

Through the Wall

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The witness had reached the end of her strength. She was twisting and untwisting her white fingers piteously, while the pupils of her eyes widened and contracted in terror. She staggered as if she would faint or fall, and the guard was starting toward her when, through the anguished silence, a clear, confident voice rang out:

"Alice!"

It was the prisoner who had spoken. It was the lover who had come to the rescue and whose loyal cry broke the spell of horror. Instantly the girl turned to Lloyd with a look of infinite love and gratitude, and before the outraged clerk of the court had finished his warning to the young American Alice had conquered her distress.

"Tell us in your own words," said the judge kindly, "how it was that you nearly lost your life a second time in a fire."

In a low voice, but steadily, Alice began her story. She spoke briefly of her humble life with the Bonnetons, of her work at Notre Dame, of the occasional visits of her supposed cousin, the woodcarver, and finally described the moment when she was thrust into that cruel chamber and left there with M. Coqueuil—to perish.

Women screamed and fainted, men broke down and wept, even the judges wiped pitying eyes, as Alice told how Paul Coqueuil built the last barricade with fire roaring all about him and then how he dashed among leaping flames and, barehanded, all but naked, cleared a way to safety.

Through the tense silence that followed her recital came the judge's voice, "And you accuse a certain person of committing this crime?"

"I do," she answered firmly.

"Whom do you accuse?"

The audience literally held its breath as the girl paused before replying. She turned slowly toward the covering nobleman and said distinctly, "I accuse the Baron de Heidelberg-Bruck."

All eyes turned to the accused. He struggled to speak, but ever a great man was guilty in appearance the Baron de Heidelberg-Bruck was that guilty great man!

"I insist on saying," he burst out finally, but the judge cut him short.

"You will be heard presently, sir. Call the next witness."

The girl withdrew, casting a last fond look at her lover, and the clerk's voice was heard summoning M. Pougeot.

The commissary appeared forthwith and, with all the authority of his office, testified in confirmation of Alice's story. There was no possible doubt that the girl would have perished in the flames but for the heroism of Paul Coqueuil.

Pougeot was followed by Dr. Duprat, who gave evidence as to the return of Alice's memory.

"Call the next witness," directed the judge, and the clerk sang out: "Paul Coqueuil!"

CHAPTER XXIII.
MRS. LLOYD KITTREDGE.

A MURMUR of sympathy and surprise ran through the room as the small door opened, just under the painting of "Justice," and a gaunt, pallid figure appeared, a tall man, wasted and weakened. He came forward leaning on a cane, and his right hand was bandaged.

The audience was like a powder mine waiting for a spark.

"What is your name?" asked the judge as the witness took the stand.

"Paul Coqueuil!" was the quiet answer.



"I—I WON THE LAST TRICK ANYHOW."

"His own confession, written by himself."

The judge turned gravely to De Heidelberg-Bruck. "I have a painful duty to perform, sir. Take this man out, under arrest, and clear the room."

"Astounding!" muttered the judge.

"A great achievement, M. Coqueuil."

At this moment an awestruck attendant came to say that the baron wished a word with M. Paul.

"By all means," consented the judge.

Haltingly, on his cane, Coqueuil made his way to an adjoining room. As he glanced at the baron, M. Paul saw that once more the man had demonstrated his extraordinary self control. He was cold and composed as usual.

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"In February, 1859, a youth, while engaged in hunting for horses for the late Thomas Chavner, picked up a piece of quartz from the Gold Hill pocket, which upon examination proved to be wired together with gold, in casting about every piece proved to be rich. The youth proceeded to Chavner's and made known to him his find.

"Chavner's quick eye and his ready, practical horse sense suggested to him to make a dicker with the youth. A bargain was soon made, and Thomas Chavner was one of the principal owners in what proved to be one of the richest pocket possessions on the Pacific coast.

"Notwithstanding Chavner's circumspection and secretiveness, the news reached Jacksonville during the night or evening of the discovery. The next morning the road between Jacksonville and Gold Hill was lined with excited prospectors. Among the number was George Ish, who in passing Willow Springs, where at that time old Uncle Dan Fisher was carrying on a blacksmith shop, made known to Fisher the discovery of the evening before. Fisher briefly related to Ish his discovery of a quartz ledge one evening in 1852 and directed Ish just where to find it. Ish proceeded as directed and found the ledge as Fisher had described it. Although Ish had promised in case the discovery was as Uncle Fisher had pointed out that he, Fisher, should have an interest in the find, he did not, however, keep his word with the old man.

"At this time Jacksonville was the metropolis of southern Oregon, and was one of the most prosperous mining towns on the Pacific coast.

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