandfather.  
What torture could have been ex-  
perienced! I then endured what I could not  
reason. I had not the power to make  
one effort to free myself from the hide-  
ous thralldom; and at last I became ut-  
terly passive.  
"One day, I was seized with a relat-  
ive impulse to steal my grandfather's  
keys to the cabinet, and I did so. I  
secret drawer, take out the will and carry  
it to Cousin John. Then I knew that  
such an act had been imposed upon me  
by those terrible eyes in the darkness.  
All day I fought against it; but  
an invisible power seemed driving me  
on. Suddenly, the thought flashed upon  
me that I would run away—fly from  
everything. The instant it occurred, I  
acted upon it. I ran up into my room,  
opened my desk, took all my money, and  
I had saved, and while my grandfather  
was taking his after dinner nap, stole  
out of the house—not thinking, in my  
haste, even to put a hat on. I went  
dark, and no one observed me. I went  
on, taking no heed of my whereabouts,  
until I found myself in the streets of  
Hury.  
"I had crept under the old Norman  
gateway, where you saw me. I remem-  
bered that I had once chanced to see  
the city road pointed out from a spot  
very near to where I stood. When you  
left me, I took that road. That night,  
or, rather, towards morning, I slept in a  
wood. For a long time I dared not  
quite my way, nor, until I was half dead  
with exhaustion, did I venture to buy  
food.  
"After terrible hardships, I reached  
Ipswich. There I purchased new clothes  
and took the train to the city. Although  
I had still money in my pocket when I  
arrived, I began to think of how I should  
get my living."  
"But did you not think of writing to  
your grandfather—of telling him all you  
had suffered?" I interrupted.  
"Oh, no; I dared not. In the first  
place, I felt what a wicked creature  
they had made of me—how I had be-  
trayed his confidence—how I had almost  
become a thief; and I knew that if I  
went back to him to-morrow, and he  
found out my whereabouts, no earthly  
thing would begin over again. For while  
they knew my whereabouts, no earthly  
power could protect me from the influ-  
ence of those awful eyes. My grand-  
father would think me dead—my cousin  
would inherit all his wealth, and I should  
be safe, and as he consisted in my wish-  
ed, I would live unknown, and that  
not even my name should ever pass my  
lips."  
"And how did you obtain employ-  
ment?" I asked.  
"Well, people had always praised my  
drawings, and paintings, and needlework

was it to me now who knew that she  
was my wife? Had she desired it, I  
would have led her through the public  
streets, and have proclaimed the fact,  
every passer by. If I could save Clara  
by such a now trifling sacrifice, it would  
be at least some reparation for my cruel  
conduct to her.  
"When our bargain was concluded, she  
lay down upon the sofa. I still sat in  
the same position upon the bed, with  
my elbows resting upon my knees and  
my face buried in my hands, and thus  
the broad daylight saw me as I tried to  
struggle through the tortured window.

