match.

By its light they gaze upon each other, and then the man mutters a curse.

"Miss Wardour!"

"Mr. Belkmap, it is I."

There is a moment's silence, and then she speaks again:—

"You are disappointed, Mr. Belkmap; you wan are disappointed, Mr. Belkmap; you your price for—you know what. You will not see that other one; she is hovering between life and death, and her delitious ravings have revealed you in your true character. You may wonder how I have dared thus to brave an assassin, a blackmaller. I am not reckless. If I do not return in ten minutes, safe and sound, the boat house will be speedily searched and you, Mr. Belkmap, will be hunted as you may have hunted others. Not long since you made terms with me, you attempted coercion, I might say blackmall; to-night, it is in my power to bridle your tongue, and I tell you that, unless you leave W— at once you will find yourself a resident here against your will. Consider your business in W— at an end. This is not a safe place for you."

With the last words on her lips, she

with the last words on her lips, she turns, and speeds swiftly back toward. Mapleton, and Jerry Belknap, private detective, stands transfixed, gazing at the spot from which she has fled, and mut-

solate detective.

The other, scaling the park palings like a cat, vanishes in the darkness that surrounds Mapleton.

The reflections of Jerry Belknap, private detective, as he goes, with moody brow, and tightly compressed lips, across the pretty river bridge, and back toward his hotel, are far from pleasant.

He is a shrewd man, and has engineered many a knotty case to a successful issue, the processing bimself with glory.

Says reals, in would it be policy. Let the play go on," and he turns his face away with a weary gesture.

For a moment, Jasper Lamotte stands face; then he turns and goes out as softly as he came.

"Gentlemen," he says, re-entering the library, with the same subdued manner, "you are at liberty to proceed with your examination, and, if I may suggest, it is a well to lose no time. The funeral takes

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He is a shrewd man, and has engineered many a knotty case to a successful issue, thereby covering himself with glory. This was in the past, however; in the days when he had been regularly attached to a strong and reliable detective agency. For tact, energy, ambition, he had no peer; but one day his career had been hipped in the bud.

A young man, equally talented, and far more honorable, had caused his overthrow; and yet had saved him from the worst that might have befallen him. And, Jeary Belknap, had stepped down from an honorable position, and, deternihed to make his power, experience, and acknowledged abilities, serve him as the means of supplying his somewhat extravagant needs, had resolved himself into a "private detective." and betaken himself to "ways that are dark."

"There's something at the bottom of this business that I don't understand, mussed he as he paced onward; little thinking how soon he is to be enlightened on this and sundry other subjects." I never felt more sanguine of bringing a crooked operation to a successful termination, and I never yet made such an abject failure. I shall make it my business that I don't understand, mussed he as he paced onward; little thinking how soon he is to be enlightened on this and sundry other subjects. Theyer felt more sanguine of bringing a crooked operation to a successful termination, and I never yet made such an abject failure. I shall make it my business that I don't understand, mussed he as he paced onward; little thinking how soon he is to be enlightened on this and sundry other subjects. They are felt more sanguine of bringing a crooked operation to a successful termination, and I never yet made such an abject failure. I shall make it my business that I don't understand, mussed he as he paced onward; little thinking how soon he is to be enlightened on the broad place of the provided on the broa

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me; but first my two shousand dollars, if you please."

With a sudden movement the woman flings back the cloak that has been drawn close about her face, and strikes with her hand upon the timbers of the boat house. There is a cracking sound, a flash of light, and then the slow blaze of a parlor match.

By its light they gaze upon each other, and then the man mutters a curse.

"Miss Wardour!"

"It seems to me," he said, with a touch of sarcasm in his voice, "that this is an unwarrantable and useless proceeding—doubly so at this late hour."

"Nevertheless, it is a necessary one," broke in Mr. Wedron, crisply. "It is presumable that you can have no personal ennity against Doctor Heath, it; therefore you can have no reason for opposing measures instigated by justice. The examination will be a brief one."

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"Frank," he says, entering quietly and closing the door with great care. "Frank, we have a delegation of doctors below "A delegation of doctors?" Frank re-

peats, parrot-like.
"Precisely; they want to examine the

spot from which she has fied, and muttering curses not good to hear.

He makes no attempt to follow her.
He recognizes the fact that he is baffled, and, for the time at least, defeated. Grinding out curses as he goes, he turns his steps toward W—.

Then, from out the shadows of the boat house, a small bundle uncoils itself, stands erect, and then moves forward as if in pursuit.

But, something else rises up from the ground, directly in the path of this small shadow; a long, slender body displays itself, and a voice whispers, close to the ears of the smaller watcher:—

"Remain here, George, and keep a close eye on the house. I will look after him."

peats, parrot-like.

Precisely; they want to examine the body."

Frank comes slowly to his feet.

"To examine the body!" he repeats again. "In Heaven's name, why?"

"To ascertain, by examining the wounds on the body, if the knife found with it is the knife that killed."

A sickly hue overspreads Frank Last was weakly down in the chair, from which he has just risen, saying never a word.

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