FOR HONOR'S SAKE.

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(CONCLUSION)

His career at college ended, he came to London. There he made the acquaintance of Edward Layton's father, a man who, although well on in years, was as weak minded as he was himself. They entered into a kind of partnership, in which, no doubt, the elder man, now in his grave, was the leader and prompter. From Eustace's description of Edward Layton's father I recognized a man weak minded as Eustace himself was, and whose inherent honor and honesty were warped by his fatal passion for gambling. Old Mr. Layton for a long time kept his infatuation from the knowledge of his son, and it was not until he was actually involved in crime and disgrace that Edward became aware of it. Long before this Edward had, through his engagement with Mabel Rutland, been employed in the hopeless task of endeavoring to save her beloved brother, but when the knowledge of his own father's disgrace was forced upon him he knew that all hope of Mabel's father consenting to his marriage was irretrievably gone. It was not only that the young and the old man had lost money in betting—it was that they had actually been guilty of forging bills, which Mr. Beach, the father of the woman whom Edward Layton afterward married, held in his possession. It was this that first took Edward Layton to Mr. Beach's house. Mabel had implored him to save her darling brother, against whom Mr. Beach had threatened to take criminal proceedings. I do not at this moment know whether Edward Layton had revealed to Mabel the disgrace which hung also above his father; but that is immaterial. Agnes Beach, Mr. Beach's only child, saw and fell in love with Edward Layton, and her father, disreputable as he was, being devoted to his daughter, was guided by her in all that subsequently transpired. The bills he held he determinedly refused to part with, unless Edward Layton married his child.

In the terrible position in which he was placed, knowing that Mabel Rutland was lost to him forever—knowing how deeply and devotedly she loved her brother Eustace—knowing the disgrace which hung over his own name, he saw no other way to prevent utter ruin than to enter into this fatal engagement and to marry a woman whom he did not love. But, with a full consciousness of the disreputable connection he was about to form, he laid no pressing injunction upon his father to recognize the unhappy union; and, indeed, old Mr. Layton, aware that he was in Mr. Beach's power, was by no means desirous to meet him. Love lost, honor lost, the sword hanging over his head, Edward Layton submitted to the sacrifice. There was no duplicity on his part. Agnes Beach knew full well that he did not love her. He received, as he believed, the whole of the forged bills which Mr. Beach held, and it was not until some time after his marriage that he discovered that three of these fatal acceptances had been withheld from him. At the time he made this discovery he was leading a most unhappy life with his wife, and on more than one occasion she taunted him with the power she held over him.

It was shortly after the marriage that weak minded Eustace made the acquaintance of Ida White. She was an attractive woman, well versed in the wiles of her sex, and she played upon him and entangled him to such an extent that there was no escape for him. It is unnecessary here to enter into the details of this connection. It is sufficient to say that Ida White held Eustace Rutland completely in her power, with a firm conviction that if she could induce him to marry her she could, after the marriage, obtain the forgiveness of Eustace's father—which would insure her a life of ease and luxury. But there was still a certain firmness in the young man.

"Marry me," she said.

"I will marry you," Eustace replied, "when I get back the forged acceptances."

Where were they? In Mrs. Layton's possession.

Close as was the intimacy which existed between the unhappy lady and her maid, Mrs. Layton retained so jealous a possession of these incriminating documents that Ida White was not able to lay her hands upon them. In the company of Eustace Rutland she was supping in Prevost's restaurant on the night of the 25th of March. She had slipped away from Mrs. Layton's house, as she had often done before, to meet her young and foolish lover. She saw her master and Mabel enter the room, and observed Layton taking off his ulster. Then the idea suddenly entered her head that Eustace and she should personate her master and the young lady—with a full knowledge how deeply those two were compromised by their being together—and arrive home before them, by which time, doubtless, Mrs. Layton would be asleep. She knew that under her pillow Mrs. Layton kept the documents which Eustace frantically desired to obtain, and the possession of which would make her, Ida White, his wife. If Mrs. Layton awoke and resisted while the forged bills were being abstracted, Eustace would be at hand to use force, if necessary; and it was principally from the wish to compromise her lover so deeply that he would not dare to break his promise to marry her that she had determined to put her idea into execution. She knew that ordinarily Edward Layton kept the latch key of the street door in the pocket of his ulster. She disclosed the scheme to Eustace, and threatened him with exposure if he did not do as she desired. It was she who took the ulster from the wall of the restaurant, and it was she who, secretly and expeditiously, assisted Eustace to put it on; then they stole out together and entered the carriage. Before acquainting Eustace with her design she had ascertained that Edward Layton's carriage was waiting for him and Mabel. She trusted to her own resources to keep her master out of his house after she and Eustace had entered it.

