Love and Crime

"Then as father does not wishe me to stay at the abbey, I will go with you, grandmother," she says, gravely, with only a faint quiver of her lips, though her breast is heaving with pain and an-

ger. "Thank you, love," Mrs. Mallibrane says, swe you, love," Mrs. Mallibrane says, swe you, Cardonnel, you are going alone to your Italian villa for the vintage months," she questions, smoothly, her teeth gleaming within those lines of dull, bluish-red lips. "But I am not going to sympathize with you in the least, I assure you beforehand. If you will be reckless, you know what to expect."

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There is a curious menacing sound in There is a curious menacing sound in those half-laughing, sareastic tones, and Lord Cardonnel's wow darkens. His hand goes up nervously to hide his working lips which he is cear ssly biting, and he darts a meaning glance at his daughter.

daughter.
"Pooh!" Mrs. Mallibrane says, contemptuously, scarcely lowering her voice. "Send her out of the room if you don't want her to hear what I am go-

and as the earl pauses, suppressing with difficulty the anger that arises to his lips, she addresses her granddaughter herself.

"Please to leave us, Christabel!" she

"Please to leave us, Christabel!" she says, curtly. "I am going to talk about my will and your father, it seems, doesn't wish you to be present!"
Christabel turns toward the door at once, but, at the second step she takes, an arrogant command from Mrs. Millibrane makes her pause.

"Please take your friend with you, Lady Christabel!" she says, haughtily, with an imperious contraction fo her thick, black eyebrows.
Mrs. Mallibrane's eyebrows are as es-

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"Which your daughter isn't in the least likely to do if she has an ounce of pride in her composition!" Mrs. Mallibrane replies, almost snarling in impotent wrath. "There!" with a fierce rap of her ebony stick on the floor. "I will go! There's no use in talking to a man who is bewifched. Two hundred years ago they'd have burned your beautiful Miss Surtees, with her white face and evil eyes, for a witch! I wish she had lived two hundred years ago!"
A low outbreak of curious, unmusical laughter startles Mrs. Mallibane as she utters the last word.
"So that she could have been burned Mrs. Mainbrane's eyeprows are as essential and valuable accessories to her appearance as is the shining, black, waying stick. And they can be assumed or laid aside like the walking stick—so say the intimate enemies before mentioned.

Lydia Surtees arise instantly, hum-bly obeying the insolent words of dis-missal, as it were, and follows Lady Christabel.

But on the threshold she pauses, and looks back over her shoulder, her long neck twining around with the small head with a peculiar, sinuous grace, and she fixes her yellow eyes, with contracted pupils and radiant irises, on Mrs. Mallibrane, with a slow, soft, steadfast smile. A deliberate smile, while one could count five, and then the door closes on her, and the old woman sinks back heavily in her chair, with a wild stare, a rigid expression and falling jaw, as if smitten with paralysis.

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Her stick falls from her nerveless grasp, and rattles loudly on the polished floor.

"Who is that woman? Who is she?

Who is that woman? Who is she? What is she?" she gasps, hoarsely, in feeble anger. "Why did she look at me like that? Why? I never saw such a look! Good heavens! Who is she, Ruthven, I say?" in a half scream of impotent rage. "Why don't you speak? Where did you meet her? Why is she here? What is she to you?"
"At present she is only my daughter's friend, and my honored guest, although you seem to be unaware of these tact, Mrs. Malkbrane." the earl says, in measured accents, coldly courteous, but determined.

The arrogant authority which his dead wife's mother has assumed over him for twenty years has suddenly become a galling chan of slavery, which he in-tends to break at all costs.

tends to break at all costs.

"Lord Cardonnel, I want a plain answer to a plain question, if you please "the old woman says, sternly. She has recovered her "familiar," and the grip of her hand on its serpent head steadies her nerves. "Who is that woman, I repeat, who is dressed like a French demimondaine, and looks like—like ar evil spirit:"

"I am not familiar with the looks of evil spirits," Lord Cardonnel retorts, "I am not familiar with the looks of evil spirits," Lord Cardonnel retorts, caustically, "so I cannot tell whether your simile is correct or not. As to who the lady is personally, I can only repeat what I have just told you—that her name is Lydia Surtees, that she is a friend of Christabel's, who met her lately"—he does not care to give the railroad accident story as the beginning of the acquaintance—"and that she is as gifted in mind as in person—""

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"And that she is a finished adventuress!" concludes Mrs. Mallibrane, with grim decision. "No, Cardonnel! It makes no difference whether you turn knight-errant on her behalf, and fight everyone who doesn't believe in her as you do. I know an adventuress when I donnel! Please to ring the bell for my you do. I know an adventuress when I see one, if you don't! And that woman is something beyond an adventuress," she adds, slowly, looking at the earl's refined, weak face, with a mercilessly piercing gaze, and lips curling with scorn. "She's very handsome and very dangerous, for—she's a witch!"

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"A witch!" he repeats, flushing and paling with anger. "You presume on your age and your position, Mrs. Mallibrane! You say what you please!" "I don't say what I please!" she retorts, bitterly. "I say she is a witch! I believe there are witches!—women with fiendish natures and fiendish charms—and this woman is one of them!".

"I believe there are hags!" Lord Cardonnel mutters, between his teeth.
"Pray, what has Miss Surtees done to provoke this extraordinary outburst of colf-furious slander?" he inquires, his suite shahim with reas.

voice shaking with rage.

