

SIR WILLIAM'S

She looked from right to left, as if she would have escaped the question if she could; but his eyes were fixed "T on her with an intentness, an earnest ness that seemed to command her heart, and—traitorous heart!—it yielded.

heart, and—traitorous heart!—It yielded.

"Why, yes," she said, in a low voice, which, for all her efforts, quavered, and with a smile that flickered pathetically, "I—shall be glad —you have aiways been so kind—so—so—careful of me—us, my sister—"

He nodded. "Yes, put it that way," he said, with a short breath. "Then, if luck go with me, I'll come to you—and tell you. It will seem a long time—but I can wait. Can wait"—he laughed slowly, mockingly—"for wealth and fame and the rest of it, you know!" She moved away from him without a word, and he stood, his eyes still fixed on her; then he started, as if from a dream, and said: "Your horse?"

"At the stable," she said, just glancing at him. "But don't trouble. One of the men-

He walked beside her, and almost He walked beside her, and almost in eilence they reached the stables. He got the horse—she noticed how carefully he examined the girths and the fastenings—and held his hand and knee for her. His strong hands lifted her, as if she were a feather, into the saddle, and he stood for a moment looking up at her, as he arranged the reins in her hands.

"Thank you, thank you," she murmured, her eyes downcast. "I—I am

mured, her eyes downcast. "I—I am late, I must ride fast. Good-by!"

"Good-by," he responded, in his deep voice; and the music of it rang in her ears, and seemed to be echoed by the pines as she rode between

them.

Jack stood looking after her, his face pale, his lips set. Yes: he could wait until the time of grace set forth in the will had passed; then he would go to her and say: "I am Wilfred Carton. I have renounced my claim to the estates and the money, they are estates and the money, they are yours; I love you; will you marry

A voice from the beach swifted him,

A voice from the beach started him, and he turned, to see Lord Stanton coming up the beach.

"What luck!" he cailed out, and the words sounded like a good omen in Jack's ears. "I was afraid I should miss you. I say, Douglas, the specifications have come down, and I want you to go over them at once. Will you come up to the Towers to-night?"

Jack nodded, "Yes, I'll come." he said, absently omitting the "Lord Stanton."

The lad looked at him. "I say, you The lad looked at him. "I say, you look rather off color, Douglas," he said, and he laid his hand in a very friendly way on Jack's broad snoulder. "You haven't looked the thing for some time past. You've been sticking to the work too hard, and want a change, that's what's the matter. Why not take a holiday, go up to London. change, that's what's the matter. Why not take a holiday, go up to London, and have a bit of a spree, do the theatres and the music-halls, ch?"

It did not strike him as strange that he should spreak if to on county and

he should speak as if to an equal; and Jack nodded.

"P'r'aps I might," he said, thought

"That's right!" said Lord Stanton. "And, b ythe way, I put a cheque in my pocket, thinking I might see you rather fortunate coincidence, wasn'

He shyly slipped a cheque in Jack's hand, and went on talking quickly; but Jack, after glancing at the cheque, broke in with:

"Oh, but this is too much, Lord

Stanton!

The boy laughed; then faced him re solutely

"Yes, I thought that was the of rot you'd say," he declared. "Too much! Why, it's only on account; you don't suppose i meant it as full pay-ment? You juggins! you've earned twice that amount; and I've scored no end by employing you instead of a regular Johnny. Now, look here!" as regular Johnny. Now, look here!" as Jack opened his mouth to expostulate. "I can be as darned obstinate as you can, Douglas; and I tell you straight that I shall be awfully offended if you make any fuss about the coin."

Jack nodded. "It's too much—but, very well. I'll be up to-night."

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"I'd ask you to come now, but the
Miss Bramleys and Mr. Hesketh Car-

ton are dining with us."
"I'll come some other night,
morrow," said Jack quickly. "No, no!" said Stanton eagerly.

No, no! said Stanton eagerly. "I want you to go over those papers. I'll come to you in the library—there's the phaeton; and, by George! I'm late."

