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CHAPTER XIII.

Griseida, chatting homeward through the twilight garden, after another stolen meeting with Tom Peyton on the garden wall, stops as she reaches the summer house, a favorite resort of Vera's, notwithstanding the father's unpleasant associations connected with it, and pokes in her head to find Vera there.

"I've come back," she cries, breathlessly, sinking into a seat and looking at Vera with despair in her eyes. "I have done as you desired me, I have said good-bye to him forever."

"What did he say? Was he very much upset?" with burning interest.

"He said he'd manage to see me in some way or other," says Griseida, with a heavy sigh.

"Oh, well—come now, that's not so bad," says Vera, cheerfully, forgetful of prudence at sight of her sister's grief. "He seems from all I have heard from you a sort of a person who would be difficult to handle. I think I should put faith in that declaration of his if I were you."

"Oh, he said more than that," cries Griseida. "Why, it appears that Tom—Mr. Peyton—knows Seaton quite well, and likes him, too. Mr. Peyton says that he, Seaton, is engaged to be married to a Miss Butler, a friend of Lady Hilderdale's."

For a moment there is a dead silence, during which the pretty crimson on Vera's cheek dies out, leaving her singularly pale. No doubt the surprise is great.

"Is that true?" she says. "I should not be surprised, though I confess I am; it is only what I might have expected from my first judgment of him. And one should not condemn him, either; it is not his fault that he calls Uncle Gregory father."

A footstep upon the gravel outside makes them both turn their heads.

"What is it, Grunch?" Vera calmly asks as the housekeeper appears on the threshold.

"The master wishes to see you, Miss Dyrast, in the library." There is an expression of malignant amusement in the woman's eyes as she says this.

Vera had gone into the library with a pale face, but it was with one pillar still came out of it half an hour later, white as death, and with a strained look of passion on every feature not to be subdued. She might perhaps have given way to the blessed relief of tears if she had had time to escape Griseida, but as she finds herself looking at Seaton Dyrast, who has at this moment entered the inner hall leading to the room she has just left, all her being seems to stiffen into a cold horror of contempt.

She stops short and fixes her heavy eyes on his.

"So you betrayed me!" she says, in a low tone that vibrates with scorn.

"Betrayed you?" echoes her, starting. There is that in her face not to be mistaken, and a presentiment of coming evil sends a hot flush to his brow.

"You are a bad man," she says, with a pale smile; "you change color, at a crisis; you have still a last grain of honesty left in you. You should see to that; kill it quickly, it spoils your otherwise perfect role."

"You are pleased to be enigmatical," she says, with a frown. "I am, however, at a loss to know what you mean."

"Oh, are you ashamed to keep it up—the deception?" cries she with a sudden outbreak of wrath. "Oh, how could you do it?"

"Great heaven! how can I convince you that I have done nothing?" exclaims he, growing pale as he speaks.

"There was no one else awake, there was no one to see me," says she, trying to stifle her agitation. "What, then, must I think but that you were the one to tell your father that that unlucky night when I was locked out in the garden?"

"He has heard that?" Seaton, as if thunderstruck, looks blankly at her.

"Why do you compel me to tell you what you already know?" she says, with a little irrepressible stamp of her foot. "If you will listen to what is already no news to you, learn that your father sent for me just now—a long time ago, hours ago, I think, putting her hand to her head in a little, confused, miserable way, 'and accused me of having sent the whole night alone with you, purposely, in the garden.'"

"And you think that I—"

"I don't think," with a condemnatory glance. "As I told you before, I know. Your father has insolently accused me of an impossible thing; but even if I had stayed in the garden with you that night, of my own free will, I cannot see where would lie the disgrace he connects with it."

"You are right, no one could see disgrace where you were," says Seaton, calmly. "My father is an old man, he—"

"It is old enough to know how to insult a woman," coldly, "when," with a terrible glance at him, "shown the way. Oh, laying her hand upon her breast in a paroxysm of grief, 'it was abominable of you, and you said—twice you said it,' coming closer to him, and lifting accusing eyes to his, 'Trust me, I remember it as though you uttered it but now, and I believed you. Trust me, you said.'"

"I should say it again," says Dyrast, "a hundred times again. Come," he says, and leads her back again to the library she has just quitted.

Gregory Dyrast still sits in his usual chair, his arms on the elbows of it, his face as set, as though death had laid its seal on it, save for the marvellously, horribly youthful eyes, so full of fire and life.

"You will be so good as to explain to Vera at once," begins Seaton, in a dangerous tone, "how it was you learned of her being in the garden the other night."

"What night? She may have been out every night, for aught I know; she tells me she is fond of moonlight," replies the old man, impassively.

"You understand perfectly the night of

"It's nothing. I'm not a scrap uncomfortable. It strikes me as being a sort of a joke—a joke, I mean. I feel as jolly as a sand-worm, and, with a tender, earnest glance, 'far jollier, because I can now see you.'"

"But how long is it to last?" says she, nervously. "It can't go on like this forever, and Seaton comes down here sometimes, and he knows you."

"I dare say I shall manage to avoid him. Though I have often thought lately that it would be a good thing to take him into our confidence."

