

Settled Out of Court.

BY
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CHAPTER II.

"I confess, you have made me feel creepy," said Forrester. "By Jove! I'd feel inclined to blow my brains out if my expectations were wrenched from me! However, there is no use in going half way to meet trouble! Don't suppose I mean to throw away my money. I intend to keep a firm hold of it. My scheme is to buy a place in the country—not a grand place, you know—a superior sort of shooting lodge, and make it my headquarters; at any rate till I marry, as I suppose I shall! By the way, I saw an advertisement of the very thing I want in the paper I got at Dover." He rose as he spoke and crossed the room to where his ulster lay over a chair and pulled a newspaper from the outside pocket. With it came the face scarf, which he threw on the table as he resumed himself to read the tempting description of ideal shooting quarters on the border, to be sold at an extravagant price.

"All well, it is time enough to think of purchasing property just yet," said Dixon. "I say, where did that come from?" nodding toward the scarf.

"Have you turned a diplomatian?" "No!" said Forrester smiling. "This is a treasure trove which I must return to its rightful owner. A young lady who traveled over with me from Paris—a dented nice girl, too, Dixon! I was almost late for my train and jumped in without noticing that there was another passenger already seated till we were moving off—when I saw a young thing in black at the other side of the carriage stand up and wave a kiss to a stout, elderly, gray-bearded man on the platform. By and by I put up the window for her, and we got into conversation. It seems that she had never been in England since she was an infant. Her English was perfect, and a slight foreign accent gave it distinction. I never met any girl who talked like her. She is not what you would call pretty, but she has a pair of eyes, by Jove! you can read volumes in them, and they look you—she was so composed and at her ease. I might have been another woman for all of country in her manner. I had a deuced pleasant journey, I can tell you. But for all our talk I could not get the smallest clue to who she was or where she was going, except that the gray-bearded buffer at the station was her papa. I'd like to see her again, Dixon. I poked up that scarf which she dropped at the station as she was going off. I saw her address on her wraps, and I'll take the scarf to her tomorrow."

"Don't be a fool, Cis!" said Dixon gravely. "She may be an adventuress."

"No, I don't," interrupted Forrester. "Why should I worry myself about the follies of my kindred? I never got into permanent mischief. And Dixon, there was something devilish attractive in that girl!"

"Take my advice, don't go and see your fair friend; send the face by parcel post with your compliments—why trouble yourself further about a chance acquaintance who may be a mere adventuress for all you know; remember you are a big catch now."

Forrester laughed heartily. "Do you think I cannot take care of myself, old man?"

"Yes, I do; you are just the sort of fellow to get into a scrape, and pay dear for extraction."

"Many thanks for your flattering opinion! I'll see how I feel tomorrow. I may not be inclined to take a journey due north my charming companion lives at Kilburn. But Dixon, your news has taken the bloom off my glorious anticipations! What do you think of the outlook?"

"Oh, the other side will have to prove a lot, the marriage, the birth, identity and no end of points. I have no great fear, but we had better be careful."

"I shall try to enjoy the next few weeks, whatever happens! There's nothing so foolish as not to improve the shining hour."

The following day was fully and pleasantly occupied. With replenished pockets, Forrester visited high-class tailoring and outfitting establishments, also his club, where he was recognized

by several acquaintances and cordially greeted. He was always popular, and vague rumors of his succession to an odd wealth threw his popularity into high relief.

"It is all dandy, pleasant," he thought, as he sat at breakfast the second morning after his arrival in London. "God! everything wears a new aspect, but—there was a break in the current of his thoughts, he became vaguely aware that something was wanting, and at the same moment his eyes fell upon the black lace scarf which hung neglected over the back of a chair.

"By Jove, I will go and see her!" he exclaimed, half aloud. "I'm not a fool as Dixon thinks. Why should I avoid a bit of harmless amusement, he reflected. "Her eyes have haunted me ever since we said good-by—and she'll miss her scarf. Yes, I'll be off to Kilburn at a quart."

"Please walk in, sir."

burn as soon as it is late enough to call, I suppose I may call before luncheon—there is nothing very prim or struck up about her! Then I can get back in time to look at that mare which was recommending. I'll be off, and frighten old Dixon with an account of my visit after it has become an accomplished fact."

He finished his breakfast very deliberately—walked to his club, where he read and replied to several letters, looked in at his bookmaker's and tailor's, and at length hailed a hansom and set forth on his voyage of discovery.

"Thirteen Alma terrace, Kilburn," he said authoritatively to the driver. "Beg pardon, sir, but is it before or after we come to the station?" "Oh! I haven't the faintest notion! Ask the policeman or anyone when we get near it."

"Kilburn is a blightful place, sir," returned the Jehu, and they drove off at a good pace.

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out with Mrs. Bartlett this afternoon to present some of my letters of introduction. That will take most of the afternoon. In the morning I have my practicing and letters to write."

