FOR HONOR'S SAKE.

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III.

I thank you for the information contained in your last cable. It gives me an insight into the generous motives which have prompted you to step forward on Edward Layton's behalf, and I am gratified in being associated with you in the cause. When a counsel finds himself en rapport with his client, it is generally of assistance to him; he works with a better spirit.

Three days have passed since I wrote and dispatched to you the second portion of the narrative of my proceedings and progress. I was waiting anxiously for something to occur—I could not exactly say what—which would serve as an absolute stepping stone. Something has occurred which, although I have not yet discovered the key to it, will, I believe, prove to be of the utmost importance. You will understand later on what I mean by my use of the word "key;" and when I tell you that this which I call the stepping stone is nothing more or less than the nine of hearts, you will give me credit for my prescience on the first production of that card in the criminal court. I felt convinced that it would be no insignificant factor in the elucidation of the Layton mystery.

I may say here that the progress we have made is entirely due to Dr. Daincourt. What I should have done had he not been unexpectedly called in to our assistance, it is difficult to say. I should not have been idle, but it is scarcely likely that, within so short a time, my actions would have led to the point we have now reached. Dr. Daincourt has allowed himself to be prompted by me to a certain extent, and his interest in his beautiful patient has been intensified by the friendship existing between us, and by the esteem we both entertain for Edward Layton.

In accordance with the promise Dr. Daincourt gave to Mr. Rutland, he called upon that gentleman on the day following his first visit to the house. During the interval Miss Rutland's condition had not improved; it had, indeed, grown worse. There was an aggravation of the feverish symptoms, and her speech was wild and incoherent. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that it was wild and incoherent to those who were assembled at her bedside. I hold to the theory that there is a method in dreams, and I also hold to the theory that there is a method in the wildest utterances produced by the wildest delirium. I speak, of course, as a lawyer. Dr. Daincourt's position with respect to Miss Rutland was that of a physician. Had I heard the words uttered by Miss Rutland in her fevered state, I do not doubt that my legal training would have enabled me to detect what was hidden from Dr. Daincourt and the young lady's parents.

During this second visit to Miss Rutland, her father requested Dr. Daincourt to give him a private interview, in the course of which he elicited from the doctor an accentuation of the views which Dr. Daincourt had expressed on the previous day. Mr. Rutland made a vain attempt to combat these views. He would have been glad to be assured that his daughter was suffering from a physical and not from a mental malady; but Dr. Daincourt was positive, and was not to be moved from his conviction. He emphasized his inability to treat the case with any hope of success, and he repeated his belief, if Miss Rutland were allowed to continue in her present condition without any effort being made to arrive at the cause of her mental suffering, that there could be but one result—death before the end of the year.

At the commencement of this interview between Mr. Rutland and Dr. Daincourt Mrs. Rutland was not present, but after it had lasted some twenty minutes or so her anxiety became so overpowering that she knocked at the door of the room in which the conversation was taking place and begged to be admitted. The issue at stake was so grave that Mr. Rutland could not refuse, and thus it was that she was present when Dr. Daincourt spoke in plain terms of the serious condition of his beautiful patient. The mother's distress was pitiable, but it appeared to produce no impression upon her husband.

"And yet," said Dr. Daincourt, in narrating the affair to me, "I am sure that Mr. Rutland was inwardly suffering, and I am also sure that he has a sincere affection for his daughter."

The interview terminated by Mr. Rutland requesting Dr. Daincourt to call again the next day, to which request the doctor gave a reluctant assent.

He called on the following day, with the same result. Again he saw the patient; again he had an interview with Mr. Rutland, at which Mrs. Rutland was present; again he emphasized his view of the young lady's condition; and again Mr. Rutland requested him to pay another visit upon his daughter. Dr. Daincourt objected. He told Mr. Rutland that, as matters stood, his visits were useless, and that in the absence of necessary information it was his distinct wish to be relieved from them.

"And I feel it my duty," he said to the father, "to inform you that if you intend to do nothing further than it seems to me is your present intention, you are playing with your daughter's life."

