

tempting—add solitude, the setting sun, the effects of night, etc. Heavens and earth!" murmured Felix, "any other in my place would have done just as I did. But where we are going we shall lead another life. I shall have amusements, the solitary promenades will no longer be possible, I shall see Celeste's defects, etc., etc. In short," continued Felix, "by way of conclusion, a honey-moon cannot last all one's lifetime; and, of course, mine must go the way of all the old moons!"

"Fragile resolutions, which were destined to vanish into thin air at his wife's first glance!"

Scarcely had he put foot in that fresh Elysian oasis, when Felix felt in his heart, which he had believed he could render cold, leap with greater violence, the fears which he had imagined were realized. Poetry mounted to his brain and bore him away to the loftiest heights of exaltation. It seemed to him that he was rescued from the real world, and that he was irresistibly drawn into delights and pleasures unknown to the rest of mankind.

In truth, Felix had then attained the paroxysm of passion.

It was at this period that he wrote to Raymond the letter in which he announced to him his approaching return to Paris, where he arrived, in short, about the beginning of winter.

From their first entry into society, the newly-wedded pair were received with universal favor.

The Countess de Vauchamps was forthwith surrounded by a court of admirers; but their discreet homage was calculated only to flatter the pride of a husband. And Felix, who was on the watch with both eyes and ears, could never pour once upon either a word which had the sound of calumny, or a gesture which had the air of irony.

The high barons of seduction, the Valeres, the Damles, the Citardens, all those who had craved from their dictionary the word impossible, came, however, to circulate and pour out their perfume-breathing madrigals before Celeste, who confounded them with a look from her blue eyes. Thus it happened that all these Damians, who were more or less champion lady-killers, soon comprehended that they could gain nothing in this quarter, and departed as they had come.

Felix, who had followed their movements, gazed at them laughingly as they went on their way, and closed his volume of "Othello."

Besides himself, no one was offended at his good luck.

IX.

A SUDDEN TURN OF FORTUNE'S WHEEL.

One evening, Celeste found on her toilet table a note which read as follows:—

"MADAME—

"This very night, before ten o'clock, you may expect an interview, in the name of your husband, Felix, do not refuse me."

"Your husband's and your own best friend, Raymond."

"P. S.—I will come at ten o'clock; I repeat that I must see you. Be alone."

Celeste, devoured with iniquitude, ran to her husband's chamber to show him the strange note she had received.

Felix had gone out, and had told his servant not to wait for him.

When the Countess returned to her apartment, the clock told that it was half-past nine.

"Oh—oh!" cried Celeste, lifting her hands toward Heaven, "what misfortune is hovering over me!"

At that moment there was a knock at the door.

The femme de chambre hastened to obey the summons.

"What is the matter?" Celeste demanded anxiously; "your letter has put me on the rack!"

Raymond answered not a word; but he drew from his pocket a paper which he handed to the Countess. On glancing at the opening lines she was stricken with terror.

"What," cried she, "the wretched man! Has he lost his wits?"

"Yes; but this is a method of saving him, one only, and if you hesitate to employ it, from to-day, from this evening, you can put on mourning!"

"That method—speak, speak quickly. You are killing me!"

BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON. We are in a large chamber of a country-seat at Chatillon.

The window is open; a nightgale is singing in the garden trees illuminated by a beautiful summer moon.

Facing a great table covered with papers, a man is seated, and is writing by the pale light of a lamp placed before him. His chirography is as correct as that of an official accountant; he puts the periods and the commas wherever they are required, and carefully adds "s" to the plural.

And nevertheless, beside the inkstand, we notice a square box which contains pistols, a shagreen case enclosing two vials of poison, and a dagger the sharp blade of which has been dipped in the deadly juice of the Java yams.

The man who is writing—is Felix. He is making his will, for he has resolved to kill himself at twelve o'clock sharp, unless in the meantime some stroke of ill-luck shall befall him.

Now, the hand has but five movements to make to touch the fatal figure.

Felix will wait until the first tinkle of the last stroke; after which,—he will die of death the solution of the enigma of life.

Felix is then a fanatic! He has thus singularly reasoned within himself; that, since during the first part of his existence he had been completely happy, the future should have avenged itself on the past by making him the most unfortunate of men for the rest of his life. Now, Felix, who had so many times changed his opinion, encountering it, would quit the world, imagining that it was advancing towards him. The fable of Bucheron and Death.

After this, Felix was perfectly crazy. Twenty seconds only were between the hand and the hour at which he was to end his career. As he had decided in favor of poison, he took from his case a little vial containing a yellow liquid.

The clock pealed out the first stroke of midnight.

Felix lifted the vial to his lips. At that moment, the headlong gallop of a horse was heard without, a noise of footsteps resounded on the staircase, and, as the last stroke of midnight pealed forth lugubriously from the metal bell, Felix was startled by a violent knocking at his door.

"Who's there?" cried he,—still keeping the vial at his lips.

"What you are waiting for," replied a voice, "ill-luck!"

"Ah!" exclaimed Felix, "walk right in!" But he drew back in surprise on finding himself face to face with Raymond.

"You wanted it," said the latter, "here it is!" And he threw on the table a little letter upon which Felix precipitated himself.

As he held it in his hands, hesitating to open it, Raymond cried out roughly: "Are you afraid?"

Felix looked at him laughingly, and opened the letter; but, at the first line, a cold sweat leaped out upon his face.

"Oh! the wretched woman!" cried he, "what have I done to her?" And he fell back overcome upon the support-bar of the window.

During this time, Raymond hid the weapons and the poison in a closet of which he took the key.

Felix writed in despairing anguish. "Oh! how I suffer! The wretched woman! I who loved her so much!" cried he, "and she preferred another!"

"Jealousy!" murmured Raymond. "But will kill them both!" continued Felix.

"Hate!" murmured Raymond. "And notwithstanding that this Edward called himself my friend; I have received him in my house—at all hours!"

"False friendship!" murmured Raymond. "And she, Celeste, who for a year past has not remained an hour without saying to me, 'at least there I love you!'—she has deceived me!"

"False love!" murmured Raymond. "And I believed myself happy,—and I blessed the goodness of God! Where is he?"

A year afterwards, Felix was the father of a charming little daughter, whom he called Felicie.

And if you should speak to him of ill-luck, he will reply that it is an invention of the philanthropists.

But where is the denouement? Dear reader, the denouement will be found at the commencement of this history, which cannot fail to please those who begin novels at the end.

Do you remember that famous storm scene which prevented the Count and his wife from going to the country?

That was their first real stroke of ill-luck. This was the second. One evening when they had gone to the Opera to hear "Guillaume Tell," they gave the first act of "Le Serment," the second act of "La Tentation," and the third act of "Moisè"—every role in the hands of sticks!

As to the third stroke of ill-luck, it was much more serious.

A neighbor built one day a lofty wall before the house they occupied in the country, in such fashion as to shut out from them the view of the horizon, which, from habit, they had made one of their chief delights.

Further, it sometimes happens that Felix hears in the street a horrible organ massacre the air that he has heard the evening before admirably sung at the Theatre Italien.

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