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BY CHRISTINE FABER. XLVI.-CONTINUED.

He told her that Deborah kept hous for him, and that, when she would have commented on the trial accounts she carefully read in the which paper, he sternly commanded her not to make the slightest allusion to it : also, when he learned of the presence of Miss Liscome in San Francisco, that he forbade his sister to give her any

invitation to the house.

Then he expressed his opinion of Kellar, an unmitigated scoundrel—and he cheered Agnes's heart by saying that he was convinced of her father's inneence so far as regarded any pre inncence so far as regarded any pre-meditation of the crime. At that point, Agnes feeling that she had cruelly permitted herself to forget in her present happiness the poor prisoner, burst into tears, telling as soon as her emotion would suffer her to speak, the cause of her distress, her anxiety about the verdict of the morrow.

Wilbur's face also grew very grave and sad. He knew how little there was to inspire hope; still he must say something to comfort the weeping

girl.
"Where is your trust in God which has sustained you so far, and so well? Can He not work miracles to aid us, and will He let the innocent perish unjustly?

The words seemed to have a strange and prophetic significance; she dried her eyes and looked up with a smile, and a little after when they parted, it was with singularly renewed hope in

her heart. The prisoner, on the departure of his daughter and Wilbur, had dropped on his knees. His gratitude to God who had so singularly come to his suc cor must have fervent expression and he clasped his hands and raised his He uttered no form of prayer, but his grateful soul looked through every lineament of his raptured count-

His one thought, his one anxiety had been his daughter; her want of means, her unprotected, friendless condition should the verdict insure for him either death or a long imprisonment; now that his anxiety in that respect was removed, confident that in Wilbur she would have all he could desire, he was cheerfully resigned to any fate. could even forgive Kellar, and smile at the poor vengeance the latter had gained.

Later in the evening when there called the Catholic clergyman who visited him at regular intervals, the prisoner seemed strangely happy.

"Thank God for me. Father, said, shaking the priest's hand, "for He has relieved me of every anxiety.

XLVII.

There was many an angry struggle for places in the court-room on the day that the verdict was expected, and by the time that influence, or main force had succeeded in effecting an entrance, despite the fact that there seemed to be not an inch of room, the place was so densely crowded some of the ladies fainted, and not a few of the sterner contemplated with some dismay their packed quarters.

Agnes and Mrs. Sibly were attended Wilbur, and his betrothed, feeling his strong arm near her, seemed to have renewed within her the strange hope with which he had inspired her the evening before. The prisoner had never looked as he did on that morning; he seemed to be so perfectly at peace, and with even something like a constant smile about his lips. wonted restlessnes of his hands-that restlessness which always seemed to suggest that he missed his umbrellas entirely gone; they reposed with-His eyes out a motion upon his knees. turned nowhere from his daughter; no commotion in the crowd, no stir in his own vicinity took them for an instant from her face, until his counsel coming n hurried to him and whispered something. The whisper seemed to be like an electric shock, for the prisoner started in his seat, then he turned and faced Fullerton; that gentleman nodded as if in confirmation of what he had said, and then the prisoner looked

again at his daughter. Toe witnesses were all there each in his or her accustomed place. Kellar in his flashy dress and with his triumph ant air - it was all the more triumphant

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this morning because he at length suc ceeded by arts best known to himself in winning John Turner's warm friendship, and that friendship like every other friendship of Kellar's meant means to him.

meant money to him.

Miss Liscome looked crest fallen and sad ; even her dress gave evidence of her dejected feelings; it had neither the ornament, nor the jauntiness of former occasions, and the rouge on her cheeks seemed short in quantity. She was seated beside her nephew, and beween the frequent sighs to which she gave vent she looked with piteout appeal at Kellar. But her looks met no response ; his eyes never wandered even in her direction. The cause of her sadness lay in the little paper parcel which was in her pocket, and that, accompanied by a note, had been left at her residence the evening before. It was the return of her golden hear

from Kellar, and the note, also from him, said, that as she had chosen to parade the delicate affairs of her life before a public court, he could not without violating his self-respect, retain longer her present to him, nor continue any acquaintance with her He had been careful to give in the note no hint that he had retained her gift until he was assured she could not be Forrester, and, reading at once hallow as she was, she had experenced a little misgiving about the effect upon Kellar of some of her answers during the cross examination.

