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FROM STEP TO STEP; Or, The Mysterious Letter.

Translated Especially for the INTELLIGENCER. CHAPTER IV.

Frau Von Haidek had fallen into a death-like swoon after the last words she had addressed to Felix. With unexampled strength of will she had accomplished what she had conceived to be right.

"Call a physician," cried the terrified woman, whose position as companion to the lady was one attended by great responsibilities.

"The attendant sent without delay for the state councillor. He came with all possible haste. But before his arrival his aunt had gently expired."

"No, Oswald disappeared from the Residence and his name was no longer mentioned; only when I once ventured to ask our father about his subsequent fate," said the councillor.

"What does that mean?" inquired Kuno, the youngest of the three, somewhat frightened, "I hope that he has not, in consequence of such feeling, chosen other people as heirs."

"Well, that is classic!" murmured Maximilian; his brother Kuno, considerably younger than either of his other brothers, carelessly examined the countenance of the latter.

ly placed before me as a model, besides he was the pet of my uncle who cared for him, saved for him, denied him not a single wish, while we at home were kept very close."

"You seem to have remembered that," returned the state councillor, "with a slight tone of censure, "but you have evidently forgotten that Oswald deserved this preference. I recollect that I was very proud of this cousin Oswald who entered the university in his sixteenth year."

"He has committed nothing," returned the state councillor, in an emphatic tone, "but he was defrauded of the whole happiness of his life, and his memory was buried in oblivion, to screen His Excellency from reproach. A catastrophe occurred that forever separated uncle and nephew."

"Go on," commanded Kuno. "I am curious to learn at last what should have been told long before this."

"The state councillor continued: "I remember, that one day, exactly thirty years ago, our father received a letter from his brother, afterwards His Excellency. In this he informed him abruptly and briefly, that he had been betrothed to the surviving daughter of the Chamberlain von Erleben and that he intended to celebrate their nuptials at the earliest possible time, quietly and without parade; that in consequence of his betrothal, his nephew, Oswald, had renounced him and left his house. He wished to banish the name of his nephew from his memory, and commanded henceforward no one should mention it in his presence."

"Well?" asked Kuno eagerly. "The betrothed of our uncle was the promised bride of his nephew Oswald?"

"You knew nothing at all of this," inquired Maximilian. "I remember distinctly to have heard, at that time, from the lips of our sainted father, the words: 'I have up to this young couple, who has bewitched the old fool in order to be able the sooner to play a splendid part upon the stage of the world! Fix upon her and upon my brother, who allows himself to be carried away, through the violation of a late promise, to act this ignominiously, and to plunge his favorite into destruction for the sake of a frivolous, coquetish girl! I have never been able to endure this. Aunt Excellency, on account of her teaching, and have firmly believed that your anti-party toward her, Kuno, rested upon the same foundation."

"Heaven forbid!" rejoined Kuno, "I knew nothing of all this; but she had rendered herself ridiculous to me through her pride. Do you know anything further of Oswald Marklin?"

tainly vexatious to be forced to recognize rights that might be considered as having lapsed for long years. What may be the whole amount of the inheritance, brother councillor?"

"The latter shrugged his shoulders. "Not so great perhaps as is generally supposed. Since uncle was pensioned off the income has been less than the expenditure."

"These are all shadows, dear brother, that disturb the brilliancy of our prospects. Will it not be our duty to make an inventory which will afford information about the property?"

"Certainly, in case we were the only heirs," returned the state councillor, earnestly. "Under present circumstances it might bring us into discredit, but if we cannot acquire into the balance of cash, we may at least examine the account books."

"There I am like you, my brother," said Max. "I hope my share of the bequest will reach so far that I may once be carried into the mausoleum of the Haidek-Bornhausen's free from debt."

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