"Oh, no, no, no, indeed," cries she; "he might tell his father, and then all would be up with us."

"Well, there's my sister, Gracie—she's a very good-natured woman, and clever, too. If I were to tell her all, she would tell Seaton, and between them they might manage something. There's a step! Go away, and try to see me to-morrow if you can."

They have barely time to separate before the giant figure of Grunch is seen approaching through the laurels.

CHAPTER XIV.

Today is wet, a soaking, steady down-pour that commenced at early dawn is still rendering miserable the shrubbery and gardens.

Vera, depressed by the melancholy of the day, has cast her book aside, and, with a certainty of meeting nobody in the empty rooms and corridors, wanders aimlessly throughout their dreary length and breadth. These rooms are well known to her, and presently wearying of them she turns aside and rather timidly pushes open a huge, faded, blue-covered door that leads scarcely known whither. She pushes it back and looks eagerly inward.

It is not an apartment, after all. A long, low, vaulted passage reveals itself, only dimly lighted by a painted window at the lower end. It appears to be a completely bare passage, leading nowhere; but presently, as she runs her eyes along the eastern wall, a door meets them, an old oaken door, iron-clasped and literally hung with cobwebs.

Curiosity grows strong within her. Catching the ancient handle of this door, a mere brass ring sunk in the woodwork, she pushes against it with all her might. In vain. But not deterred, she pushes again and again; and at the last trial of her strength a sharp sound—a ring of something brazen falling on a stone floor—crashes with a quick, altogether astounding noise upon the tomblike silence that fills the mysterious passage.

At the same moment the door gives way, and she, unexpectedly yielding with it, steps hurriedly forward into a dark and greswome hole.

The poverty of the light has perhaps dimmed her sight, because after a little while a shadow on the opposite wall, that resolves itself into an opening, becomes known to her. It is not a door, rather a heavy hempen curtain, and now, resolutely determined to go through with her adventure, she advances toward it, pulls it aside, and finds herself face to face with Gregory Dyrast!

He is on his knees, next that peculiar cabinet described in an earlier chapter, and as he lifts his head upon his curious eyes, a murderous glare, as of one hunted, desperate, comes into his eyes.

The side of the cabinet is lying wide open, and, as he involuntarily moves, the chink of golden coins falling one upon another alone breaks the lone silence that oppresses the atmosphere. In his hand he is holding an old and yellow parchment.

"I am going," he says, faintly. She is ghastly pale; the sight of him in his horrible fright, cringing thus upon the ground, has so unnerved her that she actually grasps at the curtain for support.

(To be continued.)

Mutually Surprised.

There must have been about four hundred people at Lake Bennett, writes Mr. Secretan, in his entertaining book, "To Klondike and Back," making four hundred different varieties of death-dealing conveyances, for each had to construct his own boat for descending to the Yukon River. The owner of a little wheezy, portable sawmill, which was puffing away day and night, was using logs to pieces for one hundred dollars a thousand feet, was getting rich.

Anything that would do was at a premium. Once in a while you would see something resembling a boat, but not often. As a general rule, the soap-box and coffin combination was the most popular pattern.

Some men could not wait to be supplied by the wheezy sawmill, but went in for whipsawing on their own account. One man stands on top of the log, and the other below, and the saw is then pushed up and down along a chalk mark.

A story is told of two "partners" who commenced whipsawing. After working a while, till his tired muscles almost refused duty, the lower one exclaimed himself for a moment, and having hired the first man he met to take his place in the pit, disappeared. The sawing proceeded until the uppermost "partner," all unconscious that he was working with an entire stranger, brought some ordinary explanation, he got down from the log and quickly hired an Indian to take his place at the saw.

The "partners" were mutually surprised to meet each other shortly afterward in an adjacent saloon.

A Certain Wax.

"How can you tell mushrooms from toadstools, little boy?"

"Easy! If de guy dat eats 'em he alive next day; de mushrooms, if he's shifted off de mortal coil den deys toadstools."

## 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.

Secretary Root has arranged for a gradual reduction of the army in the Philippines.

The New Jersey legislature has appropriated \$10,000 for the extermination of the mosquito.

## ASKS RIGHT OF WAY.

Columbia Valley Railway Wants to Cross the Government Military Reserves.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Representative Jones has introduced bills granting right of way to the Columbia Valley Railroad Company for the construction of a railroad and telegraph line across the Vancouver, Three Tree Point and the Scarborough Head military reservations and the reservation in the quarantine station opposite Astoria, the right of way to be 100 feet in width.

The passage of this bill will practically complete the right of way for the Columbia Valley Railroad from a point on the Columbia river opposite Wallula to the mouth of the stream, a distance of 321 miles, except for that part of the line between Vancouver and Klamath, where the building of the Washington

## FIXES PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

Senate Passes Bill by a Strictly Party Vote—Some Warm Speeches.

Washington, Feb. 25.—After eight hours of tumultuous debate, the senate, shortly before 7 o'clock last evening, passed the Philippine tariff bill by a vote of 46 to 26, strictly party vote.