Though Kellar prepared many her answers for her, he was not able to forecast all the whole of Fullerton's cross examination, and Miss Liscome had not the skill to evade the ques tions, nor could she resist the flattery that accompanied them. But her mi giving had been allayed by Kellar's own manner to her on the evening of that day; he had called upon her at her boarding house, and treated her with his flattering attention, wear-ing as he had done from the time of its presentation, the little gold heart as a charm on his watch chain. Such conduct made the cause assigned for the return of his gift inexplicable, and he more frequent were her failures to attract a look from him the more direfully woe begone became the expres sion of her face. At length in her utter dejection, she seized the arm of

her nephew and whispered: Why does not Mr. Kellar ever look this way like he used to do, Malli-

flower But Malliflower, holding himself rigidly upright, and looking over his his bright blue suit, either did not hear the question or was incapable of giv ing an answer, and his aunt had not even the spirit to repeat her inquiry It was evident that something un usual was pending. Instead of the wonted preliminaries of giving the case to the jury there were proceedings that made people whisper, and crane their necks, and in some cases even rise from their seats. Papers were rustling in the hands of each counsel, and being exchanged between the as sistant attorneys: the Judge seemed to be studying voluminous documents and the faces of the jury were express ive of puzzled surprise. his companions became affected by it; the eager concentrated expression of his face showed that, though he did not speak, and Agnes almost breathless from a sort of wild, mysterious hope, not however unmixed with fear, felt unable to say a word. The prisoner sat as he had done at first; calm, notionless, almost smiling, and con-

stantly looking at his daughter. The cause of the unusual proceed ings was announced-the trial was to be re-opened in order to take the testian important witness who ha The just arrived from a distance. Then the name Jared Hale was called. Kel lar bounded from his seat, his action causing as many eyes to be turned upon him as there were upon the witness; his eyes protruding until they seemed likely to burst from their sockets, and his face pale to ghastliness. changed his appearance in such a manner that Miss Liscome, who had been so absorbed in watching him as even not to have heard the name of the witness, said in a loud, frightened whisper to her nephew

"What on earth's the matter with Mr. Kellar, Malliflower?

looking for specks on his clothes, only answered, indifferently:

"Nothing, I reckon turned upon the witness, Jared Hale, who by this time had taken his place in the witness stand -a tall, slim man

It was Wilbur's turn to start. The witness was his old college professor, with whom he had sojourned in the little French town. With the suddenness of a flash he remembered the explanation given to him of so many American papers being in the little bachelor household-in case that some one should be brought to trial that he, the professor, should learn it in order to testify to the innocence of the accused. And the prisoner was the accused, and the professor had come to testify his

Thrilling with delight he stooped and whispered to Agnes:

"Your father is saved. He was right. The evidence of Jared Hale, own cousin to Nathan Kellar, and supposed by the latter to have been killed, proved conclusively that not only was Kellar's testimony false in every particular, but that he had been the means of breeding the enmity between Forrester and his father-inlaw. Reuben Turner.

the effect that he and Kellar were brought up by an uncle in one of the New England States, both receiving the same advantages of education, but the witness Jared, seemed to be more the favorite of the widowed, childless, and wealthy uncle. The favor to Jared was further increased when the latter at an early age was offered and accepted a professorship in Yale College. That professorship he re-tained for two years, then went home tospend a vacation, and succumbing to the fascinating influence of his cousin, he stole a thousand dollars from his uncle. The amount in some way was not missed for a long time, and then it was supposed to have been a miscalculation. But Kellar used the theft as a rod over his cousin, threatening, vhenever the latter seemed reluctant to yield in any matter, to reveal it to his uncle, and as the uncle had unusual confidence in Jared, and seemed disheir, the threat always had the desired