"Indeed—but all that is not amusing," said Forrester, much puzzled. Why should she present letters of introduction? What was her business? Why did she want business? "Perhaps it is interesting, which is better than amusing. I came over to try and find engagements as a concert singer, though I fear it will be very difficult."

"Ah!"—a long-drawn ah! "I am rather anxious about it. You see my father has spent a great deal of money upon me, both in Paris and Milan, and I want to make some now! Are you fond of music, Captain Forrester, and do you know any musical people?"

"I am decidedly fond of music, but must acknowledge that one is hardly a worshiper. The only musical personage I know is Dr. Delaney. He was in my regiment. He has retired now, and lives somewhere in the north. He used to sing Irish melodies, and Jacobite ditties very well indeed."

"He was not professional?" "No." "Ah!" she evidently dismissed Delaney. "Though I am no judge, may I venture to ask for a song?" asked Forrester.

"You would really like to hear me sing?" "Beyond everything!" "Then you must tell me truly if you think my singing would please English people."

"I shall be brutally frank," said Forrester. "Yes, pray do!" She rose and went to an open piano on which lay a quantity of music. "I shall sing you a little Neapolitan Barcarole," she said, "quite one of the people's songs."

The accompaniment imitated a guitar. Her voice was contralto, wonderfully rich and full, and came from so slight a form. She sang with spirit and expression, putting a graceful epigram into her rendering of the verses.

"If the public don't like that they will be hard to please!" exclaimed Forrester fervently. "You like it? Yes, I see you do! And I suppose you represent the ordinary cultivated public?" and she turned to look at him. Forrester was greatly fascinated, so in earnest about her work and transparently simple into the bargain.

Their talk flowed easily, until interrupted by the entrance of Mrs. Bartlett, who saluted in a trailing black silk afternoon dress, a cap of black and gold lace with streamers of red ribbon and a "pincene" with a long handle hung by a ribbon from her neck. Her nose looked even more prominent without the background of a bonnet. Smiles wreathed her lips and satisfaction beamed in her eyes which were something the color of a boiled gooseberry.

"Now this is nice and friendly of the professor," she began, when she interrupted herself. "Why, it is the gentleman you traveled over with, Angela."

(To be Continued.)

SOME BIG COUNTIES.
California Has One Bigger Than Four States Put Together.

From the New York Sun.
East of the Rocky mountains there are only twelve counties in the United States containing more than 5,000 square miles. Not one of these is in New York state, the largest county of which, St. Lawrence, covers only 2,500 square miles. One of the twelve is Maine, another is Dale county, Fla., which includes the everglades of Florida along the Atlantic coast, and has an area of 5,600 square miles and a total population of less than 300. Chery county, Neb., in the extreme northeast of the state, with the Nebraskian river flowing in it, has an area of 5,668 miles.

Three northern counties of Minnesota lying south of Manitoba and west of Lake Superior, Beltrami, Itasca, and St. Louis, have respectively 5,040, 5,429 and 5,569 square miles. The last county contains the important city of Duluth, but the first has a population of only 300, and the second only of 750. The population of Duluth is 35,000.

Two counties of Idaho, Bingham, containing the lava fields, and Idaho, south of the Nez Percés reservation, contain more than 10,000 square miles each. Two counties in Texas, Brewster and El Paso, have more than 5,000 square miles. Pecos, which is in the extreme west of the state, on the Rio Grande, has 6,700. El Paso, which adjoins it on the Rio Grande, has 9,750. One county of Colorado, Arapahoe, has an area of 5,229 square miles, but it is still more notable from the fact that it has a population of 150,000, including the city of Denver. Routt county, in the same state, has an area of 6,000 square miles. On the Pacific slope counties, like trees and fruits, are of gigantic size. Six counties of Oregon, three of which are in Washington, seven counties of Nevada,

and seven counties of California have more than 5,000 square miles. The largest of all in the United States is the county of San Bernardino, to the east of Los Angeles. Its area is 21,000 square miles, nearly half the size of New York state, and 5,000 miles larger than New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut, and Rhode Island combined.

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Uncle Sam has 2,500,000 mules.
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This country has 10,000 Chinese.
Small railroads stretch 5,500 miles.
Over 600 cigars are a German novelty.
Our Spaniards number 1,000,000.
An Atlantic liner's crew costs \$20,000.
United States contains 1,501,531 farms.
A ton of diamonds is worth \$35,000,000.
Montana's gold output in 1894: \$4,500,000.
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The states have 500,000 commercial drummers.
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America produced, in 1893, 1,019,486,150 bushels of corn.
In 1893, 7,257,745 bales of cotton were raised and packed.
American sheep last year grew wool to the extent of 36,100,000 pounds.
The farm lands of this country are estimated to be worth \$12,579,252,400.
America exports \$72,501,278 worth of goods and imports only \$76,782,283.
About a million dollars' worth of sweet corn was canned in Maine last year.
Only one firm in the United States is making state pencils from native slate.
In China the hands of clocks stand still, while the dials are made to move around.
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