THE MASTER OF MAN :-: By Sir Hall Caine

Outspoken and Moving Study of a Deep Sex Problem by the Noted Author of "The Deemster," "The Eternal City," "The Woman Thou Gavest Me," Etc.

PERSONS OF THE STORY

VICTOR STOWELL — A brilliant young advocate, son of Chief Judge, of the Isle of Man. He is high principled and likable, though in a moment of mutual passion he has, to his later penitence over the secret of his illicit relations with

BESSIE COLLISTER—A handsome illiterate peasant girl, who really is Victor's chum,

ALICK GELL—Agreeable but somewhat weak, who persuades Bessie to elope with herself to him despite the opposition of his father,

QUAKER GELL — The rich and eccentrical head of the Manx Parliament,

FENELLA STANLEY — A great-hearted and beautiful girl with advanced ideas on women's rights, who is in love with Victor and he with her. She is the daughter of

GENERAL STANLEY—Governor of the Isle of Man.

JOHN BALDROMMA — A brute farmer, stepfather of Bessie, and one who tries to use her trouble, for which he thinks Gell is responsible, as a lever to advance his own fortune. Bessie's child is accidentally smothered the night of its secret birth. She is then burying it in an isolated place and is arrested on suspicion of murdering the babe.

"The King has been pleased to approve your appointment to the position of the Deemster of the Isle of Man"

II

MY DEAR VICTOR—You cannot imagine what a joy your letter was. Do you know it was my first love letter? Of course I behaved like a schoolgirl—took it up to bed, put it on my pillow and said, 'You are Victor, you know,' and laid my cheek on it.

"Whatever have you done to make me so foolish? Was it only half of you (the physical half) that went away, leaving the spirit half with me? I believe the other half, though, the substantial half, so tell your Home Secretary (I like him) to hurry up and send you home.

"You do wrong not to see the beautiful women, dear. The woman who is afraid of her husband looking at other women is building her house on the sand. I should like to say to myself, 'He has seen the loveliest women in the world, yet he comes back to me.'

"All the same I love you for looking at the darker side of woman's life. It is more apparent in the greater communities, but it is here, too, and that is why I am looking eagerly forward to your appointment as Deemster, which will make you a creator of the law as well as an administrator of it. You must have no misgivings, though. Why should you? A man who has a stainless scutcheon is just what women want for their champion. And if I may help you how happy I shall be!

"You ask what is happening in the island. Well, apart from politics (of which I know nothing except that they seem to be always the same story) the only thing of consequence is the case of a young woman charged with the murder of her illegitimate child.

"She is a country girl who, having been sent away from home some months ago, returned recently very ill and was put to bed, and remained there until arrested. But in the meantime the body of a new-born infant was found under a large stone half a mile away, and it is said to have been hers.

"She denies all knowledge of the child, but the medical testimony seems to be badly against her, and there is some direct evidence also, though it is not above the suspicion of being tainted by malice.

"She has been up before the High Bailiff and committed to the next sitting of the General Gaol Delivery, so you are likely to hear more of the case.

"Poor thing, whatever her sin, she has already had a fearful punishment, for she is very ill, having apparently exposed herself to dreadful sufferings in the hope of preventing her baby from being born alive.

"She is now in the prison hospital, and this morning I drove over to see her. A good-looking girl almost beautiful (with the sort of beauty which attracts the less worthy side of a certain type of man), but her cheeks are now terribly thin and pale, and her big black eyes (her finest feature) have that wild look which one sees in a captured animal that gazes and gazes.

"I liked the girl, but she did not seem to like me. In fact, she shrank from me (the only girl who ever did so) and when I tried to be nice to her, and asked her to trust me, and to tell me who was responsible for her condition, so I might find him and fetch him to her, she broke into a flood of fierce denial.

"Either the girl is a great storyteller or she is a great heroine, and I am half inclined to think she may be both. My guess would be that she is trying to shield the guilty man. The clothes she had worn were better than a farm girl could afford to buy, and that suggests that her fellow-sinner belongs to a class above her.

"Isn't it shocking that the law provides no punishment for the man who ruins a girl's life—ruining her soul at the same time, for that is what it often comes to. But, please God, you will be on the bench, so she is sure to have justice.

"Our society has decided to undertake her defense, but we are at a loss whom to employ. We cannot afford a high fee either—ten or fifteen guineas at the outside. Can you suggest anybody?

