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Philip Helmstedt, almost from the first hour of his meeting with this imperial beauty, had felt her power. He watched her with the most reserved and respectful vigilance; he saw her ever the magnet of all hearts and eyes, the life of all social intercourse, the inspiration of the section of waiting. Philip Helmstedt, almost from the

received their conge from her imperial nod. Can you hope for more than an Armstrong, a Bainbridge, a Cavendish?"

"I beseech you, sir, spare me the al-phabetical list of Miss De Lancie's conquests! I can well believe their name is legion," interrupted Philip Helmstedt with an air of scorn and arrogance that seemd to add, "and if it were so, I should enter the lists with full confidence against them all."

"I assure you it is sheer madness, Philip! A man may as well hope to mon-opolize the sun to light his own home as to win Miss De Lancie to his hearth! o win Allas Le Lance to his hearth! relude, though a prophecy of this won-lrous magnetism. Alarmed at the spell that was growing

Alarmed at the spell that was growing around her heart, she withdrew her eyes and thoughts, opposed to the attentions of her lover a cold, repellant manner, and treated his devotion with supreme disdain, which must have banished any man leas strong in confidence than Phil-ip Helmstedt, but which in his case only warded off the day of fate. Persevering-ly he attended her, earnestly he sought an opportunity of explaining himself. In vain; for neither at home nor abroad, in parlor, saloon, thoroughfare or theatre-could he manage to secure a tete-a-tete. Whether sitting or standing. Miss De Lancie was always the brilliant centre of a circle; and if she walked, like any other queen, she was attended by her

also feel and know, with the deepest re-spect be it said, that 1 do not love in vain," he replied, sinking for an instant upon his knee, and bowing deeply over her hand that he pressed to his lips. "In vain! in vain! you do! you do!" she exclaimed, almost distractedly, while trembling more than ever. "Marguerite," he said, rising, yet re-taining his hold upon her hand, "it may be that I love in vain, but I do not love alone. This hand that I clasp within

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be that I love in vain, but I do not love alone. This hand that I clasp within my own throbs like a palpitating heart. I read, on your brow, in your eyes, in your trembling lip and heaving bosom, that my great love is not lost; that it is returned; that you are mine, as I am yours. Marguerite De Lancie, by a claim routed in the deenest nature. You

is returned; that you are mine, as the yours. Marguerite De Lancie, by a claim rooted in the deepest nature, you are my wife for time and for eternity!" "Never! never! you know not what you say or seek!" she exclaimed, snatch-ing her hand away and shuddering here to-day, you will have the house to yourself, and Marguerite, who for some unaccountbael reason, fate perhaps, chooses to stay home. Go into the lib-rary and wait. Miss be Lancie, accord-ing to her usual custom, will probably visit that or the adjoining music-room in the vourse of the forenoon, and there you have her. Majke the best use of your, opportunity, and the Lord speed you; of i, for my part, heartily wish this lioness fairly mated. Come; let me install you." "There appears to be no other chance, and I must have an interview with her to-day," said Mr. Helmstedt, rising to accompany his host, who led the way to the library. It was on the opposite side of the halt. "Now be patient," said the colonel, as here to-day, you will have the house to yourself, and Marguerite, who for some

ing her hand away and shuddering "Miss De Lancie, your words and man-ner are inexplicable, are alarming! Tell me, for the love of Heaven, Marguerite, does any insurmountable obstacle stand in the way of our union?" "Obstacle!" repeated Miss De Lancie, starting violently, and gazing with wild, dilated eyes upon the questioner, while every vestige of color fled from her face. (To be continued)

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## ON AN ICE FLOE.

## or the hall. "Now be patient," said the colonel, as he took leave; "you may have to wait one or more hours, but you can find something here to read." "Read!" DR GRENFELL'S THRILLING AD-VENTURE ON LABRADOR COAST. "Read!" ejaculated Philip Helmstedt, with the tone and energy of an oath; but the old gentleman was already gone,

Forty Hours a Prisoner, and Nothing but Raw Dog Meat to Eat-Afraid to Lie Down Lest He Should Freeze to Death.

