

The Broken Coin

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"We might pick up some new work. First, let us go to the palace of Count Frederick—perhaps he is not out this early."

But, early though it was, Count Frederick was still—was indeed ready for the street apparently, as was also his guest, Count Sachio. Even as Kitty's car swept by the palace front they saw the count and Sachio step into their own car, which waited for them.

"Quick!" said Kitty, sinking back deeper in the seat that she might not be observed. "Drive around the block. Don't let them see me." She looked also to Roleau to conceal himself as best he might. Their own car, veering around the corner, gave way to the vehicle of Count Frederick, which sped on down the street.

Once more, still undaunted, Kitty directed her own car to pass around the block and stop in front of Count Frederick's palace. This was done in the nick of time; for it was, as they passed at lower speed, in order to have time for such examination as they cared to make of the entrance they saw a man to come out of a small side form walking from the front down the driveway for the side entrance of the great building.

"Stop!" cried Kitty to Roleau—"I know that man—that is a friend of Sachio! I saw the two of them together last night. It was to him Sachio showed the coin. I heard him tell me man where the missing half was. Roleau, that man has gone to see Count Frederick's half of the coin."

"Certainly," said Roleau, "but the stolid Roleau, Count Sachio also means to put this and that together, does he not? What can we do, if your excellency game to try the most entrance into Count Frederick's house?"

"Yes," said Kitty. "Come—let us see if we can trace where this man is going."

Once more these two presented themselves at the door of Count Frederick's abode, and were admitted with out question.

The two passed without question through the main hall to the left wing which Kitty knew so well. They followed down the narrow hall, and peering that the destination of the man when they had seen about the office was none less than Count Frederick's private study.

Kitty's suspicion was justified. Even as they approached the door of the study one in the room who had stepped before themselves. Roleau stepped closely by Kitty, stepped up to the door—peered in, and gave a nod of assent.

In the powerful hands of Roleau, the stranger, taken by surprise, was helpless. Roleau clung to him over his mouth, another's hand, and held him until he himself gave the sign of submission. "Silence!" hissed the man. "Don't pronounce a word of alarm and I will kill you."

"What are you doing here?" demanded Kitty, virtuously—"want to see me—tell me."

The man, gone stiffer, had looked from one to the other, and knowing well enough what failure would mean for him, refused to speak. "Well, whatever it was," said he at length, "I have not found it. At least, you came too soon."

"I will tell you, excellency," said Roleau at length. "It will do us no special good to have him join your party of which we know. I will tie him up, if your excellency will allow me."

Accordingly he did bind the man official of Graham's neck and crop. "Quick!" said Kitty, moving away silently they left the door closed and took with them the key.

CHAPTER XVII

At Count Sachio's Lodge. Such speed did Roleau manage to get out of his own car that Kitty and he arrived at the hunting lodge at Count Sachio well in advance of all others bound thither that evening morning.

Kitty and Roleau moved about very much as they pleased after their entry. It pleased them best to hide themselves in a small room adjacent to the main hall where they fancied the most events of the day would perhaps find enactment. A door and window made connection between these two rooms, and behind the curtains in the smaller room they fancied they could be sufficiently concealed.

But there were others who had an interest in the events to occur in the hunting lodge of Count Sachio that morning. The tangled web of the mysterious coin was expanding, drawing in yet others. Hardly had Kitty and Roleau secreted themselves before they heard footfalls under the window of the gallery which ran along that side of the chalet. They wondered who might be the author and what his purpose.

It was somewhat later before they heard the mingling of voices and the sound of footfalls.

"Rudolph!" exclaimed Count Sachio. "Why has he not come? What has gone wrong?"

But none could explain to him why Rudolph had not arrived—nor at the time did either Kitty or Roleau know who or what Rudolph might be—although, as a matter of fact, it was he whom they themselves had left tied hand and foot in Count Frederick's palace. Nor could any of these present know that before this time Count Frederick himself, returning to his palace, had found yonder intruder bound and left helpless, in his own private apartment. The man had made such excuses as he could by declaring that he had been robbed and thrown in the room by a ruffian, assisted by a beautiful woman. And Count Frederick, finding on the floor of his own apartment a tiny handkerchief, had needed scarce more than one guess as to who that young woman had been.

But as to all these side scenes which had been enacted, Count Sachio was altogether ignorant. Wherefore he now walked up and down, now exclaiming his own doubts. His irritation was obvious enough to Kitty as she peered through the veiled curtains

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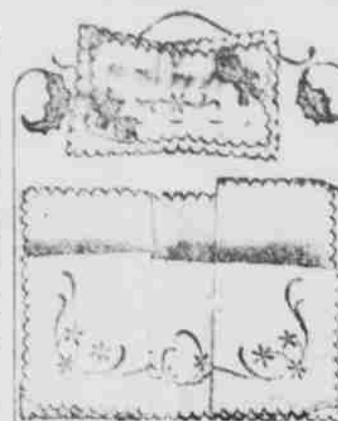
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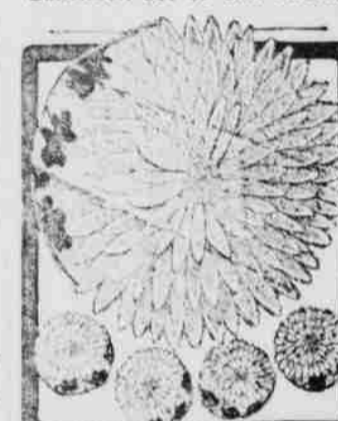


Heavy white linen for cotton in certain weaves, embroidered with light colored floss, make simple and elegant dresser sets that will delight the heart of the most housewife. These sets consist of dresser scarf and pin-cushion, cover for toilet, and glove and handkerchief cases may be made to match and added to them.

The scarf is a length of the linen having scalloped edges buttonhole stitched with light colored floss. A scroll and flower pattern is embroidered at each end and at the center of the scarf, on one side.

A small cushion pin-cushion is covered with two pieces of linen, one equal to the other, as shown in the picture. These are buttonhole stitched in scallops about the edges and eyelets are worked in them. A scroll and flower pattern is embroidered in the smaller piece. They are joined by narrow satin ribbon threaded through the eyelets and tied in little bows.

Luncheon Set of Silk Muslin



Something new in luncheon sets is made of soft white silk muslin, very small size, and white and green water color prints. It consists of a centerpiece and twelve doilies to match and is made in a conventionalized chrysanthemum design. The doilies are small replicas of the centerpiece.

The set is cut from the muslin for the centerpiece and a few French knots of dark yellow embroidery silk are worked in the center to represent the stems. Three rows of petals are outlined on the centerpiece with white print and the tiny gilt cord is sewed with yellow silk thread along the outline of each petal. The petals are crowded a little at one side to allow three light green leaves to be printed in. A little white print is crushed in at the point of each petal and the muslin about the edge trimmed away from them.

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