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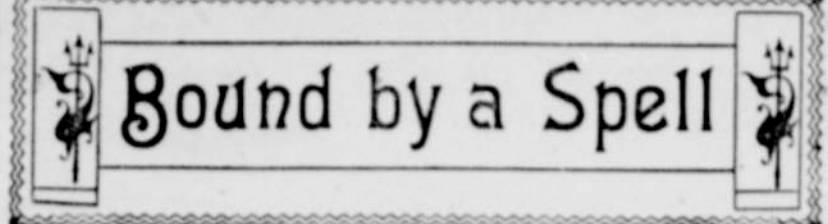
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CHAPTER XXIX.

Montgomery was alone. He tried to

think out his situation; he found it

difficult task. He was utterly in

helpless. Once in the hands of the

police, what would the story be

tell against the word of a gentle

man? While thus revolving in his

mind his position, he took out his

pipe. Searching in his waistcoat pocket

for a match, he felt some smooth, hard

substance.

It was the locket that Mr. Porter

had banded him, and which he had

forgotten. His thoughts were too

engaged to give any heed to it now.

But in taking it out of his pocket, he

passed his hand across his eyes, as

though doubting their evidence. Then,

with trembling fingers, he tried for

the spring. At last he found it. Upon

one side was the miniature of a beautiful

woman; upon the other, which had once

contained another portrait, a lock of

dark hair.

He sank into a chair, trembling

with an acute fit, and gazing wildly

upon the miniature. But soon his

eyes closed, and he lay back, his

head thrown back, his eyes closed,

and his chest heaved with deep sobs.

He kissed the picture, and murmured

words of passionate love over it, as if

the spring. Mr. Porter had bent the

case a little. As Montgomery pressed

it to his lips the portrait fell out and

disappeared, nearly at the back, a scrap

of paper. There was writing upon it,

but the characters were so minute that

he could not decipher them. At last

he read these words: "The child upon

whom this is found is Francis Morant,

whose portrait this is, of The Willows,

Herts."

For some seconds, both strength

and consciousness deserted him. At first,

his thoughts came back broken and

confused. This portrait of his wife in

silently; he feared to change his tone

suddenly. "By the bye," he added,

"I am forgetting all about the Corin-

thian. I am due there at seven, and is

it now five?"

"The public will certainly be deprived

of your brilliant talents this evening,"

answered Rodwell. "We shall start

ten. You do not suppose that I would

trust you to go alone after what has

passed? The night air might not be

delicate to your delicate conscience if

you had not a friend by your side."

"But who will carry out the second

part of your scheme? Who will be your

messenger to your uncle?"

"Would not a telegram serve the pur-

pose?"

Montgomery started. Was it a story

shot? or was he discovered?

There was a dark, malicious smile

upon the face of an awful crime, that

made his blood run cold. Added to

which, he did not feel by any means

certain, that the program had not fallen

into his hands. If so, what then? He

hesitated at the thought.

Before the dinner was half over,

a strange, drowsy sensation began to

spread over him. "Whatever clever

plots you may have been devising in

your fertile brain to overmatch me,

will only rebound upon yourself. But,

in the meantime, dinner is waiting for

us in the next room. Let us eat, and

be thankful. Who knows whether we

shall ever eat another? Life is so very

uncertain."

Montgomery was not a coward, but

there was something in the calm, heart-

less levity of this man, who could thus

stare upon the eve of an awful crime,

that made his blood run cold. Added

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TWELVE MINERS BURIED.

Big Explosion Wrecks Shaft of an

Oklahoma Coal Company.

Wilburton, Okla., May 2.—Thirteen

miners were entombed and probably

killed by an explosion early today in

the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Coal

company's mine No. 19, four miles west

of here. There is little prospect of

their bodies being recovered for several

days.

The men went into the shaft at mid-

night. Foreman William Ray, of the

shift that left the mine at that hour,

states that the mine was in good con-

dition and a gas explosion was hardly

probable. His shift left a shot having

been fired, from the force of the

explosion, which could be heard for

miles around, and which tore heavy

timbers aside and piled tons of dirt

into the shaft, that a bad shot had

set off some dynamite which had been

stored conveniently for use in pushing

the work. The shaft is 300 feet deep,

and it was 200 feet to the place where

the men were working.

The men were supplied with air from

the shaft, and by means of compressed

air tubes. It is the general opinion

that the air pipe was burst by the ex-

plosion, but air has been steadily

pumped in all day, with the remote

hope that some of the entombed men

may have escaped the force of the ex-

plosion and the after-damp.

MEETING AT VENICE.

Italian and Austro-Hungarian Min-

isters Agree on Attitude.

Rome, May 2.—While it is officially

stated that the purpose of Count Gol-

chowski in going to Venice was mainly

to return the visit which Foreign Min-

ister Tittoni made at Albania in 1904,

there is high authority for the state-

ment that the two foreign ministers

were moved by the desire to strengthen

the triple alliance by cementing the

friendship of Austria-Hungary and

Italy and that they agreed on a com-

mon attitude for safeguarding the

reciprocal interests of the two countries