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the evening. It is full now, you see. "But you might throw one of those other fellows over, and sit out the dance with me here."

me, and I rise to make a dignified exit, and of course I drop my glove. He picks it up, but does not restore

I laugh a gay little laugh that somehow has an unpleasant ring to it, as I quote half under my breath

comes to claim my love.' I stare in some astonishment.

"Ah!" said he, laughing in turn.

"I don't flirt," I retort, resenting the imputation, as much as I enjoy the morning was taken away, carefully guardreality. "May I trouble you to let me ed by detectives. pass?" for he is standing in the door-

"Certainly, Miss Westlake." And quiet some one did "leak," and to-night just then my partner comes to seek me, the papers print a meagre story which and I have the sorry satisfaction of promises to be largely added to in the leaving him to his own devices. Soon after that, I see Jack go up and apeak to his sister, and presently I see that he has left the room. that he has left the room.

is tired after his journey, so he leaves would have proved one of the most senus to Tom's tender mercies." She sational tragedies of modern times. ooks at me a little curiously as she says



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