"Be patient!" with the prospect of waiting here several hours, and the pos-sibility of disappointment at the end," exclaimed Philip, rising, and walking in measured steps up and down the room, trising to control the eagerness of ex-pectation that made moments seem like hours, while he would have compressed hours into moments. St. John's, Nfld., June 4 .-- Capt. W. Bartlett, of the steamer Strathcona, which has just arrived from the north, brings word of a thrilling experience ours, while he would pave comp-iours into moments. How long he waited ought scarcely how computed by the common measure of time. It might not have been an hour-to him it seemed an indefinite duration—a considerable portion of eternity, when at length while almost desnairing of the presence of Marguerite, which Dr. Grenfell recently passed carcely through and which nearly cost the in-trepid missionary his life. Late in the month of April the doctor set out alone one day to cross the Fish roads, bound to Belvue to amputate a man's leg, and took with him a team of eight dogs and komatik with his gun *I* a case of surgical instruments. He was lightly clad, as the weather was fine, and he despairing of the presence of Marguerite, he heard from the adjoining music-room he notes of a harp. He paused, for the harpist might be -must be Miss De Lancie. expected to make a quick journey - musi be Miss De Lancie. He listened. Soon the chords of the lyre were listened were by a magic hand that belonged only to one enchantress, and the lastru-ment responded in a low, deep moan, that presently swelled in a wild and thrilling strain, And then the voice of the improvvisatrice stole upon the ear - that wondrous voice, that ever, while it sounded, held captive all ears, silent and breathless all tips, spellbound all had not been long out when changed and there were signs of a storn brewing. Though he thought of return-ing, he had covered so much of the way that he determined it would be just as well to push on to his destination ent imagined that th would prove to be almost his

journey would prove to be analysis one. To avoid the obstacles inseparable from land travels in the northern wilds Dr. Grenfell was proceeding over the ice along the shore when suddenly the wind began blowing from the land. In less than an hour it had reached the velocity of a gale, and before the doctor could realize his position or make an attempt to reach the coast the ice sounded, neid captive all cars, all all and breathless all tips, spellbound all arrts!---it arose, first tremulous, melodious, liquid, as from a sea of tears, then took wing in a wild mournful, de-pairing wail. It was a song of renuncia-tion, in which some consecrated maiden piness, bewailing tate, invoking dea Philip Helmstedt listened, magnetic by the voice of the attempt to reach the coast the parted from the shore and began puness, bewailing fate, invoking death, Philip Helmstedt listened, magnetized by the voice of the sorceress, with its moans of sorrow, its sudden gushes of passion or tenderness, and its walks of anguish and despair. And when at last, like the receding waves of the heart's life tide, the thrilling notes ebbed away into silence and death, he remained standing like a statue. Then, with self-recollection and the returning faculty of combination, came the question: "What did this song of remunciation mean?" And the next more practical in-quiry, should he remain in the library, awaiting the doubtful event of her commove rapidly out to sea, taking him and his outfit with it. It was an inand his outfit with it. It was an in-tensely trying position to be in, but for hours the devoted missionary kept up his pace, urging his team to their greatest speed, hoping to effect a landing at some jutting point on the shore before the ice would clear it. In this he was disappointed, and when nightfall set in he found that he had to spend the night on the flo

This he was compelled to do, and This he was competed to do, and a horrible time he had of it all through the long hours of the night. The wind continued to increase in fury, and by the time darkness set in he was alone on ti ice several miles from the land, and going farther to sea at a rapid rate. To make matters worse, the dogs were accidentally driven into a bad spot, which consisted mostly of slob, and the doctor had much difficulty to save the komatik and dog team. He did this after great exertion, though he lost his gun, surgical instruments and some clothing which he carried. It was ter-ribly cold, and to lie down was out of the question, as he ind nothing but the komatik to recime on, and would freeze rible time he had of it all through A single moment of reflection decided his course. He advanced softly, and opened the listed and silently-turning doors, and paused an instant to gaze upon a beau-tiful tableau! Directly opposite to him, at the ex-tremity of the thickly carpeted room, was a deep bay window, richly curtain-ed with purple and gold, through which the noonday sun shone with a subdued glory. Withia the glowing shadows of this recess sat Marguerite beside the harp. A morning robe of amber-hued India silk fell in classic folds around her goosy, within the glowing shadows of the question, as he had nothing but the harp. A morning robe of amber-hued India silk fell in classic folds around her form. Her arms were still upon the larverted. Hez rich, purplish tres is pushed of from her demplish tres is pushed of from her demplish tres is pushed and hold as the from her demplish tree site site is the dedicated of the situation.

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