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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

Owing to the great scarcity of money and the long course of neglect of many of my customers to pay their indebtedness for the past year, I am compelled to adopt another system.

Very many of my customers have allowed their accounts to run such an unreasonable length of time that I have lost to me, without any benefit to myself, has been the result. Hence I find it

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I am sincerely thankful for the liberal patronage that has been extended to me, and now earnestly ask one and all who are indebted to me, no matter how large or how small the amount, to call and settle, either by cash or note.

BEFORE THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1875, as I need and must have money. Believe me, I do not regret from past experience (which I have paid well for) that it will be better for me as well as for my customers to adopt the ready pay system.

I WILL NOT.

BEFORE THE FIRST OF JANUARY, 1875, SELL MY GOODS ON CREDIT.

I am fully convinced that in three cases out of four persons buying goods never find a more convenient time to pay than when they make their purchases, and as an inducement to my customers to buy for cash or exchange for country produce, I will, after the above date,

DEATH AND LIFE.

LEILA SUMNER;

"Home again; after five long years of absence, to feel myself at home again; and so little change, so much to believe."

Thus mused Adrian Vaux, as he strolled through the quiet streets of his native village, the morning after his return from a four years' wandering in Europe.

Adrian was a young physician, and he came home, the proud bearer of certain certificates of distinction, from one of the most celebrated medical colleges in Paris.

He was an only son, the pride of an aged father, and doting mother. And well he deserved this affection, both for his talents, of which he was justly proud; of his handsome face, and fine, manly form; of his industry, without which the most gifted must languish in obscurity, but most of all for his kind, loving disposition, and tender heart.

As he walked along the familiar street, the five years seemed but a day. The long rows of houses, embowered in their lovely groves of green shrubbery, every tree, even the dewy grass beneath his feet, seemed the same he had trod five years before.

And were the inmates of these houses changed?

Adrian hardly dared ask himself the question.

There was one home, and one inmate of that home, whose image filled all his thoughts, of whom he had dreamed a day and night, and towards whose dwelling he was slowly directing his steps, with mingled feelings of fear, anxiety, and hope.

Leila Sumner had been the idol of his youth.

Long before he left home, she had given him her sacred promise that no other man could ever call her wife.

As he walked on toward the beautiful cottage where she lived, he wondered in his heart if she were changed.

He left her a child; she had given him her child's heart and promise. Would she regard him the same? Had no other image crept into her heart? She was a woman now; was this outward change all that awaited him?

Almost before he knew it, he was standing in front of the gate leading into Col. Sumner's grounds.

He pushed and locked up the long avenue, the rows of gigantic maples on either side, the beautiful evergreen hedge, the smooth velvet lawn, the fragrant flower garden, the fountain, sparkling and flashing in the morning sun, all exactly as he had left it.

The meeting-bird and yellow-winged canaries, Leila's pet birds, were hopping about in their bright-hued cages filling the air with their gay carolings; the luxuriant rose and honeysuckle vines shaded the wide piazza, where he had spent so many happy evenings with Leila.

And would she know him now? sun-browned and heavily bearded as he was?

He opened the gate and walked rapidly up the gravelled path towards the house, just as a white-robed figure, slender and graceful as a willow, flitted past the low open window.

The next instant he stood within the doorway, and a little brown silted head lay on his shoulder, a blushing girlish face was lifted shyly to his.

The lovers met, after years of separation; and each felt that the other's heart was the same; time or absence had no power to change.

Adrian was welcomed by Col. Sumner, in the same cordial, hearty manner as of old; he had long looked upon him as a son.

Time sped on gilded wings to the happy lovers, and each day seemed to reveal some new charm, some as yet undiscovered trait of mind or heart, which served to draw them nearer together, till their very existence seemed blended into one.

Oh, this rosy-tinted, silver-lined cloud: "Love's young dream," it envelops all around, it hides all that is dark, it reflects its brightness so vividly on all that surrounds us, that even the leaden sunbeamed storm-cloud, is hidden for the time.

About six months after Adrian's return he received a letter from one of his classmates, a young man who for a brief time had attended the same course of lectures with himself, and was a graduate of the same college in France.

His name was De Vaux, and though Adrian had only known him about a year, he greatly admired his talent.

Socially, there was about him a sort of mystery, a reticent, reserved manner,

though well acquainted, caused a feeling of distrust or suspicion, a something that seemed to say, "I am acquainted with this man, and yet I know nothing of him."

