House Thousand Candles

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CHAPTER V.

A Red Tam-o'-Shanter. I looked out on the bright October

forning with a renewed sense of isolation. Trees crowded about my windows, many of them still wearing their asked for last night." festal colors, scarlet and brown and gold, with the bright green of some and went below.

when I beheld it in the morning was clear enough by day. bubbled pleasantly around heavy stone that I should sell or remodel to my lik-Two pretty rustic bridges ing. spanned the ravine, one near the front ble in another strip of woodland.

to their own side of the wall.

"Good morning, Mr. Glenarm. I trust you rested quite well, sir."

His figure was as austere, his tone as respectful and colorless as by night. The morning light gave him a pallid cast. He suffered my examination coolly enough; his eyes were, indeed, the ble." best thing about him.

"This is what Mr. Glenarm called the pick up a few." platform. I believe it's in 'Hamlet,'

I laughed aloud. "Elsinore: A Platform before the Castle." "It was one of Mr. Glenarm's little

fancies, you might call it, sir." "And the ghost-where does the murdered majesty of Denmark lie by day?"

quite incomplete. My late master had not carried out all his plans." Bates did not smile. I fancied he

never smiled, and I wondered whether John Marshall Glenarm had played upon the man's lack of humor. My grandperimenting upon his serving man. "You may breakfast when you like sir"-and thus admonished, I went in-

to the refectory. A newspaper lay at my plate: It was the morning's issue of a Chicago daily.

"You are quite right about that, Bates. He was a medievalist in his sympathies."

"Thank you for that word, sir; I've It is to your liking, sir." "It's excellent, Bates, And your cof-

fee is beyond praise." "Thank you, Mr. Glenarm, One does

what one can, sir." He had placed me so that I faced the windows, an attention to my comfort and safety which I appreciated. The broken pane told the tale of the shot that had so narrowly missed me the

"I'll repair that today, sir," Bates remarked, seeing my eyes upon the win-

"You know that I'm to spend a year on this place; I assume that you understand the circumstances," I said, feeling it wise that we should understand

each other. "Quite so, Mr. Glenarm."

"I'm a student, you know, and all I want is to be left alone."

low undoustedly represented Pickering as I searched my pockets for change. "In a day or two, or as soon as I have at the house?" he asked. got used to the place, I shall settle down

me breakfast at 7:30; luncheon at 1:80 ments without looking at me again. and dinner at 7." "Those were my late master's hours,

"Very good. And I'll eat anything you please, except mutton broth, meat pie and canned strawberries. Strawberries in tins, Bates, are not well calculated to lift the spirit of man." "I quite agree with you, sir, if you

will pardon my opinion." 'And the bills-" They are provided for by Mr. Pickering. He sends me an allowance for

th. household expenses." "So you are to report to him

you, as heretofore?" I blew out a match with which I ha ighted a cigar and watched the smokne end intently

believe that's the idea. sir,' it is not pleasant to be under comconscious of espionage. I rose serve.

exterior of the house, which proved to was assuredly no filmsy thing. It was water, smoking a pipe. other parts of the house the work- I reflected, much more satisfactory into the lake. stone and piles of lumber were scat- ing. walls around Indiana forests. But was at work in the kitchen. This was moment for sounds of the enemy, he ly visible from the Glenarm shore.

about? He paused, nodded and fell into step

with me.

"I guess you're a stranger in these

"I fear it wasn't provided, sir! As village. I'm John Morgan, caretaker vagaries of John Marshall Glenarm's father hereabuts."

"Well, yes; you might say as we did, the money to gratify them. or you might say as we didn't. He I returned to the main floor and

There was a tone of resentment in his voice, and I hastened to say:

-if you will pardon the expression, me. Why, the labor there must have abouts."

man gruffly; "but that's where the troufrequently heard him apply it to him- fellows here under contract to work for always preferred it to beech or maple. self. The plain omelette was a great him-Italians, or Greeks, or some sort We only take out the old timber. The favorite with your grandfather. I hope of foreigners. They built the wall, and summer storms eat into the wood pretty he had them at work inside for half a bad, sir." year. He didn't even let them out for "Oh, hickory, to be sure! I've heard air: and when they finished his job he it's the best firewood. That's very loaded 'em on to a train one day and thoughtful of you."

hauled 'em away." 'That was quite like him, I'm sure." grandfather's secretive ways.

