Everything in the room seemed soft

and enervating-the subdued glow of

the fire, the smell of roses that hung about the air and, last of all, Lillian's

slow, soothing voice. With a sense of

oppression he stiffened his shoulders

"No," he said, "I don't think I shall

She moved nearer to him. "Dear

Jack," she said pleadingly, "don't say

you're in a bad mood. Don't say you

want to postpone again." She looked

up at him and laughed a little in mock

Another silence followed, while Lil-

ian waited; then she frowned sudden-

ly and rose from the couch. Like

nany indolent people, she possessed a

ouch of obstinacy, and now that her

triumph over Chilcote was obtained,

now that she had vindicated her right

to command him, her original purpose

came uppermost again. Cold or inter-

ested, indifferent or attentive, she in

She moved to the fire and stood look-

"Jack," she began gently, "a really

There was a fresh pause while she

oftly smoothed the silk embroidery

"Did I ever tell you," she began,

'that I was once in a railway accident

on a funny little Italian railway cen-

turies before I met you?" She laughed

dence turned from the fire and re

softly and with a pretty air of confi-

"Astrupp had caught a fever in Flor ence, and I was rushing away for fear

of the infection, when our stupid little

train ran off the rails near Pistoria

and smashed itself up. Fortunately we

were within half a mile of a village, so

we weren't quite bereft. The village

was impossibly like a toy village, and

the accommodation what one would ex-

pect in a Noah's ark, but it was all ab-

solutely picturesque. I put up at the

little inn with my maid and Ko Ko-

Ko Ko was such, a sweet dog-a white

poodle. I was tremendously keen on

poodles that year." She stopped and

"But, to come to the point of the

story, Jack, the toy village had a boy

doll!" She laughed again. "He was an

Englishman-and the first person to

come to my rescue on the night of the

smashup. He was staying at the No-

ah's ark inn, and after that first night

I-he-we- Oh. Jack. baven't you any

ulant and sharp. The man who is indif-

ferent to the recital of an old love af-

fair implies the worst kind of listener.

"I believe you aren't interested," she

added in another and more reproachful

He leaned forward. "You're wrong

there," he said slowly. "I'm deeply in

She glanced at him again. His tone

"As I told you, he was the first to

Notwithstanding his position, Loder

found occasion to smile. "Did he suc-

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ceed?" he said dryly.

looked thoughtfully toward the fire.

that edged her gown. Then once more

amazing thing has happened to me. I

do so want you to throw some light."

tended to make use of him.

ing down into it.

Loder said nothing.

she looked up at him.

nimed her seat.

and sat straighter in his place.

self to be drawn forward.

with fate.

she asked.

consternation.

Loder was at a loss.

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And so it came about that he took his second false step. Once during the press of the next morning's work it crossed his mind to verify his convictions by a glance at the directory, but for once the strong wish that evolves a thought conquered his caution. His work was absorbing; the need of verification seemed very small. He let the suggestion pass.

possibilities the night might hold; for nore than once before the weight of the St. George's Gazette, with Lakeley at its back, had turned the political coming man was at any time a favoraable portent: to be singled out by him at the present juncture was momen-

Passing downstairs, he moved at once to the hall door; but almost as his hand touched it he halted, attracted by a movement on the landing above him. Turning, he saw Eve.

She was standing quite still, looking down upon him as she had looked once before. As their eyes met she changed her position hastily.

suggestion, a shadow of disappointment in the tone of her voice. Moved by the impression, he responded with unusual promptness. "Yes," he said. "I'm dining out-

dining with Lakeley." She watched him intently while he poke; then, as the meaning of his vords reached her her whole face

I'm glad—very glad. It is quite—quite another step." She smiled with a warm, npulsive touch of sympathy.

ower. Still watching her, he answer-

'Yes." he said slowly, "a long step." and, with a smile of farewell, he turned, opened the door and passed into the

still warm as he reached Cadogan gardens and mounted the steps of No. 33so vitally warm that he paused for an instant before pressing the electric bell. Then at last, dominated by antici-

only as his fingers pressed the bell that it stared back at him convincingly.

Then the door opened. So keen was his sense of unfitness that, still trying to fuse his impression of Lakeley with the idea of silver door fittings, he stepped into the hall without the usual preliminary question. Suddenly realizing the necessity, he turned to the servant, but the man fore-

"Will you come into the white room, little in keeping with the keen, businesslike Lakeley as did the house. Still and coat and in silence ushered up the

The police of New York were help-less when a large maple tree fell across Thirty-sixth street near roadwith a quick, silent movement and

into the room. He might, of course, have beaten a retreat and obviated many things, but life is full of might have beens, and retreat never presents itself agreeably to a strong man. His impulse was to face the difficulty, and he acted on the im-

Lillian had risen slowly, and as he neared her she held out her hand, "Jack," she exclaimed softly, "how

sweet of you to remember!" The voice and words came to him (Seven years as plumber with Howie with great distinctness, and as they came one uncertainty passed forever from his mind—the question as to Phone 1547 - 63 St. Paul's Ave. WITCHEII what relation she and Chilcote held to each other. With the realization came | Contract and Jobbing Work Dalhousic St. the thought of Eye, and in the midst

#### of his own difficulty his face hardened KIDNEY TROUBLE Lillian ignored the coldness. Taking his hand, she smiled. "You're unusual-AFFECTED HIS SPINE ly punctual," she said. "But you hands are cold. Come closer to the

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At 7 o'clock he dressed carefully. His mind was full of Lakeley and of the

scales. To be marked by him as a tous. A thrill of expectancy, almost excitement, passed through him as he surveyed his appearance preparatory to leaving the house.

'You are going out?" she asked. And struck Loder quickly that there was

"With Mr. Lakeley?" she said. "Oh,

Loder, looking up at her, felt his enses stir. At sound of her words his secret craving for success quickened to stronger life. The man whose sole inentive lies within may go forward coldly and successfully; but the man who grasps a double inspiration, who, even unconsciously, is impelled by another force, has a stronger impetus for attack, a surer, more vital hewing

d instinctively

The fhrill of that one moment was pation, he turned and raised his hand. The action was abrupt, and it wa

a certain unexpectedness, a certain want of suitability in the aspect of the nouse, struck him. The door was white; the handle and knocker were of massive silver. The first seemed a disappointing index of Lakeley's private taste, the second a ridiculous temptation to needy humanity. He looked again at the number of the house, but

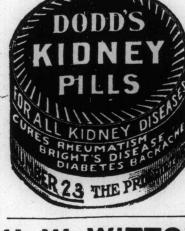
reassured her, but his words left her uncertain. Chilcote was rarely emphatic. With a touch of hesitation she went on with her tale: find us-to find me, I should say, for my stupid maid was having hysterics farther up the line, and Ko Ko was lost. I remember the first thing I did was to send him in search of Ko Ko"-

stalled him: sir? And may I take your coat?" The smooth certainty of the man's manner surprised him. It held another savor of disappointment, seeming as struggling with his impression, he allowed himself to be relieved of his hat

shallow staircase. As the last step was reached it came to him again to mention his host's name, but simultaneously with the suggestion the servant stepped forward

threw open a door.
"Mr. Chilcote!" he announced in foot lengths. subdued, discreet voice. Loder's first impression was of a room that seemed unusually luxurious, soft and shadowed. Then all impres-

sion of inanimate things left him sud-For the fraction of a second he stood in the doorway, while the room seemed emptied of everything except a figure that rose slowly from a couch before the fire at sound of Chilcote's name. Then, with a calmness that to himself seemed incredible, he moved forward



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