Here a word is necessary as to the true meaning of Edward Layton's proceedings during the day and night of March 25. Abandoned as were the hopes in which he and Mabel had once fondly indulged, she, still relied upon his efforts to save her brother from harm. Eustace had lost heavily upon certain races. He had made a despairing appeal to her, and she called upon Layton to assist the erring lad. It was in the endeavor to discover Eustace that Edward Layton had driven from place to place to obtain from him the information necessary to rescue him from his peril. Mabel had, by letter, engaged to meet Edward Layton in Bloomsbury square at 10 o'clock on the night of that day, in order that he might relieve her anxiety with respect to her brother. How they met, and what transpired after they met, have been already sufficiently detailed.

Ida White's maneuvers were successful up to a certain point. She and Eustace entered the carriage, were driven home, and, unsuspected, obtained entrance into the house. The correspondence between Eustace and Mabel had been for some time conducted through the medium of the system of the nine of hearts, and it was either by an oversight or by accident that Eustace, during the drive from Prevost's restaurant to Edward Layton's house, took from his own pocket one of these cards and let it drop into the pocket of the ulster. But when they were safely in Layton's house, and crept stealthily and noiselessly into Mrs. Layton's bedroom, they made the horrible discovery that Mrs. Layton, in a moment of frenzy, had emptied the bottle of poisonous narcotics, and had by her own will destroyed herself. The proof was at her bedside. When she had swallowed the fatal pills, the horror of the deed overwhelmed her. She summoned up sufficient strength to rise in her bed, to take paper and the pen from the inkstand, and before the death agony commenced in her sleep, to write upon that paper the confession which fixed upon her the crime of suicide.

Having reached this point of the strange story, I demanded to know from Eustace Rutland what had become of that confession.

"Ida took possession of it," he said, "and I have not seen it from that moment to this."

"Why did you not come forward and make this public?" I cried.

"Because," was his reply, "Ida told me that, if what we had done became known, nothing could save us from the hangman."

"Did she obtain possession of the forged acceptances?"

"Yes."

"How was it that the tumbler from which the fatal draught was taken was on the mantel shelf?"

"Ida placed it there."

It was enough. The entire facts of this mysterious case were clear to me. I required nothing more to prove Edward Layton's innocence that the possession of the document written almost in her death throes by the unhappy wife.

I unlocked the door and called up Fowler. Briefly and swiftly I told him what was necessary, and said it was not at all improbable that this document was in Ida White's lodgings at Brixton; and I had scarcely uttered the words before a rat-tat-tat came at the street door.

"It is she!" cried Eustace.

"Who?" I asked, in great excitement.

"Ida," he replied.

"It serves our turn exactly, sir," muttered Fowler to me, and then addressing Eustace, he said: "Is that your bedroom?" pointing to a communicating door.

"Yes."

"We will go in there. Let the lady come up."

We disappeared, leaving the communicating door partially open, and the next minute I heard Ida White's voice.

"Cursed luck!" she cried. "I've lost £85 to-day. I tell you what it is, Eustace—if we can't wheedle your old governor into forgiving us after we are married, we shall have to turn bookmakers ourselves. You shall take the bets, and I will do the clerking. It will be a novelty, and we shall make pots of money."

Eustace did not reply.

"Why don't you speak?" she continued. "Are you struck dumb?"

Then came Eustace's voice, like the cry of a despairing soul:

"You are a devil! Why have you driven me to this? I hate you, hate you, hate you! You fiend, you have killed my sister!"

Fowler did not wait for me to act. He seized me by the arm and pulled me after him into the room.

"What!" screamed Ida; "you two!"

"Yes," said Fowler—and in the midst of my own excitement I could not avoid observing the expression of calm satisfaction on his face—"we two."

"What are you here for?"

"For reasons, Ida White," replied Fowler, "which may or may not be fatal to yourself. Follow what I am about to say. We have here a confession from this young gentleman which, if true—that is, if it can be proved by documentary evidence—will bring undoubted disgrace upon you, but neither death by the hangman's hands nor penal servitude for life."

She recoiled, and echoed—

"Death! Penal servitude for life!"

"It is exactly as I have said. Death by the hangman's hands or penal servitude for life. All is known. Your theft of the ulster at Prevost's restaurant, and everything else. Your liberty at this moment rests upon a written document. If it never existed, or if you have destroyed it, you are doomed. If it exists you are saved."

"You are a madman!" she cried, but her face was blanched and her figure expressed the most abject terror.