He wrote Adrian that he wished to visit America, and remain a year, perhaps two years, or permanently if it suited him.

He came, and received a hearty welcome. Adrian introduced him to his friends. To Col. Sumner, who had traveled extensively, he proved a very congenial companion.

He was a scientific chemist, and his rare research, and scientific knowledge of this magnificent branch alone, charmed and almost fascinated the stately old gentleman. He became a constant visitor, and a valued friend.

He knew from the first of Adrian's betrothal to the beautiful Leila, but to all appearances he never thought of her, hardly noticed her presence, only to observe the usual forms of politeness.

But a close observer would have noticed the dusky red light that gleamed from beneath his long black lashes, when, believing himself unnoticed, he would sometimes allow his eyes to rest for a moment on the slender, graceful, well-developed form, and bright pigment face of the lovely girl.

As for Leila, she once remarked to Adrian that the sight of De Vaux made her feel chilly, she declared she could think of nothing but a serpent, a hateful crawling reptile, whenever she saw him, at which Adrian looked horrified, shook his head, and assured her that she sadly misjudged his friend.

Col Sumner was an old-fashioned gentleman, and adhered strictly to the rules of hospitality.

Thus it was that guests, whether their visit was of long or short duration, never left his house without receiving refreshments.

Leila's presence was usually required, and on these occasions, De Vaux with true French politeness, would always present her a glass of wine.

For months together De Vaux, would drive about daily with Col. Sumner, to whom his society seemed almost indispensable so agreeable and fascinating could he render himself when he chose to do so.

He seemed to maintain his extreme reserve and reticence only so far as concerned his own individual affairs.

A few months after De Vaux's arrival, Adrian proposed to open an office together.

There was but one physician in the place, an aged man, and an old friend of the family. He warmly seconded the wishes of the young man's family and friends, that he should remain in his native town.

Adrian consented willingly, for several reasons, the chief of which was, that by so doing he could be near the object of his affection.

De Vaux was a valuable partner, and in a few months the two young practitioners were able to control considerable practice.

Months passed of unalloyed happiness to the young lovers.

The time was set for the marriage, every preparation was being made for the wedding, such as bidden the fair and beautiful bride.

But as the days wore on, it was noticed that Leila grew pale, nervous, and restless. At first this excited no alarm, but she continued to grow worse, she seemed to lose all her sprightliness of manner, to grow thin and very pale. She complained of great weakness and lassitude.

Col. Sumner at last concluded to seek advice. But the family physician shook his head gravely, the attack seemed so sudden and rapid, and as remedy after remedy failed utterly, he was almost in despair, and acknowledged that he was completely puzzled. Adrian was greatly distressed, as the symptoms continued to grow worse.

De Vaux prepared a medicine to be taken three times a day, and her father persuaded her to take it, though she complained of feeling weaker after each dose.

What would these kind friends have done could they have known that this very medicine which she had been taking for months in different ways, sometimes in wine, and in other ways, that this deadly poison was the whole cause of her illness.

At last Leila was confined to her room, and most of the time to her bed. No one was allowed to see her but her father, Adrian, and the two physicians.

The family physician, Dr. Adams, continued to visit her though he felt that the case was a hopeless one.

In agony of mind, almost equal to death, Adrian watched the progress of the strange, unknown disease.

It baffled all their skill, and she became so changed that her intimate friends would scarcely have recognized the once fresh, rosy, beautiful girl.

It was plain to the distressed lover that he must give her up; the dark angel Death had singled her out, and she could never wear a bridal crown on earth.

She was utterly unable to sleep without the aid of a powerful opiate.

This Dr. De Vaux prepared and administered. Under its influence she would sleep soundly all night, to wake unrefreshed in the morning, more wearied and weaker than before.

One night her father, who had never left her bedside all day, prepared to administer the usual medicine before leaving her for the night.

He did not see De Vaux, when, on making his usual daily visits a few hours before, he had managed to exchange the fishy white

paper containing the opiate powder and leave another in its place, more deadly and fatal in its effect.

Too weak to refuse, Leila swallowed the portion, and almost instantly sank into a deep sleep.

Leaving her to the care of the nurse, a middle-aged woman who always slept in the room, Col. Sumner retired to his room. Extremely fatigued, he fell asleep almost before his head touched the pillow.

He was awakened before daylight by the hurrying of feet on unusual noise. Springing from his bed he threw on his dressing-gown and rushed into the hall. At the foot of the stairs he met Mrs. Blair, the nurse, who, with livid face and motionless lips, pointed towards the door of Leila's chamber.

