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WHAT A PHILADELPHIA LAWYER DID.

"The way of the transgressor is hard," so says the good book, and in spite of the outward evidences of ease and prosperity which frequently surround evil doers, I have no reason to doubt the truth of the text.

Occasional glimpses into the private life, the domestic history of men great and famous, serve to make others, apparently less fortunate, more content with a lot, which, if it has not brought much of the world's gear, has also brought less of the guilt.

I have before me some records of the inner life of one whom the world delights to honor. One who has been fortunate above his fellows in obtaining riches and renown. This man has by his talents made several large fortunes, which he has, by his private vices, dissipated. He has climbed to the topmost round of the ladder of fame, over the hearts which have trusted him and whose trust he has betrayed.

To those who see only the fair outside of things he is a prosperous and enviable man; but others, who, like myself, have had an opportunity of viewing his internal life, know it to be one neither worthy to be emulated nor coveted.

This man, a distinguished lawyer, became in his youth a disciple of Frances Wright, the first woman to preach in this country on the evils of marriage. He became convinced that to become a party to a contract, which, whether for good or ill, must bind him for life to one woman, was a folly too great to be indulged in by a sane man. He was poor, and the anti marriage doctrin was not a popular one, and he was too politic openly to avow his belief in it. He boarded with a Quaker lady, who had one daughter, a girl transcendently beautiful, but a cripple, helpless, and dependent upon her widowed mother, whose sole joy and comfort she was. Upon these two poor and unsuspecting women all his batteries of eloquence and logic were turned, to convince them that marriage was a state of bondage to woman as well as man, and so successful was he in his arguments that at length the mother consented to give him her "one ewe lamb," who had grown to love him, without the exaction of any legal bonds whatever.

As he advanced in his course toward fame and fortune, he was enabled to take a handsome house and furnish it sumptuously, and to this house he took the victim of his sophistry and her mother. For years she lived with him as his faithful and attached wife, shut out from all other companionship by her devotion to him. During the years she was an inmate of his house she bore to him four children, and these little ones, acknowledged by him, were daily to be seen, accompanied by a nurse, disporting themselves in the public square opposite their father's house.

For years this connection was continued without much scandal, most persons supposing the young lawyer to have been legally married to the beautiful cripple, who sustained the relation of wife to him, but who was never seen abroad in his company. He sought no other society—never paid the slightest attention to any other lady, so far as known—treated the mother of his children with the utmost kindness and indulgence. Accident, however, after some years, brought him in contact with a beautiful Southern girl, of high connections and of reputed large fortune. She was at once caught by the brilliant and rising fame of the young barrister, and he was equally smitten by her charms of person and fortune. Some rumors of his marriage having reached her she questioned him with evident chagrin as to the truth. He denied the report point blank—said that the lady to whom rumor had accorded him as a husband "had no claim upon him except as the crippled daughter of his housekeeper and the deserted wife of a worthless scoundrel, who had left her and her children dependent upon his charity." The story, told with every appearance of truth, convinced the woman who loved him that he had been greatly wronged, and when he followed up his explanation by an offer of marriage she at once accepted him.

Although overjoyed at his success at first, after reflection opened up difficulties in the way of getting rid of his children and their mother; this the ardor of his new affection had not at first permitted him to consider. How should he separate from the poor girl whose heart he was about to break, without scandal and exposure? This was the question that now obtruded itself. It, however, did not trouble him long. He was a man of brilliant executive ability, and rich in expedients.

He saw the woman he sought to betray, and told her that, "although he still loved her beyond words, and should ever hold her dearest of any living being, he must part from her and marry another to save himself from everlasting dishonor. He asked her if she was strong enough to sacrifice herself and children to his welfare." Woman like, without a moment's hesitation, she professed herself willing to sacrifice her life to his well-being, but begged to know why such sacrifice was required. He deliberately told her that the expense of herself and family had been so great as to exceed his income for several years, and that in order to provide her with the luxuries she needed, he had used funds held by him as executor for minor children; that these children had come of age, and a settlement was imperative, and he must either make good the moneys abstracted, or be exposed as a defaulter, and be dishonored in consequence. This lie, for lie it doubtless was, so wrought upon the sympathies of the woman who loved him, that she at once consented, without further trouble, to withdraw from his house with her mother and children, and seek refuge and a living in some place where she should be unknown. The mother was not so easily satisfied; she knew the blow of the separation would kill her daughter, but finding her child resolved, she at last gave way, and taking all her little treasures, she sold them, and gained money necessary for their departure to a distant city, only two days before the new wife was brought home.

Emigrating west, the cast-off love again became dependant upon the mother, who had borne so much sorrow, shame and trouble in her service. Finding they could not make a living without a little capital, the mother wrote to the man she regarded as her daughter's husband, asking him for some means for starting a business, and recounted all the sacrifices she had made for him. By some fatality the letter fell into the hands of the bride. She discovered from it the falsehood and dishonor of the man she had pledged herself to love, honor and obey, and this opened a breach, that grew wider as the years passed, until their discord and inharmony became the prolific subject of public scandal.

Deserted and in poverty, the crippled woman died, her children grew up rough, uneducated men and women, and her poor mother died, an inmate of the county poor house. The man, rich and famous, lives a miserable wreck, whose stereotyped smile cannot hide the care and remorse which is eating at his heart. Speaking to an orthodox friend the other day, he said: "I believe in no other hell than that which a man makes for himself, and that which follows quick upon evil deeds in this world." Striking his breast and forehead with passion, he exclaimed: "My hell is here, and here I am continually tortured by 'the worm that dieth not,' and by a fire unquenchable."—*Philadelphia Dawn.*

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