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THE MILL MYSTERY.

One glimpse and I would have fied ; just at the instant I turned I heard a so verhead that sent the current of my thoughts in a fresh direction, and lent to my failing courage a renewed strength which made flight at that moment seem nothing more nor less than an impulse of cowardice This was nothing more nor less than a faint creaking, such as had followed my own lift ing of the board which hid the domino and mask; a noise that was speedily followed by one yet more distinct and of a nature to conince me beyond a doubt that my own action was being repeated by some unknown hand. Whose ! Curiosity, love, honor, every im-

pulse of my being impelled me to find out. I moved like a spirit towards the stairs. I placed my foot on one step, and then or another, mounting in silence and without fear, so intent was I upon the discovery

which now absorbed me. But just as I reached the top, just when another move mens would lift my head above the level of the floor, I paused, realizing as in a flash what the consequences might be if the intrude should prove to be another than Rhode Col well, and should have not his back but face turned toward the place where I stood. The sounds I heard, feeble as they were, did not seem to indicate the presence of a man, and in another instant a low excl tion, smothered in the throat almost bef it was uttered, assured me that it was a max who stood not aix feet from me, handling the objects which I had been told were in some way connected with a murder which 1 was by every instinct of honor bound to dis

cover, if not avenge. A man 1 and ah, he was so quiet, so careful! I could not even guess what he was doing, much less determine his identity, by listening. I had a conviction that he was taking the articles out of their place of con cealment, but I could not be sure ; and in a manner like this, certainty was indispens-able. I resolved to risk all and took another, step, clinging dizzily to the first support that offered. It was well I had the presence of mind to do this, or I might have had s serious fall. For no sconer had I raised my head above the level of the floor than my eyes fell upon the well-known form of him I desired least of all men to see in this place -my lover, if you may call him so-Dwight

CHAPTER XIL DWIGHT POLLARD.

Oh, 't is too true ! how smart A lash that speech doth give my conscie -HAMLET.

He was standing with his back to me, and to all appearance was unconscious that he was under the surveillance of any eys. 1 had thus a moment in which to collect my energies and subdue my emotions; and 1 availed myself of it to such good purpose that by the time he had put the board back into its place I was ready to face him. He did not turn round, however ; so, after a moment of silent suspense, I mounted the last stair, and thinking of nothing, hoping nothing, wishing for nothing, stood waiting, with my eyes fixed on the domino he was now rapidly folding into smaller

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brow. "You saw him then ? Spoke to him!

began gathering up the toggery that lay upon the floor. "These must not remain here," he ob-served, bitterly. But I, drawn this way and that by the most contradictory emotions, felt that all had not been said which should be in this important and possibly final interview. Accordingly, smothering personal feeling. "It is not a man to whom I allude," returned, almostas much agitated as himself. 'It is a woman who is your accuser, a wo-

"It is a woman who is your accuser, a wo-man who seems to feel that she has a right to make you suffer, possibly because she has suffered so much herself." "A woman !" was all hesaid ; "a woman !" turning pale enough now, God knows. "Have you no enemies among the wo-men !" I asked, wearied to the soul with the position in which my cruel fate had forced some unpleasantness. Rhoda Colwell, who evidently attaches much importance to her

Impossible !"

I had not been said which should be in this important and possibly final interview. Accordingly, smothering personal feeling and steeling myself to look only at my duty, Ladvanced to his side, and, indicating with a gesture the garments he was now rolling up into a compact mass, remarked:
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And thus I stood, like a pallid automaton, slowly round the room and finally when the instant came for him to change his position, and he saw me. The cry that rose to his lips but did not escape them, the resel which his figure gave before it stiffened rose to his lips but did not escape them, the reel which his figure gave before it stiffened into marble, testified to the shock he had received, and also to the sense of unreality with which my superarace in this wise must with which my appearance in this wise mus have impressed him. His look, his attitude were those of a man gazing upon a spectre, and as I met his glance with mine, I was conscious of a feeling of unreality myself, as I felt the sobs rise in my if the whole occurrence were a dream, and he and I but shadows which another moment would dissolve.

