Author of "My Friend the Chauffeur," "Lady Betty Across the Water," Etc., Etc.

only that of the cedar-lined wardrobe, I felt dimly that silence was safer; and too late to escape the consequences of and it was certain that nobody had been concealed there, for I had happened to hang up my gown on one of the hooks before I went to bed.

Where did the noise come from? I grew as it traveled, while at the same He had been the kind old clergyman lost all sense of direction, and tried time a just perceptible odor of hot in the train, long ago, who lent papers in vain to remember in the darkness how the bed stood in connection with the other furniture of the room. My recollection of the place had turned to chaos, and all the while I could hear a soft sound of breathing.

Then suddenly a board in the old heart leaped until the bounding blood in my veins well nigh choked me; but it was intense relief I felt, not added fear. Surely a material board would not groan under the light, immaterial weight of a spirit foot.

The presence in my room must be human, like myself. How it had come there I could not guess, but the conviction held; and as my horror of the supernatural faded, my mind worked quickly. I thought of the housekeeper, with her false hair and blinking eyes. Perhaps she had only told me the ghostly stories to prepare the way for this episode. She had some sly reason for wishing to enter my room in the night, and she hoped, if by chance I lay awake, to be taken for a ghost. I hoped desperately that the breathing, the footsteps, meant only Mrs. Walsh, for I was not afraid of her.

CHAPTER XXVI.

A Flash of Light on a White Hand After the board creaked all was still for a long moment. Somebody was picion as mine by fear. waiting, listening to find out if the noise had roused the sleeper.

is there?" but though a faint flush of of slippered feet began once more. As- that I had found the secret drawer of feet and carried it by 150 majority last returning life and courage warmed my sured that I slept, perhaps their owner the Chippendale escritoire, and that March; we are awaiting the decision

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gerie waists the year round—and she agreeable quality in an unfamiliar much. is to be found in all latitudes nowadays drink. -knows by personal experience the With most people the small dose lustrated may be used for the pur- had gone to such lengths in his desire neck, with a choice of two styles of which threatened his success. sleeve. The medium size calls for 2% He, who had so far carried out his yards of 27-inch material.

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the words I should have refrained.

born-a slim, straight, yellow ray that first time at Holland Park Mansions. metal and burning oil reached my to my mother and me. nostrils.

ghosts did not carry dark lanterns.

floor creaked under a footstep. My bed. A second or two more and it der, but he had determined to obtain whether mine were open, staring the letter which had excited her bethat I was awake-what then?

By a strong effort I closed my lids. tim to it. I shall never forget how long they were in meeting, how stiff they felt.

The light had caught my face now. beating heart.

ular and natural as that of a peaceful since then I had sealed my own fate, sleeper, but it whistled in my own ears, and he had gone too far to let himself age of the full measure will disappear and it seemed that I could not possibly fail at last. deceive other ears, sharpened by sus-

My dry lips formed the words, "Who me the light moved away, the soft pad, Southwood Park. I had told her then tracts. We introduced a bill to this efwas not quite as cautious as before. Stiffly again I opened my eyes, with there should never leave me. something like the mechanical jerk of I guessed now that Mr. Wynnstay proceeding further with the bill. pense and fear.

> now, and, while I lay waiting for the threat-without delay. thing that should happen next, a hand dressing table. My heart grew sick, deemed it worth his while to wait upon for it was the hand of my blind employer, Mr. Raynor. If he had been instant I knew that his eyes were pointed. helping his hands in a search for some- Others had failed, or had not eared,

The thought of that something else chilled the blood that rushed so wild- his plans accordingly. ly through my veins.

ner meaning in that wish now; easy in was fully explained now. to see why he had urged me to drink

such accessories herself, or else to have be a somewhat remarkable exception natural, healthy tint. them made under her own personal to the rule. Had he meant to kill me, supervision, for those purchased ready- I wondered, or would he have been satmade are unpleasantly prone to be any- isfied to have me sleep while he exfull waist, and in either case will be question, but I was sure that if my a boon to the home dressmaker. It may employer at Arrish Hall were the perbe made in round or pointed effect at son I began to take him for, he would waistline and in high, round, or square not hesitate to remove any obstacle

were necessary that I should die, without drawing suspicion upon himself. PATTERN DEPARTMENT OF THE Mr. Raynor, a helpless blind man, would not easily be suspected of a Please send the above-mentioned crime committed seemingly without a pattern, as per directions given below, motive. It would be shown that I had past and its connection with the pres- Australians now in South Africa.

