



EDEN PHILPOTTS

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BEGIN HERE TODAY

Mark Brendon, criminal investigator, is engaged to Jenny and to solve the murder of her husband Michael. Jenny's uncle, Robert Redmayne, disappears and is suspected of killing Michael.

Jenny goes to live with her uncle, Bendero, and Bendero sends word to Bendero to come to his hiding place. Giuseppe, the Italian, who is Robert's master, is to meet him. When Doria calls to see Bendero, he finds an empty cave in which is evidence of a terrible struggle.

But it appeared that the watcher desired no closer contact. He turned and ran, heading upward for a wild tract of stone and scrub that spread beneath the last precipices of the mountain. Mark strove to run the other down as speedily as possible, that he might close, with strength still sufficient to win the inevitable battle that must follow, and effect a capture.

He was disappointed, however, for while still twenty yards behind and forced to make only a moderate progress over the rocky way he saw Robert Redmayne suddenly stop, turn and lift a revolver. As the red man fired, the other flung up his arms, plunged forward on his face, gave one convulsive tremor through all his limbs, and moved no more. The big man, panting from his exertions, approached only to see that his fallen victim showed no sign of life, the other, with his face amid the alpine flowers, remained where he had dropped, his arms outstretched, his hands clenched, his body still, blood running from his mouth.

"Helpless? Far from it. She is a self-controlled, efficient, hard-headed woman. Her loveliness is a curtain. You have not yet got behind that. You loved her, but she did not love you. She loved me and married me. And it is I who know her character, not you. She is very clever and pretends a great deal more than she feels. If she makes you think she is unhappy and helpless, she does it on purpose. She may be unhappy, because to keep secrets if often to court unhappiness; but she is not helpless at all. Her eyes look helpless; her mouth never. There is power and will between her teeth."

"Why do you speak of secrets?"

"AS THE RED MAN FIRED, THE OTHER PLUNGED FORWARD ON HIS FACE."

"Because you did. I have no secrets. It is Jenny, my wife, who has secrets. I tell you this. She is as deep as hell."

Branden could hardly believe his ears, but the Italian appeared very much in earnest. He chattered on for some time. Then he looked at his watch and declared that he must descend.

"The steamer is coming soon," he said. "Now I leave you and I hope that I have done good. Think how to help me and yourself. What she now feels to you I can not tell. Your turn may come. I trust so. I am not at all jealous. But be warned. This red man—he is no friend to you or me. You seek him again today. So be it. And if you find him, be careful of your skin. Not that a man can protect his skin against fate. We meet at supper."

He swung away, singing a canzonet, and quickly vanished, while Branden, overwhelmed by this extraordinary conversation, sat for an hour motionless and deep in thought.

He considered now his own course of action and presently proceeded to the region in which Robert Redmayne had been most frequently reported.

Branden climbed steadily upward

"TIZ" FOR TENDER SORE, TIRED FEET



CHAPTER XV

A Ghost

The next morning while he rubbed his bruises in a hot bath, Branden determined upon a course of action. He proposed to tell Jenny and her husband exactly what had happened to him merely concealing the end of the story.

He breakfasted, lit his pipe and limped over to Villa Pianezzo. He was not in reality very lame, but accentuated the stiffness. Only Asunta appeared, though Branden's eyes had marked Doria and Jenny together in the neighborhood of the silkworm house as he entered the garden. He asked for Giuseppe and having left Branden in the sitting

room of the villa, Asunta departed. Almost immediately afterward Jenny greeted him with evident pleasure, but reproved him.

"We waited an hour for supper," she said, "then Giuseppe would wait no longer. I was beginning to get frightened and I have been frightened all night. I am thankful to see you, for I feared something serious might have happened."

"Something serious did happen. I've got a strange story to tell. Is your husband within reach? He must hear it, too. I think. He may be in some danger as well as others."

She expressed impatience and shook her head.

"Can't you believe me? But of course you can't. Why should you? Doria in danger! However, if you want him, you don't want me, Mark."

It was the first time that she had thus addressed him and his heart throbbed; but the temptation to confide in her lasted not a moment.

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HOOSIER BRIEFS

Lewis Taylor, State treasurer of the Farm Bureau, was principal speaker at a meeting of Fourth district farmers at Bluffton.

Farmers and threshermen ironed out their differences at a meeting at Greensburg city hall today.

H. W. Elser, Huntington contractor, received the contract for the new LaFontaine Hotel to be erected in that city.

An ex-service men's home-coming will be held at LaPorte County fair, on July 22.

The first wheat of the season was sold at Greensburg by J. B. Johnson. He received 50 cents a bushel.

Capt. Lucas Lincoln of the Columbus National Guard was one of the last men to talk with Lelut. Louie J. Roth and Lieut. T. B. Null before they

started on their fatal trip. He was a personal friend of the men.

as well as the blond disappeared, he told police.

VELVET NASTURTIUMS

Velvet nasturtiums in the natural gold and brown shades make a riot of color on a large leghorn hat.

QUILTED COTTONS

Quilted cottons are a novelty in

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COLORED SHOES

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