THE BETRAYAL

CHAPTER XXX.

Mostyn Ray's Love Story. In a dark corner of the library, sit- my life." met Mr. Hulshaw, the agent to the esor two and various documents. I had

In his chair. But at the sound if the electric bell, which announced the

"Yes, your grace," I answered. "What are you doing there?"

"I have brought up the flast batch of copy, sir," I answered. "You have sealed it properly?"

"With Lord Chelsford's seal, sir," I told him. He turned round in his chair sharply.

"What's that?" he asked. "Lord Chelsford gave me an old signet ring before he left, sir," I said, "with a very peculiar design. I wear bracelet round my arm."

"Let me see it," the duke ordered. I took off my coat, and baring my arm, showed him the ring hanging by a few inches of strong chair from the bracelet. He examined the design curiously. "How do you detach it?" he asked.

"I cannot detach it, sir," I answered. The bracelet has a Bramah lock, and was Queen's messenger."

The duke examined the ring long It into my face. "You mean to say that you cannot

"A locksmith might, sir. I certainly could not."

The duke shrugged his shoulders. ly so much a nest of conspirators as marry me, and she consented."

quite certain that the Winchester on. papers were disturbed."

"I do not choose to believe it, Ducaine," the duke said irritably. Kind- which lately have been on my mind. ly remember that!"

to light that the man whose body I vious evening, and had made in I could give her back her freedom withquirles as to where I lived. It seems to be the desire of the police, therefore, to connect me in some way with the

"I presume," he said, "that they had something in the nature of evidence," saw now why he had made me his confidant. or they would scarcely have been able to swear the affidavit for the search you have seen a little of her lately.

to my cottage, that he had presumably Speak up and tell me what is in your left Braster to see me, and that I was mind." foolish enough to persuade the person, hotly. "If I were you, and Lady Anward at the inquest."

"Stop! Stop!" the duke said irrit-

of having seen him." "It was a remarkably foolish thing

of you to do," the duke said. "I am reafizing it now, sir," I an-

"Did this person call on you at all?" lute and certain fact." the duke asked.

this person looked in at the window and went away. I saw no more of him

"I have no definite information, your

The duke did not look at me for sev-

you may experience some inconvenience only those other and greater things. yours to suppress evidence which said, "it would make no difference. I from this most ill-advised attempt of should most certainly have been given has no idea—and it is not worth while at the inquest. However, I have no that she should have." doubt that your story is true. I have some inquiries now before me from then?" he asked slowly. the police station. I will do what I can for you. Good evening, Ducaine."

"Good evening, sir," I answered. "I m much obliged to you." I walked homewards across the park.

The carriage had gone from the private road, and Ray was alone when I had happened from his expression. He show you my justification." entered. It was impossible to tell what sat stretched out in my easy chair, smoking furiously, and his face wa a few curt remarks. But afterwards, cending the stairs to his room. In a that I shall be in London tomorrow

"Listen well," he said, "for I am not haps because ignorance was better for realized that with me in the way their

given to confidences. Yet I am going you, I have told you little of the game was up. But afterwards he must itimes over."

"I have been soldiering all my days," tates, in the drive, so I judged that he said, "since I was a child almost. your father!" the two had had business together. It is a glorious life. God knows I have The duke had not greeted me on my never grudged a single month of it. entrance, and he seemed to be asleep But when one comes back once more to dwell amongst civilians one realizes that there is another side to life. It is and need of the other."

He paused, knocked out some ashes from his pipe, and relighted it.

was your mother."

of the fire, and continued. It attached by a chain to an iron did my best to fight that woman's in- life would cost me nothing, I would at me keenly. But she was the daughter of a bishop, recognized me." Lord Chelsford has the key. He used a High Churchwoman, and a holy woto wear it many years ago when he man. She died with your father's name I could not repress a shudder. Invarismoked with the face of a Sphinx. upon her thes."

