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"'Oh, Nell, will you go with me?' I sobbed, in a burst of relief and grati-

'Indeed I shall. You did not suppose I would send you off alone, I hope, she answered, and then she further unfolded her plan.

'We would pretend that we both needed a change, after the confinement of the last few months. No one would then suspect any secret reason for our going. We would travel awhile, keeping as secluded as possible and finally go to some large city— Boston we finally decided upon, as we had never been there, and knew not a soul living there—where we would remain until after the birth of my child. Then we would give it into the care of someone, paying well for it, until my husband was in such a position to claim me: and then, as soon as I had regained my strength, we would return home, and no one would be the Wiser for what had occurred.

'This! plan gave me new courage All my former energy returned, and I immediately began my arrangements for my proposed trip. Mamma and her nurse both favored it, and Miss Willford was sent for. I wrote my husband of our plans-or as much regarding them as we told anybody—telling him how to address his letters; and then Nellie and I went away, without exciting the suspicion of anyone regarding our real object. We went first to Philadelphia, where we remained in secluded lodgings for a few weeks, giving our names as Mrs. Marston and maid, Nellie Durham'—Nellie preferring to act in that capacity. Then we proceeded to New York, where we stopped awhile, finally going on to Boston, where my little girl was born."

Geoffrey turned abruptly around, and faced Mr. Huntress as Mrs. Ma-pleson reached this soint in her story. Never until that moment had he suspected that Gladys was not his kind friend's own daughter. But he knew ton. He remembered that Mrs. Mapleson had addresses him as August Damon, and how she had been overcome upon meeting him. He remembered, too, how, when he had proposed leaving the room while she made her confession to her husband, she had said, "If anyone had a right to hear her story, he had," and put-ting all these things together, it flashed upon him that Gladys might have been that little girl who was born, under such peculiar circumstances in

Mr. Huntress met his inquiring glance, and smiled faintly; but he was very pale and sorrowful. It had not been an easy matter for him to sit there and listen to that

story, and to have it revealed that Gladys was not his very own. He had always hoped to be able to keep the secret of her adoption. "Is it true, Uncle August?" Geof-frey questioned.

Mr. Huntress nodded gravely. "How very, very strange!" said the young man, with a perplexed face. Then his countenance suddenly

brightened!
He leaned eagerly forward, laid his hand on Mr. Huntress' knee, and whispered, excitedly: "Then he-Everet Mapleson-is her

half-brother, and that marriage was nothing but an illegal farce!" "That is true-I have been thinking of that very thing," returned Mr.Huntress, grasping the hand upon his knee with cordial sympathy, "and though it has been very hard to have the fact revealed, that our dear girl was not quite our own, yet my joy at having

that great trouble so easily wiped out of existence, counteracts all the pain." "What is it?" Mrs. Mapleson asked,

ruption, and pray go on." "William, the worst of my story is yet to come." Mrs. Mapleson resumed, turning with a pathetic look towards her husband.

He reached forth one hand, and laid it affectionately upon hers. "Do not think me so hard, Estelle," he said in a low, kind tone; "I do not forget the 'beam' that was in my own story thus: eye, and I have no right to criticise the 'mote' in yours, especially when you have been so great a sufferer, and your hands were so tied by your dependent mother and sister. Your heart was all right-you would never have

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concealed anything but for the force "Oh, wait; you have yet to learn that my heart was not all right," she moaned, dropping her head upon her of circumstances." moaned, dropping her head upon her hand. "My baby was a beautiful child—I realized that the first time I looked upon her. But I did not dare to let my love go out toward her. for I knew that I must give her up,

at least for a time. And yet, what to do with her was a very trying question. At first I thought of putting her into some institution, requiring some pledge that she should not be given away within a specified time. But I away within a specified time. But I found I could not do this, so I advertised for some one to adopt the child, promising to give five hundred dollars with her. I received number-less letters in reply, but only one out of them really pleased me, and this was signed 'August and Alice Da-

