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(In effect October 12th, 1908.)

Steamer will leave Baltimore, weather permitting, Wednesdays 5 P. M., stopping at Quaker Neck, Bookers, Rolph's, Chestertown, Buckingham, Sprys, Deep Landing, Crumpton.

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thy listened with a feeling of great grief and loss that did not lack an element of pleasure.

Clifford said not a word about her part in this upheaval of his life. The cause of his expatriation seemed to lie with the gods, like the issues of Greek tragedy, though the king of England and some other earthly potentates dignified the tale with their presence and could not escape the feminine eye. There was no suggestion of reproach

"WILL YOU WAIT FOR ME?"

or bitterness, but there was an undertone of simple, unaffected broken heartedness deeply touching.

"I think it was unkind to go so far in this," said she, "without a word to me. I would have tried to dissuade you. Is it even now too late?"

Clifford glanced at the clock.

"I have still ten minutes," said he. "If Sir James does not hear from me before midnight I am pledged, honor and bond, to go."

"And why midnight? It is a strange hour."

"Can you not guess?"

"What!" she cried, as if surprised. "You were waiting for my answer, and you did not tell me?"

"Tell you, Dorothy?" he echoed "How could I tell you? I had promised you not to speak"—

"Oh, man, will you never learn women? I have waited for you in pale wrath—waited for you weeks and months."

"Dorothy!" he gasped. "It is not possible. Is this—is this your answer?"

"Where is that man?" she asked.

"Sir James?"

"Yes."

"At the Army and Navy club. He will wait there till midnight. On the stroke of 12 our bargain is closed."

"Call him up! Tell him you are not going."

She slipped away from him and led the way to the telephone. He called the number. Interminable seconds passed.

"Busy," said central.

He waited one minute by his watch and called again. "Busy." Another minute and another. The same answer. Then suddenly both he and she fell into a listening attitude, looking into each other's eyes. From outside the house, from the rivers that surround the city, there came a great and growing drone of whistles, the greeting to the new year.

"My watch is slow," said he. "I am too late."

He hung up the receiver of the telephone and turned toward Dorothy. He was very pale.

"I shall be gone a year," he said. "Will you wait for me?"

"No," she answered. "I will go with you."

"That is your answer?" said he.

"I have not answered you at all," said Dorothy. "I am not prepared for either question or answer. Let us not speak of it."

"I have spoken," said he sadly. "If you have not answered, I can only wait."

"Yes," she said, "wait. We have been friends. Let us go on as before. But you must not speak to me of this."

"The question must remain," he said, with a touch of firmness. "It would not be right, it would not be honest, to ignore it."

"Let it be so," said she, "and I will answer"—

"When?"

"Within the year," said she, and looked for him to plead for a much briefer time, but he said gravely:

"Within this year?" And she answered, "Yes."

The absurd fellow accepted these terms as if his honor were in pledge for their fulfillment. They met as friends thereafter, and Clifford was often very charming and lovable, but his lips were sealed. There were times when Dorothy could have beaten him.

He was aware in his foolish way of her displeasure, and he read his doom in it. The days passed, and she gave him no answer, and of course he didn't ask her for it. He didn't know enough. He relied upon her promise (the idiot!) to answer him within the year, and now it was half past 10 on the evening of the 31st of December, and she had not answered!

He could not believe that she would be false to her promise, but he had long since ceased to have the smallest hope of any favorable word. Within the last month he had seen her rarely; within the last week he had decided that he would go away. He had resigned his position with the bridge company and was considering several offers of work in the far parts of the earth. An agent of the British government had offered him especial inducements to go to Pretoria for a year, and he viewed the proposition favorably because the place was so remote. He had, in fact, accepted, with the single proviso that he should be permitted to change his mind at any moment within the year.

Several times during that last evening he had resolved to telephone to Sir James Knowlton, the English representative in this negotiation, that he might consider the matter settled, and then he had clung to the dwindling possibility that Dorothy might yet communicate with him.

At half past 10 he had a foolish idea. Perhaps Dorothy had sent some word and he had not received it. Would it be a breach of his word to ask her? He sat with his head in his hands and debated this question, and at last, like a dull, dishonest schoolboy who knows the answer of the problem and shapes his figuring to fit it, Clifford shaped his reasoning to suit his desire and dragged himself to the telephone.

Dorothy did not give him any time to ask her anything; she had her own way with the conversation.

"What are you doing?" she asked. "Nothing? You're all alone? Well, that won't do at all on New Year's eve. Come right over here. Father is entertaining a few sedate graybeards, and no one is entertaining me. If I had dreamed that you were disengaged I should have summoned you."

That was very friendly—far, far too much so. A young lady who felt herself bound to answer a young man's offer of marriage within an hour and a half would hardly address him in a style so unconstrained. The inevitable inference was that Dorothy considered the matter settled already, the "no" tacitly given and understood, the love episode at an end.

It is said that a poet has died young in every one of us. He was not quite dead in Clifford, and he was a really able bard. Dorothy had heard him sing once; she was now to hear him sing again, and in a most moving strain.

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