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He shook it and telt it to be loose. He togged desperately till it was drawn from its place nearly half an inch from the top. He perred into the aperture so made, and saw the end of a paper sticking within. With one furious wrench he pelled the wains of away, and the paper fell upon the floor. He picked it up, opened it ud at a glance recognized Varley thew's hand-writing.

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The contents of the paper permitted him to dealt no longer, and with a wild agonising cry, he exclaimed—
"My wife, my child, Oh, God, I have destroyed you both."

CHAPTER XXI. MARTHA AND HER VISITOR.

MARRHE ATD HER VISITOR.

It was thus that Arnold Carsbrook discovered the innecesses of his wife, and the discovery was everwhelming. What made it seel Not the fact established—that by itself was like a blase of glory blasing through the darkstigloom. But as the brightness flashed forth on the sky of his life, which had for long being covered with the very black ness of darkness, it revealed an abyss of horror at his feet into which he felt himself about to plungs, there to endure agonise of a different, and perchance not less dreadful than those under which he had been suffering.

"My wife is innecess! Great God! then what have I done!" was his only and constantly repeated wait of misery, remorse, and despeat:

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Ay what had be done! He had cast off Rachel, had left her to live or die as she list; he had consigned his boy and her's to a brujain thinker to be neglected—stayed to death or made a vagabond of, if he lived Seven years had elapsed since these teartible things had been done, and what had been the sufferings of these absendence open—what their fate! What had become of them! Where were they now, dead or alive! and, it alive, in what condition!

His brain reeled; he thought he was going mad—in fact, in all liklihood he would have gone mad had as strong, resities, consuming tweptale to action not comes upon him. To bearn their fate, to discover sheir present condition, to save them if possible, to do what he could to date the fact of the second him with a might that was appliling, and it served to ward from his gave violent bound. The house was a polling, and it served to ward from his gave violent bound. The house was a faint track of foot-marks, was led to the faint track of which the heart of which he heart of wh

the horrible cruelty which he had practised.

Yes, he saw it all now—his mad haste, his unreasoning fury, which goads of him on to deed so bitterly had been in the dead of him of the him o

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une day lay like a veil of hus e upon the Scottish village , as Arnold alighted at the station, and came down to The station was more than half mile from the village, and as he was see only passenger which the last even-g train had brought to the place, he d the road entirely to himself. We have called Kinlevin a village,

It was the last breath with which hey were uttored. When Arnold turnte leaf upon the tace the head had tooged, the type were closed forever, of Kolph Elayden was dead.

It was the last breath with which hey were closed forever, the faintest breeze, was laden with the faintest breeze, which was the faintest breeze, was laden with the faintest breeze,

The asseveration made at such solemn moment, when he knew he was to appear at the judgment seat, did more to send conviction to Arnold's mind than the story he had listened to in the cell, and he staggered away with the words ringing in his sars—words uttered in a feeble dying whisper, yet sounding in his brain with the voice of thunder—"Buschel is innocent; Rachel is innocent."

It wanted but one other proof to clear away desubt from his mind—the paper which Ralph Blayden had told him was concealed beneath the wainscot in the ledging house it. Sheffield. If he obtained that, then the evidence would be complete.

He lost no time in resigning his post as warder at Portland, tits sole purpose in suching the office was served now—indeed, the sole purpose to which his lifethed been devoked for the last seven years was removed, and a new, a strenge, a thrilling, as a squaising spoch had opened in his existance. To what better experience, to what depths of anythink in the fact to conjecture; but at least he should suffer no time to be lest in making a final test of the truth of the convicts tale.

At the earliest pessible moment he went to Sheffield, and having access to the room in Culter's Alley where Ralph had lodged, he prepared with trembling hands to examine the wainscot under the righthand window abutter,

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market place. To avoid colectration the turned wp a lane, and followed a marrow path in the rear of houses till he was brought out again at the farther end of the street, and was now in the part of the village where villas and cottages stood apart from each other within abrubberies or gardens, the latter being surrounded by a hedge or wall.

Crossing the white, dusty road, Arnold moved up a grassy lane-filled with fragrance from the likacs which bloomed overhead, and glided with almost noiseless footsteep by the side of the wall till he came to an iron gate, at which he stood still and peered aliently within at a moderately-sized villa which stood there, surrounded by something like half-an-acre of garden and plessure ground.

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be seen through the bothy and grizzly hair.

Then came a stifled ejeulation, followed by a loud sharp cry—
"Maister Arnold—on, Maister Arnold, is it you?"

"Yes, Martha,"
Down went the candle on the sill of the window, and with another, cry shofting her arms around him, with a demonstration of joy which was almost frantic in its intensity.

"Oh, my bairn—my bairn has ye come back at last the thought had never see ye mair, and sair and long has I murned and greaten and lampened. But is it you—are ye sure it's you in very flesh and bluid, and nae dream I I hase dreamed o' yer comin as often and sac often that I maist daurna believe that this is rale. Speak again, for the love o' God, and tell me that it's no a

these years of absence I am here again."

"Seeven years, Maister Arneld—seeven lang years, formorth by month, summer by summer, I has counted them. But, oh, my battin, some in, at rimble, an my hand is a hakin' sae that I canna carry the light, "Arneld's frame was little less agitated, but he took the light, and then the light, and the lig

of Rachel."
Oh, wao's me," responded Martha, y shaking her head.
ruold sprang half up.
Oh, God! is she dead?" he gasp-

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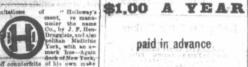
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