He ran to meet the phaeton, and Jack turned into the cottage to receive Mrs. Westaway's reproaches. But he seemed more cheerful, more like his old self, that evening, and, while he had his tea, he took Polly on his knee and told her stories until she clapped her hands and buried her laughing face against his heart.
"I'm so glad you're better, Mr. Jack,"

she said, stroking his face. "And I've been and told Miss Clytie you was ever so bad!"

changed his well-worn riding-He changed his well-work suit for one of blue serge, lit his pipe, and walked over to the Towers. As Polly had said, he was better. The glorious light of hope had cast a beam across his brooding heart and lightened it. Of course, she had not un-derstood what he was driving at; but she had not been offended; had not turned away haughtily from his request. Why, it had almost seemed as if she had promised to wait for as it she had promised to the hard so that he him! Ridiculous, of course, but he hugged the delusion; and pictures, delicious pictures, of a possible future unrolled before him in the starlit which the soughing of the unrolled before him in the starlit night, in which the soughing of the pine branches seemed to imitate the

music of her voice.
That beautiful girl his! His! He stopped to stare before him, breathwith the thought.

less with the thought.

He had timed himself to arrive at an hour when the dinner should be well over, and Lord Stanton free to come to him, and as he approached the house he saw through the windows of the great drawing-room a

scene which had once been familian

enough.

He paused in the screen of the laurels and looked in wistfully. The softly shaded lights showed him the women in their rich frocks, the men in the severe regulation evening dress; Lady Mervyn in black velvet, with priceless lace and diamonds, Mollie in her white cashmere with her ruddy in her white cashmere with her ruddy hair tied in a pigtail, and—yes; there was Clytie in black lace that made the clear ivory of her neck like the driven snow on which the faint dawn is shining. How lovely she was, and—ah, how much better!— how lovable!

But for his folly,, and the fierce passion which was skin to madness, that hed wrecked his life, he might be

sion which was skin to madness, that had wrecked his life, he might be there, by her side, a welcome guest. free to love, to woo her. With a sigh, he was turning away, when he saw the tall, slight figure of Hesketh Carton leave Lord Stanton and approach Clytie. Jack stopped unconsciously and watched them. He saw Hesketh bend over Clytie and speak to herit was some request, evidently, for she, after a moment's hesitation, rose, and they passed into the adjoining conservatory.

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Jack moved away; but he had to pass the conservatory, and, though he turned his face aside, and, setting his teeth, endeavored to walk on, his resolution failed him, and he looked in.

They were standing in front of a bank of chrysanthemums, and Hesketh Carton—his cousin, as Jack mechanically reflected—was talking to her, bending over with an expression in bending over with an expression in his face which sent the blood to Jack's face and made his heart beat fiercely. Clytie was listening at first with conventional attention; but he Hesketh suddenly draw closer bend still lower over her, and take he

He was almost too blinded by the sudden passion to see that her face had grown crimson and then pale; his were fixed on Heskath's face,

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and his rapidly, yet smoothly moving lips; and, with a stifled exclamation an oath wrung from him in his agony. he turned and fled-for it was flight-

ne turned and fied—for it was fight—into the darkness.
Fool, fool that he was! He had been too honorable to declare himself, to tell of his love, had beaten about the bush, had stammered an appeal to her to wait—and Hesketh Carton had stapped in before him and wen had stepped in before him and wen

His passion, the jealousy, which had been so swift to leap to a conc usion, tore at him like a wild beas. Ho flung himself into the shrubbery, and forced his way through like some wild animal in a fury, and found him:elf upon the road, down which he stumbled like a man half-blind.

Luck! He had called upon it, and it had answered him promptly enough—made a mock of him.

Yes, he had lost her. And serve him right! Such men as he, such fools as he, deserved just such inck as had been dealt out to him.

For hours he wandered about the woods, now blundering against the huge His passion, the jealousy, which had

For hours he wandered about the woods, now blundering against the huge woods, now blundering against the luga-trees, now stopping to stare be-fore him and try and ease the anguish, the despair, that crushed his heart, but ever driven on again in his flight from thought, from the realization of

It was nearly dawn when he reached the cottage, and he was calmer now, and moved as one spurred by a plan

With some difficulty he wrote With some difficulty he wrote a short note to Lord Stanton, saying that he was off, not for a holiday, but for good; then he went up to his room and packed a few clothes into a bag and stole down again. Softly as he moved, Polly, who was awake, heard



him, and called to him. He went into the tiny room, and she sat up, rubbing

his eyes.

