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THE Lady of the Night

CHAPTER VIII.

THE BLOW. The spell was broken by the faint sound of wheels on the dusty road. Starting, she drew herself from his

I must go. Yes, yes, don't stop me; I want to go." She stretched out her hand as if to ward him off, and he stood, as deeply moved as she herself, voice, but quite distinctly. and let her go.

Nora hurried home, walking fast as Mrs. Ryall. if to escape the thoughts, the se tions that flooded upon her. She fled | slapped Nora across the face. up to her room and bathed her face; rage, and suddenly Nora heard her shaking, and made no response. own name. She heard her father's voice raised in nervous excitement, Nora staggered out of the room into calling to her from the hall. She paused a moment as if to get breath and the kitchen door, trembling and pale, possession of herself; then she went her arms outstretched, a piteous cry

Her father was pacing up and down the hall, his face flushed, his loose

"I want you Nora!" he exclaimed.

Nora followed him into the room Mrs. Ryall was standing by the table; her face was crimson through its SIR JOSEPH MEETS WITH A CHECK ness. if she needed its support.

been some one clse-"

Mrs. Ryall furiously. "I saw her with secration of the blow. my hown eyes. Pretty goings-on! And The pain was nothing; she had sufher, too, with her pride and dignity, fered a great deal more in falling from treating her betters as if they was a tree or pitching off a horse; once dirt-Oh, I have noticed the way you've she had lain unconscious for some treated me, Miss. I ain't good enough | time after a mishap of this kind; but for you!—You smug little 'ypocrite, she had the sense of having now sufpretending to be so straight and pro- fered that which no tears could assuper! And I find you in a man's arms, age and no memory wipe out. To a that I know how the land lies; I know out in the wood there! Don't deny it- high-spirited boy s blow means a great

glancing from one to the other, in a laughing in derision and seorn of her

condition of nervous excitement. Nora stood, pale, but strangely self-possessed, regarding the inflamed face of her step-mother, steadily, and meeting the accusation with silence.

"So you don't dare deny it?" said Mrs. Ryall, still furiously, but rather Amelia Makes a Success indistinctly, "You steal out of the 'ouse at night, Miss Prim, to meet your fancy man in secret. You who pretend te 'old your 'ead so 'igh, you who are with people up at the Hall. No, for a very good reason; you've got one of their servants for a sweetheart, and, of embrace, and looking at him and then course, you don't want them to know around her, as if she had suddenly anything about it. You're a sly little awakened from a dream, suddenly hussy! And you're a little fool into the realized the import of what she had bargain! A servant!" She laughed done, she went quickly to the gate shrilly, "Well, you ain't much better saying, with a catch in her voice, as yourself; but I should have thought that even your wild have looked a little must go. Yes, yes, don't stop me; the "igher than a groom, a stableman!"

"You mean Eliot Graham? He is not a groom," said Nora in a very low

"You give me the lie?" shricked

For a moment Nora was blind, as it seemed to be burning, especially the insentient to the blow as a block of lips which his had touched. Presently wood might have been. Unconsciously there rose from the dining-room be- she glanced at her father, with the low the sound of Mrs. Ryall's voice. child's appeal for its parent's protecthe sound of Mrs. Ryalfs voice. United support to particle process of the sound of Mrs. Ryalfs voice. Li was strident and hysterical with tion. But Mr. Ryalf stood, white and Asaya-Neurall

Still half-blind, in a kind of stupor. the passage. Martha was tsanding at

on her lips. "Miss Nora! Oh, Miss Nora! Oh, my

dear, my dear- !" But Nora evaded her, and, trembling "I want to speak to you. Amelia says pressed against the wall as if for support, felt her way into the open air.

CHAPTER IX.

rouge and powder, her eyes flashed As Nora felt her way out of the with a kind of spiteful triumph. She house, the soft breeze blowing through was clutching the edge of the table as the valley met her burning cheek and awakened her to a full comprehension "Amelia sa-says," stammered Ryall of the indignity and outrage she had angrily; "but I can't believe it. I mean, suffered. The woman had struck her there must be some mistake," he fal- savagely; but Nora was scarcely contered as Mrs. Ryall broke in with a scious of the physical pain; she was wrathful ejaculation. "It must have tingling, shuddering, with shame, her heart burning with a nerce resentment, "Oh, no, it wasn't a mistake!" said a righteous indignation at the de-

deal; but to a girl! In her tingling ears doesn't matter which, holds the mort-I saw you with my own eyes." deal; but to a girl! In her tingling ears
Mr. Ryall was pacing up and down, was the sound of a myriad voices



on. It was as if she had been mpled to the mud, her very face and orm so obliterated that she could no ognise them. At that moment it was iot the vulgar, vicious woman whom the loathed, but herself; the stain of the blow seemed to be creeping over her like some horrible fungus.

She looked back at the house and huddered with repulsion: it had been the scene of her shame. She thought of her father with something of re ulsion also; for he had been a witness of the indignity, and had neither protected nor avenged her—the father. whom she had loved, whom she had protected, for whom she had toiled and slaved. To go back to the house was mpossible; Nora was not the girl to creep to her room and sob herself into a consoling sleep, to come down the next morning with the mark of Mrs. Ryall's fingers across her cheek

