## hola's Secret,

A Romence.

"But he had not fallen into the Black Pool. I could see it now, far away un-der the trees, smooth and dark. Then remembered how Sir Karl had also talked of an old coal mine, with its long disused, open shafts-pitfalls of danger he had called them-and, more than that, he had declared his intention to me of making the place safe when he had time to attend to it.

I began to understand now. We had both been unconscious of our whereabouts. I had no idea that we were near the Black Pool, and he had evidently forgetten it also, and, it was plain, had fallen down the deep, longdisused shart. I speak quickly now; but, as I lay there with wildly beating heart, thinking deeply, these ideas were some time shaping themselves clearly in my mind. I had had a terwo.e shock, and my thoughts moved slowly. A moment before air Karl had been walking by my side, strong and healthy, the next he had vanished from my sight; and I knew that for him onere was nothing but death in the deep Cark pit, and a terrible death, too. Stronger nerves than mine would have given way. I craw ed round to the pit. The whole of its wide mouch was covered with rank interlacing creepers. To all appearance there was no difference between it and the ground contiguous to it. There was a gap on one ride. I knest down and peered through it, but I could see nothing. I called aloud; no answer came. Then I took a stone and dropped it into the pit, with the idea of discovering if it were deep. It seemed an age to me before I distinguished a faint splash; the

When I came to myself the air was cold; all the summer's warmth and beauty had departed, the wind was wuiling cheerlesssly through the trees, and the moon was shining. As the recame back to my mind, my whole frame trembled, I tore up the grass, I cried aloud, and more than once I went to the mouth of that terrible pit with the intention of throwing myself into it after him; but my courage failed me. I would have gone down to save him, but I dare not die. So far, except in asking for an interview when him, I had done no wrong.

stone had fallen into water. Of course,

Karl was dead by this time. No help could reach him; I knew that, even as

I knelt there, looking into that most

horrible chasm. And then I must have

'Now came my temptation. He was dead whom I loved better than all the world; but my hatred and jealousy of Dolores still lived. But for her, would have been mine. As I lay writhing with pain of body and anguish of mind, an idea-I grant that it was a dissocical one—came into my mind. It was this—that I would never reveal the truth of Sir Kan's terrible death, but would lead this women whom I hated to believe that he had abandoned her and gone away with me. I felt sure that the old Squire, whom I had met driving home, had recognized me. I felt equally sure that the groom had also recognized me, so that in all pribability every one would know that Ser Karl had come out to meet me. If I could but get away, and then from a distance write to Dolores and say that my revenge was complete, again! I would not say that he had gone away with me. I would leave it to her woman's keen ins inct, quickened by jealousy, to form what con-clusion she might, feeling sure she

"The more I thought of the idea the more my heart designted in it. I forgot even the anguish of Sir Karl's death. I could think of nothing but the grand opportunity for carrying out my threats of revenge. Now the fair-haired woman should suffer as I had suffered; now anguish of heart and bitterness of soul would be her portion as they had been mine. I knew all that she must endure, the long years or uncertainty, the shame and humiliation. And, as I lay on the grass, I laughed aloud in the wicked joy of my heart. It would be an ample revenge. No thought of compassion came to me; I had shed tears; let her shed bitter tears My life was blighted; let hers

would put but one construction on my

be blighted, too. 'I bent over the pit and bade him who lay there a last farewell. Then, under cover of the darkness, and in the silence of night, I limped from the park and reached the high road. I walked during the whole of the following day. Several horsemen passed me. I well knew they were in search of Sir Karl. They little guessed that the woman they passed on the road, who seemed to them lame and old, could have solved the mystery with a

few words. "I hid myself in Paris, From there I wrote that letter to Dolores, which which made her believe in her husband's guilt. Ten thousand such letters would not have destroyed faith in Sir Kari. I read in the English newspapers that Sir Karl was supposed to have eloped with me; and my revenge, I felt, was accomplished. The sneers and saltire that this rumor provoked only amused me. I can declare one thing most solemnly: I never thought of his children, nor how the scandal might affect them. I never thought that their names would be

"Life was over for me then. went to the South of France, where spent some time with an o'd friend of my mother's who was dying. I remained with her for some weeks, and

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then took her name. I called myself Madame St. Ange. After that I rented the Chateau Fleuris; and there I have spent such years of solitude and anguish as fall to the lot of few wo-

"I have been dead to life; but that which sustained and cheered me was the knowledge that Bolores suffered mere even than I bad. I should never have emerged from my secusion had I not chanced to see one of the advertisements for me, which aroused my curioscity and brought me bither. I meant simply to come over well disguised to England, and ascertain why I was wanted. In doing so I can see that I have acted imprudently.

CHAPTER XL.

During the relation of Lola de Ferras' terrible story, Lady Fielden bad grown white and faint. She looked with amazement and horror at the dark, beautiful face.

