

if they were alone, and each was searching the heart of the other. Seymour waited a moment or two, and then he said, suavely: "We shall be very glad if you can give us any information respecting our

He is"-he paused, for it went against the grain to describe Royce truthfully -""he is tall and-er-not bad-looking. His eyes are-" The countess stopped him with a gesture, and came forward into the

fire-light. With an upraised hand she beckoned Madge, and Madge, as if moved by a spell she could not resist, approached her. •

The countess looked at her keenly, searchingly, and though Madge's face paled, her eyes did not quail.

low voice in which pride and hauteur fought with anxiety, "I am this young man's mother. You are too young to understand or appreciate my feelings, but you can understand that I am anxious-terribly anxious about

im Will you tell me whether he i here, or where I can find him?"

her eyes upon Madge's face. said:

of Landon

are a detachment-a portion of the name?" gypsies who were at Markham Fair | Seymour stepped forward. last week?"

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CHAPTER XVIII.

The Countess

"Yes," said Madge.

over her head with a gesture full of a slight gesture.

"Just so," he said. "Then perhaps you can give me some information I Lottie's wide-open mouth. am endeavoring to obtain."

As he spoke, several figures, loom ing largely in the mingled moon-light

and the rest of the camp had come to three alone. see "the gentry."

rest stood in a kind of semi-circle be- countess. hind Madge, all eyes and ears.

"I am sorry to trouble you," said "Yes; and this young man we are Seymour in his soft, supple voice. "But seeking is my son." are told, has joined you

orable Royce Landon."

Madge held up her hand. "Go, all of you!" she said.

The misty figures drew back and

"You are the Countess of Landon?" Mother Katie, Lottie, Davy, and the she said, fixing her eyes upon the

The countess inclined her head.

our door," said Madge.

band."

the shawl more closely round her moment under the blow. head, so that it almost covered her

face. "A gentleman?" she said in a low said. "Royce is here without a doubt." voice.

ago, and from information we have re- "Why do you want him now?" ceived we have every reason to believe that he has -ahem!-turned gypsy." There was a profound silence. Mother Katie took up a stick and turned the fire into a blaze, and the glowing light illumined the face and figure of Seymour and those of the countess and Irene. Madge looked from him to them, and her glance rested on the latter. Irene had, in the intensity of her interest, let her cloak fall open, and her slight, graceful figure was plainly seen in the fire-light. A moonbeam fell upon her face, and made its lily-like beauty ethereal and unearthly.

understand-" To Stop A Cold ask." in One Day left me in a moment of anger." Take n a low voice. The countess drew herself up. Laxative girl," she said, haughtily. "You can not know his history, familiar though Bromo you seem to be with him." Madge started at the taunt, and the red blood Duimine flamed to her face. "My son left me," went on the countess, "in a fit of anger He is with you here, or is near at tablets hand. I ask you to tell me where I can find him.' ' Madge was silence for a moment, The tonic and laxative then she said: effect of Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets will for-"And if I refuse?" tify the system against In-The countess's eyes flashed as Irene fluenza and other serious herself had never seen them flash, and ills resulting from a Cold. her hand went to her heart; then she The box bears this signature seemed, by a great effort, to command

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herself.

"My poor girl," she said in a half-

compassionate, half-patronizing tons,

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The countess started as if she had Madge did not start, but her eyes Madge did not start, but she drew been stung, and her eyes closed for a turned from Seymour to the countess with an unmistakable look. "No," she said, pantingly: "do not of making up customers own Seymour smiled grimly.

"That let the cat out of the bag," he offer me money!" "No," said the countess; "I have no intention of doing so. I prefer to ap- FARRELL THE TAILOR. 310 "You drove him from your door," "Yes," said Seymour, smoothly. "He repeated Madge, not fiercely, not pas- peal to your sense of duty. I prefer to Water St .- nev17,tf left his house and friends some weeks sionately, but with a stern insistence. appeal to you as"-the proud voice quivered-"as one woman to another. Seymour opened his lips, but the My son is all in all to me. He is a gencountess silenced him with a gesture. tleman, and he is degrading himself

"My son is here," she said. "You by living with a gang of gypsies." have told us as plainly as if you had Madge breathed hard. admitted it. Where is he?" "He was an outcast," she murmur-

There was silence for a moment "It is only a passing whim," con-

then Madge raised her head. "What do you want with him?" she tinued the countess in measured tones. said. "You deserted him, cast him off. "A week-a month hence he would He is happy here. What do you want have left you. I can understand, now that I have seen you, why he has rewith him?"

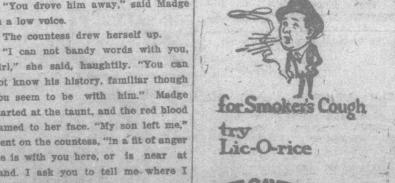
Irene turned her face away and mained so long." drew her cloak around her. She re-Madge went white in the fire-light, cognized the justice of the words. and she turned aside slightly, and

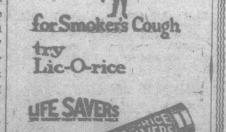
The countess moistened her dry lips. Irene stretched out her hand and laid "My good girl," she said, "you do not it on the countess's arm.

"Madame!" she murmured. "No," said Madge, laconically "It is The countess glanced at her. because I do not understand that I "Be silent, Irene!" she said. "You

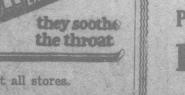
understand me," she went on, address-"You do not understand, and it is ing Madge. scarcely to be expected that you (To be continued.)







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