I shuddered! The words were spoken night the old fear came back. and searchingly. Then he looked from so deliberately, and yet with such

Egypt, then India, and afterwards caught him easily, and held him so mummy of myself, and I have walked ly on arrival at Rowchester House, Khartoum. I came home before the last war, and I met Lady Angela, I am so little of a woman's man that I "Chelsford's methods seem to me to suppose the girl whom I thought of at savor a little of opera bouffe," he re- all became like an angel, a creature marked drily. "For my own part I be- altogether apart from that sex of Heve that these marvelous documents whom I know so little. However that would be perfectly safe in the unlocked may be, she was the second woman to drawer of my desk. I do not believe hold any place in my-heart-as she any of these stories which come from most surely will be the last. Then the Paris about copies of our work being in existence. I do not wish you to be careless, of course, but don't overdo than I deserved. The very night of your precautions. This place is scarce- my return I asked Lady Angela to

faddists like Chelsford and Ray would He puffed vigorously at his pipe, but he seemed wholly ignorant of the fact "I am glad to hear that you think that it was out. His face was set in so, sid," I answered. "Our precautions its grimmest lines. He looked steadily seem a little elaborate, but it is at a certain spot in the fire, and went

The first is that I am nearly 50, and "Very good, sir," I answered. "There Lady Angela is 21. The second is that is nothing else you wish to say to me?" I came home with all the tinsel and "There is something else," the duke glamour of a popular hero. Heaven answered coldly. "I understand that knows I loathed it, but the fact rethe police yesterday, on a sworn affi- mains. The King's reception, the V. davit, were granted a search warrant C., and all that sort of thing, I supto examine your premises for stolen pose, accounted for it. Anyhow, I are property. What the devil is the mean-Angela was very young, and I fear "I think, sir," I answered, "that the that her imagination was touched. She stolen property was a pretext. It seems accepted my offer, and she has been that during the last few days has come disagreement has passed between us. found on the sands was not washed But there have been times lately when In from the sea, but was a stranger, I have fancied that I have noticed a who had arrived in Braster the pre- change. A time has come now when

face, and the color flamed there, for I

You are only a boy, but then only boys "They have nothing more direct, sir, than that the body was found close than the body was found close that the body was found close than the body was found close that the body was found close than the body was found close that the body was found close than the body was found close than the body was found close than the body was found close that the body was found close than the body was found close that the body was found close the

"I will tell you this," I answered quiries in Braster, not to come for- gela had promised to be my wife, I As for my own folly, since you seem about like an eel trying to get away, caine to answer it." to have noticed it, no one knows between Read the letter." absurd presumption. But with me it dated from the Savoy Hotel.

Ray rapped his pipe upon the table. It was the night of Colonel Ray's lecture. He called to see me on his way ily is equal to the duke's. There may of justice. I have learned that you me give you some wine."

you have said?" nificent years of dauntless service. I vant. I am known here as forgot my own distrust of him, his coldness, his brutality. I remembered

"Even were I in such a position." I am sure that Lady Angela is loyal. She

"You would have me marry "There is only one thing," I said, tak-

ing my courage into my hands. "And that?" he asked sharply. "That," I answered, "lies netween

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his hand a letter.

"Guy," he said thoughtfully, "I am Hotel, he will know the inside of a are over." a man who is slow to place trust in military prison before midnight." any one. For that reason, and per-

doubted 1.

his confederate in many schemes. Your peace. I am sorry for it now." father on many occasions manifested the remnants of a sense of honor. This Guy," he went on slowly. "The first successfully to corrupt it. He was a had omitted to leave an address." parasite, a nerveless, bloodless thing I started a little, but I still held my without a single human attribute. He marked, thoughtfully. sible for your father's ruined life."

"I tried my best," he said, "to be a Once before," Ray continued, after have risked it." fluence with your father at Gibraltar. kill him as I would set my heel upon There I failed. I was foredoomed to an adder-and he only smiled as asked. failure! She had the trick of playing though I had paid him some delicate what tune she cared to on a man's compliment. And that night, Guy, a I had meant to be careful whom I

ably at any reference to that awful I think that at first she did not see knew quite well that it was on my "He seemed at first paralyzed with raised her veil.

vibrant force, fear," Ray continued. "He tried to "Guy," she cried, "forgive me, but I was told to report myself immediate could not help it. I have made a I was told to report myself immediate could not help it. I have made a I was told to report myself immediate. The could not help it. I have made a I was told to report myself immediate.

to speak to you of the secret places of events of that night. Now my first have hesitated, and then made up his She turned to me as though in pro- call and see him." opinion of you has undergone some mind to attempt what was probably test, but my face gave her no encour-