said the man conclusively.

the street to one of the shops. I con- gave further color to the place. rather than for his information. It tinued on to the railway station, where was just as well, I reflected, to assert a I wrote and paid for my message. The

to work in the library. You may give ed away to his desk of clicking instru- would some day give the lie to foreign keep my knowledge of it to myself, I her eyes annoyed me. It seemed wise to establish relations America. livery window.

him." chased a package of smoking tobacco,

word and went into the hall, of the chill which they visited upon

"You may like to have the keys," said me, as though a particular degree of ers I had expected to find. The students is a liar, for one thing, and a person | She bent down—I was aware that | saw Bates, with a candle held above

as you see. And here's the hall-door toward Glenarm. My grandfather had appareled decently enough.

tered about in great disorder. The house the place was mine, or as good as mine, a large square room with heavy tim-hurried after the caretaker. the library, and beneath it the water pleased; and as to the incomplete house, poses a small range was provided. Bates received me placidly.

"Yes; it's an unusual kitchen,

pose in providing a cell in his house. the wall.

quite handy for the potatoes." In another room I found a curious ones it."

"I suppose you all knew my grand- was almost beyond belief that any man, with such whims should ever have had

11 o'clock, and time was sure to move

"Well, Bates, you don't intend to let "Yes, sir; I am just cutting a little

ble comes in. He brought a lot of queer more of the hickory, sir. Mr. Glenarm after all.

I turned next to the unfinished tower the fruit."

eyes. He was dressed roughly and was of two stories, the upper half be- his right eye. A faint suggestion of She laughed a little and watched the Then it ceased, and a voice whis- There is, I have always held, nothing ing a cozy lounging-room, with wide arnica hung in the air. "Well, I suppose I'll have to assume windows and a fine outlook over the responsibility for him and his acts," I water. The unplastered walls were remarked, piqued by the fellow's surli- hung with Indian blankets; lounging- explain his encounter of the morning. "but if you hurry you may get it be- I'll help you, but no more now—" ed was it with spices, so crisply brown We had reached the center of the vil- dows, colored matting on the floor and grandfather used to say, it's a place of "Thank you for the suggestion," I the tapping of a hammer. After sever- tentative taste, before the sauce was lage, and he left me abruptly, crossing a few prints pinned upon the Navajoes pace."

I followed the pebbly shore to the a window," I suggested. stone wall where it marked the line of served, was of the same solid character likely to happen more than once, if which her boat was fastened. "You-want your telegrams delivered here as along the road. I tramped be- you'll allow the philosophy." side it, reflecting that my grandfather's

opening in the wall, but half-way to Pickering had imposed upon him, the tied securely in unfamiliar loops. "You already have a box," she adwith chain and padlock, by means of close itself eventually. Glancing around, thought that she was probably laughthe incident, but the idea of frightening which I climbed to the top. The pilat him when he was off guard I suring at my clumsiness did not make my my visitors appealed to my sense of the stomach—one may as well fall at mail to your house; Mr. Bates hires lars at either side of the gate were of prised a look of utter dejection upon his figers more nimble. huge dimensions and were higher than face as he stood with folded arms be-Bates had himself given me this in- I could reach. An intelligent forester hind my chair. formation, but the girl seemed to fin had cleared the wood in the schoolpleasure in imparting it with a certain grounds, which were of the same gen- hand to his forehead, severity. I then bought a cake of soap eral character as the Glenarm estate. "I met with a slight accident this at the principal drug store and pur- The little Gothic church near at hand morning, sir. The hickory's very tough, chased a package of smoking tobacco, was built of stone similar to that used which I did not need, at a grocery.

News of my arrival had evidently scene a number of voting women came reached the villagers; I was conceited from one of the school buildings, and, a cigar and watched the smokintently.

Intently.

