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"No. Myrtle; you have been a true

"Thank you, dear; I've tried to be,

know. So out with your precious

"I told you once that perhaps

secret. I'm dying to know it!'

you know," encouragingly.

phen Belcourt!"

dered that girl!

uspicion on, dear?'

shall judge if I am wrong.'

home, in Lewisburg, instead of out

'Then you know, continued Lyn-

mentioned Blooming Meadows first,

and then Ronnie Braes; yet she

passed our place, where she might

have been almost sure of getting

sewing, and went on to the place

where she was murdered. What was

out the pink sole of her beautiful lit-

tle foot to the bright blaze,

and exclaimed:

her motive in going there?'

cheeks, she breathed:

to Bonnie Braes?'

Belcourt, and by others.'

mean -- '

old anything you confided to me?"

CHAPTER XIX.

TOLD IN THE FIRELIGHT.

"Well. Lynette?"

The two girls were alone in Lyn ette's large, comfortable room, after big wood fire, toasting their pretty dropping her voice as though she fearbare, pink toes before retiring to bed. ed the very walls might hear, Lynette They had been sitting silent sever-

al minutes, the lamplight and firelight shining on the pretty picture of the white-gowned girls. Myrtle braiding up her beautiful golden locks for the night and Lynette staring gloomily into the leaping flames.

She started all at once, as from painful retrospection, and cried out:

"Well, Lynette?"

Lynette moved her chair closer her friend, whispering: "I'm going to tell you somethin

perfectly dreadful!" "Oh, dear! what can it be?" cried

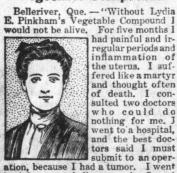
Myrtle, her big, purple-blue eyes dial ating with curiosity. "It's a great secret, mind, and I ma

be doing some one an awful wrong; so, if you think so, you must never never tell on me."

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machine in a large factory and got all run down. I had to give up work for I could not stand the pains in my back. The doctor said I needed an operation for womb trouble but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did more for me than the doctors did. I have gained five pounds. I hope that everyone who is suffering from female
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'Yes, darling, it is, and my heart aches for you. But surely the allseeing God will pity and save you. My advice to you is to break off this narriage, even though at the eleventh

'I must-h, I must ! for I can never marry 'him now that these terrible suspicions haunt my mind. For, My rtle, I haven't told you all yet.' 'Go on, Lynette. I am deeply in-

erested.'

Of course you know how bitterly Prentiss hates Belcourt. That was jealousy, of course; and he had done everything that he could against him, even to poisoning Uncle Jack's mind. Well, you remember that aftern on McDonald coming here to identify the dead girl as her daughter. Have you forgotten how ill he appeared for moment?

elling about the girl's locket, and he started an turned so pale that I cried out in alarm,' said Myrtle.

Lynett was trembling very much as she proceeded

'When we reached home that afternoon, Prentiss, on leaving us, lighted a cigar and burned off the end of his mustache. He pretended it was an accident, but it was not-it was not; for I saw him do it, and it was by deliberate design.

'Good gracious!' ejaculated Myrtle; "It's very serious, Myrtle. I'm aland she caught the girl's cold hands in her own and held them tenderly, nost afraid to breathe it aloud." "No one can hear it but me, dear, while she waited for lhe next words. 'The next day he came here with

Lynete put her rosy lips close to his hair arranged differently and his mustache cut off. Then I began to Myrtle's pretty, shell-like ear, and to loathe and fear him, for I said to myself: 'Why wes he so frightened night have something to tell you to bear about that dead girl's locket, cometime, you know, and it is this." and why did he hasten to alter his ap-Prentiss had gone, sitting before the Drawing a long, deep breathe, and pearance, unless he feared the recognition of the dead girl's mother?' "Very true!" cried Myrtle excitedcontinued: "I have an awful sus-

"Well, and then he went off to Cinpicion that-that Graham Prentiss cinnnati, pretending business; but I ought to be in prison instead of Stedon't believe a word of it-not a word! It was just to keep out of that woman's way!" cried Lynette, in an Myrtle gave a great jump and cried accession of angry excitement.

"It certainly looked that way," 'Good gracious! You don't agreed Myrtle. "And, oh! my darling, how hard you have thought and studied on this subject, to reason it out 'Yes, I do mean it! I suspect that Graham Prentiss himself mur

"Ch, Myrtle, I had so much at stake you see, and my mind was busy all 'Oh, my, Lynette! What an idea! the time-all the time-till I was Have you any grounds to base your nearly crazed. I wanted to tell you all, but I feared even you would laugh at me, and think I exaggerated 'I think I have, but perhaps my verything. So I waited-waitedpoor, tortured brain has magnified and I was almost in despair when that everything. I will tell you, and you wonderful thing happened last night. "Wonderful!" echoed Myrtle.

"Yes, Myrtle, you heard him when And, with burning eyes and pallid he first came up and took me for a real apparition. He recoiled in hor-'The first thing that strikes me as ror, and cried out: "Madge, Madge range is that Madge McDonald my God!"

"Yes, yes; I heard him plainlycame out here in the country at all. and so did Vida." If she knew where to find her hus-"But did you notice the tone of band, as her mother asserts, why familiarity in his utterance of that didn't she go up to Belconrt, his name? 'Madge, Madge,' he cried so wildly, as if he knew and feared the owner of that name!"

"I remember it," assented Myrtle. "Was it not very strange, for if he had never seen or known that girl. . You are not alone in that thought, why should be speak to her thus, even Lynette. It has been talked over at supposing he believed it to be her ghost?"

"Yes why?" echoed Myrtle arouse o the strangeness of the occurrence. ette, 'in the evidence of poor old Lynette remained silent a moment Sally Ann - the only person who with her eyes fixed on the fire, the talked to that girl-it was stated that half whispered to her friend: the girl was seeking work. Sally Ann "If I wrong Graham Prentiss ma Heaven forgive me, but-but-as

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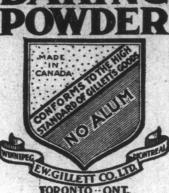
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they were always satisfactory."
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feels for the man on loves to be in

# MAGIC Evening



flashed through my brain that it was he who had killed the girl, and thenwe rode out, and you told about Mrs. because he loved me and hated Mr Belcourt, and feared to lose me-h turned the crime to account by hiring Jason Ball to swear he saw the kill ing done by Belcourt. All this flashed through my tortured brain, and in 'I remember it perfectly. I was fury of indignation I threw prudence to the winds and shrieked out madly 'Murderer!'

"Yes, I heard that awful word, and I saw him go down before it-go down as if it had been a dagger in his heart!" exclaimd Myrtle.

"Did it not look like guilt?"

"And his effrontery afterward i coming home with us, and trying t overcome the suspicion he had en gendered-was it not monstrous?"

'Tnen, Myrtle, you believe that am right in my suspicions - that Prentiss is a fiend, and Mr. Belcourt a martyr?' cried Lynette, the tears stealing down her pale cheeks.

'Yes, Lynette, I do believe it. It wonderful what a case you have worked up in your mind against Prentiss. It impresses me strongly, although I do not know now a lawyer would look at it." To be continued.

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