The Diamond Coterie.

(Continued from 1st page.) "It seems that the thing had been done rapidly, that Burrill had not had time get a fair look at the face of his assailto get a fair look at the face of his assailant; but the second time he scambled to his feet, Heath stood facing him full, braced and ready, when, behold, Burrill, after one look, turns as pale as a spectre, utters a yell of fear, and dashes out of the house like a madman. By this time several people had come in, and the thing pussled them not a little. Heath assert d that he had never, to his knowledge, seen Burrill before; and yet there stood the fact of Burrill's fright at sight of him. Some believed it a case of mistaken identity; others, that Heath was trying to mislead them, and that he did know Burrill. The affair became noised about as such things will be, and some were curious to see another meeting between Heath and Burrill. And here comes the queer part of the business. In his sober

mental pental and command, and the second control of the control o

his. This Burrill has picked up, somehow, a little information; something concerning Heath, or his past life, that is not known to W—, and he is trying to make capital of it. The secret in itself may be a mere nothing, but Heath is the first man to resent impertinences, and the last man to make explanations. And he's right, too, especially under the present of crumstances. I like him all the better for his pluck and his reticence; let him keep his secrets; so long as he gives me his friendship, I am quite content."

Constance felt a thrill of satisfaction and a return of courage, as she listened. Here was a friend, loyal, enthusiastic, not to be alienated by slander or suspicion. She had known Ray from his childhood, and they had always been the lest of friends, but she had never admired.

This Burrill has picked up, some sudden thought he threw the crumpled note, which all the time had been clasped in his had been clasped in his hand, upon the table between them, saying:—

While she mused thus, growing wild with auxiety, a half-grown boy, bearing to battle with a small tray of delicate ivory carvings, was applying for admittance at the servants' entrance. He was shabbily divided the servants' entrance. He was shabbily divided the time had been clasped in his hand, upon the table between them, saying:—

"Here's a mystery, sir; read that and pass your opinion on it; as you are to become my guest, you shuld know the servants' entrance. He was shabbily day one side.

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Ray eyed the letter with his head on one side.

"I have brought the carving for Miss war

hood, and they had always been the best of friends, but she had never admired and honored him, never valued his friendship so much, as she did at this moment.

His enthusiasm was contagious; she forgot all her fears of a personal nature and became in an instant the true woman and unselfish friend.

"Ah, Ray," she exclaimed, lifting two admiring gray eyes to meet his, "you are a friend indeed! a friend to be proud of; but tell me, did you hear nothing

'He made some pretty loud threats,"

"He made some pretty loud threats," replied Ray, "and a fellow named Brooks, a sort of crony of Burrill's, took it upon hinself to call upon Heath the next day, and advise him to keep a pretty close lookout for Burrill, as he was quite likely, in one of his drunken rages, to make an assault upon him. Heath thanked the fellow, and assured him that he was quite capable of taking care of himself, and Burrill, too, if need be; and Brooks backed out, declaring that he 'meant no 'arm by intrudin'."

"Bay," said Constance, earnestly, "John Burrill is not the only man Dootor to Heath has to fear. I may have acted hastly in sending for you, but I was so troubled by certain facts that have just come. to my knowledge, that I could not rest without doing something. It's almost an abuse of confidence to ask so much of you and tell you so little, but in a few days I hope to be mistresses of my own tongue, and then you shall have all the particulars. For the present, Ray, promise to follow my instructions blindly."

"Have promised that, Conny."

"And Ray van will keep this all a look of the blow will soon fall."

The note was written in a cramped, reversed hand, and, after a hasty perusal, Ray bent his head and scanned the pen strokes closely, then he looked up with a strange gleam in his eyes.

"How—how do you say this came, Heath?"

"I didn't say, for I don't know, my lad. It made its first appearance lying just there," and the doctor pointed with his wisp broom, which he had been required by certain facts that have just ensured his occupation without observing the trouble in Ray's face. "Sensational, isn't it? but I can't think of much of you and tell you so little, but in a few days I hope to be mistresse of my own tongue, and then you shall have all the color where he had first perceived the letter, and then for its the sort perceived the letter, and then for its threat perceived the l

his hospitality; observe any strangers who may approach him. If possible, do not let him get out of sight, even for a short time; in three days you shall be re-

feign low spirits, and make him think it is his duty to entertain and cheer you up."

"Capital, Conny! we can make that work I know; your wit is worth more than my wisdom; for three days then I am your watch dog."

"And your friend's guardian."

"Precisely. I begin to swell with importance. But seriously, Conny, let me have your confidence at the earliest moment. For, whoever does battle with Heath, will find me arrayed against him, and—it's difficult fighting in the dark."