"I intend to be present at the trial, and to stand by the girl's side, for she will have nobody else, poor creature. But oh, how I wish I might plead for her! Although her fellow-sinner will not stand for judgment, how I should like to tear the mask from his face and cry in open court, 'Thou art the man!'

"Good-night, dear! It's 10 P. M., and such delicious dreams are waiting for me upstairs. Bring your motorcar back, and when the time comes (I shall not keep you long) you may carry me off to wherever you please.

"Listen, I am going to say something. There is not much in the heart of a woman that you don't know already, but I am about to let you into a secret. The woman who does not want her husband (if only he loves her) to control her, command her, and do anything and everything he likes with her isn't really a woman at all—she's only a mistake for a man!

"Victor, after that burst of nonsense, I cannot conclude without telling you again how much I love you. I love you for yourself, just yourself alone, quite apart from anything you may do or have done, whether good or bad, right or wrong, and I shall go on loving you whatever may happen to you in the future, whether you become Deemster or not, go up or go down.

"But when I think of the life that is so surely before you, and that I shall walk through it by your side, perfectly united with you, sharing the same hopes and aims and desires, enjoying the same sunshine and weathering the same storms, I have a vision of happiness that makes me cry for joy.

"Come back to me soon, dearest. The world is here in all her youthful beauty; the daffodils are nodding; the sky in the hedges is a blaze of gold; the sea is blue; the sea is lying asleep in the divine shimmer of sunshine. Oh, I wish your island that is going to be so proud of you—is waiting to clasp you to her heart.

"And so am I, my Victor!

"FENELLA."

III

"My own dear Fenella—I am so troubled about the young woman who is to be charged with the murder of her child that (time being short) I must write at once on the subject. It looks like a case of the temporary mania which so often prompts women to take life (their own or their children's) in the hope of avoiding shame.

"God, when I think of it, that in all ages of the world tens of thousands of women have gone through that fiery furnace and that never one man since the days of Adam has come within sight of it, I want to go down on my knees to the meanest and lowest of them as the martyrs of humanity.

"Infanticide is of course a serious crime in any country, and especially serious in the Isle of Man now, when the Governor has made up his mind to show no mercy on persons guilty of fatal violence. But the killing of a new-born babe is usually treated as felonious homicide. Therefore, if you carry out your intention of standing by the girl's side, you may safely tell her (in order to save her from possible shock) that even a verdict of guilty will not mean death.

"How I wish you could plead for the poor thing! But instruct counsel for the defense and you will really be pleading, and I, for one, if I am present, will hear your quivering voice in every word he says.

"As for the choice of an advocate—why not Alick Gell? He has not had too many chances, poor chap, and it will hearten him (he was rather down when I saw him last) to be intrusted with a serious case like this.

"Tell him to look up Galabin and Murrell on Forensic Medicine—he'll find both in the Law Library. The first step is to make sure that the poor creature (I assume she is not too well educated) has not mistaken infanticide for concealment; and the next, to insist on proof of 'a live birth,' which it is practically impossible to establish (except on the girl's confession) in a case of solitary delivery.

"Yes, you are almost certainly right in thinking she is trying to shield the guilty man, and, criminal though she is, she may be (as you say) an absolute heroine. In that event I trust it may not fall to my lot to try her. God save me from sitting in judgment on a woman who stands silent in her shame to shield the honor of the man she loves!

"But as for hunting down the guilty man, that (don't you think so?) is perhaps another matter. If it has to be done at all it is only a woman—a pure and stainless woman—who has a right to do it. No man who knows himself, and how near every mother's son of us has been to the verge of the pit, will be the first to throw a stone. You remember—'But for the grace of God there goes John Wesley.' Oh, my darling, how can I ever be grateful enough for what you have done for me. * * *

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"Hellos! The page boy has just been up with a letter from the Home Secretary. 'I have the pleasure to inform you that the King has been pleased to approve of your appointment to the position of the Deemster of the Isle of Man. * * *'

"How glorious! Here I have been all day saying to myself, 'Who, in God's name, are you that you should be Judge over anybody?' and now I'm glad—damned glad, there is no other word for it.

"I shall telegraph the news to you in a few minutes, but I feel as if I want to take the first boat home and become my own messenger. That is impossible, for I have to call on the Lord Chancellor tomorrow about my commission. And then I have to see to the transport of my car, and the purchase of my judge's wig and gown. But wait, only wait! Three days more I shall have you in my arms.