As my thought traveled, the light Town moved slowly, purposefully, about the chain had not been so complete, room. By the stealthy sounds I heard for it was dreadful to lie there, piecing I judged that every drawer had been it together, link by link, realizing Province opened and thoroughly searched. My more and more how slowly, yet relentclothing, folded on a chair, was ex-Measurement: Bust Waist amined; I could guess why now. The upon me, until I was completely in his man hoped to find certain, papers, power. He could do with me as he which I might have sewed into one of liked. age (if child's or misses' pattern).... | which I might have sewed into one of truth my garments. Once I opened my eyes truth far enough to see that the pocket of

I shuddered with horror as instinct ing.

Colds or Fevers

else first, it was probable, for there would be the risk of arousing me, which he would doubtless be glad to avoid; but in the end he would come. When that happened, I could no longer trust myself to stimulate sleep. He must discover that I was awake, that I had been watching him, and then-I dared not think what he would be likely to do then.

I waited for the dreaded moment to come. I experienced a strange clarity of mental vision, looking back into the Yet there was no other door save ter the shock I had received. Besides, past. I was sure now, when it was perhaps even if I could have uttered credulity-more sure than I had been My suspense was soon broken. Out match, in the convex mirror-that I of the darkness a ray of light was had not seen Mr. Wynnstay for the

> He had been as skillful, as calculat-I had never seen a dark lantern, but ing of future consequences, then, as Instinct told me that I watched the he had shown himself of late. I beworking of some such thing now. And lieved now that he had somehow been an active agent in my mother's death The light was moving toward the Perhaps he had not meant to do murwould find my face. Those eyes which any papers which she might have I could not see, would fain know with her, and probably had obtained through the darkness. When they saw fore starting on our journey that morning, as certainly it had disap-What if it were not the housekeeper peared. How he had contrived to adpaying a visit of curiosity, but a thief, minster any drug or poison I could not who would stab me rather than I tell, but I believed that he had done so, should have the chance of raising an and my mother, who suffered from heart disease, had readily fallen a vic-

That night at Holland Park Mansions, when I had walked into his net, he had made another attempt to pos-It filtered beneath my lower lashes, and sess himself of the papers which he I felt that, despite my determination fancied I might carry about my perto lie passive, they flickered nervously. son. Or, perhaps, failing that, he My sensitive hearing could even de- would have me put out of the way of ering rose and fell over my wildly- sure what had been in his mind that night; but soon I should know what I strove to make my breathing reg- was his ultimate purpose now. For

But after remaining stationary for my present position to the deception giving compulsory purchase powers a time that appeared interminable to I had practiced upon Diana Dunbar at and breaking up the great grazing henceforth the papers I had discovered of Lord Dudley's commission, which is

a French doll's. Oddly, I thought of had been with her that night, waiting the simile even in that moment of sus- in the carriage which had brought her to Southwood, no doubt. She had given The darkness was not as intense as him a rapid account of all that had important. We want a national uniit had been, for the lantern had not passed between us, adding, that if I versity in Ireland. The Dublin Uniclosed, but was still moving like a discovered her version of the Seaforth versity is an ascendancy institution, Will-o'-the-wisp in a marsh at night, story to be true I would leave Sir what you might call a 'class' institu-It had gone farther away from the bed George's house-according to my own tion in America. We want a univer-