In the station master, the girl at the postto feel your freedom curtailed,

Thank you, sir; but it's a small mather of the station master, the girl at the postthe station master, the g There was a certain evenness it was all very pretty and interesting But as I crosced the threshold of the chill which they visited upon and not at all the usity school for paup- library I formulated this note: "Bates e

lessly pictured; they were not so young, him."

key and the boat-house key that you left me a cheerful legacy of distrust I smiled to find myself adjusting my and threw myself on a comfortable "There!" she exclaimed with a little I know where to look for it in this among my neighbors, the result, prob- scarf and straightening my collar as I divan to smoke and reflect before con- laugh; "I might have saved you all the country." After an hour spent in unpacking I ably, of importing foreign labor to work beheld my neighbors for the first time. tinuing my explorations. As I lay bother." went out into the grounds. I had on his house. The surly Morgan had As I sat thus on the wall I heard the there, Bates brought me a telegram, a "How dull of me! But I didn't have his usual deliberation. with the bright steel of the standing out here thought it well to wire Pickering of my intimated as much; but it did not great- sound of angry voices back of me on reply to my message to Pickering. It the combination," I said, steadying the "It's a triffe early, I think, sir. About and there with startling vividness. I arrival, and I set out for Annandale to ly matter. I had not come to Glenarm the Glenarm side, and a crash of under- read: but on an old corduroy outing suit and send him a telegram. My spirit light- to cultivate the rustics, but to fulfill brush marked a flight and pursuit. I "Yours announcing arrival received of my failure. savy shoes, ready for a tramp abroad, ened under the influence of the crisp certain obligations laid down in my crouched down on the wall and waited. and filed."

air and cheering sunshine. What had grandfather's will, I was, so to speak, In a mement a man plunged through It was certainly a queer business, embarked with light, confident step and ver that Bates had been one of the The great library seemed larger than seemed strange and shadowy at night on duty, and I much preferred that the the wood and stumbled over a low- my errand to Glenarm. I lay a couple took the paddle. It was growing late, men I heard in my room. It was wholly villagers should let me alone. Com- hanging vine and fell, not ten yards of hours dreaming, and counted the The shadows in the wood were deepen- possible that he had been compelled to Mght. I opened one of the French win- I found the gate through which we forting myself with these reflections 1 from where I lay. To my great sur- candles in the great crystal chandeller ing; a chill crept over the water, and, saist in some lawless act against his dows and stepped out on a stone ter- had entered the grounds the night be- reached the wharf, where I saw Morgan prise it was race, where I gained a fair view of the fore without difficulty. The stone wall sitting with his feet dangling over the of the morning. He rose, cursed his ill my cap, and was soon tramping off to-, was bright with the splendor of sunluck and, hugging the wall close, ran ward the lake. be a modified Tudor, with battlements built in a thoroughly workmanlike man- I nodded in his direction, but he toward the lake. Instantly the pursuer There were several small boats and With a few skillful strokes she I kicked the logs in the fireplace in

extended partly along the edge of a ra- and there was no manner of use in bers showing in the walls and low ceil- It was not my row, though I must say strewn walks past nearly a hundred St. Agatha's as amiable?" vine, through which a slender creek ran quarreling with the whims of my dead ing. There was a great fireplace having it quickened my curiosity. I straight- cottages, to whose windows and veran- "I should say not! I'm a great ex- I had witnessed; and now the house its

for observing the world broken by a water-tower, and just beyond the west dividing wall I saw a lityond the west dividing wall I saw a lityond the water-tower, and just beline dinter house, and was dividbit of color in the wood. They were with a placid dignity. Above the trees
yond the west dividing wall I saw a lityond the wall ''certainly not,'' I said with some as the wall ''certainly not,'' I said wi tle chapel; and still farther, in the same frank disapproval. I reached the lake in iron, with a barred opening at the wild growth of young maples lay be- autumn.

master's ideas. He remarked to me you may as well understand it and tell that it was a trifle light for my own "No-not enough to pay for the trou- once that it was just as well to have a him. I shan't see him under any cir- taste. dungeon in a well-appointed house cumstances, and I'm not going to "Please-if you don't mind-" "I'm sorry for that. I'd hoped to his humor again, sir! And it comes in Florida or California or anywhere else I turned to stand face to face with the In a private car, no matter who chaper- girl in the red tam-o'-shanter.

parts," he remarked, eying me again— collection of lanterns of every conceiv- "Certainly not, unless you want to— away from the canoe. parts," he remarked, eying me again— collection of lanterns of every conceiv- my knickerbockers no doubt marking able description, grouped on shelves, certainly not, unless you the contempt. A glory of yellow the remnant of my fortune that I had understand that I'm only giving you the morning but a red knit tacket but- and red filled the west. Suddenly the drawn from the New York Bank, I had ny knickerbockers no doubt marking able description, grouped on shelves, no doubt marking able description able to doubt marking a

