

IN THE HANDS OF THE MAFIA.

People will tell you that the days of romance are gone, never to return. But my strange experience in Venice in the winter season of 1894, changed my opinion on the subject once and for all.

I was at that time a business commission in the larger towns of Italy, and from Verona I was going on to Venice. In my compartment was a young Italian—a rather nasty looking fellow, clad in a curious green traveling cloak. We did not speak to one another, and it was very cold. I curled myself up in my corner and went to sleep, wishing heartily that I had had the forethought to bring a nice warm overcoat with me like that of my companion.

When I awoke we were apparently nearly at Venice, and I was only occupant of the carriage. Where the Italian had got out I did not know. I was alone, and I felt very lonely. I was a clerk, married, had a young child, and I slipped it down my shoulders, intending to have it over my head. Ten minutes later the train steamed into the station, and I tumbled out and found my baggage and myself in good many people in the train, and in my express I quite forgot that I was a clerk, and I ought to have been to me, and which I ought to hand over to the lost property office.

Outside the station there were the usual crowd of porters, and I was trying for hire, and the whole scene was one of bustle and confusion. I saw a sign for a carriage, and I went to the station, reflected in the icy black water, had a weirdly picturesque effect. Presently a gentleman came toward me, and I turned to him. "Sir," he said, in most graceful Italian, "we owe you a great deal of money, and I am sorry to tell you that we have no money to pay it. I am sorry to tell you that we have no money to pay it. I am sorry to tell you that we have no money to pay it."

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