CHAPTER XXVII.  
Utterly worn out, I was just sinking  
into a dozing sleep, when I was roused  
by the hateful tones of Mr. Porter's  
voice greeting his daughter, as she sat at  
breakfast in my room. Another enemy  
added to the number that compassed me.  
"Yes," she answered, shuddering.  
"This evening, as I was sitting at the  
window watching the sunset, I heard  
my door open, and three, standing upon  
the threshold, and saw him and saw  
him and that awful woman. I screamed  
with terror, and then the room seemed to  
swim round, and I almost fainted."  
"And what did they want of you?"  
"Cousin John pretended to be very  
much in love with me, and proposed that  
I should marry him. He said that he had  
come from my grandfather, who was  
very angry at my flight, and who would  
never forgive me but upon those terms.  
But that if I consented, he would  
once return to Rose Cottage, and all  
would be forgiven."  
"And what did you suddenly burst upon  
Judith appear?"  
"CHAPTER XXVIII.  
With a faint start, I awoke, shrank  
back, shuddering, whilst I stood motionless for  
a moment, transfixed with dismay, gasp-  
ing upon my mutual enemy.  
"My appearance," she said, "pleasure  
more startling than agreeable," said  
Judith, with that stinging irony that  
was to me worse than her most fan-  
tastic mood. "One would suppose you were  
about to leave this house without one  
word of adieu to your host or hostess.  
But you do not part with our guests so  
easily."  
Instinctively I had drawn near to  
Clara, as though I would protect her.  
She had sunk into a chair, trembling,  
not daring to cast a glance at Judith,  
who had now advanced into the room.  
"You do not seem to be aware, Miss  
Clara, that this gentleman and I are  
well acquainted. He has not told you  
of our connection, I presume?"  
"No, he does not seem to make do not  
tell her, if you have any mercy, I implore  
you!" I interrupted, throwing myself up  
on my knees before her, and looking upon  
her with a pleading gaze.  
"I might as well have pleaded to a  
hungry tigress. Without deigning to no-  
tice my supplication, she still went on  
talking in a tone of cold-blooded mock-  
ery. "Perhaps you are not aware that  
this lover of yours is my husband!"  
For a moment Clara looked stunned,  
bewildered, unable to realize the mean-  
ing of those words; but as I made a  
movement towards her, she uttered a  
cry, and shrank cowering into a  
corner.  
"No, no!" I exclaimed, in a voice of  
anguish.  
"I dare you to deny it!" cried Judith.  
"Deny it if you can!"  
I slung out of the room like a beaten  
dog. I dared not even look upon her.  
The last blow had fallen; and not  
knowing thought of all, I felt that  
I had utterly ruined my life.  
Judith led the way downstairs into  
my own room, and I mechanically fol-  
lowed. She reprimanded the nurse, who  
was killing me, she showed me, and  
her negligence in suffering me to leave  
the chamber; but not listen for a mo-  
ment to her protestations, but ordered  
her to quit the room.  
I had literally set myself upon the  
side of the bed. "Oh, if I could but  
die!" I thought.  
Judith gazed at me intently for a mo-  
ment, and something almost akin to pity  
came into her face at the sight of my  
position.  
"Silas," she said, in a tone different  
to any one she had ever used to me,  
"were it not for your conduct to that  
girl, I could give you a good name,  
believe to her like a dishonorable cur,  
you have gained her affections without  
giving her the shadow of a hint of your  
position."  
She paused for a moment, and then  
said in a low voice:  
"There has been a curse upon me from  
my birth. My childhood was passed in  
squalor and degradation, but my soul  
loathed my condition. I was exquisitely  
sensitive to rebuff, and retreating  
over with self-love, and I was bound  
at for my red hair, and awkward figure,  
and strange eyes. Oh, if I had known  
the power there was in those eyes, what  
muckers! When my condition was bet-  
tered, I tried hard to cast away the past.  
I read, I studied, I cultivated my talent,  
and I would have had my revenge  
upon my associates were changed only  
from vagabonds to hypocrites. Then I  
began to love him! Oh, how I loved  
him! His love was to carry me away  
from all this—to regenerate me. And  
then he left me, and Satan filled his  
place in my soul. There was only one  
thing more wanted to complete my gra-  
dation—to be despised by you. You  
loathe me, and yet you would lay down  
your life for that girl! In what is she  
so much my superior? Were you an  
emperor, and did you love me with your  
whole heart and soul, I could never feel  
for you the shadow of love. But still  
I am a woman. You are my husband in  
name, at least, and I cannot forgive  
you hatred of me."  
"Wreak what vengeance you please  
upon me; there is no suffering that I  
cannot endure for her sake—to save  
her!" I pleaded.  
"How fortunate it is that I have a soul  
above jealousy, or your passionate pray-  
ers might have quite an opposite effect  
upon me," she said sarcastically. "I  
with a change of tone, "Acknowledge  
me as your wife before this woman,  
and I will be here in the morning, and I  
will save this girl, and thus be revenged."  
I would have informed her grandfather  
of her whereabouts, and a great deal  
more; but the moment I had of it, I  
did not suit me to keep her here as an in-  
strument against you. Better her use-  
less to me here in the morning, and I  
and it will suit my purpose to release  
her. You know that I could force you  
to do this or anything I pleased," she  
added, impudently, without any re-  
lief, if I chose. Now will you do what  
I require, or will you not?"  
"I will!" I answered, firmly. What

