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THE ADVENTURE OF

(Continued.)

He caught me first by the wrist, and then by the troat. I opened my mouth to acream, but he struck me a savage blow with his fist over the eye, and felled me to the ground. I must have been uncorned to the ground. I must have been uncorned to myself, I found that they had torn down the bell-rope, and had secured me tightly to the oaken chair which stands at the head of the dining dable. I was a firmly bound that I could not move, and a handkerchief round my mouth prevented me triend to myself, I found that they had torn down the bell-rope, and had secured me tightly to the oaken chair which stands at the head of the dining dable. I was a firmly bound that I could not move, and a handkerchief round my mouth prevented me trom uttering a sound. It was at this instant that my unfortunate husband entered the room. He had evidently heard some suspicious sounds, and he came prepared for such a scene as he came prepared for such a scene as he found. He was dressed in his shirt and trousers, with his favorite blackthorn tended in his shirt and roughels, in the hand, the rushed at the burglars, but another—it was an elderly man, stooped, picked the poker out of the grate, and eld when the had got away to America. Now that we know that the gang are very few minutes during which I was inverted blow man, stooped, picked the poker out of the grate, and only have been for a very few minutes during which I was inchesenable. When I opened my eyes I found never moved again. I fainted once more, but again it could only have been for a very few minutes during which I was inchesenable. When I opened my eyes I found never moved again. I fainted once more, but again to could only have been for a very few minutes during which I was inchesenable. When I opened my eyes I found never moved again it could only have been for a very few minutes during which I was inchesenable. When I opened my eyes I found have the process of these minutes have been in the fairnes had to the found in the process of the server was driven in the

sensible. When I opened my eyes I found that they had collected the silver from the sideboard, and they had drawn a bottle of wine which stood there. Each of them had a glass in his hand. I have already told you, have I not, that one was elderly, with a beard, and the others young, hairless lads. They might have been a father with his two sons. They talked in whispers. Then they came over and made sure that I was securely bound. Finally they withdrew, closing the window after them. It was quite a quarter of an hour before I got my mouth free. of an hour before I got my mouth free.
When I did so, my screams brought the maid to my assistance. The other servants were soon alarmed, and we sent for the local bolice, who instantly communicated with London That is really all that I can tell you, gentlemen, and I trust that it will not be necessary for me to go over so painful a story again."
"Any questions, Mr. Holmes?" asked

Hopkins.

"I will not impose any further tax upon Lady Brackenstall's patience and time," said Holmes. "Before I go into the dining-room, I should like to hear your experience." He looked at the maid.

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"I saw the men before ever they came into the house," said she. "As I sat by my bedroom window I saw three men in the moonlight down by the lodge gate yonder, but I thought nothing of it at the time. It was more, than an hour after that I heard my mistress scream, and down I ran, to find her, poor lamb, just as she says, and him on the floor, with his blood and brains over the room. It was enough to drive a woman out of her wits, tied there, and her very dress spotted with him, but she never wanted courage, did Miss Mary Fraser of Adelaide, and Lady Brackenstall of Abbey Grange hasn't learned new ways. You've questioned her long enough, you gentlemen, and now she is coming to her own room, just with her old Theresa, to get the rest that she badly needs."

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"She has been with her all her life," said Hopkins. "Nursed her as a baby, and came with her to England when they left Australia, eighteen months ago. Thereas Wright is her name, and the kind of maid you don't pick up nowadays. This way, Mr. Holmes, if you pleake!"

The keen interest had passed out of Holmes' expressive face, and I knew that with the mystery all the charm of the case had departed. There still remained an arrest to be effected, but what were these commonplace rogues, that he should soil his hands with them? An abstruse and learned specialist who finds that he has been called in for a case of measles would experience something of the annoyance which I read in my friend's eyes. Yet the scene in the dining-room of the Abbey Grange was sufficiently strange to arrest his attention and to recall his waning interest.

ing interest.

It was a very large and high chamber, with carved oak ceiling, oaken pannelling, and a fine array of deer's heads and ancient weapons around the walls. At the further end from the door was the high, French window of which we had heard. Three smaller windows on the right-hand side filled the apartment with cold Sherlock Holmes Examines the Glasses.

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of these multiplex knives in his possession."

"Excellent!" said Hopkins.

"But these glasses do puzzle me. I confess. Lady Brackenstall actually saw the three men drinking, did she not?"

"Yes: she was clear about that."

"Then there is an end of it. What more is to be said? And yet you must admit, that the three glasses are very remarkable, Hopkins. Whet? You see nothing remarkable? Well, well, let it pass. Perhaps, when a man has special knowledge and special powers like my own, it rather encourages him to seek a complex explanation when a simpler one is at hand. Of course, it must be a mere chance about the glasses. Well, good morning, Hopkins. I don't see that I can be of any use to you, and you appear to have your case very clear. You will let me know when Randall is arrested, and any further developments which may occur. I trust that I shall soon have to congratulate you upon a successful conclusion. Come, Watson, I fancy that we may employ ourselves more profitably at home."

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Mrs. Walter Bailey and two children, of Carleton Co., arrived Saturday evening by steamer Springfield to stay a few weeks at Mr. Bailey's old home.

Rev. Mr. Nales, of Oatnabog, who has been visiting his friends at Lakeville, returned home Friday.

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Miss Maud Howland, of Fredericton, is visiting relatives at Lawson's Settlement. News reached here Saturday of the sad death of Fretta, the eleven year old daughter of Al. Chase, of Scotchtown. The little girl was visiting at a neighbor's, and while playing with other children tell down stairs and broke her skull, which caused her death almost instantly. Much sympathy is expressed for the little girl's parents in their sudden bereavement.

Henry Estabrooks, of Upper Gagetown, was in Sheffield Tuesday, also Alex Thurrott, of Minto, and daughter Bessic.

Mrs. Burt Day and daughter, of Frankfort, Muss., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin.

Rev. W. R. Peppers is at present attending the school of missions in St. John.

Charles Wright, son of Policeman Wright, of Fredericton, is in Sheffield. He is staying at Vandine's Hotel.

George Sowers purchased a fine horse and carriage while in Fredericton Tuesday.

T. E. Bridges and Will Perley, of Maugery learning and the promises to be one of the handsomest houses in northern N w Brunswick. The interior is to be finished in quartered oak and mahogany. F. Neil Brodie of St. John is the architect.

Mayor Nichol has received word that Earl Grey and his party will arrive here next Sunday by steamer Minto, leaving the same day.

The R. C. bazaar opened yesterday, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, the number present was rather disappointing.

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