

CHAPTER XXXVIII. er is dead! The winds around her

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wood. And this is why such beauties now

The earth where lately Summer reign-

W. J. Benners, jun.

Yes, it is to Vivian's grave he is sterily leading his covering victim. There is lies white and cold in the silver light of the moon, the tall shaft stand-ing up above, twined about with dead branches of moon flowers that in the late autumn flung their magnificent white blossoms abroad to the air, dead now, like lovely, hapless Vivian. She, this wicked Loraine, fails on her knees and covers her face with her slender hands. "Look, beautiful devil!" a menaring woice breathes in her ears, and lifting her blanched face from her trembling hands, she was the witness of a terrible scene. Mourn

A pencil dipped, and with a wondrous Painted with crimson all the sighing

scene. In place of the fleshless skeleton face she beheld the corroding features of Gerald Holmes, whose spectre hand haunted her so many times before. The ghastly face wore a look of vengeful hate as he hissed:

ed a queen, And this is why that at each early morn Such glorious colors in the clouds are Loraine, in presence of your victims. read your doom Loraine saw the skeleton hand up-

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The selection of the marble shaft, and as the name Vivian faded in the deep ravines by the Natural Bridge, where in summer the bright beheld in firer characters: "Loraine!" White skeleton figure, her horrified eyes the skeleton figure, her horrified eyes the skeleton figure, her horrified eyes and white on the hildsides and the the deep ravines by the Natural Bridge, where in summer the bright greens clothed the face of Natural Bridge, where in summer the bright greens clothed the face of Natural Bridge, where in summer the bright on the scenario of the Morley cottage nesting in the sheat and now that breakfast was the sace in the same as the source of the Morley cottage nesting in the source of the open chansm, as on the day when they buried her rival here. There was her coffin with the grave mold sort of frenzied expectation of yet further horrors, whether the dead would breeping over it. She wondered, with a sort of frenzied expectation of yet further horrors, whether the dead would breeping over it. She wondered, with a stree coffin with the grave mold as the strest as the coeffin to confront her fight bob, and on a low cricket close to the tild hearth st apale, thin little form whose nozale and flared and crackled, making a cheerful hill be bright bob, and on a low cricket close to the tild hearth st apale, thin little source row shows here the fight of the cheerful fire. The bright coffee-pot from whose nozale the bright bob, and on a low cricket close to the tild hearth st apale, thin little source and yers the plantom form hory have and threas the rive the symmetry and threas the rive the symmetry and the restles mere a pungent. Appetizing odor, the bright offee-pot from whose nozale with the hair of golden gold' turn-chanical way in which her small, white

As Emma Morley hustled in with the ored above her as she cowered before find, grasped her with its cold, slimy hands, and thrust her into the yawning grave. "Your grave awaits you, bonny Lor-aine!" he hissed, in a voice of shuddering hate: but his words fell on dull ears, for Loraine had suddenly become a gib-bering maniac who thrust frenziel handfus, and laughing in wild glee as she saw that is raven darkness had changed to silvery white. His weird, unearthy laughter mingled with hers as she fell "She awoke with a start. It was only a dream—but such a dream! Was it an omen, or a warning of the dread, back to-day? CHAPTER XXXVII grave. "Your grave awaits you, bonny Lor-aine!" he hissed, in a voice of shuddering hate; but his words fell on dull ears, for Loraine had suddenly become a gib-bering maniae who thrust frenzied hands into her hair, tearing it out by handfuls, and laughing in wild glee as she saw that its raven darkness had changed to observe white. His word unearthly

CHAPTER XXXVII.

From that startling dream or vision. Loraine Lisle awoke to her wedding-day, for on this glorious Christmas morn she was to become the bride of Paul Vane. slowly the color came back to her face, and her dark, oriental eyes gleamed with hope as she thought of the new, sweet

hope as she thought of the new, sweet life that would date from to-day. But so vivid had been her dream that she flew to see if indeed her splendid night-black tresses had changed to sil-ver. No, their raven lustre was not dim-

"Oh, how glud I am that I am so beautiful-ten times more beautiful than Vivian was. I will make him for-get her very memory!" she cried, ex-ultantly; and moved and touched by pride in the love that she had won. Loraine fell on her knees and prayed --mot for forgiveness for her sins, but that Heaven would bless her marriage with the man she loved. No one in Lisle was much surprised at the way things had turned out. The gossips had always predicted this mar-riage-that is, ever since Paul Vane had returned from abroad, hastened by the "Oh, how glad I am that I am