Kellar, thirsting for novelty and excitement, induced his cousin when the California gold fever broke out to consent to accompany him to the mines On their way thither they met Frank of further use in the trial. Vain and trustful, generous disposition, Kellar shallow as she was, she had experence the trustful, generous disposition, Kellar shallow as she was, she had experence to the trial trustful, generous disposition, Kellar shallow as she was, she had experence to the trial trustful, generous disposition, Kellar shallow as the was the trial The result was Forrester's consent to accompany them to the mines, and his generous defrayal of expenses on frequent occasions. In San Francisco, stopping to make purchases at Reuber Turner's store, all three fraternized with Turner, and Forrester becoming ill was urged by Turner to remain. He did so, marrying Turner's daughter, as had been told in the former evidence and eventually coming out to the mine with his father in law Thus far both Kellar and Jared'

luck in the mines had been poor; and the former had become moody and despondent, but from the time of Forrester's arrival his spirits bright ened, one reason being that he was able to strike Forrester immediately for a loan. And Forrester seemed to have unusual luck, better than any of them, thus exciting Kellar's secret envy and rage ; often he vented his feelings in private to Jared, calling Forrester hard returned to the corpse, and felt in a names, and saying that he would yet wild way its face and limbs as if to as private to Jared, calling Forrester hard compel him to give up the greater part of his lucky finds. But that which most excited his malicious anger was the final refusal of Forrester to continue his loans of money to Kellar: they might better have been called gifts, for they were never repaid; and to further his revengeful ends he set deliberately but secretly to work to make Reuben Turner hate his son in law. He made insinuations; he told willful lies; he created distrust of his fairness in dividing his finds according to mutual compact, but all under the pledge of ecrecy, and Reuben Turner, being naturally of a suspicious nature, and lacking both penetration and judgment, imbibed it all. At the same time, Kellar pretended to be Forrester's friend, deploring the growing dislike of Forrester that was so apparent on the part of Turner, and Forrester, too rank, unsuspicious and generous to divine the truth of matters, seemed to think at first it was but a trifling misunderstanding which time would

explain. So much had Kellar wormed himself into old Turner's confidence that the latter on more than one occasion showed him the letter he was about to send to his daughter, and it always contained bitter statements of his sonin law's deceitful, and even dishonest character; he also showed to Kellar his been due alone to her gratitude to him for saving her father from financial ruin, that she should have trusted inst then to be a field for case. daughter's, replies in which she said to her first instincts of dislike to him owing to his odd dress and ways, and and now, because of the accounts in her father's letters every feeling of love that had been born both of her gratitude to him and his tender regard or herself, had given away to hate and loathing : that she had imparted her feelings to her young uncle, John Turner, so that his hatred of Forrester was as strong as her own. Kellar, when confiding all these things to his cousin, exulted, and when the latter, repelling in his heart such utter baseness, ven But Malliflower, still engaged in tured to remonstrate, he was silenced by the old threat, for the uncle though not altogether pleased with Jared's de parture to the mines still somewhat Some one pulled Kellar down into his seat, and then every eye was encouragingly, if not affectionately. On one day, that Forrester was in high spirits about his luck, his fatherbeyond middle age, with a certain odd in-law, excited by recent insinuations looseness about his dress, and a face of Kellar, could not contain himself with a kind though somewhat weak from making some scathing instnuations as to Forrester's fairness and hon esty. Forrester hotly repelled them, and then Turner's blood becoming

roused he sprang toward Forrester but was caught and held back before he reached him, while Forrester, looking at him indignantly, said that he would fix him one day, meaning, as he after ward averred to both the cousins, to make at the end of their stay in the

surprise and shame the latter. After that there were other occasions on which Turner seemed to want to risk. Evidently, Mallaby was doing assuage his feelings by descending to well, and rather than be disturbed he brute force, and it required all Forrester's self-control to prevent himself from yielding to his own instinct in that that is was nothing to bleed Mallaby a respect. And all this time Forrester little, and that as Jared could not help never suspected the underhand work matters he had better be silent, for he, of Kellar; he even confided in him to Kellar, had only to tell their uncle of the degree of deploring the utter un- Jared's theft to destroy at once, and reasonableness of his father in law's entirely, all hope of Jared's inherit-strange dislike, and referring to his agony at the brief, cold letters written the utter abhorrence entertained for all nent home. That, in order to learn if to bim by his wife. She did not state forms of dishonesty by their rigid old Kellar should execute his threats re-