"And how unclever I am!" said the the

the summer people never bothered work in a day or two. It was not yet envy. I could not guess how great a Diana; and that soft bronze, those darfactor that vigorous figure was to be ing fugitive freckles beneath her eyes, deliberately within the stone walls of in my own affairs. As I swung down link her to times when Pan whistled my prison. The long winter lay before from the wall and walked toward Glen-upon his reed and all the days were self that after idling along the shores "I'm sure you're mistaken about the me in which I must study perforce, and arm House, my thoughts were not with I was, then, not wholly out of the purposes of that wall. My grandfather just now it was pleasant to view the the athletic chaplain, but with the girl, She had approached silently and was was a student of architecture. It was landscape in all its autumn splendor. whose youth was, I reflected, marked enjoying, I felt sure, my discomfiture wood, when I landed and brought up lines.

"Your grandfather rarely examined the paper. Mr. Glenarm was more partople to please his whims. I hope the people of the village won't hold any hard feel-lines. He had the quiet ways been moved out to permit of the tam-o'-shanter. There is admit, a trifle guilty at being caught.

"A hobby of his. The house and wall a hobby of his. The house and wall by her snort skirt, the unconcern with at being taken unawares.

"Your grandfather rarely examined were in the line of his experiments, and a rough pile of timber at the rear of the had snatched off my cap and stood munication with the villagers who suppockets of her coat, and the irresponsition of the village won't hold any hard feel-linest the line of his experiments, and a rough pile of timber at the rear of the had snatched off my cap and stood munication with the villagers who suppockets of her coat, and the irresponsition of the times admit, a trifle guilty at being caught the leaf of the hammer head; the test had unawares. key-note of St. Agatha's, the proximity any more—"

of the school was not so bad a thing I looked down and found to my an- way in the dark, with, I fear, a male- search of a recess of some kind in the In high good-humor and with a in fact leaning upon it with a cool air built and left incomplete a house so purpose they were likely, I assumed, to sharp appetite I went in to luncheon.

CHAPTER VI.

The Girl and the Canoe.

"This is a quiet life," I remarked, ter. "You are quite right, sir. As your fore it floats away."

the road I found an iron gate, fastened fact of his perfidy was bound to dis- She was singularly unresponsive. The Clearly, I was not prepared to close He had his warning of it."

sir. A piece of wood flew up and struck "Too bad!" I said with "Too bad!" I said with sympathy, less, "You'd better rest a bit this afternoon," the "Thank you, sir; but it's a small mat-

Bates, following me. "There's two for frigidity had been determined in ad- were not the charity children I had care- with active enemies for another; watch the sleeve of her jacket brushed my is head, peering about. the St. Agatha's gate; they're marked, I shrugged my shoulders and turned for one thing, and they seemed to be All things considered, the day was nored, gave it a sharp tug with a slim ust got home and stepped out to see passing well enough. I picked up a book brown hand and pulled the knot free. I the moon had risen. I don't believe

and two towers. One of the latter was ner, and I mentally computed its prob- feigned not to see me. A moment later broke into view. It was Bates, evi- a naphtha launch in the boat-house. I brought her little craft beside my pipe, patiently in my uncertainty. The man only half-finished, and to it and to able cost with amazement. There were, he jumped into his boat and rowed out dently much excited and with an ugly dropped a canoe into the water and picked it up and tossed it to the wharf. lowly lighted the many candles in the cut across his forehead. He carried paddled off toward the summer colony, "Perhaps you can pipe a tune on it," great apartment. He was certainly men's scaffolding still clung. Heaps of ways of spending money than in buildWhen I returned to the house Bates a heavy club, and, after listening for a whose gables and chimneys were plainshe said, dipping the paddle tentatively. deep one, and his case grey more puzz

toward the lake. The terrace became grandfather. At the expiration of a an enormous chimney and fitted with a ened myself out, threw my legs over das the winter blinds gave a dreary ception,—and—I really shouldn't be elf had been invaded by someone with toward the lake. The terrace became grant and lighted and inhospitable air. There was, at talking to you at all! It's against the his connivance. The shot through the a cigar, feeling cheered by the op- one point, a casino, whose broad veran- ules! And we don't encourage smok- refectory window might have been inportunity the stone barricade offered da hung over the edge of the lake, while ing." beneath, on the water-side, was a boat- "The chaplain doesn't smoke, I sup- | n connection with it could hardly be On the whole, I settled into an ami- Mr. Glenarm copied it from an old As I looked off toward the little house. I had from this point a fine view pose." entrance, the other at the rear. My able state of mind; my perplexity over kitchen in England. He took quite a church I found two other actors ap- of the lake, and I took advantage of it! "Not in chapel; I believe it isn't Bates lighted me to the stairway, and grandfather had begun his house on a the shot of the night before was passing pride in it. It's a pleasant place to sit pearing on the scene. A girl stood in a to fix in my mind the topography of the done! And we rarely see him elsegenerous plan, but, buried as it was away under the benign influences of in the evening, sir."