In a dark corner of the library, sit-ling motionless before a small writing-holding between my fingers, and turned I thought, you have shown faith in lowed me, stole up softly behind, and "I will go," she muttered. "Guy," lesk, I found the duke. The table was my chair. I judged that it was not me, too, or I should not be here prac- with on old trick which they teach she added, turning to me, "you are littered all over with papers, a ledger necessary for me to speak, nor ap- tically a guest under your roof to- them on the other side of the Seine, he honest. You will always be honest. That you mean to be reasonable. Sir trance, and his eyes met mine just as night. Listen! The man whom you as nearly as possible throttled me. You have nothing to fear, so you do Michael is a dear old man." found death in the marshes was not However, I got my finger inside the not hesitate to speak if necessary to slipknot, and I held him by the throat. those whom nevertheless you do not I was not surprised. Always I had When I could breathe, I lifted him up trust. But there are other things in

and threw him into the marches. There the world to fear besides dishonesty. "Who was he, then?" I asked calmly. I left him. It seems the fall killed There is animal brutality, coarse in- well off. He is most interested in hear- shaking fingers, and directed his com-"When your father went mad at Gib- him. That is the whole story. It was difference to pain in others. There is ing about you, and he was delighted to panion's attention towards me. raltar," Ray said, "he needed help. absolutely God's justice, but I am the triumph of the beast over the have you accept the allowance he ofopening of the safe, he turned sharply so with me. I am not given to doubts This man, Clery by name, supplied it. quite aware that the laws of the counor to asking advice from any man. But When I knew them both he was your try do not exactly favor such summary you those things," she added, pointing the time has come when I have the one father's valet. Since then he has been treatment. Accordingly I held my to Ray. "Do not choose him for your scarcely see the use of it, but I will at my notice. Very soon, however, she

"And Mr. Drew Foster?"

"Had left the Savoy Hotel when I then God help you." "I have loved two women in my life, creature set himself deliberately and reached there," Ray said drily, "and

I do now," Ray answered, "I would and passed out so quickly that though and I promised him that I would talk friend to her after her marriage, and I a moment's pause, "I had told him Then as we sat in silence there came after her, I was powerless to prevent to hear that you get on well together, swer, and, rising to her feet, came over

"Who visits you at this hour?" he

"We will see." I answered. heartstrings. After it was all over, and hundred yards from your cottage, he admitted, but I had scarcely withyour father and she had left the place, sidled up to me in that lonely road and drawn the latch when the door was and unremitting. The police seemed to I spent years trying to persuade your bade me direct him to the abode of pushed open, and a slim, thickly-cloaked have abandoned their watch over my mother to get a divorce and marry me. Mr. Guy Ducaine. A moment after he figure glided past me into the room. I cottage, and I heard a whisper that a knew her by the supple swiftness of statement by the duke had at any rate A grim smile parted Ray's lips, but her movements. Ray sat still, and partially cleared me from suspicion.

fear," Ray continued. "He tried to "Guy," she cried, "forgive me, but I

to judge others, through his eyes-and retreating footsteps.

CHAPTER XXXII.

A Painful Encounter. More work. A week of it, ceaseless him. She swept round upon me and account. He, with the others, was now in London.

Then came my own summons thither.

upon my arm.

friend, Guy. You will grow to see life, go."

Ray laughed, and again to me there you are his only near relative. Be- carelessness across at me. I saw her seemed to be a note of coarseness in sides, you have had such a lonely start and look apprehensively at her "You might have trusted me," I re- his strident and unconcealed contempt time, and it is quite time that you saw companion. He took the alarm at once of the woman. She took no notice of a little of the other side of life. Sir and I heard his eager question. peace. He looked hard into the ashes and that woman were alike respon- "If I had known you as well then as him whatever. She opened the door Michael is a particular friend of mine, she slipped quietly into the chair op-I tried to intercept her, and called out to you about this. I am most anxious She made him some reassuring anhope, I think, that I succeeded. I even that if ever we should meet where his a law tapping at the door. Ray looked her going. I could not even hear her You can be amiable if you like, you to my table. I rose to greet her, and know, and you can be very much the posite to me. other thing."

"I will try," I assured her, "not to quickly. be the other thing." She smiled.

"And tell me all about Braster." swered. "I have been hard at work all the sentence for me. the time, and I have scarcely seen a

not seen her since the evening of the compassionate. day I saw her last."

She appeared relieved. She nodded.

"About Colonel Ray. Has the duke forgiven him?" "On the contrary, he is more bitter

"I have seen him once or twice only: guess." He does not come here." your engagement-"

Everything is as it was. But it is my face. shockingly indefinite, of course. I "I thought," I said, "that he had scarcely know whether I am to con- money." sider myself an engaged person or not. "It has all gone," she answered, "and we agreed to wait for a little time." with him. Our mission over here has

upon her cheeks. But my words were queer that I should be telling you this!' never spoken. The duke entered the she added, with a hard little laugh, room, brilliant in sash and orders.