"Is that you, Mr. Jack?" she said, yawning. "What are you doin'? It's velly late, isn't it? Where are you going wiv that bag?"

"I'm going on—on a little journey, Polly," he said. "Don't make a row and wake your mother. Tell her I was obliged to go. She'll find some money on the kitchen table."

The child put her arm around his neck and peered sleepily up at him.

"How cur'ous your voice sounds."

"How cur'ous your voice sounds," she said, "and you'm all white and shaking. You'm bad again, I know. And what are you doin' in the middle of the night for?"

"Business. Polly," he said, his throat dwy and aching.

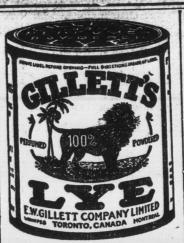
dry and aching.
"You're comin' back?" she said, anx

"You're coming back," he said, forcing the falsehood. "There, lie down and go by-by again."
He drew the clothes about her and kissed her; with a little sigh of content she closed her eyes, and Jack, a lump in his parched throat, stole from the room and out of the house.

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Now, Clytie had accompanied Hes keth Carton to the conservatory with-out the least suspicion of his object in asking her to do so. I accept-ed as an almost the acceptevery woman, eve her knows wher love with her; and ha been engaged in hear been engaged in the scovered the fact; but he was not in love with her—it is doubtful whether Mr. Hesketh Carton was capable of an exalted passion—what he desired was not Clytie, but Bramley and Sir William's fortune: and, that being so, Clytie was justified in attributing the attentions



with which he had favored her to

simple desire to make himself pleasant to a near neighbor. So she went into the conservatory quite innocently and without any mis giving, and listened placidly and serenely as he expatiated on the beauty serenely as he expatiated on the beauty of the chrysanthemums. She noticed that his voice was softer than usual, and that his dark eyes dwelt upon her face rather than the flowers, but she remained quite unconscious until, his voice dropping to almost a whisper, he said:

"Miss Bramley, I asked you to come out here alone with me because I

"Miss Bramley, I asked you to come out here alone with me because I wanted to speak to you, to tell you of something that is of vital importance to me. I think, I hope, that you will not be altogether unprepared for what not be altogether unprepared for what I am going to tell you. You must have seen that my frequent visits to the Hall, my evident desire to be near you, sprang from no ordinary cause. Indeed, though I have refrained from speaking—for I have, of course, felt, been sensible of, the presumption of avowing myself—I/think you must have guessed how it was, is, with me. I do not think any man could have seen so much of you as I have done without being inspired by love for you; at any rate. I am not that man; and I without being inspired by love for your, at any rate, I am not that man; and I have come to love you so much that I can keep silence no longer. To-night I have resolved to confess my love for you and to ask you to be my wife."

It was at this point he had taken her hand; and Clytie was so amazed, so hervildered by the sudden and un-

so bewildered, by the sudden and un-expected avowal that, as Jack unfor-tunately had seen, she had actually allowed her hand to remain for a mo-ment or two in Hesketh Carton's, while a blush, say, rather, a startled flush, had risen to her face; it might well have been mistaken by Jack for the sign of a warmer emotion. after that moment or two she recovered herself, and, withdrawing her hand, looked at Hesketh steadily, her face pale, her brows drawn together as was their wont when she was deep-

ly moved. Most men would have been discon certed by the steady gaze of the beautiful eyes; but Hesketh Carton, not be ing in love, had nothing of the lover's timorousness, and he bent himself to his task with all the advantage which a man possesses when his heart is not engaged. He was perfectly self-pos-sessed and an admirable actor, and a very fair imitation of passion shone in his dark eyes and quivered about