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among the trees, it suffered from lack blue sky and warm sunshine. A few he showed me the way below, where man. Her hands were thrust into the Glenarm House and its red-tile roofs; She had idled with the paddle so far, bould call it extra delicate. Mr. Glenarm House and the gray tower of the little chapel but now lifted her eyes and drew back arm. I suppose there's no change in toward the lake was a fair meadow, and gave me good morning in the fash- every part of the house, and was divid- red tam-o'-shanter, that made a bright beyond the wall rose above the wood the paddle for a long stroke.

for the winter. As I passed, a man ap- if I did not laugh—thinking of the I assumed that he was the chaplain own, but painted dark maroon. I was der and dismay in her eyes. paddle lay on the dock beside me and

clergyman, laughing. "Well, I thank you companionship with the out-door world blade still maintaining its regular dip, locked. The game was deeper than I brown of her cheeks, so eloquent of for giving me the opportunity to present —a certificate indeed of the favor of until she disappeared behind a little had imagined; I had scratched the crust peninsula that made a harbor near the without result, and my with speculations as I changed my wasn't just the sort that you got next studied the titles of the books in the ly toward the school. The chaplain plied a paddle or driven a golf-ball or wasn't just the sort that you got next studied the titles of the books in the to in a hurry. He kept pretty much to library, finally smoking a pipe over a looked after her for a few moments, cast a fly beneath the blue arches of last to merge in the red sky, and I the furniture, even the bricks on the father had been possessed of a certain himself. He built a wall there to keep very tedious chapter in an exceedingthen walked away soberly toward the summer, and I will suffer her scorn in turned to my canoe and paddled cheerhearth. father had been possessed of a certain ministri. He built a wan there to keep very tedious chapter in an exceeding-grim, ironical shift at jesting, and quite us out, but he needn't have troubled by dull work on "Norman Revivals and lake. He was a young fellow, clean- joy. She may vote me dull and refute lessly home. himself. We're not the kind around Influences." Then I went out, assurhere to meddle, and you may be sure ing myself that I should get steadily to shoulders that gave me a twinge of are the privileges of the sisters of

something jaunty, a suggestion of spirit in the unwarrantable inspection of an-my way to the kitchen and to a flight the hammer-head; the test had unand independence in a tam-o'-shanter, other person's property—particularly a of stairs beyond, which connected the doubtedly been thorough, for a pretty been a good thing for the people hereabouts."

Well, Bates, you don't intend to let me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be enough in the pile there to last all o'-shanter expressed, so to speak, the me freeze to death, do you? There must be person so wholly pleasing to the eye.

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of proprietorship.

'I hadn't expected-" iron frame was not wholly covered with The frost-broken rind was certainly helping me to explain. Her short skirt rising from my sitting-room. "I guess he was a crank all right," stone, but material for the remainder of forbidding, but the rich pulp brought a suggested fifteen or sixteen—not more It was pitch dark in the hall. I the work lay scattered at the base. I surprise of joy to my palate. Bates —and such being the case there was no stopped short and listened. The door speculations as to Larry's whereabouts It was evident that he did not care to went on through the wood to the lake watched me with respectful satisfac- reason why I should not be master of of my room was open and a faint light were always profitless, and quite likely establish friendly relations with the and inspected the boat-house. It was tion. His gravity was in no degree the situation. As I fumbled my pipe flashed once into the hall and disaphe was in jail somewhere. resident of Glenarm. He was about 40, far more pretentious than I had im- diminished by the presence of a neat the hot coals of tobacco burned my peared. I heard now a sound as of a light, with a yellow beard and pale blue agined from my visit in the dark. It strip of flesh-colored courtplaster over hand and I cast the thing from me. hammer tapping upon wood-work.

pipe bound from the dock into the wa- pered:

before a strange school-girl who was, hear.