"I am not slandering her, but I am furious." Mrs. Mallibrane admits, with rathmer unexpected candor. "I say she is a witch, and she has bewitched you! ay bewitched you to the extent of mak-ing yo uactually think of dishonoring the memory of your dead countess by offering her vacant place to—such as

"I am under no obligation to you. Mrs. Mallibrane!" the earl says, haughtily, as soon as he can control himself to speak. "You have helped me to make a decision I have earnestly wished to make. I have heistated to ask a woman with youth, beauty and wealth, and every cherm of mind and body which could make her south after in society, to accept the barren honor of a title with the makeweight of my property and frail health to accommany it; but, now that he is wronged and slandered—ves, cruelly slandered—I feel I am bound to atone to her!" "I am under no obligation to you, Mrs.

er, and is encouraged into greater elequence.

"You have suffered an affront on my
account, Lydia; let me spologize to you
and atone—if possible!" he continues,
taking her hand; and Lydia gives him
one ardent glance of tender gratitude
out of her glowing amber eyes, and
twines her white, supple fingers aroundhis fervently.

"Dear Lord Cardonnel, this atones,
quiste!" she murmurs, earnestly, and
the slim, long fingers enclasp his hand
and hold it in a passionate pressure, and
from that delicate, sinewy grasp he could
scarcely have released himself if he had
tried.

tried.
"I will atone to you in the fature, my dear Lydia!" he says, tenderly. "At present I offer you the atonement of my hand and my name. Stay with me, Lydia, as the Countess of Cardonnel, as my wife, honored and—and very deeply loved!" "I see. I spoke quite truly. She has bewitched you!" Mrs. Mallibrane retorts, in low, concentrated tones of bitter anger. "I suppose you call it mesmeric attraction, or magnetic sympathy, being poetical? Well, mesmerism, or magnetism, or witchery, she has cast a spell over you, or you will be her victim, Cardonnel. There is no help for you. I see plainly; ther never is any help for a man of your age when he decides upon ruining himself! But you know what I told you long ago about an unsuitable second marriage, Cardonnel? I will make another will immediately, and your name shall not be mentioned in it!"

"Do as you please, madam," Lord Cartonship, "Cartonately."

He unfortunately catches Mrs. Mallibrane's eyes just at the point of the tender confession, and his voice nearly fails him at the terrible aspect of the offended, scornful, malignant old woman, whose regard is absolutely baleful enough to blight. (To be continued.)

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be mentioned in it!" "Do as you please, madam," Lord Cardonnel says, scornfully. "Fortunately, I have never counted in the least on money which was dependent on your caprice!" HIDDEN FOR YEARS. "It is your caprice which is to blame!" "It is your caprice which is to blame!" you the price you will have to pay, so far as I am concerned, for marrying a person of whom no one—in our rank— could approve. Of course, society will not welcome an adventuress, even though you wake her Courtess of Cardonnel.

COUNTERFEITERS' TOOLS FOUND IN HOUSE IN MONTREAL

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could approve. Of course, society will not welcome an adventuress, even though you make her Countess of Cardonnel. That you know well already. As far as I am concerned, your daughter will be sole heir to my fortune, and I will also, at once, make her an allowance which will render her quite independent of you, on condition she does not reside with you." Montreal, Nov. 15 .- An interesting discovery was made by workmen tearing lown an old building at 640 Notre Dam you."
"Happily, Miss Surtees possesses an income which will be sufficient for her own requirements in the event of her honoring me by accepting my hand," the earl says, grandiloquently. "And my daughter can still share her father's home." street east this morning. Hidden away

"Which your daughter isn't in the

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proud to say-of yourself and Lady Christabel?"

Christabel?"
"How—how long, pray, have you been listening to a private conversation between Lord Cardonnel and myself?" Mrs. Mallibrane demands, with a feeble attempt at a haughty jerk of her head, while her eyelids are drooping, and her thin, sarcastic lips quivering with nervousness.

down an old building at 640 Notre Dame street east this morning. Hidden away for fourteen years and forgotten by even the men who worked with them in days gone by there lay between the flooring and the ceiling in this old building a complete set of simple but effective counterfeiters' tools.

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as a witch? Poor Miss Surtees!" a clear, soft voice says, mockingly.

And, looking around sharply, Mrs.
Mallibrane sees Lydia Surtees standing in the doorway, her yellow eyes aflame with a curious light, her white face whiter than ever, her red lips parted over the sharp, white teeth.

"Rather a cruel une best in a content of the cont whiter than ever, her red hips parted, over the sharp, white teeth.

"Rather a cruel, unchristian sort of wish for a woman who never wronged or offended you, is it not, Mrs. Mallibrane." she says, softly, advancing nearer, with a curious gesture of an outstretched, ungloved hand held perfectly level, with the fingers pointing at Mrs. Mallibrane's head, and with her chin lowered on her breast so that her gleaming eyes burn steadfastly into Mrs. Mallibrane's eyes, which shift, and blink, and droop before her. "Is it not, my lord?" she asks, turning to the earl, with both her hands outflung in passionate appeal, her face pleading, sorrowful, tender, her lips quivering, her eyes misty with tearful pathos. "Why am I so blamed because I have been honored by the generous friendship—the tender friendship, I am proud to say—of yourself and Lady

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wousness.

"Not long," Lydia Surtees replies, curtly. "Still, it was rather a severe sentence to receive for the offense of opening the door of a room in which you were sitting, Mrs. Mallibrane. As a young woman to an elder woman, I apologize for my intrusion to you; as one lady to another, I expect you to apologize for your words to me!"

"Then you expect what you won't receive!" Mrs. Mallibrane retorts, contemptuously, though her tones are trembling, and her quivering mouth and shaking hands seem palsied.

"Miss Surtees expects but what she ought to receive," Lord Cardonnel says, sternly.

"An apology—from me!" Mrs. Malli-

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