No small, lurking creature of the a lantern to light him on this secret heard in the shrubbery when I had expedition. It had been a lie, then- stolen out of the house an hour later. a monstrous fraud from beginning to My enemy had been watching, taking end-built up with deadly purpose. Mr. it for granted that I would keep my Raynor was, not blind! Even at this word; and he had not been disap-

thing of mine that he wished to see, to find me; but he had not failed; Either the man was mad, and had ad- while I fancied myself safe from purvertised for a secretary because of suit, sadly congratulating myself on some morbid motive which I could not skillfully covering my tracks, he had followed. He had known from the

the liquer, refusing to accept a denial. because a green shade of goodly di-No wonder I had waked with the same mensions, like charity, covered a mulhorrible sensations which had racked titude of sins and obscured his feamy brain after taking that dose of tures. Mr. Raynor sat always in laudanum years ago. A few drops of twilight, to render assurance doubly the drug at the bottom of the ruby- sure, unwilling to test his grizzled bitter "undertone" I had detected, un- himself clever at disguise a few years

Mr: Raynor had talked with a muffled voice lest I should remember Mr. ing under the waist on un- to be broken by ordinary noises; and hands had been pallid because those cool days. In most the man who had administered it could of Mr. Wynnstay, whose shape could cases, too, she prefers either to make not possibly have guessed that I should not be changed, had been of a more of the ultimate success of our move-

How I had walked into the trap of tract me, though I had modestly feared worth winning is worth fighting for. thing but a perfect fit. The lining il- plored my room for the thing which he to lose the chance in favor of someone worthier! I wondered at my own stupose indicated or as a lining for a to obtain? I could not answer this pidity, telling myself flercely that it was I who had been blind, not my employer; but then I reflected that the one more worldly wise than I.

There had been every reason why I preference for my voice above other out now. applicants', to a deep-laid scheme against my liberty, perhaps my life. One small flash of insight into the

killed myself; a letter would be found ent led up to another, and at the end perhaps, with a confession. I could of five minutes-it could scarcely have almost see that letter as my mind pro- been more-I felt that I held all but a jected itself into the future—a future complete chain in my hands, joined by in which I as a living, breathing, hu-

here and there. I could almost have wished that lessly, the enemy's hand had closed No one would ever know the

cautiously, lest I should wake, the slippered feet treading softly as a cat's The moment I had feared was com-

I tried to brace myself, to control measure, 22, 24, 26, or whatever it may who was Mr. Wynnstay as well-would the sudden trembling that shook me be. If a skirt, give waist and length come creeping cautiously to the bed from head to foot. But it was useless. As soon as the man bent over me, he would know that I was awake. He had approached within a yard of

the bed, when I felt the light of the lantern he' held creeping over my body, up toward my face. Instantly I closed my eyes, which had been haif

(To be Continued.) Stem-winding watches were the vention of Noel in 1851.

CASTRO FINES OF HOME RULE ASPHALT COMPANY

Government Will Abolish House Condemned to Pay Nearly a of Lords, Thinks Noted Irish Leader.

the Irish parliamentary! leader, who came to Wicklow for a rest, takes a pany for complicity in the Matos revohopeful view of prospects for home

"We shall triumph in the movement of our Government in the near future. The obstacles which barred our progress to the obtaining of national self- of subduing the revolution, but also to now is neither friendliness or apathy, but violent opposition has entirely disappeared. This is a tremendous advance on the road to home rule, and an can point with pride.

End for the House of Lords.

"I think the Government will introbill will be rejected by the House of ing to a just assessment and injuries: Lords. There will be a general election by the beginning of 1909 at the latest ited or abrogated altogether, and in that way the real obstacle to the pass-Meanwhile we are going to press for The light that guided me to these and expect a university bill, a bill deductions showed me that I owed amending the land purchase act of 1903 still considering the question, before

Needs New University.

"The amendment of the land purchase act and the university bill are sity where rich and poor will stand She, possibly, had gone back to the upon an equal footing with respect to in the next Parliament. I don't think really blind, he would not have needed night had made the rustling I had the Government will introduce an amended bill, but we will press the questions, however. We will also raise the question of the overtaxation of Ireland. Ireland is overtaxed to the extent of three million pounds annually. The financial relations committee, the majority of which were Englishmen, found that to be the correct figure."

