

HOW MANY CARDS?

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"No, she'll never speak. I meant Mrs. Creveling and Mrs. Waverly. We've got a great opportunity straight from Providence! Mr. Waverly died of heart disease or a stroke at the card table; we'll let the doctor have his say about that when we call him in. Was Creveling murdered or did he kill himself? That is the question that will be in this room, have got to answer to the world."

"Gad, I never thought of that!" O'Rourke sprang from his chair. "You wanted Waverly to speak. Timmie, but you'd have a hell of a time finding anything out from him now! We've got a chance to hush everything up and no one need ever know! Poor little Stella disagree, after all the indignities she has heaped on her for years."

"And Mrs. Creveling?" McCarty interrupted. "There's one that'll have to be told. Mr. O'Rourke, aside from never being right to know, she'll never rest until she finds out the truth, and in her search for it she might drag innocent people and dig up things that are far better left buried."

"If you tell her you might as well tell the world!" Cutler shrugged again. "Her sense of justice will be so offended that she'll cry Waverly's name from the housetops when she knows why they quarreled!"

"She'll go after the cause of the quarrel, too, tooth and nail, and though you couldn't blame her, I must say my sympathies are with Mrs. Waverly, for she's the weaker of the two. It would be just what she's crowning and another to have his memory branded as a murderer!"

"What if we were to tell Mrs. Creveling the truth and persuade her to keep it a secret forever, for the sake of the other woman who would suffer needlessly?" McCarty urged. "We could tell her the truth about the manner of her husband's death, but the cause—Gentlemen, they quarreled over a game of cards!"

CHAPTER XXIII

The Last Hand

"AND so you are going back to the old country?" McCarty asked. "I miss you both sorely, for 'twas a breath of the times that are gone that you brought with you, Lady Peggy."

It was a month later and McCarty sat beside Mrs. O'Rourke in the deep window seat of her little sitting-room. "It's best," she spoke with a slight lightning of her lips. "America has not been unkind to us and some of the friends we found were good and true, but since John found out the truth about Mr. Ford's crookedness through Mr. Ford exposing him in the papers for cheating at cards, I'm disgusted. He wants to go back and settle down and be the O'Rourke once more and I—I shall be so glad."

"You'll be happier there," said McCarty in a low tone.

"I wonder," she was gazing off into space and her blue eyes had misted. "I wonder if they'll be disgraced. But will you tell me my fortune, Mr. McCarty? I promise not to laugh but to believe you true."

She held out her small palm and he took it very gently as though it were a fragile thing that might break in his grasp.

"There's a long life before you, Lady Peggy; a useful and happy life, and contentment of mind."

"He said if I came that I should have my notes back; that he would trust to my word, and at last I consented. He sent a preliminary message summoning me and I went, but I took the pistol with me; it was one that I served of our hand carried in the war and left here when he went West. I stole like a thief out of my own house and down the avenue to his, and made a pretense of eating the supper which was laid out. I even tried to smoke a cigarette, but the amber holder broke in my fingers. It was after supper, in the study, that he laid his cards on the table and I had no choice. I was alone with him, and he meant his life against what was more to me than my own. You understand now, don't you, Mr. McCarty?"

"Yes," he nodded very gravely. "All but about that nice of diamonds."

"That card?" You found it?" She glanced quickly at him and then away. "It was a lucky card, a mascot which Mr. Waverly had given me. I knew its history; once before, the words 'no quarter' had been written across the face of it and I took it with me to show that man, if his intentions toward me were really as black as I feared, that I too would give no quarter. I did show it to him, but he countenanced by showing me my promissory notes and

telling me that in the morning they would be in my husband's hands if I did not surrender. The card fell to the floor, and afterward—afterward, when he, too, lay at my feet I looked down and saw it. I picked it up without thinking what I was doing and it was stained with his blood! A sort of horror seized me then and I thrust it under something, I don't know what. I took my notes, laid the pistol beside his hand and stumbled out of the house. I don't know how I got home; I don't remember anything until I found myself in my own room, and all that had passed since I left—it seemed like a frightful dream."

"And that's all it is, Lady Peggy. A dream that you'll wake up from and forget when you're back in the old country again," McCarty said softly. "Oh, what a friend you are!" Her eyes were shining as she turned them to his once more. "But why didn't you denounce me? Why didn't you speak when you knew? It was your duty, you were an officer of the law!"

"The law that man has made, maybe, but there's a higher law that man can't by it you were justified," He paused and added whimsically: "Would I go back on my own? You're Irish, too, Lady Peggy!"

THE END

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59c Pail 59c

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Style Pictured

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Style Pictured

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A beautiful, pure-dye silk with soft, lustrous finish, in the right weight for street, afternoon or evening wear. A yard wide, in complete range of light and dark shades, with plenty of navy blue and white.

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\$2.50 Black Satin, \$1.75

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Good jet black with soft finish. Very closely woven, in the proper weight for dresses, waists or separate skirts.

SNELLENBURG'S First Floor

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\$2.75 Wicker Chair 85c ea. Seats.

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Yd.

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SNELLENBURG'S Fourth Floor

To the Printers on Strike

There appeared in two Philadelphia newspapers on Sunday last a long statement by your union officials. It contained some facts, but omitted all that were most vital. The evident intent was to mislead you and the public. On the assumption that you want all the facts, and with this evidence that your leaders are not playing fair with you, we insert this statement.

In August, 1919, the chairman of the Labor Committee of the Typothetae of Philadelphia did inform the Press Feeders' Union "that if the rest of the large printing centers in the United States gave the forty-four-hour week on May 1, 1921, Philadelphia would undoubtedly do likewise."

This was a promise under certain given conditions, i. e., that provided the rest of the large printing centers granted the 44-hour work week, Philadelphia would do likewise. As a matter of fact, only a small number of the printing centers of the United States have granted the forty-four-hour week, and in one of them at least, Chicago, certain large shops are working the fifty-hour week.

Again: The Constitution of the United Typothetae of America prohibits that organization as a body from entering into any agreements regarding wages, hours and other labor questions.

In 1919 the Closed Shop division did agree to grant the forty-four-hour week, beginning May 1st of this year. That division represented 516 closed shops, as against about 4600 open shops which did not enter into the agreement. The members of the Philadelphia Typothetae were not members of the closed shop division and entered into no agreement with anybody regarding a shorter week. And, note: The International Joint Conference Council has no recognized or implied authority of any kind; it can only recommend.

New York city promised the 44-hour week and is giving it, but there are more printers out of employment in New York city today than the total number employed in Philadelphia before the strike. We are desirous of avoiding such conditions in this city.

Part of Chicago has granted the 44-hour week, yet some of the largest open shops are working fifty hours. Washington, Newark and Indianapolis have granted it; but the rest of the country has taken its stand unalterably against the forty-four-hour week, and even in the cities named there are many open shops working the forty-eight-hour week.

This is a plain statement of facts for the benefit of the man who wants the facts. We do not intend to engage in controversy, but we wish to prevent you from being misled.

Meanwhile, we state again that most of the plants in Philadelphia are continuing to do business without you, other persons are being found, or trained, to take your places; and under no conditions will we grant the forty-four-hour week.

It is unreasonable; we have never promised it and we will not grant it.

The Typothetae of Philadelphia and Other Employing Printers