ately sorrow.

His next visit was to Elm Grove.

There is no mistake about Mr. Haylorence, netering well-chosen words of
conclusion and condolence, he sought
where, the aervant. He found him
alking idly about the garden, pulling
weed now and then, or removing a
cone from a choice flower-bed. He
cone from a choice flower-bed was positive that
cone from a choice flower-bed. He
cone from a choice flower-bed was positive that
cone from a choice flower-bed. He
cone the cards from the locker and older. They went over the route he

makes a living by letting boats.'
Yes. He took a very compassion

And you have been very faithful and melderate in this time of trouble, bad consented to perform the errand. 'A very good arrangement,' commented.'

'Thank you, siz. I don't know as I clusive, said Mr. Stark. 'I have found.'

They soon eame to the terministion.

have done more than my duty:

'To do one's duty well is praiseworthy,' replied Mr. Haywood. 'And now, Barker, I want to ask you a few I there is anything wrong about him.

'A wonderful freak of nature,' be now, Barker, I want to ask you a few questions. There is a great deal of I have failed to discover it. However, mystery surrounding the affair, and the escape of young Conrad will, I am afraid, complicate matters still worse. I want to know if Colonal Courad seemed to have any important business.

by you nope to accomplish anyindid the cataract bare? '
'Well, sir, I think he did. He was 'No; to tell the truth, I do not. It is going to lake time. This 'Boas' of cateract bare? '
'No; to tell the truth, I do not. It is going to lake time. This 'Boas' of whom Snags spoke, will, of course, allow any one to see him or speak to him except when he wanted some little service of me.
'You were in his room then. Did you see him writing?'

With that discovery,' said Mr.
Withers, 'the secret of Colonal Com.

you see him writing?

'Yes, sir, and perhaps I should say that once toward evening he called me and Polly, the kitchen girl, tn, and

made us sign something."

'Ah!' Haywood was evidently affected by this information. He was silent for an interval before trusting his voice

seven o'clock.'

and bealth.

the surro

and expressed a hope that the murder would be brought to justice.

Finally, one pleasant afternoon, he

even to a close observer, the intense interest he felt in the place.

"No, sir. it was not that. There accomplishing it."

The mode of operation described by the accomplishing it."

The mode of operation described by the accomplishing it."

After a time they return the accomplishing it."

rse, which I know not, I could put you beyond the neces · How, sir?'

1 will tell you presently. But just of the scenery. In his meanderings try to recollect something about the thusiastic in his praises of the beauties asture of the document you signed.'

I san't do that,' insisted Barker.' I tail you I didn't read it. Polly and I, the Colonel said, were to be witnesses foot led him past Elm Grove, and on waters. Mr. Witnesses Mr. Witnesses

'Oh, yes, sir. He wrote his name ght before our eyes.'

So that you would know that it was is signature? '
Yes, sir, that was it.' Well, Barker,' said Mr. Haywood,

after a pause, 'would you like to earn a hundred dollars?' Of course I would air.

Of course I would, sir.

Listen then. You can do it by solmally promising, in the eyes of your
On arriving at his
that you will never breathe a

*That won't be much of a job. sir.

But wait; how about Polly? She about and rising from the water. A tion was o

But wait; how about Polly? She must remain silent also.

'I think I can manage her, said Barker, with a grin. 'I caught her stealing some of the silver plate once, and since that time she has been—well, she's sort of under my thumb. She won't dare do anything I forbid her.

'So much the better. Tell her not to breathe a word, and give her any reason you like.'

'Pil see to it,' replied Barker, went to a close observer, the intense of the must remain silent also.'

I think I can manage her, said lew yards back the rocks rose abruptive in high crags, forming bluffs many jestic and inaccessible in appearance. He was not long in discovering the entrance to the cavern, and approaching its the said of the was not long in discovering the entrance to the cavern, and approaching the dark opening in appearance were deliberate, like those of any reason you like.'

the cottage set forth the terms for hoats, fishing tackle, and sailing excursions.

While Mr. Withers was explaining the shore. The water was not more than four feet deep. Mr. Withen the shore in the shore. The water was not more than four feet deep. Mr. Withen the shore in the shore in the shore, and the shore was the shore and the special to comething that fibeked very as it is to me personally.

The sail is to me personally.

The was Reake.

