

A SET OF ROGUES.

(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER II.

I was taking a turn or two outside the shed—for the sight of Jack Dawson hugging poor Moll to his breast and trying to soothe her bodily misery with gentle words was more than I could bear—when a drawer, coming across from the inn, told me that a gentleman in the cherry room would have us come to him. I gave him a civil answer and carried this message to my friends. Moll, who had stanchled her tears and was smiling piteously, though her sob, like those of a child, still shook her thin frame, and her father both looked at me in blank doubt as fearing some trap for further discomfiture.

"Nay," says Jack stoutly. "Fate can serve us no worse within doors than without, so let us in and face this gentleman, whoever he is."

So in we go, and, all sodden and bedraggled as we were, went to follow the drawer up stairs, when the landlady cried out she would not have us go into her cherry room in that pickle, to soil her best furniture and disgrace her house, and bade the fellow carry us into the kitchen to take off our cloaks and change our boots for slip shoes, adding that if we had any respect for ourselves we should trim our hair and wash the grime off our faces.

So we enter the kitchen nothing loath, where a couple of pullets browning on the spit, kettles bubbling on the fire and a pasty drawing from the oven filled the air with delicious odors that nearly drove us mad for envy. And to think that these good things were to tempt the appetite of some one who never hungered, while we, famishing for want, had not even a crust to appease our cravings! But it was some comfort to plunge our blue, numb fingers into a tub of hot water and feel the life blood creeping back into our hearts. The pain we had put on our cheeks the night before was streaked all over our faces by the snow, so that we did look the veriest scarecrows imaginable, but after washing our heads well and stroking our hair into order with a comb Mistress Cook lent us we looked not so bad, and thus changed, and with dry shoes on to our feet, we at length went up stairs, all full of wondering expectation, and were led into the cherry room, which seemed to us a very palace, being lit with half a dozen candles—and they of wax—and filled with a warm glow by the blazing logs on the hearth reflected in the cherry hangings. And there in the midst was a table laid for supper with a wondrous white cloth, glasses to drink from and silver forks all set out most finely.

"His worship will be down ere long," says the drawer, and with that he makes a pretense of building up the fire, being warned thereto very like by the landlady, with an eye to the safety of her silver.

"Can you tell me his worship's name, friend?" I whisper, my mind turning at once to his worship of Tottenham Cross.

"Not I, were you to pay me," says he; "tis that outlandish and uncommon. But for sure he is some great foreign grande."

He could tell us no more, so we stood there all together wondering, till presently the door opens, and a tall, lean gentleman enters, with a high front, very finely dressed in silk stockings, a long waistcoat and embroidered waistcoat, and rich lace at his cuffs and throat. He wore no peruke, but his own hair, cut quite close to his head, with a pointed beard and a pair of long mustaches twisting up almost to his ears, but his appearance was the more striking by reason of his beard and mustaches being quite black, while the hair on his head was white as silver. He had dark brows also, that overhung very rich black eyes. His nose was long and hooked, and his skin, which was of a very dark complexion, was closely lined with wrinkles about the eyes, while a deep furrow lay betwixt his brows. He carried his head very high, and was majestic and gracious in all his movements, not one of which, as it seemed to me, was made but of forethought and purpose. I should say his age was about 60, though his step and carriage were of a younger man. To my eyes he appeared a very handsome and a pleasing, amiable gentleman. But, Lord, what can you conclude of a man at a single glance, when every line in his face, of which he had a score and more, has each its history of varying passions, known only to himself and secret phases of his life!

He saluted us with a most noble bow, and dismissed the drawer with a word in an undertone. Then turning again to us he said, "I had the pleasure of seeing you act last night, and dance," he adds, with a slight inclination of his head to Moll. "Naturally I wish to be better acquainted with you. Will it please you to dine with me?"

I could not have been more dumfounded had an angel asked me to step into heaven, but Dawson was quick enough to say something.

"That will we," cries he, "and God bless your worship for taking pity on us, for I doubt not you have heard of our troubles."