These were grave words to use, but Dr. Daincourt is no ordinary man. His knowledge and experience lead him intuitively to correct conclusions, and in his professional capacity he will not be trifled with.

"In these circumstances," he said to Mr. Rutland, "I must beg of you to summon some other physician in whom you have greater confidence."

"I have the fullest confidence in you," said Mr. Rutland.

"You have not shown it," was Dr. Daincourt's rejoinder. "It is as though you have determined that you, and not I, shall be your daughter's physician."

However, he allowed himself to be prevailed upon to pay Miss Rutland yet another visit. But he gave his consent only upon the express stipulation that it should be his last unless Mr. Rutland placed him in possession of information which would enable him to fully understand the case.

I come now to this fourth interview, which was pregnant with results.

Upon presenting himself at the house he was received by Mrs. Rutland, who said to him:

"My husband has consented that I should tell you all you desire to know with respect to our dear child."

"You have prevailed upon him to consent," said Dr. Daincourt.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Rutland, "I have, thank God! prevailed upon him to consent. Dear doctor, you will save my child, will you not?"

"I will do all that lies in my power," said Dr. Daincourt.

"What is it you wish to know?" asked Mrs. Rutland.

"Everything that concerns your daughter," said Dr. Daincourt, "with respect to her disposition, habits, likings and affections. She has a terrible weight upon her mind, and you must certainly have some suspicion of the cause. You may have more than a suspicion, you may have a positive knowledge. You must hide nothing from me. Unless you are prepared to be absolutely and entirely frank in your disclosures, I cannot undertake to continue my visits. You are her mother—you love her tenderly?"

"I love her with all my heart and soul," said Mrs. Rutland, weeping. "If my daughter is taken from me I shall not care to live!"

"In deep sincerity, then," said Dr. Daincourt, "I declare to you that you may be acting as your daughter's enemy instead of her friend if you do not open your heart and mind to me freely and without restraint. Relate as briefly as you can, without omitting important points, the story of her life."

It was a simple, touching story which Mrs. Rutland disclosed, fragrant with all that is sweetest in woman. The Rutlands have but two children, Mabel and Eustace, who came into the world within a few minutes of each other. Between these children existed a most profound and devoted love, and to tear Eustace away from Mabel was like tearing the girl's heartstrings. The lad's love was the weaker of the two, as is usually the case, but he nevertheless adored his sister, who repaid him tenfold for all the affection he lavished upon her. They grew up together, shared each other's pleasures, had secret and innocent methods of communicating with each other which afforded them intense delight, and were inseparable until they reached the age of 18, when Eustace went to college. Hitherto his studies had been conducted at home, a home of peace and harmony and love; for, stern and implacable as Mr. Rutland was, he loved his children and his wife; but he loved something else equally well—his honor and his good name. While Eustace was absent at college, he and Mabel corresponded regularly.

"But," said the mother, "neither my husband nor myself was ever able to understand Eustace's letters to his sister. They were always written in the form of mystery letters. It had been their favorite amusement when they were children to discover and invent new methods of corresponding with each other, of which only they possessed the secret. 'There, mamma,' Mabel would say, with a laugh, giving me one of my dear Eustace's letters from college, 'read that!' But it might as well have been written in Greek for anything that I could make of it. Words and figures were jumbled together, without any meaning in them that I could discover, and the entire page was a perfect puzzle. Then Mabel would take the letter from me, and read it off as easily as possible; and I remember her saying once, 'If Eustace and I ever have any real secrets, mamma, we shall be able to tell them to each other through the post, without anyone in the world being one bit the wiser.' Little did I think that the time would arrive when her words would bear a fatal meaning."

Eustace, then, being at college and Mabel at home, it unfortunately happened that the lad fell into evil ways. He got mixed up with bad companions. The hours that should have been employed in study were wasted in gambling and dissipation, and his career at college was by no means creditable. His father had set his heart upon Eustace obtaining honors at Oxford, and he was sorely and bitterly disappointed when the reports of his son's proceedings reached him. Unfortunately these reports did not come to his ears until much mischief had been done, and it was at about this time that Eustace returned home, declaring that he would never go back to college.