"I am trying to make this unfortentially affiliated person understand that the suddenty gave a twist to the unit of a demand, at than a suggestion. He had impact to try my lock at fishing, said that the suddenty affiliated person understand that the suddenty and the suddenty gave a twist to the unit of a demand, at that a suggestion. He had impact to try my lock at fishing, said that the suddenty and the suddenty gave a twist to the unit of a demand, at the suddenty made in a second he was struggling in the second her was three try my lock at fishing, said the second her was struggling in the water and sum to the suddenty structure of the sain in a second her was struggling in the water. But, twee not deep. Mr. Withers for the mute by signs that he desired than four feet deep. Mr. Withers for the most explaining the shore. The water was not more than four feet deep. Mr. Withers feet to try and the sport.

All ready? he cried.

"All ready?

And mind you keep the secret wall. As come at the first period of the less these first years. And if you ever want any little service done, Barker, come to me.'

'I will, sir 'replied Barker, grinning significantly, after Haywood's back was the personification of indicated their evil compact.'

On the morrow, under the solemn as abalt akies, they were to appear as poursers in the traits that was to comvert the body that lay in the stricken house to its last resting place, one

'What is this unfortunate corn the yacht, he began to make?' inquired Mr. Withers.

'His name is Luke Felton, but we most' gross ignorance of its management. He allowed it to be defined to be defined.

Four days after the meeting between to enter the bost. The mute followed

tained his disguise, and we shall know him, for the present, as the Reverend Mr. Withers.

The pleasure was prolonged until evening, when they returned to the abore. Roake was awaiting them.

seemed downcest and forlors.

Good morning, Barker, said Mr.

Haywood, joining him in his walk.

This calamity affects you as well as the rest of us. Colenel Conrad was a makes a living by latting boats.

Withers was only too familiar with the bulker was only too familiar with the better that the place. They went over the route had twice traversed before. There had twice traversed before. There were the same torituous passage-ways, olaimed that the yacht belonged to dimly lighted by hanging lamps the rest of us. Colenel Conrad was a makes a living by latting boats.

Withers was only too familiar with the bulker was only too familiar

Yes. He took a very compassionate interest in his affairs, saying that, being in Boston on a business trip, he had consented to perform the arrand?

clusive, said Mr. Stark. Thave found out that Jacob Rush, No. 99. — of the cavern. A foaming cateract

'A wonderful freak of nature,' he observed. 'The water, I suppose re will know it.' opening below our feet. Does the sup-'Do you hope to accomplish any-

Withers, 'the secret of Colonel Con-rad's murder will be brought to light.' and received the same reply. And "Windowbiedly—if we ascertain the rhole truth.'

'And the meaning of the words secret of the room behind the splash-

'What shall be the first step?' in-uired Mr. Withers.
'They manage things well,' be thought active.
'They manage things well,' be thought. 'Nothing could be more unsigned?

'That I couldn't say, sir. I didn't read it.'

'Are you sure it was not a receipt for wages he had paid you?'

'I have decided,' replied Mr. Stark, suspicious in appearance than this suspicious in appearance than this place and everything connected with the most of getting possession of the deaf mute it. They select favorable nights to run in their goods, and have sentines in their goods, and have sentines it was not a receipt for wages he had paid you?'

I should judge so, responded Roake.

You were gone a duse of a while with stationed, probably, to give notice of You were gone a duse of a while with

for any wages that have been paid two remained in consultation for some beach gazing out on the moonlit ocean, back to Dalton. I became chilled once. He might never take a receipt, and I wouldn't do that. stranger appeared in Dalton registering his name in the hotel as the Review was a bracing breeze, and the protection of my blood. Good night, sir. thought. Even if you were disposed Even if you were disposed himself to be in sussit of recreation (Can you not loan me a salting boat, he asked, 'with the mute-Luke Fel- of regret as long as he was within hear He took pedestrian excursions about ton I think you said was his name—to

nding country, and was en- manage it.' An affirmative roply was given, and forthwith Mr. Withers was seated in through the streets of Dalton, he met the Fleetwing with 'Dummy,' as Roake

Haywood a few times, who seemed the embodiment of respectability and serenity. One of his excursions on foot led him past Elm Grove, and on inquiring at the hotel concerning the ownership of that elegant residence, he was regaled with a full account of the murder of Colonel Courad and the atmurder of Colonel Course and the tendant circumstances.