"Allow me."

continued ellent. The west rope was ob- of this mishap, hurried into the great durate the knot there and more hope. Mibrary, which was as dark as a well.

canoe carefully to mitigate the ignomy 7 o'clock, I should say, was the hour

"You put me under great obliga- ling as I studied it in relation to the I landed and roamed idly over leaf- tions," I declared. "Are all the girls at rifle-shot of the night before, his colli-

nocent enough; but these other matters

direction, the outlines of the buildings and gazed out upon its quiet waters top. A great iron hasp with a heavy tween us, screening the wall. Their I walked back to the wharf, where I so startled her. The poised blade drop- hange it the next. Bates wished to I hate myself to this day for having augurate a dinner hour one day and of St. Agatha's were vaguely percepti- with satisfaction. At the foot of An- padlock and grilled area windows gave profiles were toward me, and the tones had left my canoe, and was about to ped into the water with a splash; she nake conversation—the sure sign of nandale's main street was a dock where further the impression of a cell, and I of the girl's voice reached me clearly, step into it when I saw, rocking at a brought the canoe a trifle nearer the uilty conscience in a servant—and I The thought of gentle nuns and several small steam-craft and a num- fear that at this, as at many other as she addressed her companion. He similar landing-place near-by, another wharf with an almost imperceptible vas not disposed to encourage him. school-girls as neighbors amused me. ber of catboats were being dismantled things in the curious house, I swore— wore a clergyman's high waistcoat, and slight craft of the same type as my groke, and turned toward me with won-

CHAPTER VII.

The Man on the Wall. for an hour, I lost my way in the dark systematically. With this as a begin-"Really, if you don't need that paddle dark, and my good spirits were not in- an impression. My visitors had uncreased as I stumbled up the unfamiliar doubtedly been making soundings in noyance that I held it in my hand—was diction upon my grandfather, who had wall, and as they had failed of their

utterly preposterous. My unpardonable pursue their researches further. "Again, I beg your pardon," I said. fling at the girl still rankled; and I was I pondered these things with a thorcold from the quick descent of the night oughly-awakened interest in life. Glen-She eyed me calmly with the stare of chill on the water and anxious to get arm House really promised to prove "The persimmons are off the place, a child that arrives at a drawing-room into more comfortable clothes. Once "The persimmons are on the place, a child that arrives at a drawing-room filed in the second floor I felt that I knew cartridges, and thrust it into my hipguests without awe. I didn't know the way to my room, and I was feeling in the meadow, from which a wind- I had never seen a persimmon before, what I had expected or had not expect- my way toward it over the rough floor Donovan's favorite air, the "Marche said, remembering with amusement my mill pumped water to the house. The but I was in a mood for experiment, ed, and she manifested no intention of when I heard low noises apparently Funebre d'une Marionnette." My heart

said. But I did not relish the idea of al minutes more of this, there was a added-was like a dream of Lucullus "When nobody shoots at you through kneeling on the dock to fish for a pipe whispered dialogue which I could not little authority, even though the fel- station master inspected me carefully the school-grounds. The wall, I ob- any gentleman," he replied, "but not she took a step toward the line by three points struck me on the instant. "Such a thing is likely to happen to I felt sure, anxious to laugh at me. | Whatever was occurring, two or

One of the conspirators was an unwilling party to an act as yet unknown; He did not refer to his encounter "If you think you can—safely," she second, they had been unsuccessful and "Yes, place," I answered, and he turn- estate, in the heart of the Republic, with the caretaker, and I resolved to said; and the laughter that lurked in must wait for another opportunity; and third, the business, whatever it was, satisfy him, and I believe I did it, sir, complaints that we have no ruins in always prefer to let a rescal hang him"The feminine knot is designed for was clearly of some importance to myif you'll pardon the conceit." self, and here was a case, I rasoned, the confusion of man," I observed, self, as my own apartments in my with the postoffice, so I made myself I had assumed that there was no where, if Bates were disloyal to the duties twitching vainly at the rope, which was grandfather's strange house had been readily imagine it." chosen for the investigation.