In an instant the alarmed father was by the bedside. There lay his child, just as he had left her the night before, her lips and eyes half open; the long silted hair hung down over the snowy pillow, the face colorless as the linen itself. He raised the slight form, he shook and tried to rouse her, all his efforts were useless—she was dead.

Col. Sumner, distracted with grief, refused to see any one.

To Adrian the blow was equally great. Weak and sick in body and mind he wandered about like a lost spirit.

About three days, or the third night after Leila's burial, the old maid, worn out with grief and loss of sleep, threw herself all dressed, on his bed and fell asleep. He dreamt he was passing down the street and that he saw Leila follow De Vaux into his office. He tried to go after her, but the door was closed and fastened through which he had passed. But while he stood looking at the door the window of the laboratory above his head was raised and the girl's white face appeared. With a wild beseeching expression of both face and motion she reached her thin, white hands toward him and seemed to wave or beckon him toward her. As she did so, De Vaux, with a black and fierce with passion, grasped her by the shoulder and drew her back. At the same instant he awoke and sprang from the bed. In a moment his mind was clear, he knew he had been asleep and dreaming. He set down in a large arm-chair by the open window and thought of his dream; it was only a dream after all, but its effect was unpleasant.

He thought of his lost bride, of his great grief, till overcome by emotion, he wept as only a strong man in the depths of a first great sorrow can weep.

At last he grew calmer, and unable to endure the silence of his chamber, he rose, put on his hat and walked out into the silent street. As he stepped from the door, the city clock struck two.

Involuntarily, he took the road towards their office, and in a few moments stood before the door.

Looking up he was surprised to see a light burning dimly in the windows of the laboratory.

He stood gazing at the window and thinking of his dream when the shadow of a form passed between the window and the light.

"De Vaux up at this time?" he thought. "I wonder if he is preparing to go out."

He pushed open the door, and walked up the thickly carpeted stairs. The door of the reception room stood open, and he passed through, expecting to see De Vaux, but he was not there; he laid his hand on the knob of the laboratory door, as he did so he was startled by a deep heavy groan; he listened a moment, what could it mean? Was his friend sick? Had he a visitor or patient? If so it was a strange place for them to be in.

He paused a moment, hesitating whether or not to push open the door and go in, when the same deep sighing, almost groaning, struck his ear.

Instantly his hand grasped the door handle. It turned, and the door softly opened a few inches. What a sight met his astonished gaze. Opposite the door, on a large table, originally intended for a dissecting table, lay the body of a young woman. Over it stood De Vaux. He was leaning the thin white hands, and murmuring in a low voice, words of tenderest endearment. Every moment he would stop, and bending over the still form, press the most passionate kisses on the pale white lips. He raised the beautiful head to his shoulder, and straining the frail form to his breast, whispered almost fiercely:

"My darling! come back to life and home. Oh, Leila, my own, my beautiful one, speak to me, look at me!"

The eyelids quivered, the pale lips moved. Stupefied, Adrian stood rooted to the spot. What could it mean? Who was the dead girl? The name Leila! What Leila? How came she here? Was Dr. De Vaux a grave robber, was that the body of his Leila? Dumb with horror and astonishment, he stood and gazed through the partly opened door.

He was aroused by the faint sound of carriage-wheels. De Vaux started, sizing a large heavy blanket, he commenced wrapping it around the still form.

Pulling the parlor door softly together, Adrian passed out, down stairs into the street.

The avenue was thickly studded with trees, and moving back into the shadow he stood still and waited.

The next moment a carriage drove up, and stopped before the door. The driver got down, and putting his hand to his

turned and opened the carriage door. Adrian recognized the man.

De Vaux appeared, carrying in his arms something wrapped carefully in a large blanket and shawl. As he attempted to lift his burden into the carriage a part of the blanket fell back and revealed a face—horror of horrors, it was indeed the pale, lifeless, dead face of his lost Leila. De Vaux laid it on the seat, got in himself and closed the door.

The carriage started and rolled almost noiselessly away down the deserted street.

African Vaux stood and gazed in bewildered horror after the retreating vehicle. The moment it passed out of sight he awoke from the benumbed stupor which had for the moment paralyzed his whole being.

Like a madman he rushed up the street toward the residence of Colonel Sumner. To arouse the grief-stricken father and his whole household was his act. A few moments sufficed to explain the cause of his great excitement.

