

and he fell bleeding to the floor. There was a long delay in getting a surgeon to the scene, and but for the coolness and authority of Ada Craythorne is certain that he would have bled to death while the servants were When the news of the murderous

life. attack upon Sir Charles reached Lady Hastings, she relapsed into a succesto her mother:

mismanaging everything.

sion of fainting fits, so that the doctor was hampered by a patient who unnerved him by her piteous moans. Like most medical practitioners in country places, Dr. Hart, of Emden, was better qualified to prescribe for the imaginary complaints of old women than to conduct even a simple surgical operation. He was the only will not mind that, will you. mamma? She knew that such news should be doctor at hand, and it was too late to summon another from the nearest the most delightful she could send to large town. Under the circumstances, her anxious and ambitious mother. In Sir Charles was permitted to pass making light of the young baronet's WoodallForest within an ace of the land of shades, condition, she was only obeying the while Dr. Hart fussed about him, do- wishes he had expressed to her. He ing nothing

Finally the wound was bandaged, or the newspapers would make so and it was noon on the following day much of it. She had warned the serbefore he was relieved by a surgeon vants not to gossip. Sir Charles had who knew his business. In the meantime the young baronet had had a few minutes of lucidness, accident, and this story she repeated and his eyes had opened to find Ada to all who came in quest of news. Craythorne standing near him, her

pale face wet with tears. He closed them again with a shudder, for the demoniac face of Spiers had been stified, almost on her lips, haunted him; he saw the pistol, and by his terrible visitor! She hovered the horrible, burning pain, and now near the bedside of the sick man by



ingham physician arrived After an examination it was decided not to probe for the bullet for some days. The wound was not particularly dangerous, but loss of blood had been frightful, and it was doubtful whether the young haronet's system had sufficient vitality left to prolong

Ada Craythorne immediately wrote

It is impossible for me to return home as arranged. Dear Lady Hastclares that she cannot spare me at present. Sir Charles has also met with a slight accident, and it appears that I am indispensable to both. You

did not want one word to get abroad.

declared that the wound he had received was merely the result of an Oh, how she longed now for the LADIES' WHITE EMBROID. UNDERhour when she could tell him the story of his freedom-the story that

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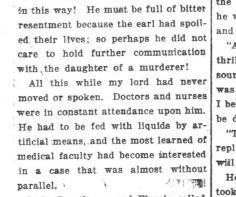
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her. Perhaps the letter had miscar-

ried. Perhaps it had reached other

hands. If that were so, the story of

her father's crime might burst upon

She had asked him to come to her,

but he did not even reply. She knew

that he was at Emden Hall, for Lady

Craythorne often brought news of the

Hastings-news gathered from Ada's

letters. Oh, it was cruel to treat her

the world at any moment.

Then a terrible fear seized upon

Better Health."

Lady Craythorne and Flossie called every day at the abbey to inquire about my lord. They were very curious because Flossie's chances might vastly improve; but the young peer was hardly civil to her, and he was always at the abbey. It must have been a very friendly separation, they argued.

"I heard from Ada yesterday," said Lady Craythorne, a day or two before Christmas day. "She was unable to come home on the fifth, as arranged. Dear Lady Hastings was taken ill, and she cannot get along without Ada. But I have really most extraordinary news-almost too good to be truesome wife of Sir Charles? Well, she turns out to be a myth-there was no wife at all: but" (she lowered her tones, mysteriously) "I rather fancy

there soon will be!" She indulged in a short laugh, and nodded meaningly.

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Ada---' He paused to collect his wandering senses, and saw the passion burning

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was prostrate, his head in a whit day and by night When the and weak as a' little child. had been probed for and found his "Ada!' he whispered, and the girl deathlike stillness turned to fever, thrilled through and through at the and she it was who moistened his sound of her name from his lips. She lips, and listened to the murmurings was at his side in a moment "Have of delirium I been hurt badly? I feel that I must At times he spoke of his unclouded

be dying, I am so weak." boyhood, then moaned of the curs "That horrible man shot you," she replied, "but the doctors say that you that was upon him, or called in ac will recover.' cents imploring to "Gladys-Gladys!

He was quiet for a moment, and she took one of his clammy hands, mur-

muring "Oh, my darling, if you should be taken!

He hardly comprehended the words, then, but he thought of them long after.

"Ada, has the man escaped?" he whispered.

> "Yes. I don't know what they have done, we have been so anxious about VOU.

"I am glad of that; I do not want one word of the story to get abroad. It was all about that wretched wife mine, and the scandal would be hard upon my mother. I will depend

upon you, little sister. Say it was an accident-anything-will you?" "You can trust me. Sir Charles." Her voice was hoarse and strained "Little sister," he had called her

Hateful words! Hers was no sister's "I should like to see my mother." he said, faintly. "And if I should die,

in her eyes.

No. he could not tell her what was on his lips-he could not send his last secret thoughts of Gladys now. "Tell Lady Hastings to send for my old chum, Herbert Gardner. Do not forget, Miss Craythorne. How shall I ever repay this fond devotion!" His mind was wandering again, and she pressed passionate kisses on his

cold brow, murmuring: "He will not die-he cannot die!" She rang for the nurse, and then sent a servant with a telegram direct ed to Herbert Gardner. The management of the household was practically in her hands, for Lady Hastings coul

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