"Good evening, your Grace," I an- apart." swered in some embarrassment. gela remarked, stooping that her maid, come towards us. I was absolutely who had followed the duke, might ar- powerless to move. Mrs. Smith-Less

for him from Sir Michael Trogoldy." table towards me. The duke made no remark. o'clock tomorrow morning in my has told you who I am. Eh?" study," he said. "Afterwards we go "Yes." I answered. "I know who over to the war office. You have you are."

you are quite ready, Angela." quite sufficient recompense for me. think I know a way.-Waiter, a glass Still, I knew that this living together of brandy." under the same roof was to be no un- "I am afraid." I said, rising to m mixed blessing for me. I shut my- feet, "that you must excuse me. If self in the dainty little sitting-room you have anything to say to me, sir which I was told was mne, and turned we can meet another time." the key in the door. I felt the need He almost dragged me down.

of solitude. only to ring the bell and order some- abroad, very powerful." thing. I felt the need of fresh air. So I looked at him steadily. I took up my hat and stick and left the house.

Piccadilly. I knew very little of Lon- his head angrily. quiries that a room was reserved for and across the marshes, the contrast son Guy. Of course we must talk toin the sky was marvelous to me-the ant position. Clerk to the military de-Lady Angela was standing upon the faces of the passersby, the laughter fense board, eh? Quite an important She sank into a chair. Her eyes hearthrug. I stepped a little way across and the whining, the tears and the position, of course; but it might be to have noticed it, no one knows because the letter."

Read the letter."

She sank into a chair. Her eyes that I that it is the rankest, most I drew it from the envelope. It was seemed to implore me to protect her. I had out her hand to me with a cursing, the pleasure seekers and the made—yes, with care it might be heard Ray's little snort of contempt; held out her hand to me with a quiet pleasure satiated, how they all told made," he added, watching me with their story as they swept by in one un-nervous alertness, "a very lucrative "Have you forgotten me?" she asked, ceasing stream! For a while I forgot one." even my appetite. The sight of a "I am quite satisfied with my salary," I set my teeth and moved towards restaurant, however, at last reminded I remarked calmly. me that I was desperately hungry. Pooh! my dear boy, that is non-

with an ease which I was very far politan place of the lower middle class, derstand me. It is an open secret. from feeling. "Remember that I have and entering I found a quiet seat. Maud, are we overheard here, do you where my country clothes were not think? Is it safe to discuss an import-I do not know what she wore. Her conspicuous. There were few people ant matter with Guy here?" gown seemed to me to be of some soft about me, and those few uninteresting. I rose to my feet and took up my hat. wet sand. The fear of Ray, too, was ranged with exquisite simplicity, seem- of my meal, something happened to nodding his head. "Guy, my boy, you

ful color which had been in her cheeks selves diagonally opposite to me. Some- been ill. Tomorrow, eh? or the next when she left Braster, and the smile thing in the woman's light footsteps, day? We shall expect you, Guy. We with which she welcomed me was as her free movements, and the graceful do not go out except in the evenings. carriage of her head, struck me in- You will not fail, Guy?" "This is a charming arrangement," stantly as being familiar. She was I looked down into his flushed face. she declared. "You know that you are dressed very plainly, and she was His lips were shaking, and his eyes servation of the French secret service, sent, but it was not he. Guy, have such an important person, and have to closely veiled. Their entrance, too, had were fixed anxiously upon mine. I was and the man who signed himself Rich- you heard from him? Do you know be watched so closely, that you are to been unobstrusive, almost furtive. But miserably ashamed and unhappy. stay here. I went up myself with the when she raised her veil and took the "I do not think that I shall care to housekeeper to see to your rooms. I carte-du-jour in her hand, I knew her hear what you have to say," I an-"I think," he said roughly, "that do hope that you will be comfortable." at once. It was Mrs. Smith-Lessing. swered. "But I will come to see you." "Comfortable is not the word," I She had not seen me, and my first I left them there. As I went out

