A deep flush dyed his red face crim-

"Curse it!" he muttered, ( "my own

would have inveigled her into mar-

In five minutes he heard voices, and

Sir George listened with glistening

"Clare, you must obey me in all,"

son, and an oath escaped him.

"I feel that things are nar- ho! I suppose I shall have to wait threatened to rend if to pieces, and to rowing down to the end, and until Clare is settled, then I can have defy me. Only your marriage with his that will be blessed oblivion. I can- a definite income We really cannot son would reconcile him to it, and to not ask God's blessing upon what I exist much longer on her paltry fifteen this provise I had to consent though have done, but in my heart of hearts hundred a year. Now, if I had a it was like a hot iron in my soul. Do I believe that it is at least human just thousand or two to work my infallible you know what my thoughts were tice, now that I know that the daugh- system of breaking the bank at Monte, then? Murder! I hated that boyer of Dora Deene"-his voice failed, Carlo, I could pile up a fortune in one swore to remove him from my path him for a moment-"now that I know season. "I'll see if I can bleed young even after long years. that the child really died in her in- Locksley or Melville. Now, I wonder

He paused for a few moments, and Looksley? If he doesn't advance a between us and riches and revenge seeing that Sir George and Peters had little cash, by Jove! I'll set myself but the frail thread of that o'd man's sonsiderately withdrawn to the far end | to find out."of the spacious room, he turned upon Melville and continued:

"I ask you, Arthur Melville, upon your oath, and in the sight of Heaven, if all you told me was true—that pearing among the trees that skirted it, in a fit of remorse. This shall be you verily believe the daughter of the lawn. Lora Deene-of Lady Morder, to be

"My good fellow, you distress me," remonstrated Melville. "Have I no already proved it beyond doubt. The grandfather wrote it nearly twenty We had no reason to doubt his word. but to humor you I went in the neighborhood of Deal and made lucky that matters are settled with Bearching and conclusive inquiries. It only confirmed what we already knew. The child of Dora died of some and Clare, unless I share in it." infantile complaint, and there is a tombstone bearing the record still. I

saw it with my own eyes." "I am satisfied," said Locksley. "And." Melville went on, "I will a ring of triumph. once I expect that he will be in a eyes, as he crouched in the shadow. tearing rage with me," he added, with

As Locksley complained of a head- fortune within your reach, some day ache, he was left alone with his valet, you may repay my devotion. For and shortly afterward went to his myself, all that which I have strugroom to lie down.

Meanwhile the viscount sought Lady which forever places me beyond want. Clare, while Sir George amused him- I now fight for your love, and you self by envying the roguish powers of shall yet see that one word of hope his subtle kinsman.

"I wonder," he thought, "where my life itself." part of the plunder comes in! Heig- "At present, Arthur, I have no leve

to give any one," replied Lady Clare. "Even the wealth you foreshadow would be valueless, if I could not punish those who have so bitterly wronged me."

"Then let me explain myself, Clare -let me make things clear to you. Let me show you that all-all is in your favor. I told you this morning that. only as the wife of Edmund Locksley value to you. When I said that, I lied I feared that when you knew the truth you would bring some pressure upon him to marry you-a pressure that few men would care to ignore, even when love stands in the way—the pressure of wealth against beggary. With that confession is Mr. Locksley's will, in which you are the principal legatee. The bulk of his fortune, his houses and his land, are left to you, in trust, for your children, if you should have any, and for your children's children. Listen, Clare. I forced him to make this will-I forced him with figuratively speaking, a knife at his throat! But even then he turned upon me, and "But enough! A propitious fate

what claim he has over the elder has smothed the way Nothing stands dife. Edmund Locksley must never He glanced mechanically from the see his father again Edmund Locksley window near to which he was stand- must go on with this mad love of his. ing, a hig cigar between his teeth, and and the will and the confession must saw his daughter and Melville disap- be secured-lest the old man destroy mund to the top of his bent Alter all I shall surely deserve some receschild takes sides against me with him. are of necessity strangely bound to-

I haif-feared at one time that he gether. There was silence for a few moriage, but he knows a trick worth two ceased, and Sir George Wiped his perof trying all three of us up with a paltry fifteen hundred a year! It is spiring brow.

young Locksley, and I'll see that my astute nephew gets no hold over him drawing nearer, distinguished the dreamed that I would become your tones of Viscount Melville. They were wife sooner or later, and I cannot clear, incisive, and there was in them but admire your persistent determinfor your qualities as a husband Still there is a change in my life; this is not the world of forty-eight hours ago, Melville was saying "And if I put a and I am not the same Lady Clare Moncrieff. I will be your wife when

gled for I have attained. I hold that but if he could have seen Melville's face, the passion in it would have

from you is worth more to me than your father He is of too dense and brutal a nature to be allowed even movements as ours.

"I have no reason to be proud of him," her ladyship replied, contemptuously. "We must ultimately relire him with a small pension, payable at short dates. I dare not trust him with more than a few pounds at a time, or he would disgrace himself in some

way." Melville laughed by saying:

"I dread our next tete-a-tete, now that he is aware that I am not exactly pauper. Come, we had better return to the house. One or the other must now be ever on the watch"

Sir George crouched low in his hid- but as he is. ing place behind a thick clump of clematis, and as they passed within a few yards of him, he was seized with a fierce desire to spring out, and dash Melville to the earth. His hands were clinched, and his huge face was purple with wrath.

"Pension me off, eh?" he muttered, when they were gone. "A small pension, too! My nature is brutal, is it? They shall see that my nature is brutal. My clever nephew shall find that I can outwit even him! He shall. sue to me for terms, and our next tete-a-tete may be something to be afraid of, in reality."

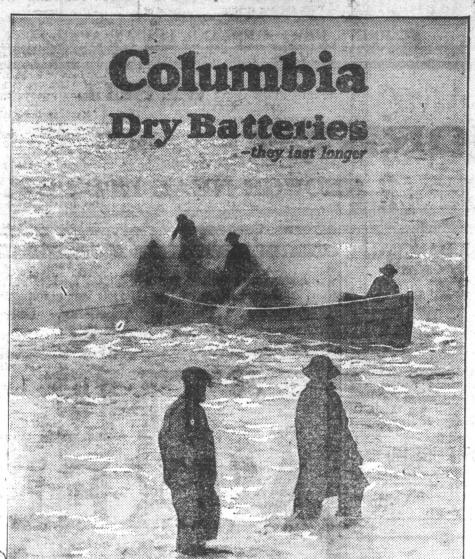
He returned to the house by a circuitous path, a fresh cigar in his mouth, his usual good-humored smile on his face.

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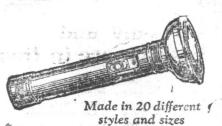


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