He gave polite attention to the story. He indicated to his companion a circumstance in the story of the

rer lar course that would take them fire past a point that projected from the shore, and then back to Rocky Beach walked to Rocky Beach, remarking on starting that the exercise of making assent, and proceeded accordingly.

The mute however the form of the form of

and beneficial to him.

If aker, that you will never breathe a word to any living soul, concerning that document you signed.'

That won't be much of a Job. sir.'

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The won't be much of a Job. sir.'

trol of the sail and tiller, he ran the boat directly toward the shore. He guided it skilfully into a little cove, bordered on two sides with rocks.

Luke Felton rose to his feet in alarm, and pointed out the danger of striking on dangerous points. But Mr. Withers amiled. His pedestrian excursions about the environs of Dalton had not been made in vain. He had visited

'I don't knew. It won't be necessary now.'
'You might give me her share, said
Barker, with a lear.
'Oh, bel' laughed Haywood. 'You
would be getting a double portion to
that case.'
'I know it,' replied Barker, and his
less transformed itself into an impin-

"That would seem to me too much hither and thither with the sail flap-like mocking his infirmity," rejoined ping in the breeze, the tiller at times CHAPTER XX.

Mr. Withers, in a solemn tone.

AN ADVENTURE THAT REFELL THE

Everything now being in readiness,

Luke Felton motioned to Mr. Withers

Still he controlled it, although it Still be controlled it, although in a bungling imanner, so that its general course was toward the shore.

THE TRACEDY OF ELM GROVE

Carios and Leonard, the latter was seated with Mr. Stark, the detective, in his office in Boston. They were received in the shore, and dropped anchor. The viewing the measures that had thus far been taken, and discussing plans afforded great excitement and delight for future action. Leonard still received the start of the Rev. Mr. Withers.

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As he drew near, Roake an up and down the beach, shouting wildly. What's the matter? he roated for future action. Leonard still received the care.

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As he drew near, Roake an up and down the beach, shouting wildly. What's the matter? he roated to the Rev. Mr. Withers.

grounded with a crunching sound on the gravelly bottom.

The Rev. Mr. Withers was standing in the bow, grasping the mast, his hat gone, his hair flying in the wind, and his face expressing the utmost Luke Felton was not to be seen.

thing came up, and the boat If you want the Cheapest China, wheeled around in a most unaccountable way. Poor Mr. Felton was struck by this projecting piece of timber-yard-arm do you call it?—and knocked into the water.'
'The blundering bound!' ejac

Roake. 'What was he about?' ed to be possessed of great skill——'
Blast his skill! Was he drowned! Couldn't you pick him up?

Do not ask me that. The boat was driven along with frightful velocity,

received a mild reproof. the bottom of the boat, and lespe ashore, with pale face and tremblin

'A most dreadful exp

"Well, you needn't take on so," said Boake, roughly, whose wrath began presently to subside. 'It's no great

'It's no great loss, I say. He was ag waterfall.

But the eyes of the Rev. Mr. Withers in his own way and everybody else's. Being a kind of good-for-nothing, and unable to do anything for himself.

The mode of operation described by unwelcome approaches.

Mr. Stark shall be made known by re
After a time they returned to the 'I can never forgive myself. But as ing such a receipt with me. And I lating how it was carried out. The open air again, and, as he stood on the lating how it was carried out. The open air again, and, as he stood on the lating how it was carried out. The open air again, and, as he stood on the back to Dalton. I became chilled

And the Ber. Mr. Withers started He arrived at the hotel just as the

rising. He gave a sorrowful account of his adventuces, and early forenoon left Dalton by rail.

At a point agreed upon, he met tw men having in charge Luke Felton, arrayed in a new suit of clothing, and that evening the infortunate mute of Rocky Beach was placed in an asylum for the education of the dea

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of America, says that while a passenger from New York on board a chip going around those Horn, in the early days of emigration to Cal-Hornia, he hearned that one of the officers of the vessel had oured himself, during the year

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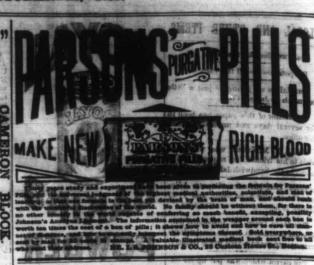
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