his thinly cut lios. "I see that I was wrong, for I have startled you," he said. "You are so innocent, so beautifully ignorant of the world and its ways that you have not suspected the truth. I do not know whether to be glad or sorry. Yes, I am glad; for it is so characteristic of your our dictative of your pure. istic of you, so indicative of your pure, innocent nature. It will make the acceptance of my humble proposal—if you should deign to accept it—so much more precious. Please do not much more precious. Please do not speak yet." For Clytie had opened her lips, which had been tightly compressed. "I will ask you to hear me to the end. I have spoken of presumption, and I know how great mine is. I cannot but be aware of the fact of the distance between we said the analogity. distance between us and the audacity I am displaying in endeavoring to pass it. You are—what you are. Not only a member of one of the oldest of our county families, but the mistress of

Clytie opened her lips again to deny the assertion, but he held up his hand, and smiled softly.
"I know what you would say," he

"That your tenure of the estate said. and Sir William's fortune is uncertain. Perhaps that fact has given me courage to speak to you. Miss Bramley

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heard so muchabout Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound my husband wanted me to try it. I took it for a week and felt a little better. I kept it up for three months, and I feel fine and can eat anything now without distressee an avousness." Mrs. Teylor St. without distre wousness."-Mrs. Taylor St.,

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Clytie, I need scarcely tell you that I am indifferent to that uncertainty. I love you and care nothing for the land or the money. I would ask you to be my wife, I would implore you, if you were one of the Bramley factory-girls.

It is you I love."

Clytic turned her head away. No woman can receive a proposal of mar-riage from any man, however unwor-thy he may be, without being moved by it; and Clytie, in her innocence, was touched by the emotion which by it; and clytle, in her innocentee, was touched by the emotion which Hesketh so skilfully feigned. And yet she was vaguely conscious of a false note in it. She could judge only by comparison, and, though he had not spoken an open world of love to her, it was not thus Jack Douglas had looked, not thus his voice had rung, when he had stood before her and ooked and spoken that afternoon.
"Your are, as I say, far above me, in

social position, everything. I am just Hesketh Carton, the proprietor of the Pit Works, of no social standing or position. I have only my love and a life's devotion to offer you—ah, give me one more moment! I am pleading for something that is more precious to me than life. Hitherto I have not been an ambitious man; but my ambition has grew with my love for you. I feel that if you will accept me. I am capable of making a place for you in the world, not worthy of you, Clytle; there is no position, however lofty, that your beauty and your grace would not extend that I can at least strive to not adorn; but I can at least strive to win one in which you can reign as an acknowledged queen. Outside, in the great world there, I may find for you a sphere in which you may shine like the radiant star you are. It would be a labor of love for me to work for you, to realize those dreams which dwell in the heart of every true woman. What will you say to me, Cly-tie? Will you make me the happiest of men or the most wretched and hope-

(To Be Continued).

A Coated Tongue? What it Means

A bad breath, coated tongue, bad taste in the mouth, languor and debility, are usually signs that



We can within our own bodies which are

as deadly as a snake's venom. The liver acts as a guard over our well-being, sifting out the cinders and shes from the general circulation

A blockade in the intestines piles heavy burden upon the liver. If the intestines are choked or clogged up, the circulation of the blood becomes poisoned and the system loaded with toxic waste, becomes and we suffer from headache, yelow-coated tongue, bad taste in mouth, nausea, or gas, acid dyspepsia, languor, debility, yellow skin or eyes. At such times one should take castor oil or a pleasant laxative. Such a one is made of Mayapple, leaves of aloe and jalap, put into ready-to-use form by Doctor Pierce, nearly fifty years ago, and sold for 25 cents by all druggists as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

THE LORD MAYOR.

Something About London's Historic Civic Head.

The office of Lord Mayor of Londates from the twelfth century and the first held office twenty-five

years. It then became annual.