"Ah, now I understand," interposed Colonel Mapleson, glancing quickly at Mr. Huntress, and looking intensely

Then his eyes wandered to Geoffrey.
"How wonderful, that those two family!" he murmured. "I appointed a meeting with Mr. and on Saturday. Mrs. Damon," his wife went on. "They came, and at once I knew that they were the very people to whom I would confide my little girl, in preference to all others. But you gave me an as-sumed name," she said, pausing, and

urning to Mr. Huntress.

only a part of my real name, which is August Damon Huntress," that gentleman explained. "Why did you withhold your sur-

Not an assumed name, madame, but

name from me?" "Madame, I knew well enough that your name was not Marston. I felt sure that no mother would give away her child, as you were doing, and reveal her identity. On the other hand, I did not wish the identity of the child preserved. I did not intend that you should have any advantage over me. If I took her, I meant her to be mine wholly, without running any risk of having her taken from me, or of ever learning that she had been abandoned It to the care of strangers. Consequently I gave you the name of Damon."
"Well," said Mrs. Mapleson, with a

sigh, "as it happened, it made no diference, but if I had suspected it at he time, you would not have had my hild, for I meant to keep track of her. I meant to have her again just as soon as my husband and I were re-

"But you told me," began Mr. Huntess, with an amazed, horrified face-"I know I did," the lady interrupt ed. "I promised you that I would never trouble you—would never even ask to see her. I pretended to give her to you unreservedly, although, you re-member, I would subscribe to no legal form of adoption. I allowed you and others to think me a heartless and unnatural monster for the sake of gaining for my little one a good home and loving care until I could see my way clear to demand her restoration. It was dishonorable—it was a wretched deception, but it was all a part of that

terrible secret that had to be guarded at whatever cost. But I had to pay dearly for it, as you will soon realize. "My sister and I left Boston, both of us in better spirits that we had been since leaving England, for we believed that everything had been so successslightest danger of discovery. We came back to our home to find mamma more comfortable than when we left her, having had a bright, cheerful visit with her old friend, while she appeardelighted with the improvement which our short trip had made in us.

But she lived only one short month after that. She took a sudden cold, which brought on a hemorrhage that terminated her life in a few hours.
"More than this," Mrs. Mapleson,
went on, hurriedly, while she pressed her clasped hands over her heart, as if to hold in check its painful throbings. while she related the saddest event of her whole life, "on the very day that she was buried a bulky package was brought to me, postmarked 'London.' It contained considerable manuscript. a Bank of England note for £150, my marriage certificate, and—a—letter. The letter told me—oh, William!" she burst forth in a quavering voice, "you knew that your Annie must die. You had to face the dread fact before it really came, and you were somewhat prepared for it; but I-I had no warning. The shock fell like a thunderbolt to crush me! My Charlie was dead before I knew it. He had been in his grave nearly a fortnight when the terrible news came to me. The letter was from a friend of my husband, and stated that he had met with an accident that must result fatally, hav-

The poor woman appeared hardly cathe agony of that dreadful time was revived by this recital. (To be Continued.)

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It is rumored that a young Indian woman from the Ute reservation will join the chorus of Lillian Russell's Opera Company. Whether this new squaw is a fact of life or a fiction of a press agent's imagination is one of those things shrouded in mystery to

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ping in the Woods.