At about this time, also, momentous events were occurring in Mabel's life. A beautiful girl, with an amiable and sweet disposition, with most winning ways and with a wealthy father moving in a good social position, it was not to be wondered at that she had suitors for her hand; but there were only two whose affection for her was regarded seriously by the family. One of these was Mr. Edward Layton, the other Mr. Archibald Laing.

Mabel's father favored the suit of Archibald Laing; Mabel's uncle, the gentleman who was upon the jury in the trial, favored the suit of Edward Layton. He was never weary of sounding the young man's praises, and it may be that this rather strengthened Mabel's father against Edward Layton. However, the young lady had decided for herself. She had given her heart to Edward Layton, and there grew between them an absorbing and devoted attachment.

While these matters were in progress both Archibald Laing and Edward Layton were admitted freely to the house, and thus they had equal chances. But when the lady whom two men are in love with makes up her mind, the chances are no longer equal. It was not without a struggle that Archibald Laing abandoned his pretensions. From what afterward transpired he could not have loved Mabel with less strength than Edward Layton did. It was no small sacrifice on his part to relinquish his hopes of winning Mabel for his wife, more especially when her father was on his side. There were interviews of an affecting nature between him and Mabel. There were interviews, also, between him and Edward Layton. The two men had been friends long before they came into association with Mabel Rutland, and it speaks well for the generosity and nobility of their natures that this affair of the heart—the like of which has been the cause of bitter feuds from time immemorial—did not turn their friendship into enmity. In the estimate of their characters at this period Archibald Laing showed the higher nobility, for the reason that it devolved upon him to make voluntary and heartrending sacrifice. He informed the young lady's parents that he gave up all hope of obtaining their daughter's hand, and at the same time he declared that if it ever lay in his power to render Mabel or Edward Layton a service, he would not hesitate to render it, whatever might be the cost. Nobly has he redeemed this pledge.

He suffered much—to such an extent, indeed, that he determined to leave the country, and find a home in another land.

He bade the Rutlands farewell by letter, and sailed for America, where he settled, and realized an amazing fortune.

The field was thus left free for Mabel and Edward. Mr. Rutland was seriously displeased. He had been thwarted in a wish that was very dear to him, and he was not the kind of man to forget the defeat. Although Edward Layton was allowed to come to the house, Mr. Rutland received him without favor, and it was only upon the imploring and repeated solicitations of his wife and daughter that he consented to an engagement between the young people. It was a half hearted consent, and caused them some unhappiness. More than once he declared in their presence, and in the presence of his wife, that if anything ever occurred which would cast the slightest shadow of doubt or dishonor upon Edward Layton, no power on earth should induce him to allow the marriage to take place. It was not necessary for him to impress upon them that, above everything else in the world, he was jealous of his good name. They knew this well enough, and were in a certain sense proud in the knowledge, because the stainless reputation he bore reflected honor upon themselves. But they did not see the cloud that was hanging above them. It gathered surely and steadily, and brought with it terrible events, in the whirlpool of which the happiness of Mabel and Edward was fated to be ingulfed.

The cause lay not in themselves. It lay in Eustace Rutland. It was he who was responsible for all.

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For Lebanon at 7:00 a m, 12:35 and 7:15 p m.

For Quarryville at 9:31 a m, 3:05 and 6:30 p m.

LEAVE PRINCE STREET (Lancaster.)

For Reading at 7:40 a m, 12:45 and 3:50 p m.

For Lebanon at 7:07 a m, 12:45 and 7:35 p m.

For Quarryville at 9:30 a m, 1:03 and 8:00 p m.

TRAINS LEAVE LEBANON

For Lancaster at 7:10 a m, 12:30 and 7:20 p m.

For Quarryville at 7:10 a m and 12:30 p m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

TRAINS LEAVE READING

For Lancaster at 7:30 a m and 4:00 p m.