"My respectful greetings to the Governor. Say I know how much I owe to him for this unprecedented appointment. Say, too, I shall hold myself in readiness for the ceremony of the swearing-in, whenever he desires it to take place; also for the next Court of General Gaol Delivery if Deemster Taubman is still down with his rheumatism.

"And now bless you again, dearest, for all your beautiful faith in me. God helping me, I'll do my best to deserve it. But you must be my guardian watcher, my sentinel, my star.

"What a dear old world it is, darling! It seems as if there ought to be no suffering of any kind in it now—now that the sky is so bright for you and me. "VICTOR."

"P. S.—Important. Don't forget to employ Gell in that case of the girl who killed her baby. Alick's her man. Mind you, though—he must compel her to tell him everything."

CHAPTER XXIV

Alick Gell

For ten days Alick Gell had been searching for Bessie Collister. When he first read her letter on reaching Derby Haven (he read it a hundred times afterward) he remembered something his father had said in taunting him—"You will not be the first by a long way!" Then he recalled the case of the Peel fisherman and a black thought came hurtling down on him. At the next moment he hated himself for it.

"What devil out of hell made me think of that?" he asked himself.

But why had Bessie run away from him? The only explanation he could find was the one Stowell had given on the steamboat—women had illnesses which men knew nothing about, and in the throes of their mania they sometimes hid themselves, like sick animals, from their friends—most of all from those they loved. Were not the newspapers full of such cases?

"That's it! That's it! My poor girl!"

Having arrived at this explanation of Bessie's flight, he had no compunction about going in search of her. Her malady might be only temporary, but, while it lasted, Heaven alone knew what dangers she might expose herself to.

At first it occurred to him to call in the assistance of the police. But no, that would lead to publicity, and publicity to misunderstanding. Bessie would get better; he must keep her name clear of scandal. His voice shook and his lip trembled as he told the Misses Brown to say nothing to anybody. His warning was unnecessary. The terrified old maids, who had at length begun to scent the truth, had decided to keep their own counsel.

To be continued tomorrow

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THEY'RE EASY TO TAME

At Least, Wild Beasts Have No Terrors to This Slip of a Girl

Weight, 103 pounds. Height, medium. Eyes, blue. Face, smiling. Features, delicate; and with a step as light as Peter Pan. That in a paragraph describes Mabel Stark, subjugator of tigers and daring trainer of wild beasts.

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Trained wild animal acts are many on this season's Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus program. The show exhibits at Nineteenth street and Hunting Park avenue for a week, commencing next Monday.

Ladies' Night at Abington Church

"Ladies' Night" was conducted by the Men's Association of the Abington Presbyterian Church at the Abington Church last night. Following a dinner the guests were entertained by Keith Cherry and H. C. Trappe, of this city. The Rev. H. H. Bird, pastor of the church, made a short address.

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The speakers will arrive at North Philadelphia at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be entertained at lunch-

[illegible] Women's [illegible] Charles H. Martindale, [illegible] Torrendale Golf Club, will [illegible] visitors.

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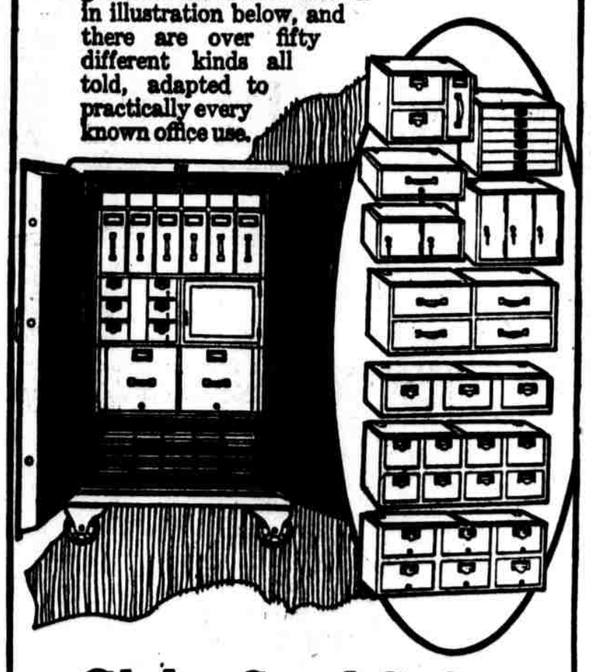

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