gossips had always predicted this mai-riage—that is, ever since Paul Vane had returned from abroad, hastened by the illness of old Mrs. Liske. From the first day of his coming. Lorane's marked preference had been patent to every ob-server, and no one believed it possible that he could resist the blandishments of this siren of beauty. But then it seemed rather soon for a marriage when the first wife, pretty, gentle Visian, had been deal little more than a year. But old Mrs. Lisle explained the haste of the marriage, by saying that it was at her own desire it took place so soon. And to do her justice she was uncon-scions of the artful hints by which Lor-sine had influenced her to this end. Grandmere had almost entirely recov-ered from her illness, and she fancied that her convalescence had been great-ly helped on by the return of her fav-orite, the young rector. When he has-tened home, after learning in London the news of her illness she, confided to him all her anxieties over her grand-deuchter wend willful Lorgins mohen

excitement, and stood pale and trembling violently before him as S stared as at a violently before him as % stared as at a "Vivian! Is it Vivian Vane?" he burst forth, in wildest agitation, gazing at her with his startled soul in his eyes. Vivian-was it Vivian? No, it could not be, this pale, slim creature, staring so blankly before her with that dull, stupid air. His lost love Vivian-Paul's wife-the woman he had mourned so long as dead, by whose grave he had sworn such a bitter vow! His selises reeled, his head swam; he grasped a chair for a moment only, ther suddenly it all flashed over him-the startling truth. The woman who slept under the white shaft near Forest Church was not his lost love, but some nameleas walf; and she, Vivian, was here-here among the wild Virginia hills, blind and unknowing. Oh, God, how terrible! (To be continued.)

Mourned a low requiem through the chilly night: And the sweet flowers that to earth she

gave Lie in her tomb, all withered at the sight. The frost's sharp sword stabbed Summer to the heart, And then October came and in her

> (To be continued.) AUTO OUSTING HORSE

Decrease in Paris Shown of Ten Per Cent. in Ten Years.

Cent. in Ten Years. Paris, Feb. 2.—Is Paris going to lose its ancient reputation as a hell for horses in which they serve only as the favored possession of the rich or food for the poor? Is animal traction dis-appearing before automobiles? That such an improvement on the horse's destiny is steady is shown by the care-ful horse census which is taken an-mually by the military authorities. This shows that Paris possesses to-day \$3,458 horses, as compared with 92,026 in 1897, 10 per cent. diminution in ten years.

in 1897, 10 per cent. diminution in ten years. That the diminution is due to the in-crease of automatic traction is proved by the fact that it is greatest in the fashionable quarters along the Champs Elysee. The decrease is not limited to private individuals, for a company which runs all the Paris omnibuses shows a de-crease of 3,972, owing to the use of motor 'busese. One cab company's horses decreased in use to the number of 1.878 in the same period. horses decreased in use to of 1,878 in the same period.

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She Was Married to a French Count Nine Years Ago.

Nine Years Ago. Berlin, Feb. 2.—It is reported in various quarters that the Duchess Marie of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, daugh-ter of the reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Adolphe Frederick, is about to enter a suit for divorce against Count George Jametel, a French-man. Their romantic marriage, in 1899, caused a stir among the minor royal houses. No confirmation of the report can be obtained. Duchess Marie, it was alleged several years ago, after an adventure with a Duchess daugh-of

Dicness Marie, it was alleged several years ago, after an adventure with a servant in her father's household, left Germany and went to France. At a sea-side resort in that country she met Count Jametel, the son of a patent medicine manufacturer, and married him. It is said the Infanta Eulalie engineered the match. match.

"The blossoms to the light at Spring's sweet calling burst," match. It was reported in 1900 that, owing to differences between her husband and ber family, the duchess had taken sides with her blood relations and left

the count ADVOCATES EMIGRATION.

Dr. MacNamara Advises it in Case of

Healthy Children.

London, Feb. 1.—Dr. McNamara, in his report to the Local Government Board on the result of the investigation of the working of the older and the newer systems of maintaining and edu-cating children under the care of the poor haw guardians, says: "Since 1883 more than seven thousand children have been emirrated the wast majority having gone emigrated, the vast majority having gone to Canada. The reports show that under existing conditions the children are doing well in Cauada." Dr. Mac Namara speaks highly of the system of emigration, and advocates it in the cases of strong, healthy children.

