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vorce me, and I can make everything item of news. like hell for you when I return."

She clung to Coggs, trembling.

"If there is a warrant for you, you will be arrested," said he comforting the girl with his strong hand. There was no trace of emotion; he might have been a professor elucidating a pet thesis. "No fare in the end. man who is known to the police can hope to escape. And if you are arrested you will be sent to prison."

Again a vague fear of a danger he could not foresee thrilled the Italian. This man spoke with such assurance. He spoke like one so certain of the outcome of this adventure that he could afford to play with the other.

"You desire to escape from England?" Mr. Coggs looked down at the girl med-itatively. "My dear," he said, "would you face a court of law to rid yourself of this man for ever?"

"I would face anything," she said, in a low tone.

"If it meant a certain humiliation, though, thank God! no shame?"

She nodded. "Go!" he said.

"But-" spluttered Festine.

"Suppose I am arrest. You cannot di- a sensational story into a commonplace

A maid brought a card; she read it, and flew down the stairs to meet a gruff man who had just emerged triumphantly from a passage at arms with a cabman, and was still chuckling to himself, though he had paid more than his

"Well?" "I've kept it out of the London papers," he said, "but I cannot influence the American press. Now sit down, I have a plan."

She seated herself on a settee, and he drew up a chair to face her. "Cicele," he said, "I am an old man-

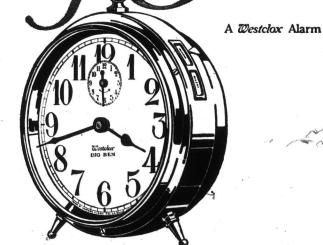
oh, yes, I am. If you doubt me, I will tell you that I am three years older than your dear mother. Yet-

"Yet I am going to ask you to marry me—Wait! In ten years' time you will still be little more than a girl; in ten years' time I shall have gone the way of all flesh."

"Oh, no," she protested.

"Well, in twenty years' time," he ad-mitted grudgingly. "I want you to bear my name; that the sneers of peopleand there must have been people who





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not remember me?"

Festine scrutinized the man before him with narrowed eyes; then he stepped back, his face livid.

"Yes, my lord!" he breathed.

The other nodded.

"I never forget a bigamist I have sentenced," said Mr. Justice Grilby quietly. "I think you had better go."

And Festine walked up the hill into the arms of two detectives who had arrived that morning.

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The girl sat in the little drawing-room of her house in Mayfair. In an agony of apprehension she had searched the columns of the evening papers for her evidence, but the London reporters had shown considerable reticence, or perhaps it was that very frank letter which a judge of the appeal court had addressed to the editors which had had the effect of turning what might easily have been

"Go! You will not escape. Do you sneered at your marriage and will be jubilant now-may be strangled at their birth. I ask-" his voice sank-"nothing more than that that you share my name."

> She had risep at his first words, and walked to the fireplace. She kept her face averted from him; he saw only the curve of her neck as she rested her head against the hand that clasped the mantelboard.

> 'I cannot accept the sacrifice," she said in so low a voice that he could scarcely hear her. "It would be unfair to bear your name, to take all and to give nothing-unfair to you-and to me."

> She came to him and put her arms about his neck, and in that moment it seemed that thirty years of life fell away from him.

And the girl who was destined to be the wife of a Lord Chief Justice of England kissed him.

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