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The Snake

Justice Done.

CHAPTER XIX.

(Continued)

As Oatway fell. Talbot got, to his ed from the knife to the still form with its hands clutching the bracken. torted, faintly showing, and back again to the knife. He could scarcely realize it. Had he really stabbed the wretch? He had felt for the knife. opened it, dealt the blow mechanquences! He must get him up, bring

"Get up!" he said, hoarsely. "Don't lie there-shamming. Get up! You

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were wet-red! He bent lower, look- that at once! ed hard at the face-how white it was, how still-and calm!-then thrust his and looked round. Gibbon was almost

The next instant he had started to his feet with a low cry. Great God! it was incredible, but-

but the man was dead! through the blood that had welled ment. The man was dead! And hehe, Talbot Denby, had killed him, was

A deathly sickness, an actual phy sical sickness, came over him, all the white set face went livid, and his from the hideous object stretched out mouth worked convulsively. He look- there in the bracken; but his eyes eous fascination. A hundred times he

struck me- His own fault, curse

force himself to realize that he was in

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open and his eyes glaring with the

Talbot, with his teeth set, his lips

not look again until he had found some place to hide it. He looked hunted for the knife, found it, and be-"His own fault, his own fault! It but he soon convinced himself that i was in self-defence- If he had not would take too long to deepen the pit

Gibbon lay quite still until the sound of his master's foosteps had died away, then he rose and, walking was enough to strike terror into the Suddenly he remembered that Mr. Talbot was trying to steal something when the man awoke and the struggle began. What was it? As gingerly as he had walked, he knelt down, opened the coat, and saw the pocket-

He reflected for a moment. Mr. Talbot would be back presently he knew that—and would miss the ook. Well, he would think it had ropped out during the struggle. As delicately as Talbot could have done it, Gibbon drew out the pocket-book and transferred it to his own pocket; then he went back to his old place and, making himself comfortable quite comfortable, waited. He had

a tool shed at the end of the garden and he came back, running now, with spade over his shoulder. Working with the feverish haste and demonia energy of a gold-digger, he deepened the pit, paused to wipe the sweat from his livid face, then went towards the

He lifted it with the strength with which a madman is credited, and lowand niled them over the grave. His strength still seemed superhuman dilettante master of his lifted and carthey were straw. When he had finished this part of his task. Talbot set to work and arranged the bracken, and so successfully that an unobservant eve would not have detected that any of it had been disturbed. Then Gibbon saw him stop suddenly

and start. He had remembered the pocket-book! He had buried it with the corpse! His face worked, his eves grew distended with the horror f fear and doubt; then he drew a long breath. After all, it was for the

He straightened his back, aching with the unusual exertion, and looked down at himself. His hands were stained with earth and blood. There was a red mark on his cuff and on his shirt-front; his evening shoes were scratched and dirtied. He regarded these evidences of his crime with a kind of dogged despair and drew a long breath.

"He's clever: but how'll he get 'en clean?" thought Gibbon, and he grin-

if, now the tension was relaxed, he promptly attended to. open book: indeed, the white, livid

also rose from his lair, and running,

t his courage failed him. He could tion in which he had found it, then stole across the garden and up to his

chilliness" of the Denhy family. Tal-

He saw the dead man's face in the flames, heard his death-cry-that awful "low-bred, mongrel" cry-in the crackling and hissing of the wood When he got warmer he began to un dress. The dead-his dead-was still of the red spots on his shirt-front and cuffs, and he stood still, his heart beating thickly. In another moment the shirt was on the fire.

came a knock at the door. His hear seemed to cease beating, and his knees shook together. He slipped on his dressing-gown, and going to the door, opened it. Gibbon stood there.

ly anxious look in his colourless eyes. "Beg pardon, sir," he said, impassively, "but I thought I smelt a smell

Talbot distorted his face into a

"Burning? Oh, yes, I was wakeful, and I have been going through my correspondence, Gibbon. I've been burning some letters; that is what you smelt, no doubt."

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