TO CHANGE FISCAL YEAR. Frontenac Coucil Will Ask for Per

"The blossoms to the ignt at spring's sweet calling burst." Those poor, sightless eyes could not take in these varied beauties of Nature. Still, she stayed on with these loving friends and tender hearts; for Mrs. Morley said: "I can never send her away until her friends claim her from Emma, and Sebastian, and Neddy, and Robin; for although Bassy is only a dog, and Neddy a canary, and Robin a pony, yet God has given a sense of love to these dumb pets, and they all love the touch of her tender little hands. Ah, well, there!" she ended with her favorite phrase, wiping the moisture from her kind eyees, and look-ing up to the mantel at the motto, framed in Christmas-greens, which said: "I was a stranger and ye took Me in." Yes, the kind widow and her dugh-ter had taken this poor unknown waif to their warm hearth. There, sheltered by their homely roof, sha had stayed on and on. "Verly, as ye have dome this unto the least of My little ones, ye have done it unto Me." Mrs. Morley entered with Emma, bearing a big platter of smoking buck-wheat cakes and fried sausages. Then she took Vivian gently by the hand and led her toward the table placed by the big window, putting her kindly in-to the large cushioned chair, her special seat. Emma stooped and kissed her on uris Paul Vane had loved to play with in the audi lang syme curled so pretti-ly; and as she poured the golden syrup missive Legislation. Kingston, Feb. 2. - The Frontenac Kingston, Feb. 2. — The Frontenac County Council has decided to ask the Legislature to so amend the Municipal Act that any County Council may, by passing a by-law to that effect, instruct the treasurer of the county to so keep his books and accounts that the county fiscal year shall end on Nov. 30, instead of Dec. 31, and shall instruct the auditor in the auld lang syne curled so pretti-ly; and as she poured the golden syrup over the hot buttered cakes for her

Blown Up by Dynamite.

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Mistake Somewhere. The man with the fur cap was looking absent mindediy at the man with the green silk muffier, who sat on the other side of the car, directly opposite him. As he looked he immediately rubbed a forefinger up and down his left check. Presently the man opposite took out Bis handkerchief and intriviely mind that set as the set of the man opposite took out Source and the set of the s

all her anxieties over her grandghter, proud, willful Loraine. on to die and leave alone in world.

wanted to see you so much, Paul, wanted to commend Loraine to for

for I wanted to commend Loraine to your friendship and care. She is fond of you, I know and will look to you for advice when I am gone." And so day by day the spell worked until it had caught deep in its meshes the man's heart and fancy. Reading the love in the girl's splendid eyes, his own leaped to meet it, and one day, under the spell of beauty's thrall, words were spoken that scaled Paul Vane's doom for time and eternity. She promised to be his wife, and af-

She promised to be his wife, and af ter that it was easy to hurry up the marriage. Grandmere declared that she ber that is a second second that some would feel happier when it was over and Loraine said she had always want ed to be married on Christmas Day.

and the Dollare and side had always white do be married on Christmas Day.
Joyouely the bells rang out on the frisp, sharp air "Peace on earth, and for the festal sociation. Loraine had in the festal sociation in the festal sociation. Loraine had in the festal sociation in the festal sociation in the festal sociation. Loraine had in the festal sociation in the festal

to prepare his yearly audit in with the change.

over the hot buttered cakes for her helpless guest, murmured, "A happy Christmas, sweet sister!" Emma felt very blithe and happy this morning, for she was expecting her lov-er, Charley, on a visit from Alderson, West Virginie, where he had settled last fall to practice medicine. She call-ed Dr. Miller Charley, for he was her Charley now. Yes, this brave, kind young physician had won her romantie heart. "I want to take you with me as my Blown Up by Dynamite. Kenora, Feb. 1.—Andrew Peterson, a Swede, employed by the Grand Trunk Pacific on their eastern construction works near Dryden, was blown up by dynamite this morning at the company's magazine. Details of the accident are meagre. An inquest will be held to-mor-

"I want to take you with me as my bride, dear," he had said to her when he removed to Alderston; but Emma answered, blushing:

answered, blushing: "I am too young yet, and I must stay with mamma and Nadia." She called Vivian Vane by that sweet name, for she had read in a smuggled novel of a young girl by that name who was blind and weak-minded. "Will she always be blind and sim-ple?" Emma had asked her lover, be-fore he went away, and he had an swered:

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swered: "A great shock of some kind has shat-tered her reason, and only a shock can reasone it." \$11.00 Round Trip Washington, D.C.

estore it." While still at the table the sound of leigh-bells broke gayly on the frosty From Suspension Bridge, via Lehigh Valley R. R., Friday, February 14th. Tiukets good ten days. Particulars from R. S. Lewis, agent, 54 King street "It is Charley!" With a quick rush Emma was at the door, humming cheer-

east. Toronto ily:

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Miss Gladys Wagner, of 125 Elgin avenue, Toronto Junction, had both her feet frozen at Ravena Park Rink on Thursday night, and for a time was in danger of losing them. She is, however, but will be confined to her home for at least two months.

The L.O.L. worshipful master who headed the deputation asking Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to accept a nomination, has resigned from the lodge because of dissension in the

lodge lodge. Wm. lodge. Wm. Jennings Bryan endorses Roosevelt's message on the trusts and calls on Democrats to support it. The Catholics of Paris took occasion of Cardinal Bichard's funeral to make a manifestation of grength.

