

pump room, as you know, and after that he forbore his visits to the rooms. Mr. Nash explained (and was confirmed, madam, by indubitable information) that this Beaucaire was a man of unspeakable, vile, low birth, being, in fact, no other than a lackey of the French king's ambassador, Victor by name, de Mirceix's barber. Although his condition was known, the hideous impudence of the fellow did not desert him, and he remained in Bath, where none would speak to him.

"Is your farrago nigh done, sir?"

"A few moments, madam. One evening, three weeks gone, I observed a very elegant equipage draw up to my door, and the Duke of Chateaurien was announced. The young man's manners were worthy—according to the French acceptance—and 'twere idle to deny him the most monstrous assurance. He declared himself a noble traveling for pleasure. He had taken lodgings in Bath for a season, he said, and called at once to pay his respects to me. His tone was so candid—in truth, I am the simplest of men, very easily gulled—and his stroke so bold, that I did not for one moment suspect him, and, to my poignant regret—though in the humblest spirit I have shown myself eager to atone—that very evening I had the shame of presenting him to yourself."

"The shame, sir!"

"Have patience, pray, madam. Ay, the shame! You know what figure he hath cut in Bath since that evening. All ran merrily with him until several days ago Captain Badger denounced him as an impostor, vowing that Chateaurien was nothing."

"Pardon," interrupted M. Beaucaire. "Castle Nowhere" would have been so much better. Why did you not make him say it that way, monsieur?"

Lady Mary started. She was looking at the duke, and her face was white. He continued, "Poor Captain Badger was stabbed that same day—"

"Most besting poor Captain Badger," muttered Molyneux.

"—and his adversary had the marvelous insolence to declare that he fought in my quarrel! This afternoon the wounded man sent for me and imparted a very horrifying intelligence. He had discovered a lackey whom he had seen waiting upon Beaucaire in attendance at the door of this Chateaurien's lodging. Beaucaire had disappeared the day before Chateaurien's arrival. Captain Badger looked closely at Chateaurien at their next meeting and identified him with the missing Beaucaire beyond the faintest doubt. Overcome with indignation, he immediately proclaimed the impostor. Out of regard for me he did not change him with being Beaucaire. The poor soul was unwilling to put upon me the humiliation of having introduced a barber, but the secret weighed upon him till he sent for me and put everything in my hands. I accepted the odium, thinking only of atonement. I went to Sir John Wimpleton's fête. I took poor Sir Hugh, there, and these other gentlemen aside, and told them my news. We narrowly observed this man and were shocked at our simplicity in not having discovered him before. These are men of honor and cool judgment, madam. Mr. Molyneux had acted for him in the affair of Captain Badger and was strongly prejudiced in his favor, but Mr. Molyneux, Sir Hugh, Mr. Bantison, every one of them, in short, recognized him. In spite of this smooth face and his light hair the adventurer Beaucaire was writ upon him amazing plain. Look at him, madam, if he will dare the inspection. You saw this Beaucaire well the day of his expulsion from the rooms. Is not this he?"

M. Beaucaire stepped close to her. Her pale face twitched. "Look!" he said.

"Oh, oh!" she whispered with a dry throat and fell back in the carriage.

"Is it so?" cried the duke.

"I do not know. I cannot tell."

"One moment more. I begged these gentlemen to allow me to wipe out the insult I had unhappily offered to Bath, but particularly to you. They agreed not to forestall me or to interfere. I left Sir John Wimpleton's early and arranged to give the sorry rascal a lashing under your own eyes, a satisfaction due the lady into whose presence he had dared to force himself."

"Noblesse oblige!" said M. Beaucaire in a tone of gentle inquiry.

"And now, madam," said the duke, "I will detain you not one moment longer. I plead the good purpose of my intentions, begging you to believe that the desire to avenge a hateful outrage, next to the wish to serve you, forms the dearest motive in the heart of Winterset."

"Bravo!" cried Beaucaire softly.