The Grange was her home no longer: Mrs. Ryall had driven her from it and her father had stood by withou a word of protest. Her one desire was to put as many miles between the old house and herself as possible. She tried to think, to form some plan; but plans are difficult to make when there are no bases to go upon, and Nora, staring out into the night with eyes that burnt almost as fiercely as her

voice calling to her in a nervous, guarded tone. She shrank, as if from a second blow; her mental attitude towards him had changed; she would still have laid down her life for him, but she could not bear that his eyes should rest on the mark of the blow which he had permitted. She drew back into the shadows, and waited; Mrs. Ryall shricked his name hysterically, and Nora heard him go back to the house. When his footsteps had took her old golf-cape from its hook, drew it round her, drawing the hood over the scarlet stain on her cheek, and went rapidly across the meadows, avoiding the avenue and keeping

grounds. She paused a moment, then bits. Come under the trees." went on; there was a small plantation of firs between the Hall grounds and would not be seen. The night was threw back the hood of the cape unthrough the plantation and reached ion could see the paper. the fence, which she could easily

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in every limb, and with her hand and saw two men pacing slowly on the footpath beside the drive. One was Sir Joseph, the other was Mr. Trunion, the lawyer from Nelsworthy, with whom a life interest. Let me explain. This her father had sometimes done busi-

The other man paced beside him, his head lowered, his eyes glancing from side to side in a fashion which Nora had always disliked. As they approached the tree behind which she was standing, the lawyer stopped, and said cautiously, but not so low that Nora

could not hear-"I may take is. Sir Joseph, that you are quite certain, quite assured, of the

"You may," said Sir Joseph, "Gilly and Roberts are most responsible people, people of the highest standing: I have never known them to make a mistake. The stuff is there all right, the ought not to be any difficulty about that you, or some client of yours, it gage. Now I want to take that mortgage over, and you can help me to do so, that's why I come to you. I always go to work in the most direct way; and, after all, there isn't anything un-derhand about the business. I'll be very straight with you, put my cards

"Yes?" said Mr. Trunion, glancing at him. "I must say I am rather surprised, Sir Joseph, that you should do

"Ah, I daresay." assented Sir Joseph slowly. "But, you see, I know my world slowly. "But, you see, I know my world—and the men in it. See here, now!

Suppose I had come to you and offered to take over the mortgage with some cock-and-bull story why I wanted the land. You, as a business man, would know that I should not want the land in the ordinary way, that I to remove every hard corn, soft corn, interesting the land. You are completely seen and the land in the ordinary way, that I to remove every hard corn, soft corn.

They laugh at me and say that I make far too much of bump and far they bid me, when I hear him cry, and you util this fiest of mine Lies cold and lifeless and inert, when of distress he makes a sign. I'll rush to learn if he is hurt. must have something up my sleeves, or corn between the toes, and the and you'd grow suspicious, and ferret callusses, without soreness or irrita-about until you had, hit upon the truth.

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at once, because I am prepared to offer terms. Neither you nor I want the place to get into the open market; we and so set other people ferreting. I an prepared to give you one-third of what I make out of the business, and, if I do not make any mistake, it is more than you'd get in any other way. For the thing wants capital, a big sum of money; and I ve got it, and from wha I hear-no offence-you haven't."

"That's so," said Mr. Trunion. "Your way is decidealy the best for both of us. We will draw up a little agreement, Sir Joseph. "That's all right," said Sir Joseph

with unaffected, indifference. "My died away she stole into the passage, word's always as good as my bondsometimes better. But you shall put the thing in proper form." "Have you a plan?" asked Mr. Trun

ion after a moment or two. "Yes," said Sir Joseph, "a rough mongst the trees, with the vague in- plan, but it's good enough. I brought ention of reaching the high-road in it out here. I didn't want us to shut such a way that she could not be seen ourselves up in the study; and there's o other place in the house, for these To do so she must cross the Ferrand blessed people are all over it like rab-

steps of Nora, and she steadied her the road, and she felt assured that she self against a tree with one hand, and warm, fever was in her veins, and she again. Sir Joseph took a piece of transfer paper from his pocket, lit a way consciously. She had nearly got match, and held it so that Mr. Trun

"There you are," he said, "it's only in the rough, but it shows the place plainly enough."

There was silence for a while. Then runion said gravely-

"Does it lie only in this spot?" "Only there," replied Sir Joseph. "I isn't likely to be all over the place, and sn't. I have been all over t on the strict q.t., of course, and there are no indications anywhere else. The stuff is there, and there only."

"Then I am afraid there will be more lifficulty than you contemplated, Sir Joseph," said Mr Trunion grimly. "Eh, what?" snapped Sir Joseph thickly. "How's that?" "This part of the land does not come

into the mortgage," said Trunion. "What the devil do you mean?" de manded Sir Joseph. "It's part of the estate." "In a sense, yes," assented Trunion

but our mortgage does not cover it "Here, no names!" interrupted Si

Joseph. "Let us say the mortgager, then, H has no control over this, has not even part of the land where you have made your find was, so to speak, unattached, Sir Joseph's hands were thrust deep and the mortgager settled it on his in his pockets, his face like a mask. wife and child. He cannot dispose of

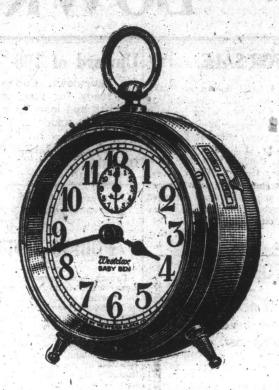
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Istinctively. I turned to fly
On eager wings to serve his need,
And as I made my anxious spurt,
To get to him at double-speed;
I wondered was he badly hurt.

There is no fear akin to this.

Though there are some can stand and wait

To learn what all the trouble is,

I rush at once to learn his fate.

Though he would come to me, I know,

When he has tumbled in the dirt,

To him I am compelled to go,

To learn if he is badly hurt.

I take him up and soothe his pain And dry the eyes so filed with tears, Make straight his little walst again And smile away a thousand fears; I look him over, head to toe, Nor am I tempted to desert. The youngster's side until I know He isn't very badly burt.

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