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"You did not look up," replied the girl, with composure. "You ran away through the garden to the right: I dressed quickly and ran downstairs and out by the back door to see what was the matter. When I got out you had scrambled up the bank and were

talking to my uncle." Lowndes said nothing; there was nothing to say. But although it was true that he had not given much attention, when he burst into the upper room, to anything but the window and the flying figure, he felt convinced that if there had been a person in bed in the room he should have seen her. or heard some cry, some word, to indicate her presence.'

"Now you've heard another story. And, begging your pardon, I'd sooner take her word than yours."

"But," suggested Lowndes, in a conciliatory tone, "do the two stories con-tradict each other? All the young lady says is that she did not see the woman pass through her room. "No, nor anyone else, either," burst

out George Claris, as if his patience was at last exhausted. "An' look here, I won't stand no man coming down here to spy about, and taking fancies into his head, and breaking into the rooms of my house, not for nobody; and so, sir, you can just go upstairs, and pack your portmanteau, and clear out between this and break-fast time. Not another bit or drop will you be served with under my And you may just tell the three voung scoundrels that sent you, that, whatever they likes to call themselves, they're no gentlemen. I-I know them, you see; I know you were put up to this by Jordan, King & Co.!"

"Uncle! uncle! No, Mr. King never sent him, I will answer for that!"

And Nell's face became suddenly crimson with a blush which betrayed

Lowndes was touched. 'You're right," he said to her, very simply. "Mr. King knew nothing about my coming. I will go at once." And the young man, ashamed of his own action, but more perplexed each moment as he considered from every point of view his singular adventure, left the Blue Lion within the next twenty minutes, and returned to town to relate his experience to Otto Conybeare and Willie Jordan.

CHAPTER VIII

Now the intention of the two conspirators, who were conspiring, without Clifford's knowledge, to cure him of his infatuation, was to keep this luckless adventure from coming to his But it leaked out in spite of them; and one evening, when they vere enjoying their pipes in the room they shared together, they found themselves confronted by King him-

self, in a state of boiling indignation. It was in vain they tried to prove to him how laudable their intentions had been, how much for the good of the young lady herself it would have been if they could have cleared up the ugly mystery. 'If you could have cleared it up no

more grateful than I," retorted Clifford, whose face had grown haggard with anxiety, with unhappiness, on Nell's account: "but to send a young fool, without tact, without delicacy, like Lowndes, spying about, and making a thundering idiot of himself-why, it was more what you would expect a couple of schoolboys than of two full-grown men out of Hanwell!"
"As to that," replied Conybeare, "I don't know that Lowndes has less tact than anybody else. I must say that, in the circumstances, I should have acted very much as he did, at least as far as following the woman to the room and through the window was concerned. One doesn't stand upon strict ceremony with a

thief, even a female one "Nell Claris is not a thief," cried Clifford, with excitement. "I would not believe it if all the judges and magistrates in England told me so."

"Ah, that's it. You will not believe Lowndes had anything to gain by tell ing a story which showed him in such a ridiculous and undignified light?" 'I think that if he had been a man of more judgment and tact, he would

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trial will convince you.

ing out, and not have made an ass of himself during the proceedings. "Now, my dear Clifford, you are unreasonable, as all persons suffering from your ailment are," said Conybeare, rising and standing in a judicial atti-tude in front of the fire. "Because tude you admire this young woman, you hink she is incapable of a crime which has, in my opinion, been traced clear-ly home to her. If the woman whom Lowndes saw and followed was not Miss Claris, how was it, when pur-sued, she made straight for Miss Claris' room? Could Miss Claris have a bedfellow-there was only one bed in the room-without knowing it? If she had a bedfellow, would not some person in the house have been acquainted with the fact, and would not the sudden disappearance of this per-

son arouse suspicion, even in the in-nocent mind of Miss Claris?" "But I don't believe a word of the whole story. Lowndes had too much whisky before going to bed, and hav-ing his mind full of the tales you had told him, he dreamed that he saw a woman in the room, and started in pursuit of a wholly imaginary figure. You know he admits he had nothing stolen. The only part of the story which I do believe, is his own idiotic flight through a door and a window, and the bath in the river which sobered him."

