

THE STEWARD'S STORY.

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Late in the afternoon the following day, as they drew near the end of their voyage, just before going ashore at the Custom-house, Mrs. Ford, seated another table with Mrs. Ford. She held in her hand two letters, and, offering them to the stewardess, said: "If she would slip them in her pocket. And besides," she continued, "I want you to come ashore with me, and carry Freddy, if you do not mind the trouble."

Mrs. Ford replied that she had no objection, but was afraid she might not have time.

"Now, there's a good soul," cried Mrs. Ford, "do say you will, right away, I am in trouble, I am in trouble, I am sure, when you know it, you will leave the stewardess to fix up all around, and just do as I ask. Now, listen, my husband got himself in a tight place, just now, and I guess I shall have enough on my hands as soon as we get ashore. We know there's a policeman waiting for him. A policeman!" cried Mrs. Ford, in alarm.

"Oh, never frighten yourself," replied Mrs. Ford with her bland smile. It is nothing very serious, and you must know, he holds a situation under the government, and he has got wrong in his accounts. It is not much, but he will be arrested as soon as he gets ashore, and all the business of getting my things through will fall on me. So you see I want a friend, and I shall feel real bad if you do not help me."

"Well, of course, we had rather it should not happen," was the reply, but the use of thinking of that. The real thing is to get out of it as quickly as possible. Mr. Ford has friends who will come forward right away, just as soon as they know it, and that is the reason why I want you to carry the letters ashore for him. Put them in your pocket, there's a good soul, and keep them till I ask for them, and Mr. Ford will not be in this difficulty more than a few days. What it would be if I could not mail those letters at once, I really could not say."

Mrs. Ford slipped the letters into the pocket of her loosecloth jacket, and arranging with the stewardess that she would be back as soon as possible, prepared to accompany Mrs. Ford to the Custom-house.

They reached the shore, and, after landing at the Custom-house wharf, as Mrs. Ford anticipated, a policeman quickly arrested her, and, who, quietly walked off with him, after exchanging a significant glance with his wife. "I told you so," whispered she to Mrs. Ford, who had been a few steps behind, with the child in her arms, but who now drew near expecting to find the bereaved wife in great distress. This, however, was not the case. Mrs. Ford was far more composed than had been anticipated, who felt too much frightened and puzzled to pay attention to anything around her, or she would have observed the scrupulous care with which the baggage of the passengers was examined. Mrs. Ford was sitting engaged in opening her boxes. She arranged ostentatiously certain new articles of apparel, and drew the officer's attention to her wigs and gloves.

"Oh, yes," she said quite calmly, she knew she would have duty to pay for those things, and was quite ready to do so. She had no wish to amuse, or to see, indeed. The officer eyed her keenly through his half-closed eyes and continued his examination with minute care, quite different from the usual process.

Nothing, however, of importance seemed to be the result, the matter of duty was not very complicated, and when the second officer stepped forward, Mrs. Ford drew Mrs. Ford toward the great gateway and prepared to quit the wharf in mental triumph. "This way, if you please, ladies," said another officer who now stepped forward to meet them. "We must trouble you to walk this way for a minute. Allow me"—and bowing and backing as if he had been groom of the Chamber, escorting a princess, he ushered them into a small room and closed the door.

Here stood two women whom the stewardess immediately recognized as female searchers, and who had started at what had occurred, she said at once there must be some mistake, she was stewardess on the City of—, and was anxious to return on board at once, having come on shore only to carry Mrs. Ford's baby.

"You shall go as soon as we have done with you," replied the searcher, with something of a sneer, "but whether on board or not depends on other matters. Come in, please, and let us see what you have to say."

"It is no use, indeed," said Mrs. Ford, who seemed to treat the whole thing with most serene philosophy, although any one who had watched her carefully would have seen an anxious glance at Mrs. Ford's cloth jacket. The searcher took it off, threw it on the bench, and Mrs. Ford, with affected coolness, immediately laid over it a large railway rug which she had on her arm. "My good Mrs. Ford, you and I know it will be useless to search either of us," said the searcher.

"We have not the first bit of smuggled goods about us; at least I can answer for myself, and as for you, I know you had no notion of coming ashore, except to carry Freddy, why of course you have no contraband. Freddy is just contraband, I suppose," she added, laughing; "so I guess these ladies will have their trouble for their pains. Take it easy now; there's a good woman."

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