> humor. I tiptoed to the front stair- the other. I believe I prefer to keep "The neutical instructor at St. way, ran lightly down, found the front my digestion going as long as possi-Agatha's is undoubtedly a woman. This door, and, from the inside, opened and ble. Those grilled sweet potatoes again, if you please, Bates."
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> Agatha's is undoubtedly a woman. This door, and, from the inside, opened and ble. Those grilled sweet potatoes again, if you please, Bates."
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> To be continued next Saturday, and morning, sir. The hickory's very tough, the maid in the red tame of shanter grinned with real pleasure at the sound the knot more and more and opening one of the baleony. At once makes its a season of the attraction aways at the rope, from the rear of the house came the firm many the strike the strike the price out of a stealthy step, which inscientific breath of such persons to a run at the ravine bridge. cound of a stealthy step, which in- cate as the mechanism of a watch listened to the flight of the fugitive such persons disorders of the stomach brough the wood until the sound died ensue from the most trivial causes, and cause much suffering. To these Parmeters of the lake. then, turning to the library windows, mild and sure.

"Hello, Bates," I called cheerfully, "L

He began lighting the tapers

Mr. Glenarm." She scorned the hand I extended, but | There was, of course, no doubt whate

I closed the doors carefully and bed their own side of the wall.

I heard behind me the careful step of the started toward realizing his whims. The room was by nature an evesdropper, but the girl I landed. Possibly it belonged to Mortage and the started toward realizing his whims. The room was proceed the dock in a skiff, landed money my grandfather had expended in the started toward realizing his whims. The room was proceed the dock in a skiff, landed money my grandfather had expended in the started toward realizing his whims. The room was proceed the dock in a skiff, landed money my grandfather had expended in the started toward realizing his whims. The room was proceed to make the started toward realizing his whims. The room was proceed to make the started toward realizing his whims. The room was proceed to make the started toward realizing his whims. The room was proceed to make the started toward realizing his whims. an a thorough examination of both the the village at a quick pace, but turned used, I noted with pleasure, as a de- was clearly making a plea of some kind, gan, the caretaker. I walked over and your master my compliments! I really ould not have attracted the two men and eyed me with rustic directness. pository for potatoes. I asked Bates and the chaplains stalwart figure awoke examined it. I even lifted it slightly owe you an apology; I thought you who had taken advantage of my abmining!" I said. "Any ducks whether he knew my grandfather's puring an antagonism that held me to in the water to test its weight. The rithering application and direct to the state of the st ose in providing a cell in his house.

"If he comes here I shall go away, so it, too, I weighed critically, deciding that the dead of the withering emphasis, and dipped her elped unpack my trunk and undoubtter her, but her light argosy skimmed the three closets in the rooms and the water steadily. The paddle rose ound them all in the good order esand fell with trained precision, making tablished by Bates. He had carried my scarcely a ripple as she stole softly trunks and bags to a store-room, so "I beg your pardon," I said, stepping away toward the fairy towers of sun- that everything I owner every set. I stood looking after her, goaded passed under his eye. My money even the capper of my fortune that I had and I've just come."

"Not to write to me or to Sister with every emphasis of youth. A pair interrupted the girl con- of dark blue eyes examined me with rather been expecting you here in the about with a candle in my hand, the suffice of Ichn Marshall Glenarm's is!"

"Not to write to me or to Sister with every emphasis of youth. A pair interrupted the girl con- of dark blue eyes examined me with watched its flight until it caught her isfy myself that this had not been good terms with the sun—I rejoiced in good terms with

> One thing only I found-the slight scar of a hammer-head on the oak paneling that ran around the bedroom. The wood had been struck near the base and at the top of every panel, for though the mark was not perceptible on all, a test had evidently been made ning, I found a moment later a spot

exciting. I took from a drawer a went out to Larry as I scented adven-

The ham of whose excellence Bates better in this world than a baked ham, "He'll kill me if he finds me here. I'll and the specimen Bates placed before Then the sound of a scuffle and again its outer coat, and a taste-that first come true. I could forgive a good deal in a cook with that touch - anything short of arson and assassination!

"Bates," I said, as he stood forth, where I could see him, "you cook amazingly well. Where did you learn the business?"

"Your grandfather grew very captious, Mr. Glenarm. I had to learn to

"He didn't die of gout, did he? I can "No, Mr. Glenarm, it was his heart

more was ob- of this mishap, hurried into the great dinor hope. However, which was as dark as a well, make light of and opening one of the long windows, but cannot exterminate. Subdued and to all appearance vanquished in one it makes its appearance in another direction. seed to a run at the ravine bridge. scientific instrument, in which even breath of air will make a variation. With Vegetable Pills are recom