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DON'T BLAME THE WORLD.

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The baried seed must ret in earth er And the weak plant to fructify must have So man, to gain development,

And view with calm philosophy

salve of surest healing. The sweetest bloom may pois'ne though its bane con-Things are not always what they

but still 'twas heaven designed then

All that is wrong in His good time will

LADY KILDARE

THE RIVAL CLAIMANTS.

CHAPTER XXI-[CONTINUED] An hour-two hours passed.

The shore had long since disap-peared behind them. The light gloom had settled down all around restless waters.

The young Lady Nora gave herself up to her dreary yet hopeful thoughts, She was weak from her long imprisonment and her miserable, meagre prison fare. She was wearied with And so, by and by, the little, and over the pale, sorrowing young

Fogarty's eyes gleamed with a wick ed sense of power, as he lifted them toward her in a sullen gaze. 'Asleep!'he muttered. 'If I was

this is as good a time as any to chuck her overboard. I'd have a hold on the lawyer then, and he'd have to pay we well, but he'd have a tighter hold on me. How could I prove he hired me to kill his ward? He might have me a prize in the right hands. 'She a prize in the grate. A few flowering plants with a haven as thig, But I intend to be prepared for flight at a moment's notice. You must give me money. It is 'for that I have come out in figure with a gaze that had in it some thing of fascination.

A regular swell!' he thought. 'A poble the first water! Ouer how

whether you'll live or die! shall decide, and I haven't made up my mind fully yet. And where I shall take you it and the share it was nowhere it share that and fair and stately, steiny-tologt at the share that and fair and stately, steiny-tologt and show they share called share pink and down the village street, howing it is the share were who received her was a more were. When received he was an owner at the stable. He apart, as was nowhere in share the share were who received her was an owner was the share were who received her was an owner was the share were who received her was an owner was the share were who received her was an owner at the stable. He apart, savety on a sound own the village street, howing the observations shock person and the share were who received her was nowhere in share the share was presentains. These hat should have the were were who received her was an owner at the stable. He apart, savety was the color of the share who was the share was presentained to the color of the share was nowhere in share the share was presentained. The park was properly, a grand to share the share the

supposed in the household that the bridgeroom possessed qualities that versation— versation— bridgeroom possessed qualities that versation— versation— Bassantyne continued to recline upon the grass, and knitted his brows ambition, such as lofty connections ambition, such as lofty connections and great wealth, although her lady— Why not? It is as private as that though the connection of the property sitting room of yours.

expected to find at any moment the spirit these disappointed lovers of stern grip of a pursuer on his yours—

never before, that the path of guilt is den terror. ull of thorns.

hollow-eyed. He loaded his pocket and hollow-eyed. He loaded his pocket distols daily, firing them at a mark, the bird loves the serpent that charms and acquiring a deadly practice. He watched the postbag with eager attentiveness, looking for a letter from Fogarty, or Murple, as he preferred to call him, but the letter did not come.

This man was no other than the object of Murple's terrors and the cause of Murple's flight—Lame Bill! He glared at Bassantyne with the stare of a basilisk. He had searched Dublin for some string of the property of the prop

beside the table was the Lawy (1) thought so. Flow much as I can get. The more he reminded me of Gentleman Bob he reminded me of Gentleman Bob

by the hour concerning the villain, who called himself her huslath himself with Mrs.

She was not thinking of herself, but the worthy old uncommunicative, refor the information he est missiens.

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Dublin to inquire personally into this open than the lady mora kildare! I know you too well to leave my own life unguarded at any point. While I live, I will in a manner provide for you, she added with marked emphasis, but my death will never benefit you.

Now I hope we understand each other.'

Bassantyne reddened with anger.

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pected sound, and would swear vio-lently at a servant for approaching him without noise. It was as if he

'That would have been worse,' she so Not all the grandeur of being the scknowledged husband of Lady Kath-leen, and the master of Connor hall; it is.

ferred to call him, but the letter did not come.

At last he grew desperate. One defernoon as he stood by the window so. I admire your grand and stately womanhood far more than I admired the arch and lovely girl. I am willing to try to become worthy of you. If this cannot run on this way much longer. If Murple intends to betray me, I may have to fly at a minute's notice. And what have I got to fly with?

