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CHAPTER IX. THE DOCTOR'S STRANGE AGITA-

den. It is a quiet, May night, warm thing-tells me that I am not alone; speak again. and, rousing from my abstraction, I

"What a beautiful night!" he says, ror stricken face with an amazement in that brusque way I know so well, words are powerless to express. reaching up, without looking at me, That it was something connected for one of the white spikes on the with the appearance of that mysteri- alarmed you by my illness." chestnut tree above my head. "Moon- ous figure which moved him so deeplight in the country is a different ly I do not doubt; and, with a great thing, is it not, from the pale glimmer tide of pity, of terror in my heart, as we sometimes see struggling with the I look into that pained, white face, the hall, which is still in darkness which are full of perplexity and be red and white glare or gas and elec- I lay my hand on his arm and speak save for a gleam of lamplight stream- wilderment. tricity in the city? I have come out to him. to look at your flowers, Miss Ken- "What is it?" I ask. "Oh, Doctor the parlor in which the voices of Ade-

"You mean weeds," I laugh, with a glance at the tangled wilderness. But beautiful as a dream in the white radiance, turning leaf and twig into dead, passionless look settling down set you all right in no time-do you stroll toward the plantation of dark he puts out his hand as if to brush firs bounding the farther end of our some hateful vision from his sight,

"It seems a pity that a place like

we to prevent it, Doctor Fuller? As soul, I stand here with Doctor Fuller's Addie enthusiastically declares, Deep- strong right arm resting like 'a dent has wonderful capabilities. With time and money, one might do almost

ment in the moonlight filtering down that shadowy figure fits like a specter playing off any of your little tricks

the lamps; and, leaving them to their and if I have not been frightened be- go down that path and I'll take this; about that mysterious apparition, as

Never in all my life have I felt so catch it between us. Come!" blossom and deep with scent. Rest- White to the lips, and rigid as death, looking up the road, where the an- a figure carved in stone, his eyes still "What is it, Fuller?" he asks, at how do you explain the mystery of

Utterly at a loss what to say or me what I can do for you?" ment looking up into that white, hor-

To me it is a supreme moment why, I could hardly have told-as, stirred to the inmost depths of my new fear in my heart for him to covery from that mysterious rigidty that seems to possess him like a

d though I am, of the smell of tobacto, the sound of an approaching step. which neither the doctor nor I seen

the doctor, ignoring my existence in a for the reason that I am not alone. I piece of very commonplace fiesh and way that is not flattering to feminine have the comforting sense of Doctor blood playing off a senseless little vanity, enter upon a long political dis- Fuller's protecting presence to sus- trick upon us? Come along, Fuller," tain me, I think, looking questioning- he adds, "let us follow, and find out Clearing the table at last, I light ly up into the face of my companion; what its ghostship is made of. You

clent elms are casting black shadows strained toward the bushes behind last, with a sudden change in his look that gray, shadowy figure in the garin the moonlight, when a step, a which that spectral figure has disap- and tone, as he lays his hand on his den last night?" breath—a rague, indefinable some- peared, as if he could never move or arm with a touch that is like a caress. "What's amiss? Are you ill? Tell without looking up. "As Lord Dun-

look up into the grave, unsmilling face think, I stand for one breathless mo- "Nothing, thanks," is the reply. "Come, Kendrick, let us return to the

nore good than all the drugs in the

without waiting for an answer; but for the moment the doctor makes no attempt to follow him.

Are You Master

he verge of nervous col-

"Lesley," he says, calling me by my me for the first time—a tragic in-

ensity in the low, suppressed tones a which he speaks—and coming close

eve me, Doctor Fuller, you may

body as I stand looking after him with arning eyes which the friendly dark ness happily hides.

more than a thing of that sort to ance, I think By the way, Lesley, 2502

"I don't explain it at all," I reply dreary says, there are some things in

Fuller, pray don't look like that! You laide and Ernest Warden, who have His professional duties will not per-Taking the stairs two steps at a ty. Since the evening of that little time, Len starts off to his own domain episode in the garden the somber face has worn a look of pain and suffering, but never once, either by word or look in silver or stamps. has he made the slightest allusion to the subject of his indisposition, or the appearance of that weird figure, which I strongly suspect to have been the

> cause of it. "Well, good-by, old fellow, and Address in full:-visit has given me," Len remarks, with parting handshake, on the morning of our guest's departure. "My bes egards to the great city and all in it. Upon my word, I wish I were go ing with your I am positively pining for a smell of London smoke and the ght of bricks and mortar,"

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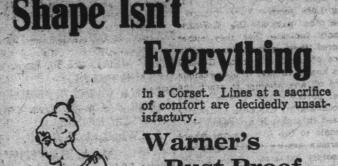
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er a curving front of more wenty miles, the British and Fre coops are continuing to sweep e Germans across the plains bank of the Avre. northwest ont Didier. On the first day of ont many additional villages stured. The bag of prisoners noured motor cars, the cavalry and infantry. The losses sustai by the Anglo-French forces are clared to be relatively small. To Allied forces there have fallen 17 German prisoners and between and 300 guns, many of them of h calibre, and innumerable mac guns, trench mortars and kind ave given ground on two impor sectors. On the famous Lys sal northwest of La Bassee, and in region southwest of Ypres on was evacuated by the enemy, while the north of Kemmel the British vanced their line over a front ceeding 1,000 yards. These man vres on the part of the Germa seemingly indicate that they eit considered their ground insecure the face of the heavy forces Gen Haig is known to have in both regi to ward off any attempt to reach Channel ports, or that Crown Pr Rupprecht's army has been mater decreased in strength to rush the German armies in the south being sorely harassed. Already g penetrated the Picardy salien a depth of nearly thirteen miles the centre towards the vicinity of important railway junction of Ch nes, and at other points along the pushed forward between five seven miles, the northern and so ern flanks of the Abble front wi the Germans had been resisting perately, gave way before the pr ure respectively of the British French. On the north the Bri captured Morlancourt and pressed eastward, while on the south, no west of Mont Didier, Pierrepont ter and Villers were taken by French who drove in their wedge distance of more than 81/2 miles. tanks armored cars and cavalry still working throughout the en region, while airplanes are soa far hehind the lines bombar transports and troops movements also paying particular attention the bridges over the Somme by w

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