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The Crimson Slipper.

BY DORA LANGLOIS, Author of "A Wife From the Blue," "The Red-headed Woman," "The Secretary's Daughter," "Victoria's Dream," etc.

(Continued.) Having now no smoke I passed without asking him for a light. Quarter of a mile further on I came to another cross-track, and there, like a sentinel also, stood another mackintosh individual. "They're waiting for each other," I said to myself, "and one of them has mistaken the rendezvous. If both obstinately stick to their own opinion they'll be some time before they meet."

and painful, and I came to the conclusion that I had better cease such wrangling, as was possible and give them time to think of the advisability of turning me before I smothered. The discretion was almost immediately rewarded. The man on my back who was compressing my chest so painfully got up, someone appeared to come to his assistance, and my hands were tied behind me. Then as I showed myself amenable to reason the other brute got off my head, and I was allowed a little fresh air while they tied my legs.

I had lost a certain amount of interest in the proceedings, but not being a sandworm I enjoyed the change of position. Then the elder of this mackintosh crew of brigands—whom I now recognized as the man who had spent such a long time at the inn—leaned over me and began my mouth with the sand out of consideration did not even stop there. He had some scent upon him, it seemed, and he poured it on to his own handkerchief and held it to my nostrils.

I thought him a very obliging highwayman, experienced a sense of irresponsibility very pleasing after my late exertions and so went placidly off to sleep with my head on my late assailant's knee. CHAPTER V. I woke up again under the impression that Minting was snoring very loudly, and that his conduct in the matter did not show a due respect for me.

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ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX. A St. John Man on a Halifax Delegation to Ottawa.

(Maritime Merchant.) While speaking of the results of the delegation which had advanced the question of the Maritime Province, we may speak of a matter in connection therewith that does not appear on the surface, namely, the friendship of St. John and Halifax. It may be admitted that rivalry exists between these two cities, as there should be, but some take the matter far too seriously. As a matter of fact, the industrial element in both cities, take an interest in the mutual prosperity of the two places, and this was shown forth in the fact that St. John sent a delegation to assist Halifax in securing the concessions she so much desired in connection with steel-shipbuilding directly interested in this matter, but is willing to lend a hand to push things along that will be to the benefit of both cities.

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