

ROBBERY'S VICTIM. In the house where you had been... The sun has 'dropped down' and the 'day is dead'.

THE HAUNTED CHAMBER.

CHAPTER I. The sun has 'dropped down' and the 'day is dead'... The ivy creeping up the ancient walls of the castle is rustling and whispering.

of carriage-wheels. When the carriage turns the corner of the drive, and the horses are pulled up at the hall door, Sir Adrian sees a fair face at the window that puts a slight smile on his lips.

By this time she had withdrawn her hand, and so he is free to go up to his other guest and bid her welcome. He says nothing to her strange to say, but it is his hand that seeks to retain her this time, and it is his eyes that look longingly into the face before him.

idly, laying her hand on her brother's arm: 'This shocking story you speak of will not be near mine'.

By the end of the week many other visitors had been made welcome at the castle; but none, perhaps, gave so much pleasure to the young baronet as Mrs. Talbot and her cousin.

Sir Adrian of course is the one toward whom all eyes—and some very jealous ones—are directed. But his duties as host compel him, sorely against his will, to draw back a little from the proffered honor, and to consult the wishes of his guests rather than his own.

It is four o'clock, and they are all standing or sitting in the library, intent as usual in discussing the difficulty. They are all talking together, in the excitement that prevails, no one hears the door open, or the footman's calm introduction of a gentleman, who now comes leisurely up to where Sir Adrian is standing, leaning over Florence Delmaine's chair.

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