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CHAPTER LVIII.

Cowed and terrified by her words, the miserable man made no attempt at self-defence.

"You cannot prove it!" he hissed, rather than said.

"That is true. I cannot prove it, and you know it. You may tremble for the wrath of Heaven is most surely upon you. You would have slain me, my step-daughter, who has never hurt or injured you—and you have killed the woman whom you professed to love instead!"

He turned his ghastly face to her. "What mad folly," he cried, "why should I seek to kill you?"

She met his gaze unflinchingly. "I will tell you," she replied. "You wish me dead because you want my other's inheritance. I know all your plots and schemes; I know how you persuaded my poor loving mother to make that infamous will by which my father's money should come to you in the event of my death. You persuaded her to make it, and to keep it a secret from me."

"And she has betrayed me!" he exclaimed, angrily, unable to conceal his rage.

"She has exposed you," said Angela, scornfully, "and the will is destroyed. If you had succeeded in your design yesterday, and had flung me into the lake instead of Gladys Rane, you would not have been one step nearer to my mother's fortune, which now will never be yours. I may tell you more," she continued. "You persuaded my mother to make that will, and then you doomed me to death. Only Heaven knows what you meant to do with my mother. She would have died soon after me, no doubt. You would then have been rich and free, and you would have married poor Gladys Rane. But Heaven, in its wisdom, has interposed, and you have slain with your own hands the woman for whom you have sinned so terribly."

He looked at her in helpless amazement. These things, that he had believed were locked in the depths of his own heart, were all well known to her. She had fathomed secrets which

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life was dear to you. Again I ask you, do you accept my conditions?" "I refuse to leave the country," he said doggedly, "and I defy you to do your worst!"

CHAPTER LIX.

For a few moments after Captain Wynyard had defiantly refused to leave the country, there was silence between the accused and the accused, but Angela knew the victory was won.

"Then you will face exposure and ruin," she replied, firmly. "Act for once with prudence and sense. If you will leave my father in peace for her few remaining years, if you will leave England, promising never to return, I will undertake to see that you have a share of the money for which you have marred my mother's life, and would have taken mine."

She paused in blank astonishment, for he flung himself upon the grass, wildly crying that Gladys was dead; that he had slain the only woman he had ever loved; that he loathed his fate and longed for death. Surely if ever a man was quickly punished he was Gladys' man. Never did man weep more bitterly, despairing tears. What to him was wealth, freedom, anything, now that Gladys was dead? He had not realized until this moment what her death meant to him. It left the world a blank, life valueless. Wicked, desperate as he was, the anguish that wrung both heart and soul was pitiable to see.

"I cannot face life," he cried, passionately, "without—without Gladys! My sun has set, my love is dead!" "My mother should be your love," cried the girl. "Your words horrify me!"

"My love is dead," he repeated. "Life will be a blank to me now. Then, in a paroxysm of grief, he cried: "Oh, Gladys, Gladys!"

"Spare me," cried Angela. "I will bear no more. I ask you, for the last time, will you accept my conditions? I await your answer."

For a few moments the captain maintained a sullen silence; then came his reply, in a hoarse, trembling voice:

"I consent; I will go," he replied. "There is no one now in this island country for whom I care. Gladys is dead."

"You promise me that you will never pain my mother by your presence?" "I never wish to see her again," he replied, almost savagely. "She is nothing, never was anything to me."

"The more false, cruel, and wicked you!" she cried. "You give me your promise that you will not return to England?" she continued.

"(To be continued.)"

"Obviously" Sectarian. The "Independent" is a campaign leaflet, published by Mr. Brian Dunfield, in support of his own candidature. He banners the "we," attacked by crowned heads and Editors, and, amongst other foolish remarks, says the following:—"Obviously, we are Protestant, and obviously, since St. John's East is half Protestant, most of our co-religionists will vote for us." We cannot recollect ever reading a bare sectarian issue so brutally put. If it were true that electors voted for a candidate for no higher or better reason than that they and he gets into the same denominational column in censures returns, they would be unwise to exercise the franchise. But it is not true! The Protestants of St. John's East are too intelligent and tolerant to put out of sight the great issue of this election, to mix their creeds with politics, or to be made footballs for the personal advancement of Mr. Dunfield. He insults them mortally when he dares to represent them as so narrow.



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The island is celebrated for this sport all over Australia, and is now becoming so popular with the tourists that many natives derive quite a comfortable, though despicable, income from it.

There are many holes and caves under the coral rocks in the lagoon, which is very shallow for the most part and heats quickly under the fierce rays of the tropical sun. If the day happens to be very calm, there is not a ripple to break the force of the rays, and by midday the lagoon is unbearably warm.

Mr. Shark now begins to feel extremely uncomfortable, and either makes for the open sea or lodges himself in one of the many coral caves with which the lagoon abounds. Knowing this, the Alaskan takes his party, who are armed with axes, and rows out into the lagoon.

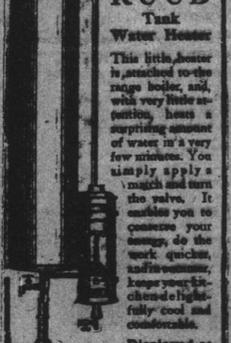
Coming to a likely spot, he dives down gently and with out splashing, holding a stout line, noosed in a allipnut at one end, in his hand. Should he be successful in discovering a shark, he proceeds with his operations, but should he fail to find one, he moves about until his search is ultimately rewarded. The shark, having his head tucked into a shady corner, is blissfully unaware of any danger, but soon becomes conscious of a delicate stroking at his head quarters. And as he rather enjoys the sensation, he remains quite still, while the Alaskan with his other hand gently slips the noose over the brute's tail.

Having accomplished this, he shoots to the surface, swings himself into his boat, and the shark is hauled up and quickly despatched with axes and knives.

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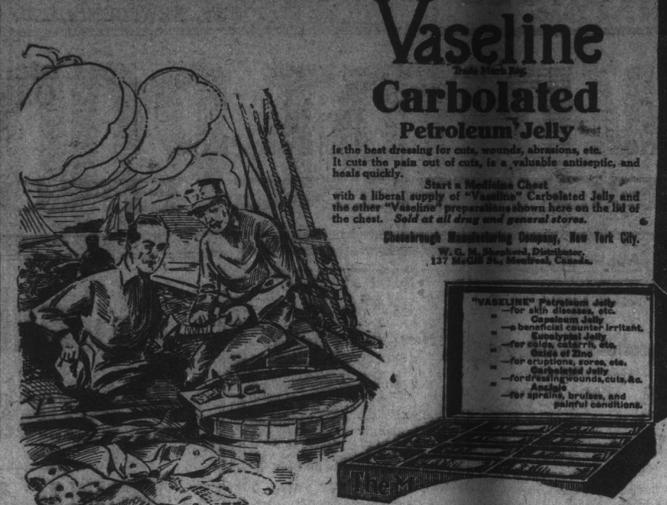
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The very low-heeled slipper, which has been so much in evidence for

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