Presently the man opposite took of his handkerchief and furtively wiped

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with the fur cap continued senger with the

Again the passenger with the muffle took out his handkerchief and wiped hi this time more vigorously

Then he of the fur cap began to tak

notice. "I beg your pardon," he said, "but i didn't mean anything by that." "Didn't mean anything by what!" asked the other. "By or corratching my cheek, you

"By-er-scratching my cheek, you know. I wasn't thinking what I was-"Who said you meant anything?" "Why, I didn't know but you though

"Why, I didn't know out you thought I was trying to —." "Trying to what?" "To convey the idea that you had a spot of some kind on your—." "On my what?" "On my what?" "On your own cheek. Because, so far as I know, you hadn't." "Who said I had! What are you talk-ion check carbor."

"Who said I may how?" ing about, anyhow?" "Blame it all, can't you see? I an "Blame it all, can't you see? I an "Blame it all, can't you see? I am trying to apologize for having inadvert-ently directed your attention...." "You didn't direct my attention to anything, sit?" retorted the man with the green silk muffler. frowning at him. "I didn't notice what you were doing or that you were doing anything what-ever. I haven't set eyes on you since I came in the car, till now." Then the passneer with the fur cap straightened up. "Then the muttered. "I believe he's lying!"

IN RECEIVER'S HANDS.

Detroit, Toledo & Dayton Railway This Time.

This Time. Destroit, Feb. 2.-The Detroit, Toledo & Dayton Railway went into the hands of re-ceivers yesterday on the application of the Knickerbocker Trust Company of New York. The Trust Company alleged that the rail-road had defaulted on coupons of \$10,000,000 worth of bonds. District Judge Swan of the fereral: court appointed as receivers Geo. K. Newell, vice-president and general manager of the road, and Benj. P. Warren, of De-lroit, the railroad's general counse?

Trusty Henchman-Think you can get around this primary law? Spoils Politician—I'm no try to get around it. But not going to to get around it. lost my grip altogether-and I don't think I have-I'll find some way to

Ottawa, Feb. 2.--The immigrants who cam during 1907 have been counted, and the re port of the Immigration Department show that Canada's population during the yea was augumented by 237, 276 new comer-During the previous year the arrivals num bered 215 912. Mrs. Brown, living in the country, had five trunks carried up from the station, some three miles away, by an old man. The day was very rainy and the old fel-low was soaked through as he drove up to the door. arred 215,012. The immigration of last year, therefi shows an increase of 61,464. Last year rrivals at ocean ports numbered 220, in increase of 68,665; from the United St.

low was soaked through as he drove up to the door. Mrs. Brown (with sympathy)—Why, Hamilton, you must be wet. Hamilton (shivering)—Ye-es, ma'am. Mrs. Brown—Aren't you afraid you'll take cold, Hamilton? Hamilton—Ye-es, ma'am. Rheumatiz pretty bad, ma'am. Mrs. Brown—Don't you ever take something when you are soaked through, Hamilton?

Hamilton (eagerly)-Ye-es, ma'am (Rubs the back of his hand against his

grain quinine pills, Hamilton. Take them as soon as you get home.

A Treasonable Extrication

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Cor. Market and Park Streets.

Clevelanta riswapsper office Burned. Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The plant of the Plaindeaire was to-day totally descreyed by fire. A heavy wind was blowing, and des-pice the efforts of the firemen, who worked throughout the whole day, the ruin was made complete. The financial loss is \$500,000, ade-quately covered by insurance. The Plain-dealer will be issued from other newspaper effices to mergrow. Cieveland, Ohio. Feb. 2.—The plant of the Plaindealer was to-day totally destroyed by fire. A heavy wind was blowing, and des-pite the efforts of the fremen, who worked throughout the whole day, the ruin was made complete. The financial loss is \$309,000, ade guately covered by insurance. The Plain-desler will be issued from other newspaper effices to-morrow. Lincoln County Council has passed a resolution in favor of the passage of the amilton Radial bill by Parament.

such against the Chronicle for libel in con-ction: with an article published on Friday arporting to be a complete expose of th ruce case, in which it was said that th laims were "fictitious from the first."

108-wn0's time awar data and there? 100-That, sir, is my mother. 108-Er-ah-oh, yes-um. Well-ahem-you ought just to see mine?-Harvard Lampoon. MORE POLAR EXPEDITIONS.

climb over it. Hamilton Took Something.

nouth.) Mrs. Brown-Well, here are four two-Newspaper Alleged Claims Were "Fig London, Feb. 2.-George Hollamby hrough his attorney, yesterday had ssued against the Chronicle for libel

Cleveland Newspaper Office Burned.