Lady Mary leaned toward him, a thriving terror in her eyes. "It is false!" she faltered.

"Monsieur should not have been born so high. He could have made little book."

"You mean it is false?" she cried breathlessly.

"'Od's blood, is she not convinced?" broke out Mr. Bantison.

"Fellow, were you not the ambassador's barber?"

"It is all false!" she whispered.

"The mos' fine art, mademoiselle. How long you think it take M. de Winterset to learn that speech after he write it out? It is a mix of what is true and the mos' chaste art. Monsieur has become a man of letters. Perhaps he may enjoy that more than the wars. Ha, ha!"

Mr. Bantison burst into a roar of laughter. "Do French gentlemen fight lackeys? Ho, ho, ho! A pretty country! We English do as was done tonight—have our servants beat them."

"And attend ourselves," added M. Beaucaire, looking at the duke, "somewhat in the background? But, pardon," he mocked, "that remind me. Francois, return to Mr. Bantison and these gentlemen their weapons."

"Will you answer a question?" said Molyneux mildly.

"Oh, with pleasure, monsieur."

"Were you ever a barber?"

"No, monsieur," laughed the young man.

"Pah!" exclaimed Bantison. "Let me question him. Now, fellow, a confession may save you from jail. Do you deny you are Beaucaire?"

"Deny to a such judge?"

"Ha!" said Bantison. "What more do you want, Molyneux? Fellow, do you deny that you came to London in the ambassador's suit?"

"No, I do not deny."

"He admits it! Didn't you come as his barber?"

"Yes, my friend, as his barber."

Lady Mary cried out faintly and, shuddering, put both hands over her eyes.

"I'm sorry," said Molyneux. "You fight like a gentleman."

"I thank you, monsieur."

"You called yourself Beaucaire?"

"Yes, monsieur." He was swaying to and fro. His servants ran to support him.

"I wish"—continued Molyneux, hesitating. "Evil take me, but I'm sorry you're hurt."

"Assist Sir Hugh into my carriage," said Lady Mary.

"Farewell, mademoiselle!" M. Beaucaire's voice was very faint. His eyes were fixed upon her face. She did not look toward him.

They were propping Sir Hugh on the cushions. The duke rode up close to Beaucaire, but Francois seized his bridle fiercely and forced the horse back on its haunches.

(To be continued next week.)

EVENTS AT SCRANTON.

Many Matters of Major and Minor Moment Mentioned.

(Written for last week's issue.)

SCRANTON, August 6:—A number of young folks of Scranton attended an ice cream supper at Cowards Thursday night and all report a jolly good time. Among those who attended were: Misses Addie Cannon, Fannie Cannon, Benlah McCullough, Estelle and French Coward, Minnie Byrd, Myrtle and Chessie McKnight, Bessie Cusaac, Messrs Geo. and John Cusaac, Douglas Singletary, Fred Coward, E. M. Lowman, Hoyt Hill, Richard Matthews, —Smith and —Mundy.

Rev W S Henry is conducting a protracted meeting at the Methodist church this week. So far the meeting has been very interesting and it will continue throughout the week.

Miss Effie Baker of Leo was a visitor here last week.

Mr and Mrs T B Anderson of Cowards were in town Sunday.

Misses Nellie and Daisy Pate of Bishopville are visiting their brother, Dr C H Pate, of this place, this week.

Dr W C McKnight of Charleston is home on a visit this week.

Mr Fred Coward is spending this week with friends at Mars Bluff, Florence county.

Miss Ola Coward of Lake City spent Sunday in town with her parents.

Miss Maude Parker returned home Thursday night after spending a week on Charleston with friends.

Miss Lola Ham and Mr — Courtney of Lake City were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs Frank Cannon spent Sunday in Lake City with her sister, Mrs W E Carter.

Miss Lula Hyman of Hyman, Florence county, accompanied by Mr Sam J Matthews of Cowards, was noted in town Saturday afternoon.

Mr P M Lee left last week for Glenn Springs, where he has gone to spend a month or two.

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