thing, but too well Forrester divined that he did, and at length unable to endure the situation longer he deter mined to leave the mine and return to San Francisco. This was the signal for unusually bitter feelings on the part of Turner; influenced by Kellar, he believed the resolution to depart was owing to a desire to cover up his dishonesty, and inflamed both by pas-sion and the liquor with which he had been plied by Kellar, he, on the last night that Forrester was to spend with the miners, rushed suddenly upon Forrester as the latter sat at play with Kellar and Hale. Forrester was obliged to struggle to defend himself, and when Hale would have gone to his assistance he was withheld by Kellar. During the struggle he saw Tur-ner draw his pistol, but it was wrested

from his grasp by Forrester, and immediately after went off, the ball pierc ing Turner's head. Everley coming upon the scene at that instant beheld what might very well seem to him to be the murder of Turner by Forrester, and his opinion was further corrobor ated by the dying man's exclamation That his cousin and he had taken Forrester away from the fallen man That Forrester seemed dazed, and de

clared on recovering himself that the shooting was purely accidental; he had no intention of firing the pistol when in self defence he had wrested it from Turner. Kellar, pretending the utmost sympathy for Forrester, held hurried consultation with his cousin, advising that it were better to give out that Turner had committed suicide. Hale, seeing no necessity for that, as he and his cousin were sufficient witnesses that the shooting was done in self defence, objected, but Kellar sil-enced him. And then Kellar worked upon Everley's sympathies, picturing the destitute condition of Forrester's young wife and how if anything were said about the shooting other than to make it appear a suicide, Forrester would be held, and perhaps summarily punished. Everley consented to say nothing about the matter.

When told of the plan, Forrester at first, neither assented nor objected e seemed to be unable to realize that he had really killed Turner, and he sure himself that death had really taken place. Owing to the lawlessness and excitement of the times the event did not attract much notice among the miners, nor was the report of suicide doubted. In their rough way a few were sorry for the mournful Forrester-to have to bear back to his young wife the body of her father lead by his own hand-but the major ity had neither time nor thought for Kellar, on the pretence of taking

would not be missed immediately, and before setting forth with the corpse to San Francisco, he exulted in secret to Jared, boasting, that not alone would he contrive to keep some of the dead man's property, but he even intended to get a handsome bonus from Forres ter. He succeeded, for having with his cousin and Forrester accompanied the remains to Turner's home, and having waited their interment, he managed hen announcing his intention of going East, to make Forrester understand that he would not be averse to some compensation for his services. And he was liberally compensated, Forrester

emporary charge of Turner's effects.

helped himself to what he fancied

being grateful for Kellar's sympathy and assistance Kellar and Hale went East : both soourning for a time in their uncle's house, and Kellar, pretending that he friends, and accompany him, Hale, to just then to be a field for such, he gained his uncle's confidence to the extent of an advance of money, and his consent to have Jared accompany him. They went to Australia, and Kellar engaged in speculations which in-volved all his money and which lost it. Then he began to think of taking part in a questionable scheme formed by some new acquaintances he had made the scheme proposed dishonest opera tions with a firm in New York, and in looking over a New York paper for the advertisement of this firm, he saw a paragraph relating to a man named Mallaby. Not knowing that Forrester had left California, and that he had changed his name, Kellar did not dream the paragraph had any interest for him. He read indifferently how a man named Matthias Mallaby had a sharp chase after some one who was a heavy debtor to the firm by which he. Mallaby, was engaged, and how, outdoing detectives employed in the case, he had caught him and brought the fugitive to justice. Then followed remarks on the clever manner in which Mallaby had done his work, and a full description of his own odd appearance. From that description Kellar convinced that Mallaby was Forrester. and a new idea entered his mind. was to return to New York, seek Forrester, or Mallaby, and endeavor to obtain a price for his silence on the manner of Reuben Turner's death. He mines, such a generous division of his might acquire as large an amount gains with his father in law as must from Mallaby as he could do by connected with the proposed dishonest scheme, and certainly with much less would be willing to pay liberally.