For Quarryville at 4:00 p m.

TRAINS LEAVE QUARRYVILLE

For Lancaster, Lebanon and Reading at 7:10 a m.

TRAINS LEAVE KING ST. (Lancaster.)

For Reading and Lebanon at 9:00 a m and 3:30 p m.

For Quarryville at 5:50 p m.

TRAINS LEAVE PRINCE ST. (Lancaster.)

For Reading and Lebanon at 9:15 a m and 4:04 p m.

For Quarryville at 5:43 p m.

TRAINS LEAVE LEBANON

For Lancaster at 7:55 a m and 3:45 p m.

For Quarryville at 3:45 p m.

For connection at Columbia, Marietta Junction, Lancaster Junction, Manheim, Reading and Lebanon, see time tables at all stations.

A. M. WILSON, Superintendent.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SCHEDULE.—In effect from June 19, 1887.

Trains LEAVE LANCASTER and leave and arrive at Philadelphia as follows:

WESTWARD.	Leave Philadelphia.	Leave Lancaster.
Pacific Express	12[illegible] p. m.	1:25 a. m.
Mowe Express	4:00 a. m.	6:30 a. m.
Way Passenger	4:30 a. m.	6:30 a. m.
Mail train via Mt. Joy	7:00 a. m.	9:05 a. m.
No. 2 Mail Train	via Columbia	9:05 a. m.
Niagara Express	7:40 a. m.	9:05 a. m.
Accom. Accom.	via Columbia	9:05 a. m.
Fast Line	11:00 a. m.	1:40 p. m.
Frederick Accom.	via Columbia	2:10 p. m.
Lancaster Accom.	via Mt. Joy.	2:50 p. m.
Harrisburg Accom.	2:15 p. m.	5:30 p. m.
Columbia Accom.	4:40 p. m.	7:40 p. m.
Harrisburg Express	5:50 p. m.	7:50 p. m.
Western Express	9:00 p. m.	11:05 p. m.
EASTWARD.	Leave Lancaster.	Arrive at Phila.
Phila. Express	2:30 a. m.	4:05 a. m.
Fast Line	8:05 a. m.	9:35 a. m.
Harrisburg Express	8:10 a. m.	10:30 a. m.
Lancaster Accom. ex.	9:55 a. m.	via Mt. Joy
Columbia Accom.	9:20 a. m.	11:05 a. m.
Seashore Express	12:56 p. m.	3:15 p. m.
Philadelphia Accom.	3:05 p. m.	5:00 p. m.
Sunday Mail	3:00 p. m.	5:05 p. m.
Day Express	4:45 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
Harrisburg Accom.	6:40 p. m.	8:45 p. m.

The Lancaster Accommodation leaves Harrisburg at 8:10 p. m. and arrives at Lancaster at 9:55 p. m.

The Marietta Accommodation leaves Columbia as 6:00 a. m. and reaches Marietta at 6:30. Also leaves Columbia at 11:05 a. m. and 8:05 p. m., reaching Marietta at 12:01 and 9:00. Leaves Marietta at 8:00 p. m. and arrives at Columbia at 9:30; also, leaves at 6:30 and arrives at 7:30.

The York Accommodation leaves Manheim at 7:10 and arrives at Lancaster as to connecting with Harrisburg Express at 8:05 a. m.

The Frederick Accommodation, west, connecting at Lancaster with Fast Line, west, at 2:10 p. m., will run through to Frederick.

The Frederick Accommodation, east, leaves Columbia at 12:30 and reaches Lancaster at 1:40 p. m.

Hanover Accommodation, East, leaves Columbia at 4:10 p. m. Arrives at Lancaster at 4:55 p. m., connecting with Day Express.

Hanover Accommodation, west, connecting at Lancaster with Niagara Express at 8:05 a. m., will run through to Hanover, daily, except Sunday.

Fast Line, west, on Sunday, when flagged, will stop at Downingtown, Coatesville, Parkesburg, Mt. Joy, Elizabethtown and Middletown.

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