the crime; that, in his many tra-ad man had made an enousy, Nowed him home, and finally d'followen engeance. I a tearful vengeance.

It was gradually understoo mystery of his death would nerv and that, for the sake of the in-the less mud stirred up the best He was hid to rest with his in the quiet Hamphira with

ampshire village ittle of his life, s e quiet Hang spent so little of his little ain reigned in his stead. Douglas had been very careful that any stories about him should n, and a

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One's ease. He knew she had never quits overcom her prejudice against him, and th the gift of the emeralds had troubled

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a little. If she heard what people said of the dead man, she would never like even to look at them, and a sort of feeling of family loyalty made Douglas anxious that what had been almost his cousin's last wish should be re-

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amout as contain a last draw draw and spected. Ewan was dead—out off ornelly and horribly in his prime. Douglas was enjoying the money and reak that had been his, and the woman Ewan had lowed was to be his wife. A generous pity for the man whom he had thus supplanted spring up in his heart, and made him holly resent any re-flections on his memory. Core guessed something of his tealing and suggested that, out of respect to Ewan their wedding should be put off a couple of monthe. to the Doug-

and suggested that, out is tranpect to Ewan, their wedding should be put off a couple of months. Bless you for that gracious thought, my darling,' said Douglas, catching her hands in his and kissing them forvently, 'I think you know how I feel. Whatever may have come between us in latter years, Ewan and I wave lads together, and triends, too, and I feel as if I were stap-ping into all that he valued over his grave. You know how badly I want you, don't you, dearest? and, if I do without you all this time, I shall teel as if I were offering the accrest? and, if I do without you all this time, I shall teel as if I were offering the poor fellow some sort of reparation.' I understand,' said Cora, softly. 'I understand,' said Cora, softly. 'I name tell you how glid I am to think that we went to see him that day, and hew nicely he spoke to us.' 'And the emerald necklace where is that P asked Cora, trying to amother down an unpleasant memory of the strange glint she had iancied for a moment she had seen in a watched herself and Douglas. ''Ot I I cook it to Faucet and Golding's to be mended, and asked thism to knep it for a time. That if as good's way to fleep it as any other. It's sale enough in their strong room,' answered he. 'Did you want to wear it ? ''Oh, no, no I not until we are married, anyhow,' said Cora, quickly. 'I-I do not think I am very tond of jewels, Bouglas ' cularly. hey are I may hat the rangled it. He

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