quietly out. Then by chance I glanced der for more brandy. at her companion, and my heart stood [To be Continued Next Saturday.] "Dear me!" she said. "I have so still. He was a tall man, over six feet, "You have set them on—the police— much to tell yes, and the carriage is but he stooped badly, and his walk had "Ay!" he answered. "Tell me where is one thing which I must tell you at had once been stout and well built, but tlers in the Northwest Territory who Drew Foster is staying at the Savoy promise you that his days of freedom you know. He took me in to dinner long illness. The flesh hung in little ours a wife. On presenting the return at Amberley House last night, and we bags underneath his bloodshot eyes,

a proposition to me-and asked me to moustache, which failed to hide a weak thin mouth, and a very obvious wig Something in my voice, I supose, be- concealed his baldness. His clothes had trayed my feelings. She laid her hand seen plenty of service and his linen was doubtful. He had evidently ordered "Mr. Ducaine," she said, "I do hope some brandy immediately on his enhe was in the act of raising the glass "He is my mother's brother," I to his lips. I am convinced that he answered, "and he left me to starve." had no idea then who I was, but the "He had not the least idea," she de- earnestness of my gaze seemed to disclared, "that you were not reasonably turb him. He set down his glass with

"Yes, I shall go," I promised. "I was reproving him for showing alarm herself, after giving an order to a "You must not be foolish," she said waiter, turned slightly round in her softly. "Sir Michael is very rich and chair, and glanced with well-affected

"Who is it? Who is it, Maud?"

"What are you doing here?" she asked "I have fust arrived from Braster." I answered. "I came here by accident to

get something to eat. Is that-"There is not much to tell." I an- I could not go on, but she finished "Yes."

I set my teeth hard and looked stead-"The woman-Mrs. Smith-Lessing?" ily down at the tablecloth. I felt "She left Braster before you. I have rather than saw that her regard was

"I am sorry," she murmured. "I would not have brought him here if I "May I ask you a question?" I asked, had known. You two are better apart. Talk to me as naturally as you can. He has no idea who you are."

"Has he been ill?" I asked. "Very. I found him in a hospital. than ever," Lady Angela answered. He has been ill, and the rest you can

Even while we were talking I saw "I saw in the paper," I said, "that him toss off another glass of brandy which the waiter had brought him. "It is not true," she interrupted. And all the time his eyes never left

Colonel Ray offered to release me, but -well, things are not very flourishing been unsuccessful, and they have stop-She looked at me with a soft flush ped sending us money from Paris. How "you, of all people in the world. Guy. "Good evening, Ducaine," he said, take my advice. Get up and go. If he looking at me with slightly lifted eye- guesses who you are he will come and speak to you-and you are better

It was too late. With fascinated eve "I sent for Mr. Ducaine," Lady An- I watched him leave his place and range her cloak. "I wanted to hear all ing had left the outside chair about Braster, and I had a message He sank into it and learned across th

"It is Guy," he said in a shaking "I shall require you, Ducaine, at 10 voice. "I am sure that it is Guy. She

brought all the papers with you?-If He extended a shaking hand across the table. I could not take it. The duke, without saying a word, "Well, well," he said nervously, "per had managed to make me feel that he haps you are right. But I came to considered my presence in the draw- England to see you. Yes, Guy, that is ing-room with Lady Angela super- the truth! I have been a bad father, fluous, but her smile and farewell were but I may be able to make amends. I

"Stop, stop!" he said irritably. "You do not seem to understand. I had an Later in the evening I became mun-important matter of business to discuss dane again. I remembered that I had with you. I may make your fortune sent dinner away, and though I had yet, my boy! I have powerful friends

"Well?" She laid her hand upon his arm, and After awhile I found my way into whispered in his ear. He only shook

"You took my breath away," I said, I knew it by name—a huge cosmo-sense," he continued. "You do not un-

shall come and see us. No. 29 Bloomsarranged low down on the back of her A woman, followed by a man, passed bury street—poor rooms, but our reneck. She had still the fresh delight- my table, and the two seated them- mittances have gone astray, and I have

Matrimonial tickets are supplied by his mouth twitched continually, and coupon and the marriage certificate the 'I had a letter from Sir Michael a the hand which rested on the table settler is entitled to free transportation



"Guy," she cried, "Forgive me, but I could not help it."

would not sit and hatch scruples about that he could not escape. He admitted along those awful sands that I might and to my surprise was informed by don, but after my solitary evening "Nonsense, Maud!" he exclaimed. marrying her. I would marry her first, that he had come to find you with a not be seen; but there is a question answered my in- walks at Braster along the sandhills "You do not understand. This is my and make her happy afterwards, and message from your father. He denied tion—" bly. "You did what?"