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

**SHORTS IS TO BE CHIEF.**  
Secretary Taft Says He Will Work  
With Panama Commission.

New York, April 18.—Secretary of  
War Taft, who is here to attend the  
annual meeting of the directors of the  
Panama railroad company in this city  
tomorrow, had this to say tonight on  
the affairs of the railroad company:  
"The meeting will result in a com-  
plete reorganization of the company.  
The government is now in control of  
the stock. It is absolutely essential  
for the United States to control the  
affairs of the company in the work of  
constructing the canal. We desire the  
affairs of the road conducted in har-  
mony with the commission which will  
have charge of the general construction  
work."  
"With this end in view, the directors  
of the Panama railroad company at the  
meeting will elect Theodore F. Shonts,  
the new chairman of the Panama canal  
commission, president of the  
Panama railroad company."  
"With Mr. Shonts at the head of the  
company it is certain that its affairs  
will be conducted most satisfactorily.  
His experience as a practical railroad  
man will enable him to operate the  
railroad just as the Panama canal com-  
mission may desire while the work of  
the construction is in progress. The  
entire official board of the company  
will be comprised of either members of  
the commission or men who are inter-  
ested in the work of constructing the  
canal."  
"By official board I mean the officers  
and directors of the company."  
"We expect to have this road in  
readiness at the time the work of the  
canal construction begins and managed  
in a manner so as to facilitate this  
great work."

**RUMORS WITHOUT REAL NEWS.**  
Correspondents Guess at Many Things  
Beyond Their Vision.

London, April 18.—There is as yet  
no news of a great naval battle in the  
Far East, or of the whereabouts of the  
naval fleet. The Hongkong corres-  
pondent of the Daily Mail sends a rum-  
or of a small engagement, but there is  
no confirmation of this report.  
Details regarding the Russian ships in  
Kauah bay, Cochin China, are too  
meagre to be instructive. According  
to the Daily Mail's Singapore corres-  
pondent, the North German Lloyd  
steamer Prinz Heinrich saw several  
battleships and six cruisers in the bay,  
but the dispatches to other newspapers  
are not so precise. The Daily Tele-  
graph's Singapore correspondent, like  
the Associated Press, merely reports  
"eighteen vessels," and adds that the  
captain of the Prinz Heinrich states  
that possibly more warships were in-  
side the harbor, but that they were in-  
visible from the offing.  
The presence of the Russian squad-  
ron off the Annam coast is raising keen  
interest here, in view of the possi-  
bility of their infringing Chinese neutral-  
ity and of the likelihood of Russian-  
Szechuan having had to split his squad-  
ron. The Morning Post's correspondent at  
Shanghai telegraphs that China has in-  
structed the governor of the southern  
provinces to maintain strict neutrality  
in view of the possibility of Russian  
ships sheltering there.

**WHEELS BLOCKED IN ITALY.**  
Railway Strike May Extend to Other  
Forms of Industry.

Rome, April 18.—Every railway line  
throughout Italy is tied up this morn-  
ing as a result of the strike among the  
employees, who are dissatisfied with  
wages and hours of labor. The strike  
is expected to spread to all of the large  
industries in the several cities, and be-  
fore it is ended bloodshed is likely to  
result.  
The strike started in Naples, and a  
few minutes afterward the heads of  
labor unions wired to every subordinate  
organization telling them to notify their  
members to stop work at midnight.  
All the station clerks and office em-  
ployees have been ordered to report to  
the station masters to aid in moving  
trains.

**Opened by the President.**  
New York, April 18.—With Presi-  
dent Roosevelt as the chief guest and  
leading educators from all sections of  
the United States among the speakers,  
the next general session of the National  
Educational association, which will be  
held in Asbury Park, and Ocean Grove,  
N. J., next July, promises to be the  
most notable in the association's his-  
tory. The meetings will begin Mon-  
day, July 3, and continue five days. An  
elaborate program has been completed.  
President Roosevelt will deliver the  
principal address of the meeting.

**Tunnel Secure from Strikers.**  
Chicago, April 18.—Labor leaders  
will hold a conference tomorrow with  
Mayor Edward F. Dunne, who said to-  
night that he had hopes of an early set-  
tlement of the teamsters' strike against  
Montgomery, Ward & Co. The coal  
teamsters today decided to refuse to  
haul coal to the Montgomery Ward  
building. It is learned tonight that  
the Chicago Tunnel company is rushing  
work on a connection with Montgomery  
Ward & Co.'s basement.

