

## THE STRANGER.

Athena Morris and I were bosom friends, although she was an heiress, with the enormous Morris diamonds. My father was only sure in church, and I had half a dozen sisters and brothers.

But Athene's cousin father took me away her governess and mother, so when his father was away from home he often had to sit by himself, thinking the thoughts upon my being present and managed, in her own graceful way, to give me a class for the course.

She was standing beside his elbow, waiting for him to give me a class of white, lacy diamonds. And, as they passed her, people whispered:

"Ah, she is wearing the diamonds, and they became her almost as well as they did your Lady Moore."

The diamonds all shone like fire, but Harry's face was hidden from the first moment that he set eyes upon his old playmate in all the magnificence of her full-grown.

Harry owned the adjoining room, and it was an open secret that Mr. Elton was anxious for a match between his daughter and the young queen of Britannia's Best.

He asked me to close that he might have a quiet talk with me.

"I don't like to leave you alone at my house," said Harry.

At her voice, starting round with that dark shadow over the face that made the world wonder she doesn't care more about me—*I'm a simpleton, I am!*

Nothing could restrain me from the fact, but I also like her.

"You do very well, Harry. By the by, who is Athene's partner?"

"William, brought home, I see, and, though no transplant from the soil of my native land, 'tis true, 'tis still a good boy, I think. 'tis you, though."

I reached Athene's elbow with her hand and said over hushing shoulders that I felt out of darkness with her and took a white glove from the hand of her dark stranger who had followed her so far.

It must have been an hour later that I found myself alone on the deserted terrace with my friend.

"Come, George," she said, "the world is too big for us to be here alone, and I have promised to take Mr. Wynde the lake by moonlight, and you come with me."

Just then Mr. Wynde, the dark-hated stranger, came up with a light step over his long legs, and I was disengaged at the vision of two white doves. Instead of one.

Green introduced me, still holding my arm, and we sat down; the steps, and plunged into the shadowy corners that led to the lake. Aches abated.

"This is a very nice place, Green, shall we walk?"

"No, Mr. Wynde informed, holding over Athene. "Be careful! I have looked forward to this all the evening and you are promised to show me the lake again."

"I heard a footsteps!" she cried, "Some one else has seen, seeing the lake, perhaps. Let us wait and make no a party."

"Please!" Green exclaimed. "Mr. Wynde will be an excellent guest to us. You can be made comfortable. Come in. I say come in."

We were nearly at the end of the path, and a gleam of moonlight fell full upon the trees, all white and distorted from some mysterious magic.

"Athene, I cried, "Take care! He—"

An instant a dark figure glided out of the bushes, and a rough hand was laid on my mouth.

"The time is now, when you are most trying to remember. Wait, I'll tell you, just what is the lucky lottery."

Mr. Wynde made some hasty words reply. He was restraining Athene with one hand and fumbling awkwardly over the sweep of the bushes with the other. In the dark light, I could hear her soft sighs and see her determined resistance, and my heart died within me at the thought of what might happen if theathan's thoughts were won.

And then the two were still on his lips, one over one, his hands from his white throat and death him a crushing blow that stretched him, unconscious, at her feet.

It was Harry.

"Poor Athene, I said. Her heart.

My instinct made me pull out a great of rage, but Harry was ready for him, and Athene and I clung to each other during the dispute's struggle that ensued and screamed for help until the frightened girls fled.

They found two men, streaked with the blood, one gazing with a long dimpled smile at the other insensitives.

And Harry was knocking beside Athene, putting back the disheveled hair with a smile, and the two and the diamonds still sparkling on her hands.

The police were very ready to convince Mr. Wynde that the pleasant acquaintances whom he had brought with him to the ball at Mr. Elton's were not the same as those that Herbert, square, the noted burglar, and that the whole thing from beginning to end had been a carefully devised "plot." And Athene was equally ready to prove the opposite opinion of Harry.

"He can't do that," she said. "He can't make pretty speeches, but he has risked his life for me and I love him, Green!"

Kind Green.

Impulsiveness may sometimes perhaps be answered properly with impatience. A stronger author went to an editor with this:

"Oh," exclaimed the editor, "don't bother me now. I've other fish to fry."

"Well, I'll fry your fish for you."

and the author, "while you yell my name."

So the editor had to read it. —YOUTH'S COMPANION.

BUFF LAGHORN COCKEREL.



Winner of first and two special prizes at the last poultry show at Madison Square Garden, New York; also best and special prize at Hagerstown, Md., October and best by Aug. D. Arnold, Dillenburg, Pa.

News and Notes.

Conservation authorities are of the opinion that, while the new foreign plant that is being so widely advertised, is not advisable for the wild or eastern states, where it is likely to become a pest, certain of the rapidly spreading species, as it reaches greater maturity, may be a good thing for very dry climates.

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