To Jared's remonstrances he replied Hale's testimony given in full was to in them that her father told her any- uncle. As it was, Jared's prospects garding the prisoner, Hale became &

were very good, for the uncle, led to believe that both of his nephews were doing finely in Australia, wrote with great affection to Jared, encouraging him to remain, until he had made fortune, and too weak to resist, and too fearful of losing his inheritance he vielded as he always did. He remain. ed in Sydney while his cousin returned to New York, found Mallaby, and bolde paid for his silence. His plan for enforcing his demand was so well ar ranged that Mallaby had no alternative but to consent to it. On Kellar's return to Sydney he told

as a fair and clever piece of work, and to the sworn knowledge of Hale, Kellar received three or four times every year sums of money from the prisoner which paid in order to prevent him, Kellar, from telling John Turner that the latter's brother was killed by Forrester. That Kellar always acknowledged the receipt of those amounts by letters written in a disguised hand, and never signed with his own name. That never had the witness written a ine to the prisoner. That during all this time the witness was very un happy; that he wanted to get away from his cousin, but he was too moral ly weak, friendless, and destitute of means. That he both feared and detested his cousin. That his only hope of separation was his uncle's death did that give to him the fortune he expected, he could defy his cousin and

it all to Hale, exulting in his success

put a long distance between them. That, before that event happened a letter came from the prisoner to Kellar culties he was obliged for the present to lessen the amount of the remittances. That Kellar swore on reading that letter, and then being again approached by parties with inducements of the large and rapid gains to be made by co-operation with them to entrap the firm with which the prisoner was connected he declared that if the prisoner continued to send a decreased amount, he would return to New York, and compel the prisoner himself to manage the matter of involving the

That, to further his plan he took in to his confidence Samuel Wylie, one of the company who was anxious to enlist his, Kellar's, services. That Kellar told Wylie of the sword which he, Kellar, held over the prisoner in the shape of exposing the facts of the shooting of Reuben Turner, at the same time un guardedly admitting to Wylie that the prisoner was a fool for permitting him self to be terrorized when he knew he had shot his father in law in self defence. That Wylie was not quite the unscrupulous villian Kellar thought him to be, for though from the force of circumstances and evil association, he had been led to make one of a dishonest company, he secretly recoiled from the pase scheme of compelling another to promote swindling operations as the price of forbearance to make an unjust

charge of murder.

That said Wylie and the witness finding in each other more congenial qualities than either found in Kellar, they grew to fraternize in secret, and to exchange confidence that enlightened each as to the opinion of Kellar held by the other. That Hale's uncle died, leaving to

him not the fortune he had expected,

but a moderate annuity, and to his

cousin what the latter considered a very paltry sum of a thousand dollars. That Hale determined to separate from Kellar; that he proposed to Wylie for the latter to leave his trickster ing to raise for Kellar on his annuity a large amount, providing that he, Kel lar, would pledge himself to threaten the prisoner no more. That, Kellar, always eager to get money, gave the pledge, but at the same declared that he was not going to lose sight of his cousin, a declaration which Hale felt would be fulfilled, and with regard to frequent occasions of begging money, and otherwise annoying him, unpleasantly kept. That, parting rom his cousin with assumed grace, he and Wylie went to Rome, Italy. That, when there but a single week, railroad accident happened in which there was killed a tourist, by singular coincidence bearing the name of Hale, and being of the same age. That, the coincidence suggested to Hale an entire scape from his cousin. He sent Wylie back to Sydney with the Italian newspaper containing an account of the accidental killing of the tourist, Hale, and he also sent by Wylie such personal effects as might tend to corroborate That, about the annuity the story. That, about the annuity Kellar could not trouble himself, as he knew in accordance with the terms of the will it was at' the death of Hale to revert to the institutions to which the bulk of his uncle's wealth had been

bequeathed. That Wylie, to insure Kellar's conviction of the death of his cousin, remained some time in Australia. during that time he learned that Kellar, regardless of his piedge to Hale, was again contemplating extorting a consent from the prisoner to co-operate with the dishonest company of which Wylie had once been a member. This company had begun its operations in Sydney, and it was eager to be affiliated with some reputable and wealthy firm in New York.