"I can scarcely realize," she said, "that you who knew the sad secret of Sir Karl's death could leave him branded in the eyes of the whole world as a man of no faith or honor, dis-graced by a foul sin. Were I Dolores, his wife, or Gertrude, his daughter, I

would never forgive nor forget." "I make no excuse for myself," replied Lota; "but just this much let me say-that I thought little of the consequences either to his name or mine, but solely and entirely of my re-

venge."
"I repeat that I should never forgive you," said Lady Fielden, with calm contempt. "Treachery to the living is bad enough; but treachery to the dead is ten thousand times worse. You are no heroine in my eyes-only a mean, dishonorable woman. I decline to have anything more to do with you. Perhaps Sir Karl's daughter may have patience." And, with a face full of indignation, Lady Fielden quitted the

"It is of no use to irritate her," thought Lord Fielden. "We are still somewhat in her power. We must be 'My mother speaks as she feels-

strongly," he said aloud. "Your mother speaks truly, though it seems cruel to trample on a famen Lota answered. Then she turned with a gesture of appeal to Gertrude. "Chald," she said, "let the whole world rave against me; I deserve it. Let them say what they will; let them insult, sneer, scoff at me; but do not you. I could not bear it from you. Let others punish me for my sin if they will; but you will be kind to me as your father was and would have been.

Will you promise me this?" She bent gently over the worn face. "I will never hurt you by one word," she sund. "Now you will show me where my father lies?"

"Yes, you-no one out you Gertrude; you and I will go together at once and alone." Harry looked up in alarm. Was it safe to trust a slender girl to the hands

of such a woman? But the clear ofes looked at him 'indauntedly.
"I have no fear, Harry," she said; 'Miss de Ferras and I will go and return quickly together. In the meantime will you send a telegram to my

mother at the Villa Baira, Florence? Say just this: "The mystery is solved. Come at once." "I will do just what you wish," replied Lord Fielden; "but, for heaven's sake, do take care of yourself, Cert-

Lola turned to him with a proud,

on me. I will not look on the face of the woman I have hated and wrong-"I will not ask you to do so," he re-

plied. "You shall do as you will."
"My dear," said Lady Fielden to Gertrude, when the latter joined her a few minutes later, "I will go home. Your own heart will dectate best what done with that wretched woman. When I think of the misery she has brought on your mother's fair head, I-well, I forget that I am a Christian. Do as you will with her; but do not let my old eyes rest on

her face again." Meanwhile Lord Fielden hastened to Deeping to send the telegram to Florence. Dolores would receive it that day, and in forty hours after she would be at Fielden Manor.

Never did Gertrude forget that walk to the lonely corner of the wood where the Black Pool lay open to the sky. If her nerves had been less strong she would have died of fright, for the beautiful woman by her side was like one distraught. Her black eyes blazed with a strange fire, her face quivered with emotion.

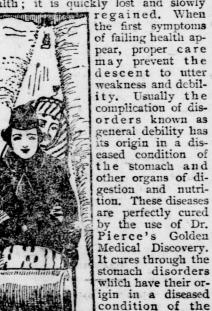
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MUTILATED HIMSELF.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 6.-Fred Dell, the young man from East Zorra, who mutilated himself terribly with a razor two weeks ago, died in the hospital here yesterday as a result of his in-

## "WHIZ!! WALK A MILE"

Is a laconic definition of a toboggan ride, It's quick work going down the slide, but it's a lorg climb back to the starting point. It is very much that way with health; it is quickly lost and slowly



stomach. There is no alcohol in the "Discovery," neither opium, cocaine nor other narcotic.

"I was all run down; had no strength; had sharp darting pains all through me; head and back ache every day," writes Mrs, Frank Caswell, of Salamauca, N. Y. "I was also troubled with a distressed feeling in the stomach and pain in front of the hip bones. I had a severe cough and it nearly killed me to draw a long breath, I was so sore through my lubgs.
"I wrote to Dr. Pierce, telling my symptoms as near as I could. He sent me a very kind letter advising me to try his medicines which

as near as I could. He sent me a very kind letter, advising me to try his medicines, which I did, and before I had taken them a week I was decidedly better. I took two bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two of the 'Favorite Prescription,' and am sure I never felt better in my life than when I quit taking them." Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a cure

### THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Annual Meeting of the Eastern League.

Championship Formally Awarded to Providence—The New Royal Yacht.

BASEBALL.

THE EASTERN LEAGUE ANNUAL Providence, R. L., Dec. 5 .- The anmual meeting of the Eastern League, at the Narraganset Hotel today, brought together quite a number of basepall men. The directors of the league met shortly before noon, with T. B. Cory (Providence), J. H. Callahan (Rochester, P. H. Hurley (Worcester), E. Barrows (Toronto) and President Powers present. The cham louship of 1900 was cornally awarded to the Providence club. Several communications in regard to the contested games were received, but as they would in no case alter the championship standing of the several chues, they were withdrawn. Claims for guarantees for holiday games were received in relation to games at Syracuse on July and at Toronto on Labor Day. The directors decided that guarantee rules do not apply to holiday games, as the visiting club, on holidays receive half of everything.