"All right," said Conybeare. "It is no business of mine whether you believe Lowndes or not. Let us drop the

But to Clifford there was only one subject in the world, and as he could not talk about that, he would not talk about anything. He sat moodily silent for ten minutes, paying no heed to the conversation of the other two, and then abruptly took his leave. As soon as he had gone Conybeare

showed great excitement. "Look here," said he with determination, "that fellow's being ruined by his infatuation for this little jade. If we don't manage to bring matters to a climax, he'll be beforehand with us by going down and marrying her, or some such folly. We've tried send ing down an amateur detective, and it's been a failure; let's try a profes-

But Willie hung back. "I don't quite like to do that." ob jected he. "Supposing the girl didn't do it, after all, you know? It would make us feel rather small, wouldn't And then, of course, Clifford would be more madly infatuated than ever. He would rush down with a license in one pocket and a ring in the other, and she'd come back Mrs. King in the twinkling of an eye!"
"Well, and why on earth shouldn't

he, if the girl's all right?" said Conybeare, composedly. "I should have nothing to say against that." "But I should!" persisted Willie. "If

a thief, I should have liked her to be 'Mrs. Jordan.' And if she does turn out innocent--"She won't," replied Conybeare, placidly. "I am not in love with the

But she's so precious artful that in well take a clever chap to bring her to book. I shall call round at the Inquiry Office tomorrow." Now although both the friends were careful to keep the fact of this de-

young barrister was shrewd enough to guess that, having gone so far unsuccessfully, they would feel bound to Meanwhile the Province Is Assured take some steps to vindicate their sagacity So fully convinced was he that they

would make some fresh attempt to fix the guilt of the robberies on Nell, A Clamor Which Has Been Raised by that he went down to Courtstairs at the end of the week, and on the Sunday morning walked over to the Blue Lion, with the intention of warning her that she and her uncle would probably be subjected to more annoyance of the kind from which they had recently suffered.

His road lay past Shingle End, and as he approached Col. Bostal's house he overtook the old gentleman and his daughter on their way back from

The colonel, recognizing Clifford, as the latter merely raised his hat and would have passed, called to him to

"No, no," said he, good-humoredly, "we don't get so many visitors down from London at this time of year that we can afford to let you go like that." Miss Bostal, however, was less cordial. She did not offer to shake hands with him, and she eyed his tweed suit and low-crowned hat with open disfavor.

"I am afraid," said Clifford, "that one would have been more thankful, Miss Bostal thinks I haven't brought enough of London down with me!" The colonel laughed, and said they would overlook that. But the prim

little lady said icily: "I know that young men take things easily now-a-days. It is the fashion. But it used to be thought rather shocking to see a gentleman on Sundays without a frock coat and a tall I am old-fashioned and prejudiced, I suppose, but-

Her father interrupted her "Good gracious, Theodora, if you are old-fashioned, what ought I to be? And I should think Mr. King very foolish to walk along a country road in his Bond street get-up, on Sunday or any other day.'

"Oh, it is I who am foolish," retorted Miss Theodora. "I suppose the clergyman didn't mind; he gets too much used to that sort of thing now-a-days. But in my young days a vicar would have felt himself insulted if any member of the upper classes had appeared at service in such a costume."
Even the colonel, who was presum-

ably accustomed to his daughter's vagaries, was astonished at her acrimonious tones. Clifford, who was hardly prepared with an answer, was relieved when she made an much cuse of preparing dinner, to leave him

As the spare figure, clad in a curious old-fashioned dress of five-and-twenty years back, the skirts uplifted with both hands in the ancient manner, disappeared into the house, the colonel

"I need not apologize for my daughter, I suppose," he said, with a twinkle in his eye. "Women fossilize more quickly than we do, you know.' "I really began to feel rather frigh-tened," said Clifford. "I was speculating as to what would happen if I should let slip the fact that I hadn't been to church at all this morning!" "She knew that as well as we did, I imagine," said the colonel. "The

vicar gave us an hour and ten minutes of it this morning, so I suppose felt bitter.' "I don't see why she should have vented her feelings on me," murmured

But the old gentleman suddenly stopped short. He had been walking on with Clifford in the direction of the "I have it!" he exclaimed, with con viction. "It's on account of Nell Claris, her little protege! My daugh-

ter is very indignant about the way in which the girl has been persecuted lately, and I suppose she thinks you have had something to do with it." (To be Continued.)