The first two centuries remain misty. However, John Carpenter, town clerk, wrote his copious book in town cierk, wrote his collows book in 1419, giving a full account of the Corporation. It is interesting to ob-serve up to what priviligas the Lon-don Mayor fought. He was a century and a half getting atthe itle of lord. with all its meaning. Most readers will be surprised with what he has

Within the city proper the Lord Mayor ranks next to the King. He is even technically before the Queen consort, not to mention such digni-taries as the Fremier (who has no heraldic rank), the Lord Chancel-lor, and the Archbishop of Canter-

The Lord Mayor takes precedence of the Lord Chancellor as First Judge of the Criminal Court. Neither of them enters upon "details" there, but it must be remembered what the out-ranking means when liberties had to be fought for.

The Lord Mayor of London cannot

The Lord Mayor of London cannot jump up easily. First he must be a member of one of the livery companies. Next elected alderman. Then sheriff. Anybody refusing to be an alderman is liable to a fine of £500 if he cannot prove his wealth to be under £30,000. The sheriff gets £700 a year but must spend about £400. a year, but must spend about £400. The Lord Mayor gets £10,000 and The Lord Mayor gets £10,000 and spends at least twice that in normal times. When a sovereign dies he attend its edge. tends the Privy Council and is a signer of the proclamation of the new monarch.

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A RIGID SABBATH.

Britain Only in Recent Times Ended Blue Laws.

Numeraus laws in the United States, Numeraus laws in the United States, Canada and Great Britain forbid various acts of work and play on Sunday, but not since the laws of the "blue laws" of colonial days whe Americans been forced by legislation to go to church on the Sabbath, an exchange lays. In England however, it was not says. In England, however, i was not until the middle of the last century,

until the middle of the last century, during the reign of Queen Victoria, that all penalties for non-attendance at religious services were abolished. Some unusual incidents attended the enforcement of the regulations, particularly upon the Hebrews.

They were not released from the provisions of the law until 1871 and multitudes of the were prosecuted for insisting upon observing their owy Sabbath. In the thirteenth century, it is reported, a Jew of Tewkesbury fell into a sewer on a saturday. Although almost submerged, he would not permit himself to be drawn out, believing that to do so would be to believing that to do so would be to violate the sanctity of the holy day. On the following morning he was quite ready to be removed. on the lowing monday, when he was found to be dead

to be dead.

As late as 1880 there were persons As late as 1880 there were personal to English prisons whose only crime was refusal to attend divine service. One of them was a young man, who had been convicted at the instigation of his own mother who appeared against him. In 1817 Sir Montague Burgoyne was haled into court to explain why he disregarded his religious duties. Rigid Sunday observance in England began during the reign of Edgar, in the tenth century, when Sabbath day was ordained to be kept holy from three o'clock on Saturday afternoon until sunrise on Monday. The most innocent actions were condemned, and death was the extreme penalty for continued violation of the penaity for continued violation of the law. About three centuries ago Par-lament passed a law imposing a fine of one shilling for remaining away from church on Sunday, unless some good excuse was forthcoming. This act remained in effect until comparatively recent times, and inability of unwillingness to pay the fine re-sulted in a prison sentence.

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BIRD RIDES FREE.

Rice Bird Uses Buzzard as a Steed.

Sie and strength are popularly a sociated with victory, especially among the lower animals, but in many cases this is far from being the case, particularly in the bird world. Among the rice flats of the Carolinas there abound at some seasons tiny rice birds, birds so small that it takes two

birds, birds so small that it takes two dozen for a good meal, even though bones and all are eaten.

The great buzzard is found circling over the flats at all times. He dreads the time for the rice birds to come, for he is then pestered to death. It is a common sight to see one of these the time for the rice birds to come, for he is then pestered to death. It is a common sight to see one of these tiny creatures fly up to a buzzard, and after dodging this way and that around the awkward bulk, finally a-alight well forward between the buzzard's wings on the back. Here the little passenger grabs a few feathers in his beak and holds on for grim life. After enjoying a ride for as long as he desires, the little fellow hops off and is gone.

The peculiar feature of the whole performance is that apparently the only purpose the rice bird has in getting on the back of the buzzard is to take a free ride. It puzzles everyone who chances to see the little play to find any other reason; yet the fact

find any other reason; yet the fact remains that it is a requent occur-rence, and the little birds seem wo enoy it hugely.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

Explaining Falling of Leaves.

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