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CHAPTER XXII.

for superfluous questions. He skim-med the writing with a touch of inter-ested haste, then all at once he paused and smiled.

and smiled.

"Big enough for a tombstone!" he said below his breath as his eyes rested on a large blue cross. Then he smiled again and held the book to the

cuss the political outlook, Lakeley must have written during

his absence, and Chilcote, having mark

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CHAPTEE XXIL A FTER his interview with five, Loder retired to the study and spent the remaining hours of the day and the whole span of the evening in work. At 1 o'clock, atill feeling freak in mind and body he dismissed Greening and passed into Chilcete's bedroom. The interview with five, though widely different from the one he had anticipated, had left him stimulated and alert. In the hours that followed it there had been an added anxiety to put his mind into harness, an added grafification in finding it answer to the rein. A pleasant sense of retrospection Saturday A

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he knew, had lain very low in the five days of his return home.

So he argued as he stood with the book still open in his hands, the blue cross staring imperatively from the white paper. And from the argument rose thoughts and suggestions that seethed in his mind long after the lights had been switched off, long after the fire had died down, and he had been left wrapped in darkness in the great sampled hed. 25c, yard W. L. KANE & CO., Limited,

canopied bed.

And so it came about that he took And so it came about that he took his second faise step. Once during the press of the next morning's work it crossed his mind to verify his convic-tions by a glance at the directory, but for once the strong wish that evolves a thought conquered his caution. His work was absorbing; the need of veri-

work was absorbing; the need of verification seemed very small. He let the suggestion pass.

At 7 o'clock he dressed carefully. His maind was tall at Labelra surf of the possibilities the night might hold; for more than once before the weight of the St. George's Gazette, with Lakeley at its back, had turned the political sceles. To be marked by him as a scales. To be marked by him as a scales. To be marked by him as a coming man was at any time a favorable portent; to be singled out by him at the present functure was momentous. A thrill of expectancy, almost excitement, passed through him as he

urveyed his appearance to leaving the house.

Passing downstairs, he moved a nce to the hall door; but almost as his hand touched it he halted, attracted movement on the landing above.
Turning, he saw Eve. She was standing quite still, looking flown upon him as she had looked once

before. As their eyes met she changed her position hastily.
"You are going out?" she asked. And it struck Loder quickly that there was a suggestion, a shadow of disappointment in the tone of her voice. Moved by the impression, he responded with nusual promptness.
"Yes," he said. "I'm dining out dining with Lakeley."

"With Mr. Lakeley?" she said. "Oh

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And the first thing he knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tankled the thing
That couldn't be done—and he did it!

one The dangers that wait to assail you, ut just buckle in with a bit of a grin Then take off your coat and go to it; fust start in and sing as you tackle the thing That 'cannot be done'—and you'll do it.

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Conscious of the impression, he moved still nearer. "You jump to conclusions," he said abruptly. "What I meant to imply"—
—"was precisely what I've understood." Again she finished his sentence. Then she laughed softly. "How

tence. Then she laughed softly. "How very wise, but how very, very foolish men are! You come to the conclusion that because a woman is—is interested in you she is going to hamper you in some direction, and after infinite pains you curamon all your tact and you set about saying the situation." There was interest, even a touch of amusement, in her tone; her eyes were still fixed upon his in an indefinable glance. "You think you are being very diplomatic," she went on quietly, "but in reality, you are being very transparent. The woman reads the whole of your meaning in your very, first sentence—if she hasn't known it before you began to speak."

meak."

Again Loder made an interruption, but again, the checked him.

"No," she inid, still smiling. "You should note attempt such a task!
Shall I talk you why?"

Be stood allest, pussied and inter-

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so he buckled right in with the trace of a gri

There are thousands to prophesy failure: She watched him intently while he spoke; then, as the meaning of his, words reached her her whole face

I'm glad—very glad. It is quite—quite another step." She smiled with a warm, npulsive touch of sympathy. Loder, looking up at her, felt his senses stir. At sound of her words his secret craving for success quickened to stronger life. The man whose sole in stronger life. The man whose sole in-centive lies within may go forward coldly and successfully; but the man who grasps a double inspiration, who, some unconsciously, is impelled by an-other force, has a stronger impetus for attack, a surer, more vital hewing power. Still watching her, he answer-ed instinctively: By Katherine Cecil Thurston. Author of "The Circle," Etc.

ed instinctively: "Yes." he said slowly, "a long step.

And, with a smile of farewell, he turn-ed, opened the door and passed into the The thrill of that one moment was still warm as he reached Cadogan gar-dens and mounted the steps of No. 88— so vitally warm that he paused for an instant before pressing the electric bell. Then at last, dominated by anticl pation, he turned and reised his hand. The action was abrupt, and it was only as his fingers pressed the bell that a certain unexpectedness, a certain want of suitability in the aspect of the

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ARTER'S FOR BEZZINESS. FOR TORPID LIYER. FOR CONSTRPATION house, struck him. The door was white; the handle and knocker were of massive silver. The first seemed a disappointing 1 idex of Lakeley's private tasts, the second a ridiculous temptation to needy humanity. He looked again at the number of the house, but it stared back at him convincingly.

it stared back at him convincingly. Then the door opened.