"What importance do you attach to "No importance whatever. There's nothing new in the Sinn Fein business. There always has been a revolfirst where I had gone, and had laid utionary movement here, and so far as it is honest I have no quarrel with Once assured that I was in the it. A movement of that kind is made "A long, sweet, dreamless sleep!" I neighborhood of The Pines waiting for up of many sorts of people, but there could hear Mr. Raynor's strangely Miss Smith's return, he would have are always cranks, sorcheads and muffled voice murmuring the wish as had time to look for a house not too frauds connected with it. The doche pressed me to drink the green far away, and take it. Mr. Raynor's trine of Sinn Fein-the policy of rechartreuse. It was easy to find an in- baste to secure Arrish Hall and move lying upon ourselves—has always been the sentiment of the Parnell move-Mr. Raynor had chosen to be blind ment. It was never stronger than it is within our own ranks today.

Is Against Withdrawals.

"You do not favor the withdrawal of the Irish members from Parliament?" "Most emphatically, no. The withdrawal of the Irish Nationalist memcolored glass had given the curious disguise too severely. He had shown bers from Parliament has been against the policy of every national party from The woman who prefers to wear lin- suspiciously attributing it to some dis- ago, but would not trust his luck too O'Connell's time down to our own day. There is nothing in the whole matter worth bothering about. So far as the Sinn Fein is an honest movement. I value of a lining slip for wear- would have induced a sound sleep, not Wynnstay's accents; and Mr. Raynor's wish it luck; so far as it is a fraud it

has no backbone anywhere in Ireland. "Why, I was never more confident ment. I have never tried to raise false hopes in the hearts of our countrymen, the advertisement, meant solely to at- at home or abroad. A thing that is We have lost no ground."

RAIN DOUSES FIRES.

Kingston, Aug. 26.-A good rain on Saturday afternoon stopped the plot had been clever enough to deceive spreading and advancing of the bush fires about Parham, and gave the residents a rest after two days' toil in should believe the new master of Ar- fighting the fire. Many buildings were plans with such skill would be clever rish Hall genuine, none why I should saved from destruction only through enough to account for my death, if it self-consciously attribute his presence the vigorous work of volunteers. It in Dorsetshire, his advertisement, his is hoped the fires are well dampened

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"For these reasons, and administering justice in the name of the repubachievement to which the Irish party lic and by authority of the law, this complaint is declared to be well founded, and in consequence the New York and Bermudeze Company is condemned duce a measure following the spirit to pay the sum of bolivars 24,178,638 47, of a resolution which was passed by a which is the amount of the erogations great majority a little while ago-that made by the national treasury for the the House of Lords should be abolish- purpose of suppressing the revolution, ed. The Government will, I believe, as has been proven in the records, and translate the resolution into a bill. This also to reimburse the nation, accord-

war, the Venezuelan nation may have tect a faint rustling as the bed cov- those he served. I should never be If the Liberals win that election by a suffered in the conception of other substantial majority the veto of the nations with whom relations of an in-House of Lords will, I believe, be lim- ternational or mercantile order existed. "The loss of Venezuelan citizens withdrawn from commercial pursuits.

"The discredit which, because of the

agriculture industries, and from the activity of republican life, because (1

war tax, which produced bolivars 3,-867,530.74 in 1903 and bolivars 12,928,-870 in 1904." It was from American witnesses, and

from evidence taken before American judges in the United States courts that the Venezuelan Government obtained its most important proof of the part alleged to have been played by the Asphalt Company in the Matos revolution, the furnishing of the money with which to start the fight.

BOWERMAN HURT.

New York, Aug. 25.—Frank Bowerman, catcher of the New York National League baseball club, who was struck came under the yellow ray—a long, house where she and Lady Dunbar class or creeds. We want no religious on the head by a pitched ball in the pale hand opening the drawer of my had been staying, while the man had tests. We will press, and expect to game with Pittsburg yesterday, and have carried these two questions. We seriously injured, was resting comshall raise the home rule questions also fortably in the hospital today, and the physicians said that probably he would recover. Bowerman is suffering from oncussion of the brain.

The city of Vienna recently built an electric fountain in one of its parks. It is very large and is capable of 70 different effects of illumi-

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