Inwood will try for oil. Street Inspector Lloyd, of Walker ton, has resigned. Rev. Neil McPherson, of Petrolea, will be inducted into the pastorate of

Knox Church, Hamilton, on Feb. 25. The postoffice at Dolsen, on the Raleigh side of the Thames, not far from Prairie Siding, has been closed. Robert Millar, for 30 years associated with the cheese and grain trade of Oxford county, died at Woodstock on

Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckborrough, of Washould have found a home in the same terloo, celebrated their golden wedding family?" he murmured. It is currenly reported that the con-

gregation of St. Mary's Roman Catho-lic Church will build a large new church this year. Capt. J. J. Inglish, an old and highly-respected citizen of Brantford,

died on Sunday. He was a Highland Scotchman, and had been in Brantford

40 years. His age was 72. John Fordham, an inmate of the Home for the Friendless, Chatham, died in that institution on Monday, aged 73 years. He is believed to have wealthy relatives in or near Montreal. Capt. George A. Symes, of Sarnia, has been appointed to the command of the Cadillac, of the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, in succession to his brother, the late Capt. John C. Symes.

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ships on the lakes.

Figures prepared by Gonne, of Chatham, show that the total city assessment in 1886 was \$3,-380,300, and in 1896, \$3,562,513, an increase in ten years of more than \$237, 000. The population has increased from 8,457 to 8,828 within the same period. Mrs. McFarlane, wife of the Rev John McFarlane, of the Pine River Presbyterian Church, died at Pine River Monday morning. She was for-merly a Miss Grant, of Waterloo county, and went to Pine River with her husband about fifteen years ago.

She leaves five children. Rev. Father McCabe, pastor of the Roman Catholic Churches in Raleigh and Ridgetown, has been appointed pastor of Seaforth. A new pastor has been appointed for Raleigh, and in a few weeks in all probability a resident pastor will be appointed for Ridgetown. In the meantime it will be attended as before.

John Elliott, of Ingersoll, arrested at Port Huron, was arraigned at the Ingersoll police court on Saturday on four charges of forgery. was for a note for \$167, the second for \$35, the third for \$32, and the fourth for \$119 80, all of which were declared to be forgeries, and bore in-terest at the rate of 2 per cent per nth. He was remanded till Satur-

Watterworth and M. T. Buchanan to have taken place before the Oxford county judge on Tuesday. The ballot boxes in charge of Chief Skirving were conveyed from Ingersoli to Woodstock, but it was found that two of the poll books were missing. The judge refused to go on with the recount, and Mr. Buchanan retains his

Mrs. Elizabeth Willets, a pioneer of Beverley township, died at the homestead on Monday. The deceased wo-man had reached the age of 84 years, neighborhood where she passed away. The family consists of Mrs. (Ald.) Hall and Mrs. G. R. Hall, Brantford; Mrs. N. Weaver, Governor's road; Messrs. Nelson Willets, Brantford, and Peter Willets, of the township of Middleton. Mr. George Casey, M.P., of Elgin, was in Ottawa last week and had con-ferences with the authorities of the Agriculture Department regarding what is known as the hog plague in This is not the hog cholera, that plays such havoc in the counties of Essex and Kent. It is a lung trouble, but is likely to prove equally destructive, and it would seem that the only way to stamp it out is to take measures such as are used for wiping out forest fires.

On Sunday morning Mrs. Mary Ann Sexton, relict of Philip Sexton, who two years ago at Port Stanley passed away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert, Dixon River road, Southwold. The deceased was aged 79 years. She came to Canada from England 49 years ago. For six years she lived in Toronto, and for 43 in Elgin county. She leaves five daughters-Mesdames W. Church, in Inwondering at their eager whispering and excited manner.

"I will tell you later, madame," Mr. Huntress replied. "Pardon the interTrouble-Relieved and Perfectly Cured of St. Thomas

James Bennett, a farmer, 30 years o age, living about four miles north of Dutton, in the township of Dunwich, was on Monday helping his brother-inlaw, Duncan McCallum, get out tim-ber for a barn. They felied a large elm tree, and while the men were mov-ing out of danger from the tree they were working at, another large tree fell, striking Bennett on the forehead fracturing his skull, and rendering him unconscious, from which he never re-covered. He died at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, having survived fifteen hours after the accident. Bennet was a very industrious young man, having a few nys ago made the last payment on his farm.

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