"You shall know all as soon as possible, Ray, and now." repeated he, rising with alacrity. "Heath's herse stands outside, and Heath himself waits my return; so, lest he should grow impatient, and go where mischlef awaits him, I will go now and begin my task."

"Thank you, Ray, I know I can depend upon you. All this seems like a access cut of a melodrama, but it's

interestedly real for all that. Ray, I am just waking up to a knowledge of how much plotting and wickedness there is in this world; even in our little world of W—."

"We all wake to that knowledge," he said, a spasm of pain crossing his face.
"You know how the lesson came to me, Conny."

"Yes, poor Ray! and I know that another suffer even more than you, because of it."

"And the cause of it all is another mystery. But no more of this; unless something noteworthy occurs, you will not see me again for three days."

She gave him her hand, and a look of not see me again for three days."

She gave him her hand, and a look of gratitude, and trust; and, in a few moments more, the red roan steed was speeding back townward.

The state of women. On, the perversity of women. Who can comprehend it? Who analyze the mysterious creatures?

When there was against Clifford

And the doctor laughed cont and turned away to prepare for his drive. But Ray's face lengthened perceptibly, and he took up the note with sudden

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"I have promised that, Conny."

"And, Ray, you will keep this all a secret; you will do your part without hinting to Doctor Heath your true motive, unless circumstances compel an explanation?"

"When I sent for you, it was to ask you to warn Doctor Heath, in the most delicate way you can devise, that he was merfaced by an enemy, and under hourly surveillance; but, since you have told me of this Burrill it occurs to me that in some way he may be mixed up in this matter, and—I have thought of a better plan."

Ray nodded, and looked full of interest.

"Your description of his manner of receiving Burrill's interference, and of his reticence throughout, makes me feel that it might be only precipitating a catastrophe if we warned him, and oh, Ray, I want you, for three days, to be his constant shadow. Devise some excuse for remaining in town; thrust yourself upon his hospitality; observe any strangers who may approach him. If possible, do not let him get out of sight, even for a

lieved."
"By whom?"
She lifted her hand, warningly. "No questions, Ray. Can you manage all this?"

The three days that followed were days of unrest to Con tance Wardour. The intangible, yet distinctly realized trouble. and fear, and dread, were new experiences in her bright life. The three days that followed were days

She lifted her hand, warningly. "No questions, Ray. Can you manage all this?"

He pondered a while, then said: "I think I can; I am a pretty good actor, Conny. What do you say to my feigning filness?"

"He would find you out."

"Not if I did it well, perhaps. I think I could manage for a few days."

"It won't do, Ray. He would send you to bed and walk away and leave you."

Ray groaned.
"Tell him your room is under repairs, and throw yourself on his mercy; then feign low spirits, and make him think it is his duty to entertain and cheer you up."

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"I think I can; I am a pretty good actor, const, was almost more than she could calmly endure; and all this distress of mind and unrest of body was for others. Personally, she had nothing to fear, nothing to annoy her; but the warm-hearted heiress made a friend's cause her own. From the first she had grieved over the sad fate of Sybil Lamotte; not lightly, not as society sorrews over the fall of its proteges; but deeply, from her heart of hearts. And now there there of the provided with the unknown, the inability to cope with the unknown, the ability to c

And the doctor laughed contemptuously, and turned away to prepare for his drive. But Ray's face lengthened perceptibly, and he took up the note with sudden eagerness, and read:—

"Doctor Heath—Take the advice of a friend and leave W— for a time; a plot is ripening against you, and your only safety lies in your absence, for your enemies are powerful and have woven a chain about you that will render you helpless, perhaps ruin you utterly.

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Nelly delivered this message.

"The chap I am looking for," she repeated slowly; then, with a sudden brightening of her whole face, she added: "Oh, to be sure? I had almost forgotten. Send him here, at once, Nelly."

"I hope you will excuse me," began the boy, apologetically; then, as Nelly closed the door, he droped his voice, and said, "I come from Mr. Bathurst;" and, taking off his cap, he produced from thence a letter, which he put in her hand.

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"I'm to wait for the answer," he said, and took up his position beside his wares.

Constance opened the letter, with a hand trembling with eagerness. It ran: hand trembling with eagerness. It ran:

"Miss Wardour—By all means keep the secret of the diamonds, and trust all to me. I think it best not to come to you, as Belknap keeps a constant watch upon your movements; dismiss him as soon as you like. Have no fears regarding Heath, I have his enemies well roped; be assured that I shall be on hand when needed, and when you see me expect to have the question of the diamond robbery forever set at rest. If you have anything to say, send verbal instructions by boy; he is to be trusted. Yours sincerely,

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