During the debate on the bill, McComas and Wellington, of Maryland, became involved in a controversy, during the course of which the latter declared that if McComas should make his statements outside of the senate chamber he would brand them as a malicious falsehood. He was called to order promptly and resumed his seat amid considerable excitement.

Many amendments were offered to the Philippine bill, but, except those

## SWEPT BY A GALE

SAN FRANCISCO SUFFERS FROM HEAVY WIND STORM.

Many Buildings Blown Down—Wire Communication Cut Off—Ships in the Bay Dragged—Wreck and Ruin at Presidio—Barometer Nearly as Low as at Time of Great Galveston Storm.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—One of the heaviest southwest storms that has been experienced in many years struck this city this morning. The wind attained great velocity, blowing 45 miles an hour in the city, while at Point Reyes



PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA.

Two men were hanged in North Carolina for burglary, in which state that crime is a capital offense.

The house sent the Philippine tariff bill to conference, objecting to all the amendments of the senate.

Lukhan, who has been the strength of the rebellion in Samar, Philippine Islands, has been captured.

The Columbia Valley Railway asks congress for right of way across the Vancouver, Three Tree Point and Scarborough Head military reservations.

San Francisco has just experienced the worst storm in many years.

Blondin, the Boston wife murderer, is at a race in New York.

Fire at a Mace, Idaho, mine boarding house resulted in the death of four men and the injury of 12.

Tillman and McLaurin have been restored to the senate roll to await definite action by that body.

Two New York Central passenger trains collided near Auburn, N. Y. Five trainmen were killed.

Two vessels on the Atlantic coast near Fenwick shoals, collided. One of them sank with all on board.

Should the Danish government ratify the sale of the West Indies to the United States, a detachment of soldiers from Porto Rico will be sent to raise the American flag.

An oil tank containing 1,000 gallons of oil exploded in Pittsburgh. No one was injured.

Germany is highly pleased with the reception Prince Henry is receiving in the United States.

Tillman and McLaurin, the South Carolina senators, have practically been suspended from the senate. It will probably be for 30 days. The senate has passed the Philippine tariff bill.

Cortez, a leading Filipino rebel, has been captured.

Miss Stone, the American missionary, has been released.

Secretary Hitchcock is expected to leave the cabinet soon.

Nineteen lives were lost in the Park Avenue hotel fire in New York.

The Philippine Commission favors modifying the Chinese exclusion order.

The provinces of Laguna and Batangas have been entirely cleared of insurgents.

Barcelona, Spain, rioters continue their depredations upon the stores and factories.

London consumes eleven tons of salt a day.

A Chinese dressed as a woman attempted to enter Ogdensburg, N. Y., from Canada.

The dowager queen, Margherita of Italy, will visit the United States under the name of Countess Stupinigi.

Chevalier Victor Zoggio, who represented Italy at the Columbian exposition, has been appointed commissioner to Italy for the St. Louis world's fair.

& Oregon road has rendered necessary another survey by the Columbia Valley Company. No construction work has yet been done, but the survey has been made and everything will be in readiness for progress when the required rights across the government reserves shall be granted. The company is capitalized at \$3,000,000.

Nothing is given out regarding the forces behind the Columbia Valley Railroad organization, but it appears to be very much alive, and it is not deemed probable that so much activity would be manifested unless there was a serious intent behind it. A line down the north bank of the Columbia might not work to the disadvantage of Portland, because the bridge to be built at Vancouver will let trains across to Portland without inconvenience. But it seems to contemplate a harbor at the mouth of the Columbia on the north side of the river, and much nearer the sea than Astoria is. It is said that the Columbia valley enterprise is not related to any of the present railroad combinations, but is a wholly independent venture.

What the Measure Provides.

As passed, the measure provides that articles imported into the Philippine archipelago from the United States shall be required to pay the duties levied against them by the Philippine commission, and paid upon like articles imported into the archipelago from foreign countries; that articles imported into the United States from the Philippines, shall pay a duty of 75 per cent of the rates fixed by the Dingley law, less any export taxes paid upon the articles sent from the Philippine archipelago, as required by the Philippine commission. All articles now imported free into the United States shall hereafter be exempt from export duty imposed in the Philippines.

The bill exempts the commerce passing between the United States and the Philippines from the operation of the navigation laws of the United States until July 1, 1904, and authorizes the Philippine commission to issue licenses to craft now engaged in lighterage or exclusive harbor business, provided such craft are built in the United States or in the Philippines and owned by citizens of the United States or by inhabitants of the Philippines. The duties and taxes collected in pursuance of this act shall be paid into the treasury of the Philippine islands and used for their benefit.

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Petition from Cubans.

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## MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT, Who Will Christen the German Emperor's New Yacht Meteor.

offered by the committee, only one—an amendment restricting the operation of the session laws enacted by the Taft commission—was passed. The amendment of Foraker, fixing the rate of duties levied upon products coming into the United States from the Philippines at 50 per cent of the Dingley rates, instead of 75 per cent, as fixed in the bill, was lost, but it received a large Republican vote. Had the Democrats voted for it as a party, it would have carried, but many Democrats voted against it.

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