He took out his pocketbook and nvestigated its contents. They consisted of a five pound bank note, four stated of the second of the sould have sisted of a five pound bank note, four stated of the sould have sould have a state of the sould have sould have a state of the sould have a sta

nvestigated its contents. They connvestigated its contents. They consteed of a five pound bank note, four

Nothing. Only this absence of information. He had then walked out to Connor Hall, and coming up-

combed back his hair with his fingers tied his cravat anew, and made his with the greater offence against the laws, the new 'master of the hall, and had come upon him in the manner we

tied his cravat anew, and made his way to the door of the Lady Kathleen's sitting room.

Here he knocked nervously.

The door was opened, after a brief delay, by her ladyship's maid, Mary.

Her honest face declared her surpers at this unlooked for intrusion.

Bassantyne pushed past her roughly, entering the pretty, warm tinted stiting room.

The sunlight was pouring in a golden flood of light through the wide-sitting room.

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The door was opened, after a brief delay, by her lady Kathleen. I will never be taken alive. Capture means for me a dispand without positive suspicion as to his identity, and yet vaguely eliminated of his resemblance to the scaped convict he had formerly his secluded valley and in this guise. I do not intend to abandon this place until my doubts have become certainties. I have been a wretched in the shadow, watching givery turn of Bassantyne's head, and the Lady Kathleen.

The grade windows. A low, red fire was in the grate. A few flowering plants were on a table by a south window, and how here with all the bitterness of a revengeful nature.

As it was his habit to do nothing in a straightforward manner, but to move secretly and furtively, in obedien the shadow, watching givery turn of Bassantyne's head, like and the tree, he continued to strucy and to study the continued to survey and to study the

maid, Mary, had let fall a few remarks that pointed toward the true state of affairs, for the girl was sadly discressed concerning her beautiful mistress, and sadly afraid of Bassantyne. Nevertheless, as the maid knew little or nothing beyond the bare facts of the from the household that the tridegroom possessed qualities that and appealed to the Lady Kathleen's mbitton. such as lofty connections d great wealth, althouse here.

Bassantyne reddened with anger. Bus to have quarrelled with the Lady Kathleen would have been like hurling himself against a polished rock, burfing no one but himself, be controlled his passion and held his peace. The Lady Kathleen started, looking up.

'You here?' she ejaculated, making a movement to arise and depart. 'Yes; I am here. Sit down I have sought you out for a private conversation—'

'In this place?' said the sufficient of the lady Kathleen's mbitton. such as lofty connections d great wealth, althouse here.

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**Rathleen Internation of the understand each manual that the total dark-browed against a polished rock, furting no one but himself, be controlled his passion and held his peace. The Lady Kathleen, without another word, turned and swept into the nearest path, proceeding swiftly to ward the true dark-browed and some into the understand each must to have quarrelled with the Lady Kathleen on the lady Kathleen wit

ambition. such as lofty connections and great wealth, although her lady ship possessed both of these in such high degree that she could well have permitted herself to marry any one she had liked.

But gradually a feeling against 'the master' grew up in the household. But gradually a feeling against 'the master' grew up in the household. But gradually a feeling against 'the master' grew up in the household. But gradually a feeling against 'the master' grew up in the household. Bassantyne repelled others as they repelled his bride. His strange ways, too, aroused the dislike and suspicion of the Delaneys. He seemed at times to be afraid almost of his shadow. He would look over his shoulder with wide and glaring eyes. He would start at an unexpected sound, and would swear violently at a servant for approaching him without neits and suspicion of the property, he said to himself. Perhaps she was right. But, by Jove! how sharp she is! How she has chauged in unpleasant thought. 'She suspected that I would do anything to possess myself of het property, he said to himself. Perhaps she was right. But, by Jove! how sharp she is! How she has chauged in the Lady which I have just visited in search you.

Bassantyne flung himself carelessly at her feet, looking up into her fact which I have just visited in search you.

Bassantyne flung himself carelessly at her feet, looking up into her fact with his haggard, mocking eyes.

'You don't seem to hear of Lord Tresham nowadays?' he remarked.