So keen was his sense of unfitness that, still trying to fuse his impression of Lakeley with the idea of sliver door fittings, he stepped into the hall without the usual preliminary question. Suddenly realising the necessity, he turned to the servant, but the man forestailed him:

"Will you come into the white room. an added gratification in finding it answer to the rein.

A pleasant sense of retrospection settled upon him as he slowly undessed, and a pleasant sense of interest touched him as, crossing to the dressing table, he caught sight of Chilcote's engagement book, taken with other things from the suit he had changed at dinner time and carefully laid aside by Renwick.

He pleased it up and slowly turned the pages, it always held the suggestion of a lottery, this dipping into another man's engagements and drawing a prize or a blank. It was a sensation that even custom had not dulled.

At first he turned the pages slowly, then by degrees his fingers quickened. Bayond the fact that this present swening was free he knew nothing of his promised movements. The abrupthess of Chilcote's arrival at Clifford's inn in the afternoon had left no time for superfluous questions. He skimstalled him:
"Will you come into the white room,
sir? And may I take/your coat?"
The smooth certainty of the man's
manner surprised him. It held another
savor of disappointment, seeming as
little in keeping with the keen, businesslike Lakeley as did the house. Still
structing with his impression he alstruggling with his impression, he allowed himself to be relieved of his hat

and coat and in all name, but simultaneously with the suggestion the servant stopped forward with a quick silent movement and threw open a deer.

"Mr. Chilcotei" he announced in a

subdued, discreet voice.
Loder's first impression was of a room that seemed unusually luxurious, soft and shadowed. Then all impression that seemed the subdue things left him subdue things left him subdue things left him subdue things. For the fraction of a second he stood

in the doorway, while the room seemed emptied of everything except a figure that rose slowly from a couch before the fire at sound of Chilcote's name. Then, with a calmness that to himself seemed incredible, he moved forward into the story.

He might, of course, have beaten a retreat and obviated many things, but life is full of might have beens, and re-treat never presents itself agreeably to a strong man. His impulse was to face the difficulty, and he acted on the im-

Talk with L.," he read," still speaking softly to himself.

He stood for a moment pondering on the entry, then once more his glance reverted to the cross.

"Evidently meant it to be seen," he mused. "But why the deuce isn't he more explicit?" As he spoke a look of somprehension suddenly crossed his face and the puzzled frown between his eyebrows cleared away.

With a feeling of satisfaction he remembered Lakeley's frequent and pressing suggestion that he should dine with him at Cadogan gardens and discuss the polifical outlook. pulse.

Lillian had risen slowly, and as he neared her she held out her hand.
"Jack," she exclaimed softly, "how sweet of you to remember!" sweet or you to remember?"
The voice and words came to him
with great distinctness, and as they
came one uncertainty passed forever
from his mind—the question as to
what relation she and Chilcote held to each other. With the realization came the thought of Eve, and in the midst of his own difficulty his face hardened. Lillian ignored the coldness. Taking his hand, she smiled. "You're unusually punctual," she said. "But your hands are cold. Come closer to the fire."

Loder was not sensible that his hands were cold, but he suffered him-self to be drawn forward. One end of the couch was in firelight, the other in shadow. By a for-tunate arrangement of chance Lillian selected the brighter end for herself and offered the other to her guest. With a quick sense of respite he ac-cepted it. At least he could sit secure from detection while he temporized

with fate. For a moment they sat silent, then Lillian stirred. "Won't you smoke?" she asked.

Everything in the room seemed soft and enervating—the subdued glow of the fire, the smell of roses that hung

about the are and, last of all Lillian's Blow, soothing voice. With a sense of oppression he stiffened his shoulders and sat straighter in his place. "No," he said, "I don't think I shall

She moved nearer to him. "Dear Jack," she said pleadingly, "don't say you're in a bad mood. Don't say you want to postpone again." She looked up at him and laughed a little in mock Loder was at a loss.

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Another silence followed, while Lillian waited; then she frowned suddenly and rose from the couch. Like many indolent people, she possessed a touch of obstinacy, and now that her triumph over Chilcote was obtained, now that she had vindicated her right to continued him her calidated purpose. to command him, her original purpose ame uppermost again. Cold or inter-ested, indifferent or attentive, she in-ended to make use of him. She moved to the fire and stood look-

ing down into it.

"Jack," she began gently, "a really amazing thing has happened to me. I do so want you to throw some light." Loder said nothing. There was a fresh pause while she softly smoothed the silk embroider; that edged her gown. Then once more

she looked up at him. "Did I ever tell you," she began, "that I was once in a railway accident on a funny little Italian railway centuries before I met you?" She laughed softly and with a pretty air of confi-dence turned from the fire and reumed her seat.
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