THE HEARTHSTONE.




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dlosirc more" ${ }^{I}$ " want the staili removed, as 1 said before hit But wheretiore? The murk, heiung ouly on

the inuer part of the hand, will sellola bo | then.," |
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| $\substack{\text { Lesmory, was silent for a few secoundr. He } \\ \text { wus }}$ |

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 "Stop, Bobby ${ }^{1 "}$ cried Jellico, clecking tho
























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Jellico had Desmer
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conne yon? And who on writh hans given you such a frightrful black eye ?"
Desmoro, whose hayrt was full almost to
burating, made nu reply.
 "He has not yet uttereda single word, nunt
returued the niece
"HI hasin't Wh it a thankless litite mon-




Dusnoro hesitated, reluctant to disclose his
namet the lady, who was not to be denied, per
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qutc "It's very natural that I shounte desire to
know what I Lave udmitted under my rool,
she continued, her keen cyes fixed whyo the
bys quivering face, which hat would fain have
kept hidden from hur view. "What's your


so in cither wickell or wrong '" thand weary boy raised has hand to brow






ankle was considerubly. buttor, and Dusmoro
was perfectly wall in every respect. Dense, and ho
But he appeared to be ill at ease avoided all tho questions that were put to him.
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length Jellico drew him nsido, and thus "Youngiter, have you any father and moThave been told that I have the former,
the latter diel when $I$ was only an inYo youre broubthit up ?" sort of lad. By whom "What has driven you from his home, which
presume youl have just forink in "My gradidather's new wife."
Oho ! Preeisely as 1 uxpectud."
"You see my yye ? She struck me, sir, and I onld not remain near her atiter that

And who was your futher-do you know ?"
He was a geutleman, Ihave been toll, and


Presently he spoke again.
"What are you goige to do Mave you any
friends to whom you mean to apuly
 world, sir ; iter have I any knowledye of where
my thiller, if hu: se still alive, mighlit Le fuund."
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 with it prevecupied air. "' Thuthing I haustia sia that hil nueh mather nut have dune se, for wo
nee he: was al ways more: trouble than he was
 Ifluow uearly all his plays on by heart," "Mo you, my lad?:
a dun,
Wouid you like to become an actor?"
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Auld there the matt"r dropped for the preTillystale 1 hall had loare been wrapped in
darkness nud reposic, when one of the servant



 hate was a sineth of fire, and the room yruduBuger which surrounded he unconcio Desmuro, who was sleepiug in the nex
chaumer withe the two strollers, now aswouk chamiuer with the the strollers, now awoke,
and started up in hed The roum was filled
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door, und rushed wut to narem the deepping
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