**Grand Frunk Station Burned.**  
Portland, Mich., April 18.—Fire to-  
night destroyed the Grand Frunk union  
station here, in which are located the  
general offices of the road division west  
of Port Huron. The building was new  
and was valued at \$125,000.

## HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

**A Resume of the Less Important but  
Not Less Interesting Events  
of the Past Week.**

Neveda state health officers report  
conditions improving at Tonopah, the  
new mining camp.

The senate committee on interstate  
commerce has commenced its hearings  
on railway legislation.

Commissioner Garfield is holding  
night sessions examining into Standard  
Oil methods in Kansas.

John A. Benson will have to stand  
trial in Washington on land fraud  
charges, the United States supreme  
court having denied his right to be  
tried in California.

Chicago teamsters' sympathizers have  
mobbled the negro drivers for Mont-  
gomery, Ward & Co., and other dis-  
turbances are daily occurring in con-  
nection with the strike.

The supreme court of the United  
States has decided the case involving  
the removal of George W. Beavers from  
Brooklyn to Washington against Beavers,  
holding him subject to removal.

The preliminary legal battle is on at  
Portland in connection with the land  
fraud cases. Herrmann, Mitchell, Wil-  
liamson and the smaller offenders are  
all in attendance at Judge Bellinger's  
court. The best legal talent of the  
state is arrayed against Prosecutor  
Honey and they will be augmented  
later by some of the best lawyers of the  
nation.

Chicago will soon distribute \$12-  
500,000 among 50 colleges in 17 states.  
Minturn, a small Colorado mining  
town, has been practically wiped out  
by fire.

Bids have just been opened by the  
Navy department for the construction of  
three cruisers.

India's anti-cigarette law is in  
force and a cigarette cannot be pur-  
chased in the state.

Further violence on the part of the  
strikers has ended peace conferences on  
the Chicago teamsters' strike.

The revolutionists who have just left  
Portland and gone to Seattle say the  
latter city is the purer of the two.

Russia accuses British ships of spy-  
ing on the movements of the Baltic  
fleet and reporting to the Japanese.

Omaha retailers have had the price  
of beef raised on them. They are now  
paying \$15 to \$20 more per carcass  
than they were two weeks ago.

A number of Chicago beef trust wit-  
nesses have fled to Canada and their  
wives have been summoned before the  
grand jury to tell what they know.

The Russian army is retreating to  
Kirin.

Another earthquake in India has  
wrecked two towns.

The Russian fleet has changed its  
course and gone eastward to coal.

Bloody disturbances are expected  
throughout Russia on May day.

Paul Jones' body has been found in  
Paris and will be brought home for  
burial.

The czar has announced his inten-  
tion of revising the land laws in order  
to quiet the peasants.

The Winnebago Indians, in Nebr-  
aska, have protested to Washington,  
claiming to have been robbed of their  
lands by agents.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone  
company will spend \$500,000 on new  
lines in Utah, Idaho, Montana and  
Wyoming in 1905.

A commission has been appointed to  
decide the dispute on international  
rivers. The waterways in question are  
the Rio Grande and Colorado on the  
south and the Milk river on the north.

Cader Powell has assumed office as  
marshal at Nome, Alaska, pending in-  
vestigation.

An unknown malady is killing many  
people at Tonopah, the new mining  
camp of Nevada. Hundreds are fleeing  
from the district to escape the disease.

Japan has been called upon to pun-  
ish Formosans who murdered eight  
American sailors.

Four beef trust officials have been  
indicted by the federal grand jury at  
Chicago for spiriting a witness away.

Both parties in the Chicago strike  
refuse to confer and the employers have  
adopted a plan by which they hope to  
win.

President Roosevelt has left Okla-  
homa for Colorado. He may be in-  
duced to come on to Portland and at-  
tend the fair.

The two hostile fleets in Asiatic wa-  
ters have not yet come together, but  
they are fast approaching each other  
and a battle is expected at any time.

It is said the interned Russian ships  
are preparing for a dash from Shanghai  
and China will be unable to prevent it,  
as she has no war vessels near.