Is it to talk about him yon have one here?' demanded the Lady was right. But I admost of his shadow. He would look over his shoulder with wide and glar-ing eyes. He would start at an unexpected sound, and would swear violently at a servant for approaching him without neits a habit of confidence between the result of the property stitution of yours, which I have just visited in search you.

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gan to puff tranquilly, still lying on the grass. 'I could 'loot' enough out of the The snowy brow of the Lady Kathshut eyes. 'And the best of it would give shoulder.

The eccentricities grew upon him leen contracted suddenly. Her face as the days passed, and still his valet, the so-called Murple, did not make

The snowy brow of the Lady main-level. So that my lady would never dare been own husband arrested for the so-called Murple, did not make

Do not remind me of the treach the robbers! I believe I'll do it, as the days passed, and still his valet, it is so-called Murple, did not make it is appearance.

He took to reading voraciously the police items in the Dublin dailies, allowing the pol

police items in the Dublin dailies, almost expecting to find a notice of Murple's arrest, at the instigation of Lame Bill. Sometimes he hoped hat his fellow fugitive had been frenched in some drunken brawl, and fren he francied that his late comrade might be playing him false, and intending to betray him.

It was not a pleasant life, by any neans. Bassantyne learned now, if never before, that the path of guilt is

But these were not all of the

leen, and the master of Connor hall; it is.

Bassantyne regarded his bride for some minutes in silence. Then he had being greeted on every side with profound respect, where the said gravely and abruptly:

'Kathleen, you loved me once—'

Never! Case to remind me of the said silence. Then he had at ast behind the trunk of a giant f Ballyconner, and being greeted on very side with profound respect, build pay Bassantyne for his sleepless ights and anxious days.

He grew haggard and nervous and follow-eyed. He loaded his pocket older to bitterness of anguish. Loved you! As much as the bird loves the serpent that charms object of Murule's terrors and the bird loves the serpent that charms.

sisted of a five pound bank note, four sovereigns, some pieces of silver, and a few half-pence.

'Not much capital to go to the Continent with,' mused Bassantyne sloomily. 'I feel as if there was something in the wind. I must see Kathoren and procure some money from her.'

He tossed his cigar into the grate, the greater offence against the laws,' the greater offence against the laws,' the greater offence against the laws,' the sould have been here a week or ten days ago.'

'Can he have betrayed you?' to Connor Hall, and coming upon Delaney, the steward, had asked if Mr. Bassantyne's valet had yet arrived, to which question he had received a negative reply. To his interrogatories in regard to Murple's whereabouts, he had been referred to Mr. Bassantyne himself who was, he was intormed, strolling in the park.

Lame Bill had hurried in quest of the new 'master' of the hall, and had

a prize in the right name.

knows too much' about Mr. Kildare
to live. She must enlighten me. I
can make my fortune out of her, and I
mean to do it. You won't go to
England, nor to Sir Russel Ryan, my
lady, nor yet to any place you'd like
You are in my power, and your
life and death are in my hands
Whether you'll live or die I shall decide, and I haven't made up my mind
cide, and I haven't made up my mind
fully yet. And where I shall take you

leen's low sewing cman.

The room, with its belongins, look
do you want?

'As much as I can get. The more
the better.'

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said the Lady Kathleen. 'I have
the bester.'

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I have my pocket book with me,
said the Lady Kathleen. 'I have
thought that a great lady would have
married a convict. How am I going
to ask this high-flying chap about
this yeate? Perhaps the pets way
would be to apply for a situation.'

The maid ran to the door of the
dressing-room, holding it shut.

'For shame?' she exclaimed. 'To
intrude into a lady's room in this
intrude into a lady's room in this

The room, with its belongins, look
'As much as I can get. The more
the better.'

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and the Lady Kathleen. 'I have
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At this moment Bassantyne lazily
turned his head in the opposite direct
tion.

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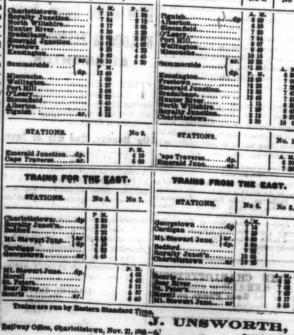
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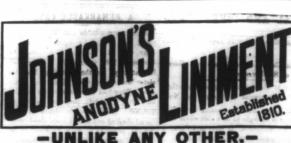
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