

A Decree of Fate

By Mary E. Dalrymple.

"Cynthia!" The petulant voice from above...

"Cynthia!" The girl roused herself as if by pained effort...

"You'll have yourself lookin' like a ghost," snapped the old lady sharply...

Frequent and bitter were the imprecations of the honest, sturdy seaman of the little fishing town...

Small wonder was it that Cynthia—gay, light-hearted, dark-eyed Cynthia—united to the world and its ways...

"Amusing," Dick Belding commented, with a shrug and a smile...

Her quaint wonder at his description of the world—his world—that great whirling vortex of pleasure and gaiety...

"But you will come back!" There was a pleading tremor in her voice...

A little annoying frown came between Belding's eyes, but the next instant he laughed—a melodious, ringing laugh...

"The girl is in love with me," he thought. Belding, the irrepressible, he who had never known a serious moment...

To Belding this little flirtation had been a very pleasant "incident"—to the girl it had meant the giving of her unwavering, girlish affection...

"Why do you laugh? You will come back to me?" "Why, of course, little one," he answered...

"At high noon today the climax to what has been a very pretty romance was brought about, when Miss Ethel, only daughter of John Waring...

"Oh, God! let me die," he moaned brokenly. The burning thirst that scorched his throat would soon take his reason.

Suddenly a long sandy beach stretched before him. In the background a great wall of cliffs broke against the sky.

A figure beckoned, and as it came out from the shadows the man recognized the face—he laughed—a dull, mirthless cackle...

"Cynthia!" he stretched out his arms to the apparition, "forgive." The spar floated away and the blue waters of the Pacific closed over the hapless man.

In the gray twilight gloom a girl, wan-faced, a strange, eager light in the midnight eyes, gazes seaward, unceasingly.

A Liverpool man wears a scarf like a portrified human eye. He says he found it in Peru while on an exploring trip.

AUDITORS' REPORT Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Showing Receipts and Expenditures of Somerset County, Pa., from the 1st day of January, 1906, to January 1, 1907...

Table with columns: Receipts—Dr., State, Dog. Total. Rows for 1906 and 1907, listing various towns and their respective amounts.

Table with columns: Recapitulation—Dr., To amount in treasury, To whole amount county, bond, state, and dog taxes received, To unsold land tax received, To county's share liquor licenses received, To fines received, To State tax refunded received, To forest fire tax refunded received, To amount from Commissioners' ledger.

Table with columns: Expenditures, Assessor's pay, Boarding jurors, Bridge paint and painting, Election notices, Bridges, repairs, Connecting heating plant to jail, Court officers, Commonweal costs, District Attorney, Disinfectants, Ditching on courthouse grounds, Election notices, Electric light, Electric power, Fuel, Fire insurance, Forest fire detectives, Furniture, Gas, Grading courthouse grounds, Inquests, Jury-Commissioner McMillan, Jury-Commissioner Hay, Jury-Commissioner's clerk, Jurors' fees, grand, Jurors' fees, petit, Janitor, Jury fees refunded, Killing sheep dogs, Law library, Laundry, Medical attendance, Maintenance, Dixmont, Maintenance, Morgantown, Maintenance, Western Penitentiary, Newspapers, Overpaid taxes refunded, Prothonotary's fees, Return Judges, Senatorial, Probationary officer, Printing and advertising, Rebate on timber, Road damages, Recorder's fees, Return Judges, Congressional, Removing rubbish, Sheriff's fees, Storage on furniture, Stationery and postage, School Directors' Convention, Sheriff's fees, Sheep and cattle damages, Superintendent of Bridges, Treasurer's commission on State tax, Teachers' Institute, Telephone rent, Water rent, Watchman, night, Summit, Treasurer's commission on \$67,216.60@2%, Taxes paid on unseated land, Outstanding orders included in foregoing not paid, Total amount paid.

Table with columns: Recapitulation, To balance in treasury January 1, 1906, To county tax received in 1906, To State tax received in 1906, To dog tax received in 1906, To unseated land tax received in 1906, To fines received in 1906, To State tax refunded by State, To forest fire tax refunded, To fines received, Total amount received, Credits, By total amount paid on orders, By balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1907, To balance in treasury, general fund, Orders for extra contracts for courthouse paid out of general fund, By commissions on bonds, By cash paid into bond fund, Balance in treasury, Court House Fund—Dr., To amount in treasury Jan. 1, 1906.

Table with columns: Credits, By orders paid, By commission on \$52,505.37, By balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1907, Balance in treasury courthouse fund.

Table with columns: Credits, By courthouse bonds Nos. 5, 6, 7, By interest on bonds paid, By State tax on bonds paid, By commission on \$13,840.25, By amount due Treasurer Jan. 1, 1906, Balance outstanding bond tax for 1906 and 1907.

Table with columns: Outstanding Taxes, 1904, 1905, 1906, Rows for various towns and their respective tax amounts.

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