

HAFFLED VILLAIN.

CHAPTER I.

A LAWYER AND HIS CLIENT.

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A full hour was passed after this between the two in earnest consultation, and when they parted, lawyer and client shook each other warmly by the hand, having clearly arrived at an understanding which, whatever might have been the nature of its conditions, was mutually satisfactory.

After Mr. Spearwell's departure the lawyer reflectively stroked his mustache, but there was a smile upon his face that was sardonic in the extreme. Evidently Mr. Spearwell had found the character and business of his new client eminently to his taste, and had no doubt that he possessed the ability to reap a golden harvest from the proceedings he had undertaken to institute. It is not necessary to say that, notwithstanding his well acted caution at the commencement of the interview, and his apparent hesitation preliminary to the offer of his services, he was eager from the first to get control of the case, his only anxiety being as to the power or inclination of his visitor to pay well for the services required. Satisfied on that point, he was prepared to waive all other chances no matter how hazardous.

Mr. Spearwell was startled out of his reflections by some one entering his office. Turning around he recognized the intruder at a glance, and immediately exclaimed:

"Ah, Reedy, glad to see you. Your coming saves me the bother of writing you a note."
"Another innocent victim, eh, Spearwell?" replied the new comer, who was a man of about thirty, of a nondescript appearance, having nothing about it to indicate his station in society. Not a few of his class may be seen every day hanging around the skirts of the City Hall and at the junction of Montgomery and California streets. No physiognomist could be ever tempted to trust them with a dime, and probably it is not too much to say that no honest man has ever encouraged their acquaintance without having had good reasons for repenting it afterward.

"That's not the point," the lawyer said a little harshly. "Business is business, and if one is paid for doing it I don't see what else is wanted. That is the way to regard the question if I understand it rightly. Now, if you have nothing to do, I have a little affair to place in your hands, for which, if you manage it as cleverly as you did the last, I will see that you are still better paid."
"All right, my boy, I'm your man, and if there is money in the way you will know that I will not scruple at it. Meanwhile I'm hard up; can you help me with twenty dollars down?"
"To be sure I can," Spearwell quickly replied, taking some gold from his pocket and handing the sum mentioned to his companion. "There," he continued, "is your retainer which pledges your best services to me; and now, you must listen attentively, while I explain to you all that is necessary for you to know."

"Go ahead! but I say, if there is any more false swearing in it, mind you, I must get something handsome. A man oughtn't to perjure his soul cheaply, should he?" expostulated the man Reedy in a tone of voice intended to be serenely virtuous.

"Come, come, no nonsense; I mean business, and no play at hypocrisy can deceive me, as you ought to know before this time. I have satisfied you in the matter of payment previously, haven't I?" the lawyer enquired somewhat sneeringly.

"Well, I won't say no; but let me hear what I am to do, and I'm with you, whatever it is," Reedy said with an oath.

"Now you're sensible, and I will at once explain to you the precise trouble, only withholding names for the present," Mr. Spearwell proceeded, with his usual caution. "It will be enough to state that there is a gentleman who has become thoroughly disgusted with his wife, and is determined, by fair means or foul, to procure a divorce from her. The lady, from what I have discovered, belongs to the ultra, righteous few whose reputation for Spartan virtue does not depend upon empty supposition, and who are strictly correct in their conduct as to all ground for complaint. For some time past the husband has vainly sought to trap his wife, without allowing her to discover his intention, into some mistake of propriety, so as to obtain what we lawyers call a *corpus delicti* for active proceedings against her, and he is now suitably dejected, being unable upon freeing himself from what he terms his 'hateful connection' at all hazards, to have recourse to legal strategy to accomplish his purpose. He has consulted me about the matter, and I have advised him upon a course of action which is bound to be successful, if cunningly pursued, and with his consent the necessary steps are to be at once taken. All this is simple enough, and so, also, is the part I wish to assign to you in the comedy, and for which, as I have already promised, you will be well paid."

"And my part of the performance is what?" enquired the attentive listener.
"Exceedingly simple, as I have said," continued the lawyer. "You are a clever fellow, Reedy, I well know, and would do much to please a frequent employer of your services, who so liberally pays for them as I do. Remember, further that in this instance you will be better rewarded than ever before. The part, the place is this: The party of the wife's character must be assailed, and I have decided that you shall be the gay Lothario to work it out. No, do not interrupt me yet. It is the easiest thing in the world, as I have arranged it with the husband. If you consent to carry out my instructions, as I feel assured you will, all that will have to be done is this: Take a message from me to the gentleman, who will see you at the hour I shall send you, and conduct you secretly to his wife's bedroom, where you will hide yourself under the bed or in some other place until the lady shall make her appearance, and partially undress, when you will show yourself, and the husband enter the room. You will then be accused of being harbored by his wife, and she charged with infidelity. That must be sufficient, but if any sales are required be subsequently required, you are to do it."

"Well, it is a villainous arrangement, I must say," Reedy emphatically remarked; "and all the dirty work is for me to do, as usual; but say five hundred dollars, half now and half when it's over, and I'll do it."

"Agreed—your hand upon it," the lawyer exclaimed, and the two villains shook hands.

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