That, Wylie having learned that left Australia, joined Hale who had gone to Paris where he lived under an assumed name. That, the two repaired to Annecy where they made a permanent home. That, in order to learn if

constant subscriber to the leading N York and California daily papers, t in such an event he might be read rebt the false evidence of his cousin That, the delay in his present pearance as a witness, was due to ness which had caused him and Wy to spend several weeks at some Geri baths; that it was only at the en their stay there he happened upon nctice in a German paper requir information of himself. That, tho the notice was not explicit as to direct object of the information quired, he suspected it, and with

> gone directly to the address give the newspaper notice.
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> The subsequent events had larranged by Mr. Fullerton who not an opportunity of acquainting prisoner with the good news until

waiting to return to Annecy, he

to San Francisco. That, they had arrived the evening before, and

Wylie had come with all pos

norning in court. evidence turned the scal once in favor of the prisoner, and was whisperingly reported and believed that Wylie's testimony w was about to be taken, would cris ate Keller to the extent of not a having given perjured evidence of having been an accomplice business scheme intended to def and swindle.

But Kellar gave no opportunit convict him. Reading in the faeveryone about him convicting mony of the entire and indig change each one's feelings had u gone regarding his testimony, his lution was quickly formed. TE a note book out of his pocket he t leaf from it and wrote a few rapidly in lead pencil; folding addressed it to the prisoner, and ing it to his counsel, he whispere Don't give this for five min

Then he put his hand into his b pocket and drew forth some small, object ; he raised it quickly to his and before a hand could interpo had fired and fallen, shot throug

CONCLUSION NEXT WEEK.

AT THE CONFESSIONAL Philip O'Neil in Catholic Mirro

My friend, bear with me while of the confessional, that other take heart. Here at this blessed the soul is refreshed, in order to the strife against the temptation flesh. Ab, me! it is a visible ofGod's voluntary mercy-a mon of His unchanging love for u Here the sins of a who time, sins of infinite malice, are ted out through a miraculous c The guardian angel of each one among these kneeling people; in marvellous beauty, and with unspeakable radiating their he brows, they offer each penitent as gems worthy of heaven. Of of the magnificent creatures w such interest in us would caus swoon in an ecstacy of delight. this consecrated spot, a continue dation of graces flow upon s souls and hardened hearts. Eve for sin, every aspiration for every tear of penitence, every tion to be good, are graces dire the Holy Spirit. From this sing footstool continually rise Father those dying words f parched lips on the cross: forgive them, for they know i they do." Upon this blessed the strained eyes of the Queen rest with a continuous and al finite longing. Seated upon destined throne of mercy, she i in heaven as the Refuge of Through her gentle pleadin

day thousands receive the

Turn here, weary pilgrim

journey -- rest here sin lad

The Saviour calls you to com

refreshed. Here you can

your burden at the foot of

come to the confessional.

here you can take up His, fe "My burden is light yoke is sweet." He said: your sins are as red as sca make them whiter than sno the Prodigal Son, you have your heart: "I will arise my Father," and with him grace to say: "Father, I ha against heaven and before am no longer worthy to be son." Here, as you gaze cross, you remember that y part caused your Saviour's and like Peter, you weep your offenses. As a wave ful feeling rolls over you soul, you strike your breast publican, saying: "O publican, saying: "O merciful to me, a sinner! floodgates of sorrow are or your heart throbs with a emotion, you cry out with th blind Bartimeus of Jerico Son of David; have mercy or of David, have mercy u These beautiful models of pe all for you, my friend, a episodes in the life and te your Blessed Redeemer.

solation in their days o sorrow. Here the king and were on equal footing. fessional, because it is stituted. It is a blessed p One stays away through a good Christian must be humble of heart." Pride angels fall. Turn your e the tabernacle; therein is

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