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Boomers. Toronto, Jan. 29, 1897.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Considerable discussion and correspondence has appeared in the press ery by the fullest inquiry and the in reference to the so-called monoply of the Niagara Falls power, and an agitation is attempted to be raised against the previous grant to the Cansuch agreement for the development of power in the Niagara of such a large amount of capital de Falls Park. I think it is proper that pended. A mistake in the method the United States is in the solution of the public should be made aware of and should appreciate what is at the cessary, with the result that the bottom of what is apparently a popular uprising in the Niagara Penin-

In April, 1892, the Canadian Niagara Power Company was incorporated by dences the gigantic nature of the unan Act of the Provincial Legislature, dertaking, as well as the financial and given the right to develop power standing of those at the back of the enin an inconspicuous manner in the terprise. In consequence of what I have Niagara Falls Park for transmission it necessary to seek for an extension and use beyond the park limits upon of time for eighteen months in order terms and conditions which preserved to see before beginning what further the natural beauty of the park, gave the commissioners judicious control of the development, and for which Sir liver Mowat, then Attorney General, exacted the very handsome rental of \$25,000 per annum, to be increased after the tenth year at the rate of \$1,000 a year and amounting to \$35,000 per annum from the twentieth year. cheapest possible rate, because the (It is to be observed that on the cheaper the rate the more encourage-American side a similar franchise was ment to manufacturers and others granted without a dollar being to acquire the same, and the greater charged by the Government. He also amount can be sold and the power

provided, that The company whenever required to the best advantage. It is true that shall from the electricity or pneuthe German Government has shown matic power generated under this the possibility of transmitting electriagreement supply the same in Can- cal power long distances in connection ada (to the extent of any quantity not | with the Frankfort Exposition of 1890. less than one-half the quantity generated) at prices not to exceed the prices charged to cities, towns and consumers in the United States at similar distances from the Falls of Niagara for equal amounts of power and for similar uses, and shall whenever required by the Lieutenant-Governor-inmake a return of prices charged for such electricity or power, verified under oath by any chief officer of the company, and if any question or dispute arises involving non-supply or prices of electricity or consumption in Canada the High Court of Justice of Ontario shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the same and enforce the facilities to be given or the prices to

were these terms considered that the Act of Incorporation of the company, asking an extension of the time under containing a confirmation of the pre- the agreement of eighteen months, and vious agreement introduced by the are only asking this so that they may Attorney-General, was passed by the Legislative Assembly without on ob- right direction once they begin. jection or dissenting vote and with the approval of both sides of the The agreement was the rehad been executed by the park commissioners with myself, formerly res-United States Consul at Toronto, I then representing Lord Wantage, Col. Lake, the famous electrician Ferranti, all of London, England, and some Canadian friends. A payment on account of the franchise had been made by my English associates, but they were not prepared to go on. There was no outlook for the use of the developed power in the neighbor-hood of the Falls. The then state of the electrical art did not marrant the command capital cannot be in-

expenditure of money in the hope of realizing profits from long distance transmission, I turned to the company which was commencing the development upon the American side of public appreciating that nature's rether viver. They joined us, and today sources will be undeveloped without they have the majority of stock in the Canadian Niagara Power Company, although my English and Can-up among half a dozen or more peo-

ple, no one would put in the necessary adian associates still own a very large capital to have a proper and efficient interest in the company. plant for the development and trans-mission of electricity, if the latter can The development of power in large units from such a body of water as now be said to be feasible. The enorpasses over the Niagara Falls and also mous expense incident to such an un-dertaking makes it absolutely importhe generation of large units and transmission for long distances of tant that some franchise should be electricity were entirely new experiments, and it was absolutely necesgranted before capital can be induced to venture upon such an enterprise. sary that the greatest care should be The next objection that has been taken is, that the American side is being developed at the expense of the But the Ontario Side Will Have used in the introduction of untried machinery in such a colossal undertaking in order to prevent the loss of an immense amount of money, and out that upon the American sid when the company was negotiating five millions have been expended on the agreement the officers explained capital account, and until this autumn to the Government that their intenwithout any return; and with the extion was to wait the experiment on ception of two manufactories moved the American side and so soon as from the coal regions, no manufacthose works were completed and longdistance transmission commercially proved, then to duplicate them on the turers from outside places have been induced to come to the American side. On the Canadian side no bona fide Canadian side. The completion of the demand for over 1,000 horse power has works on the American side has been been made locally, and such horse-power has only been asked for from delayed by difficulties which always beset, and are inseparable from, great the two American industries above reand novel undertakings. ferred to, who contemplate establishpany could only assure itself that it ing Canadian branches. This power , was securing the most useful machincan be obtained at any time by arrangement with the Park Electric most careful experiment. Some idea of this may be obtained when the Railway Company, who have surplus power which they will be glad to have public are informed that \$25,000 were offered as prizes for the best set of hydraulic and electrical plans, and the utilized if the Government will permit such an arrangement to be made services of Lord Kelvin, the greatest tween ourselves and the Railway Comadian Niagara Power Company, and living British scientist, were obtained pany. In face of the depression that any event against any ex- as the chairman of the commission to has existed all over the country durtension of time named under adjudicate upon the various proposals ing the past few years, is it not idle that were put forward, and upon the to talk about manufactories that selection of which the saving or losing | would have sprung up?