Colonel Sumner, half afraid that Adrian had lost his mind, made haste to obey his directions. He ordered three horses to be saddled, one for himself, a second for Adrian, and a third for a stout, middle-aged man, who had been a long time in his employ.

To other the three went out in pursuit of the wretched man who had done them so great an injury.

On the road they had time to discuss and decide the best course to pursue. That De Vaux would attempt some desperate means of defense was no more than they expected.

After about two hours good riding, they came in sight of the carriage. Luckily they had not mistaken the road.

Colonel Sumner, followed by the others, rode up to the side of the carriage, and ordered the man to stop.

The man obeyed.

Hearing the noise, De Vaux opened the window on the side next to them and looked out. Instantly comprehending his situation, he sprang to the opposite door, twisted it open, leaped to the ground and darted into a thicket of pines which grew close to the edge of the road.

As he disappeared into the thicket he whirled so lightly and fired two pistol shots. One bullet hit Colonel Sumner's horse, inflicting a wound near the shoulder, the other just grazed Adrian's cheek and slightly singed his hair.

De Vaux was never seen again.

In the carriage they found Leila: not dead, but alive, and sufficiently conscious to understand what had happened. Though to all appearance dead when placed in the vault, she had never been entirely unconscious.

De Vaux promised keys and took her from the vault the night after her burial. From that time he had been continually administering antidotes to the poison he had given her, and with perfect success.

The poison she had taken toward the last was not calculated to destroy life, but to suppress consciousness.

They drove rapidly home, and sent for Dr. Adams, and in a few hours she was able to explain in some degree the horrors through which she had passed.

But for weeks the spirit of the unfortunate girl hovered on the verge of the grave. Gradually the disease yielded to judicious treatment, and she regained finally her health, but it was long before she was the same bright, rosy, happy Leila, once the joy and delight of all who knew her.

But time brings all things to pass, and a few months after the supposed death of the expectant bride, the young lovers met, and in the presence of a large circle of kind friends, were joined in that holy, sacred union, that real death alone can disunite.

A DIVERSITY OF OPINION.

Many controversies have at different times arisen concerning the comparative value of meat and fish food, and the utmost diversity of opinion has been expressed. Some economic writers maintain that fish has no food-value worth speaking of; others say that fish food must occupy a middle position between vegetables and beef and mutton. Again, a learned authority says that fish, well cooked, with oil or fat of some kind, or served with butter when brought to table, "is chemically the same as butcher-meat, so far as nutrition is concerned." Another writer says that fish as food only fit for children and invalids, and is totally unfitted to support health and vigor of men or women engaged in laborious occupations. As usual in such disputes, we may hold that the truth lies between the two extremes. Many people following laborious occupations, especially in Scotland, live largely upon fish. In that country, the fishermen themselves eat a considerable portion, and as a class, fishermen are strong and healthy; and the wives, are still stronger and healthier. In Portugal, fish fried in oil forms a very large proportion of the food of the population; their fish-diet is supplemented by a little bread and fruit, and although the peasantry of the land never partake of flesh meat, yet they are a lively, vigorous, and brave people. Let it be remembered that fish is a necessity of life in France and Spain, and as regards the latter country, a constant organization is at work in our own islands to supply it with many kinds of cured fish.

A GREAT SWIMMER.

Captain Boynton, the American who jumped from an ocean steamship off the coast of Ireland, and swam thirty miles during one of the most terrific gales of the season, has been giving some very successful exhibitions of his swimming dress upon the Thames. Vast crowds of people line the banks of the river every time that he appears, and watch with the greatest interest his movements in the water. The other day he went down to Wapping Old Stairs and put on his swimming clothes, consisting of an india-rubber suit in two parts—one covering the chest, arms and back of the head; the other the legs and feet. This is put on over an ordinary suit. After being adjusted the parts are inflated by four tubes, and when full of air the wearer steps into the water without the slightest fear. Captain Boynton raised his flag, ate his lunch, read a book, blew a horn, and went through a variety of performances, to the great delight of the crowds assembled upon London Bridge and along the banks of the river. He was loudly cheered. At Temple Stairs he came out for a moment's rest, without showing any symptoms of fatigue, and soon after plunged in again and started for Putney. The success of this swimming dress has been clearly established.

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For the relief and cure of all obstructions in the stomach, liver, and bowels, they are a mild aperient, and an excellent cathartic. Being purely vegetable, they contain neither opium nor any other deleterious ingredients. Much suffering is prevented by their timely use.

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