Montreal's claim for half of the full rates for boys at Toronto on Labor Day was decided in favor of Montreal. Montreal played at Rochester on Oddfellows' Day, and was given only the guarantee. Montreal claims its full share of the receipts, on the ground that insufficient notice was given. The matter was continued without action, as Montreal did not send a representative.

At Syracuse, on Aug. 27 the Traction Company had arranged to use the grounds for a pyrotechnic display, and the ball club transferred the game to Montreal. Montreal claims the guarantee at Syracuse. The matter was continued.

The Toronto club agreed to pay to Rochester a claim of \$44 65 due on ladies' day receipts in 1899 from the old Toronto club.

In general meeting Providence was represented by T. B. Cory, Wm. H. Draper and Wm. J. Murray; Rochester by J. H. Callahan and Marcus Kochen-thal; Worcester by P. H. Hurley and M. J. Kittredge; Toronto by E. J. Barrows; Syracuse by Frank J. Leonard; Hartford by Chas Soby and Springfield by Thomas E. Burns. Montreal was not represented.

The board of directors' report on the affairs of the past season was adopted, no definite action being taken on the claims entered by Montreal of minor charges against Toronto, Rochester and Syracuse, as Montreal's representative

was sanctioned.

The constitution was amended that t annual meeting of the Eastern L gue shall be held in New York on the first Wednesday in December, in-stead of the city of the club winning the championship—a return to the old plan. The constitution was amended disdumful gesture. plan. The constitution was amended "You trapped me," she said; "you to fix the rate of admission for boys made me a prisoner; but I will not sub-mit to anything you choose to impose club. The league adopted another amendment to the constitution providing for a guarantee of \$50 to the visiting club when a game is postponed on

ount of rain. In reference to the much-talked-of agreement among the players regarding a new form of contract between the players and the club, the matter was left in the hands of the president and directors of the league. The players demand limitations to reservation rights to three years with one club, and no assignment or transfer of services from one club to another without the

consent of the player.

George O'Neil, of the Toronto club, was appointed a committee on transportation for the league.

In relation to sub-umpires to act when regular umpires may be absent or disabled, it was voted that the secretary of each club shall nominate two capable local men.

The league re-elected P. T. Powers for the eighth time as president, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors was elected to consist of two from each section: P. H. Hurley, of Worcester; Charles Soby, of Hartford; Edward J. Mack, of Toronto, and E. F. Higgins, of Rochester.

The league adjourned to meet in New York for the schedule meeting at a date to be fixed by the president. CHESS.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH. Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 5 .- Negotiations are now on the way between the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford England and four American colleges with regard to the international chess match this year. The trophy that was given by I. N. Rice, of New York, has been won twice by Cambridge, and unless the American colleges win the match this year the trophy will remain the permanent property of the English university.

YACHTING.

THE NEW ROYAL YACHT. New York, Dec. 5 .- A special to the Herald from London says: The troubles of the new royal yacht, according to what a correspondent of a local paper says, are far from being over. All the non-inflammable wood in the royal apartments has had to be removed, because the authorities think it might stain the delicate material with which they are to be upholstered. After the inflammable wood had all been put in somebody suggested that the chemicals with which the wood is treated might spoil the tapestry. test was made at Portsmouth, and an order for the removal of the wood is said to have been the result. In some places, however, the wood cannot be got out without great trouble, and in such places it will be allowed to remain. Too much acid is said to have been mixed with the preparation by which the wood was made non-inflammable.

AT WASHINGTON. Washington, D.C., Dec. 5.—Good luck rewarded the efforts of the talent at Bennings today, they picking five winners out of the six races. Another large crowd was present. The weather was cool and windy.

First race, 7 furlongs—Buffoon 1, Fluke 2, Randy 3, Time, 1:34. Second race, 2 years, handicap, 51/2 furlongs-Pigeon Post 1, Quite Right Snark 3. Time. 1:12. Third race, hurdle, 11/2 miles-Magic Light 1, The Lost Chord 2, Draughts-

nan 3. Time, 3:00%. Fourth race, 1 mile and 50 yards— Hinsdale 1. Elsie Skip 2, Cogswell 3. Time. 1:53%. Fifth race, selling, 11-16 miles-Miss

Hanover 1. Beau Ideal 2, Charawind Time, 1:55%. Sixth race, handicap, 2-vear-olds and powards, 7 furlongs—Carbuncle 1, upwards. Humboldt 2, Charentus 3. Time,

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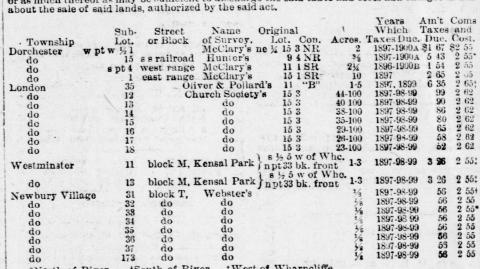
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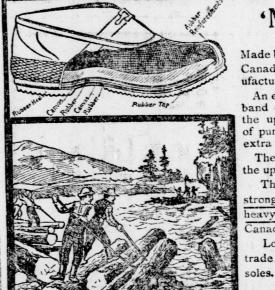
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