message from your father. He defined the same arrows the marsnes, the contrast son Guy. Of course we must talk to as for the rest—for the questions which at first having a letter, but I searched it suggestive and almost gether. It is a wonderful meeting—the rest—for the questions which at first having a letter, but I searched it suggestive and almost gether. It is a wonderful meeting—the rest—for the questions which at first having a letter, but I searched it suggestive and almost gether. It is a wonderful meeting—the rest—for the questions which at first having a letter, but I searched it suggestive and almost gether. It is a wonderful meeting—the rest—for the questions which at first having a letter, but I searched it suggestive and almost gether. It is a wonderful meeting—the rest—for the questions which at first having a letter, but I searched it suggestive and almost gether. "The young woman of whom he inyou have asked me, and yet not put
duired was close at hand when I disyou have asked me, and yet not put
him until I found it. As you see, it her lips. She stood and shivered like than Lady Angela's own maid arrived exciting. I watched the people, the yes, a wonderful meeting." quired was close at hand when I dis-into words—I have never heard or seen in watched the people, the yes, a wonderful mee covered the body of the man," I said. I have never heard or seen is addressed to you. Nevertheless I a trapped bird. He removed his pipe with a message. Her ladyship would stream of carriages. I listened to the "Well?" I repeated.

> that you should read beyond these help it. nameless and practically lost. Yet you sire to claim me for your father. I question you want to ask me. Don't her.

"RICHARD DREW FOSTER." I laid the letter down without re- my hand impulsively. mark. Ray had filled his pipe whilst I had been reading, and was sitting you found-what was he like?" now on the arm of his easy chair, fac-

ing me. "I understood the letter and its meanard Drew Foster saw in you an excellent tool ready to his hand. It is very certain also that the matter would probably have presented itself to you in you'll find him at home when you get

and I released my hold of Clery. "'You can go back to your master,' I said, 'and tell him that you have

"The man slunk away. I suppose he

covered the body of the man," I said.

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begins and ends. That is a most abso- "My Dear Son,-I do not deserve but I answered her kindly. I could not laugh. three words. I have as little right to "I am sorry that you came," I said, "Listen." he said. "I found you call you my son as you can have de- "but, of course, I will answer any

be money too some day. Bear these have been robbed of the sum set aside My own untasted liquor was on the things in mind. Can you repeat what to give you a start in life. I am here table by the side of my empty coffee to endeavor to replace it, for which cup. I made her drink it, and her It was a wild dream—a wonderful purpose I desire that you will grant teeth ceased to chatter. She was one. But, before me I saw the stern, me a business interview within the rather a pathetic object. One of her crepe or silk, and the color of it was a so I kept my attention divided between Again she whispered in his ear, and white face of the man, eager for his next few days. I beg your reply by little black satin slippers was cut to assent. share of happiness after all these mag- Clery, my faithful companion and ser- shreds, and the other was clogged with around her neck, and her hair, ar- just as I was drawing towards the close "Quite right!" he said

> in her white face. She caught hold of ed to be drawn back from her face and change all that. "The man," she murmured, "whom

"He was a small dark man." She laughed hysterically. "He," she exclaimed, "was over six ing." he continued. "I knew that the feet and broad! It was not me. It whole neighborhood was under the ob- may have been some one whom he where he is?"

I shook my head. Ray interposed. He rose to his feet.

"Wait here," he said, "and I will a wholly different light. Accordingly, there, madam, wherever that may be, answered. "I have never been used to impulse was to pay my bill and step she was gently countermanding his or-I placed the letter in my own pocket, If he were in this country it would be such luxury." within the four walls of a prison."

She looked across at him. seen me, and that I have his letter. It then?" she said. "You would hunt waiting already. Thank goodness we been almost the walk of an invalid. dinner, and he ate and drank with only I heard Ray's heavy footsteps as- will be sufficient. And you can tell him him down still? After all these years?" dine alone tomorrow night. But there He had the appearance of a man who the Canadian Pacific Railway to setwhen I was deep in my work, he sud- few moments he returned, bearing in night, and if any such person as Mr. he is hiding in this country, and I will once. Sir Michael Trogoldy is in town, who was now barely recovered from a wish to make a journey in order to se-

> She pointed to me. "His father?" "Ay, were he his father a hundred few days ago," I answered. He made trembled. He wore a scanty gray for his bride.

"or I am I so alarming?"

delightful as ever.

She laughed.