The other bowed his head and set a chair at the end of the table for Moll, which she took with a pretty courtesy, but saying never a word, for she did not mean to say all she had to say.

as if she would fain begin at once, but she had the good manners to restrain herself. Then his worship (as we called him), having shown us the chairs on either side, seated himself last of all, at the head of the table, facing our Moll, whom whenever he might without discourtesy he regarded with most scrutinizing glances from first to last. Then, the door flinging open, two drawers brought in those same fat pullets we had seen browning before the fire and also the pasty, with abundance of other good cheer, at which Moll, with a little cry of delight, whispers to me:

"'Tis like a dream. Do speak to me, Kit, or I must think 'twill all fade away presently and leave us in the snow."

Then I, finding my tongue, begged his worship would pardon us if our manners were more uncouth than the society to which he was accustomed.

"Nay," says Dawson. "Your worship will like us none the worse, I warrant, for seeing what we are and aping none." Finding himself thus beworshipped on both hands, our good friend says:

"You may call me señor. I am a Spaniard—Don Sanchez del Castello de Castelana." And then to turn the subject he adds, "I have seen you play twice."

"Aye, señor, and I should have known you again if by nothing but this piece of generosity," replies Dawson, with his cheek full of pasty, "for I remember both times you set down a coin and would take no change."

Don Sanchez hunched his shoulders cavalierly, as if such trifles were naught

to him, but indeed throughout his manner was most high and noble.

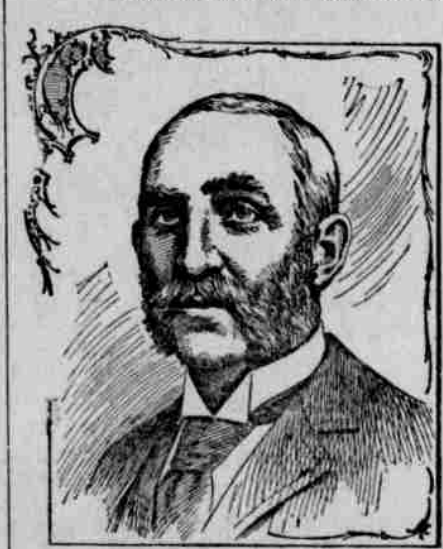
And now, being fairly settled down to our repast, we said no more of any moment than I can recall to mind till we had done (which was not until naught remained of the pullets and the pasty but a few bones and the bare dish), and we were drawn round the fire at Don Sanchez's invitation. Then the drawers, having cleared the tables, brought up a huge bowl of hot spiced wine, a dish of tobacco and some pipes. Then don then offered us to smoke some cigars, but we, not understanding them, took instead our homely pipes, and each with a bottle of hot wine to his hand and roasting before the fire, scarce saying a word, the don being silent because his humor was of the reflective, grave kind (with all his courtesies he never smiled, as if such demonstrations were unbecoming to his dignity), and we from repletion and a feeling of wondrous contentment and repose. And another thing served to keep us still, which was that our Moll, sitting beside her father, almost at once fell asleep, her head lying against his shoulder as he sat with his arm about her waist. As at the table, Don Sanchez had seated himself where he could best observe her, and now he scarcely once took his eyes off her, which were half closed, as if in speculation. At length, taking the cigar from his lips, he says softly to Jack Dawson so as not to arouse Moll:

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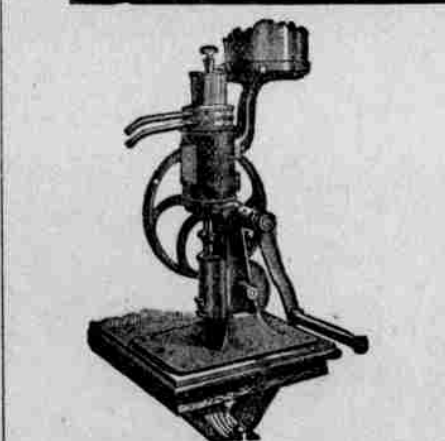
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