"I am an officer of the law," said Fowler. "Now do you understand? If the confession written by Mrs. Edward Layton, and which, after her death, you took from the table by her bedside, is in existence, you have nothing to fear. If it is not you are a lost woman. No words, no parleying! It is life or death for you! The moment has come. Decide. Which way?"

Utterly overpowered, Ida White replied, with hands tremblingly raised, as if for mercy:

"I have the paper."

"Where?"

Her hands wandered to her pocket, and she took a purse from it.

"Here!"

"There is something else, lady bird."

"What?"

"The papers you stole from underneath your mistress' pillow. Ah! you have those also! Hand them over. Thank you, lady bird. Very satisfactory—very satisfactory indeed. A happy termination to a most remarkable case!"

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For Lebanon at 12:30 and 3:40 p m.

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For Lancaster at 6:40 a m, and 2:50 and 6:25 p m.
For Reading at 6:40 a m and 2:50 p m.
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LEAVE KING STREET (Lancaster)

For Reading at 7:30 a m, 12:35 and 3:40 p m.
For Lebanon at 7:00 a. m, 12:35 and 7:15 p m.
For Quarryville at 9:31 a m, 3:05 and 8:30 p m.

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For Reading at 7:40 a m, 12:45 and 3:50 p m.
For Lebanon at 7:07 a m, 12:45 and 7:25 p m.
For Quarryville at 9:20 a m, 1:05 and 6:00 p m

TRAINS LEAVE LEBANON

For Lancaster at 7:12 a m, 12:30 and 7:00 p m.
For Quarryville at 7:12 a m and 12:30 p m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

TRAINS LEAVE READING

For Lancaster at 7:20 a m and 4:00 p m.
For Quarryville at 8:00 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 8:05 a m and 5:00 p m.
For Quarryville at 8:50 p m.

TRAINS LEAVE PRINCE ST. (Lancaster.)

For Reading and Lebanon at 8:18 a m and 4:04 p m.
For Quarryville at 5:43 p m.

TRAINS LEAVE LEBANON

For Lancaster at 7:57 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 18, 1888.

Trains leave Lancaster and leave and arrive at Philadelphia as follows:

WESTWARD.	Leave Philadelphia.	Leave Lancaster.
Pacific Express	11:20 p. m.	1:55 a. m.
News Express	4:30 a. m.	6:35 a. m.
Way Passenger	8:00 a. m.	9:20 a. m.
Mail train via M. Joy	7:00 a. m.	9:25 a. m.
No. 3 Mail Train	via Columbia	9:35 a. m.
Niagara Express	7:40 a. m.	9:50 a. m.
Hanover Accom	via Columbia	9:55 a. m.
Fast Line	11:07 a. m.	2:00 p. m.
Frederick Accom	via Columbia	2:10 p. m.
Lancaster Accom	via Mt. Joy	3:30 p. m.
Harrisburg Accom	3:15 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
Columbia Accom	4:40 p. m.	7:40 p. m.
Harrisburg Express	5:50 p. m.	7:30 p. m.
Western Express	9:50 p. m.	11:55 a. m.
EASTWARD.	Leave Lancaster.	Arrive at Phila.
Phila. Express	2:20 a. m.	4:45 a. m.
Fast Line	8:05 a. m.	9:25 a. m.
Harrisburg Express	8:10 a. m.	10:20 a. m.
Lancaster Accom ar.	8:55 a. m.	via Mt. Joy
Columbia Accom	9:00 a. m.	11:40 a. m.
Seashore Express	12:51 p. m.	3:15 p. m.
Philadelphia Accom.	5:01 p. m.	8:00 p. m.
Sunday Mail	3:00 p. m.	8:05 p. m.
Day Express	4:40 p. m.	9:20 p. m.
Harrisburg Accom.	8:40 p. m.	6:55 p. m.

The Lancaster Accommodation leaves Harrisburg at 8:10 p. m. and arrives at Lancaster at 9:20 p. m.

The Marietta Accommodation leaves Columbia at 6:40 a. m. and reaches Marietta at 7:00 a. m. Also, leaves Columbia at 11:05 a. m. and 5:05 p. m., reaching Marietta at 12:01 and 5:55. Leaves Marietta at 3:05 p. m. and arrives at Columbia at 3:30; also, leaves at 6:25 and arrives at 6:50.

The York Accommodation leaves Marietta at 7:10 and arrives at Lancaster at 8:00 connecting with Harrisburg Express at 8:10 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 12:25, and reaches Lancaster at 1:15 p. m.

Hanover Accommodation, East, leaves Columbia at 4:10 p. m. Arrives at Lancaster at 4:35 p. m., connecting with Day Express.

Hanover Accommodation, west, connecting at Lancaster with Niagara Express at 9:50 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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