might involve the loss of the whole the problem as to whether electricity the public should be made aware of capital outlay, and therefore great the real facts in regard to the matter care and attention to detail were nework was to be retarded beyond reaworks on the American side are still son, or not completed (in case of the somewhat in the experimentary stage | inability to successfully transmit long as to long distance transmission. Five distances). Hamilton, Toronto an millions of dollars have been expended other Ontario cities and towns might in the capital account of the company well be disappointed. If, however, there. This great expenditure all that is asked is a delay of eighteen months to properly demonstrate the successful operation of long distance transmission on the American side to Buffalo, a distance of 26 miles, so as said the Canadian company have found to give Canadians the best possible results once the project is under way, are not these cities the gainers? If the present company should retire from this enterprise, it would mean that some other company would have to be organized which would have to begin experiments, and which would await born of experience that the proper the result of the experiment upon the methods are being adopted, and the other side. As it is, the cities of machinery which is intended to be Hamilton and Toronto are assured of placed is the best of its kind, so as to having a substantial company comprovide power at distances at the plete with the best possible machin ery, with little likelihood of break downs or mishaps, and with an Act which limits the price that can be charged to the same price as is charged on the American side. Applications and machinery of the company utilized of a nebulous and indefinite character ventors, representing products not yet produced commercially, and by anxous real estate brokers looking for "booms," and pretending to know of but that was not a commercial suc-

large manufactories anxious to use cess. Small units of electrical power Canadian Niagara power. have been transmitted in the United The company has offered to com-States and in Switzerland distances of fifty miles. The company was fully mence work upon the satisfactory agreement of any reliable person or aware of the transmission from Tivoli persons or corporations of financial to Rome, and at Telluride, Colorado. but the Niagara undertaking is on responsibility to take in the aggregate and pay for 5,000 electrical horse power much larger and entirely different lines. Surely it is not an unreasonfor local use for a definite period. In a word, I have pointed out the enormous advantage of having the able request in view of the fact that the Canadian company have already present company, which has paid so paid the Government \$100,000, and are much money into the public coffers, consequently most anxious to push dewhich at would have absolutely dost velopment so that they may get some return for this money, and the enif the experiment proved a failure, being allowed to complete its experiormous rental they have to pay per ments and assure itself of having the year, and some return for the great expenditure that is necessarily inproper machinery, and then proceeding to push the work on as rapidly as volved within the next three years possible. The only request the combe charged.
So advantageous to the Province lar upon their capital. As I have pany are making is that they be given eighteen months further time for com-pletion of the work, and it is to be the agreement of eighteen months, and borne in mind that at the time the agreement was formed, it was pointed be assured they are going ahead in the

duced to come in, and one reason why

United States is that capital is wel-

comed to make an investment, the

sources will be undeveloped without this encouragement of capital. If the

The importance to Canada and to

industries have so progressed in the

out that while it was supposed the time granted was long enough, Under the terms of the agreement work could be commenced until the the company undertook to begin work experience of the American company had proved whether electricity could May 1, 1897, and to have proceeded so sult of a conditional contract which for with the said works on or before; be successfully generated and trans-Nov. 1, 1898, that they will have com- mitted or not, and it is only carrying pleted water connections for the development of 25,000 horse power, and to be borne in mind that if the yearly have actually ready for use, supply income it has paid was not forthcomout the original understanding. It is ing, it would require a special yearly and transmission 10,000 developed horse power by the said last mentioned date. appropriation of public moneys. The cry is raised that the Legislature \$25,000, which is now received for should not have granted this monopo-ly, as it is called. Surely it has be-has so far not received one dollar's

come apparent where an expenditure of | benefit for.

a rival company. Mr. Wilson, who talks airily of 60,000 horse power to the Hamilton Board of Trade, is well known in the United States, and is one of those gentlemen who was ad-mirably represented by the portrayal of the genial Col. Sellers in the gilded

The indignation in and about Niagara Falls is itself being largely developed by one or two local real estate investors, who themselves are Americans, and who are seeking to create a

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