But alse I this was no more a dream than sight of this humiliation in one who could But also i this was no more a dream than were the other strange and tragic events which had gone before ; and in an instant we both knew it, and were standing face to fixed upon each other across the domino fixed upon each other across the domino the with wretched inquiry in the looks we of his finger, d fixed upon each other across the domino which had fallen from his hands. He was Miss Colwell."

"Nor was I till yesterday, I rejonant. "Miss Sterling i" he exclaimed, in a light tone, oruelly belied by the trembling lips from which it issued, "by what fortunate the new do Tase you again, and in a place I "Fate is to blame for much; is it also to should have thought to be the last you would be likely to visit ?"

"By the same chance," I rejoined. "which appears to have brought you here. The desire to make sure if what I heard about the mill having been used as a secreting place for certain mysterious articles, was the mill, and of how I had afterwards true." And I pointed to the mask and prised Rhoda Colwell there, and what the domino lying at my feet. His eye, which had followed the direction of my finger, grew dark and troubled.

"Then it was your hand-" he impetuous. from saying any thing about her disguise, and left him to infer that it was ih her own ly began. Which disturbed these garments before proper person I had seen her. Yes. And I shall make no apology He seemed to be both wonder stricken ar

you? Yes. And I shall make no apology for the action," I continued, "since it was moved by the recital, and did not rest till done in the hope of proving false certain in- he had won from me the double fact that sinuations which had been made to me in Rhoda Colwell evidently knew much more your regard.'

'Insinuations ?" he repeated.

"Yes," I declared, in an agony between ed to greatly gratify him, and while his brow my longing to hear him vindicate himsell lost none of the look of heavy anxiety which and the desire to be true to the obligations had settled upon it with the introduction of I was under to Ada Reynolds. "Insinua-tions of the worst, the most terrible, charac-noticed that his voice was lighter, and that ter." Then, as I saw him fall back, stricken he surveyed me with less distrust and possi in something more than his pride, I hastened bly with less fear. His next words showed "Have you an enemy in town, the direction his thoughts were taking. to inquire : Mr. Pollard ?"

He composed himself with a start, looked Miss Sterling, in spite of the many reasons at me fixedly, and replied in what struck you had for thinking it a degraded one, and meas a strange tone even for such an oc- for this I thank you with all my heart. Will asion as this : "Perhaps."

"might be induced to attach your name to uspicions calculated to rob you of honor, if ot life ?" of life "." he again returned; but this in regard to this whole matter ?"

recoil, though I knew it was directed against tered, joyfully.

some one beside myself. "Then it may be," I said, "that you have but to speak to relieve my mind of the "By my father's grave, if you desire it," A flood of hope rushed through my heart. heaviest weight which has ever fallen upor it. These articles," I parsued, "have they, look at that moment would have affected I am." or have they not, any connection with the the coldest nature. tragedy which makes the place in which we "I am bound to believe you," I said stand memorable ?" "I cannot answer you, Miss Sterling,"

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ter leave this place; I do not see what more But_" And I must have assumed an air lips. She who has forced it from me doubtter leave this place; I do not see what more I have to do or say here." "O God!" he cried, detaining me with a and lower as I gazed at him and forbore to

gesture full of agony and doubt. "Do not finish my sentence." have no further business in this place.' "But you believe I am a villain," he And, without lifting his head or meeting

leave me so; let me think. Let me weigh the situation and see where I stand, in you eyes at least. Tell me what mine enemy has said " he demanded, his face, his very form. Centing with a merrible rage that

"It could have come but in one way : 1 turned upon me with a wild look in which there was something personal. "Are you worth the penalty which my good name must suffer?" he violently cried. "For I swear that to you and you only I owe st I bowed : I had no wish to speak. turned away, murmuring, as it seemed to me, those sacred words of Scripture, "Be sure

must suffer ?" he violently cried. For I awear that to you and you only I owe the position in which I now stand !" "God help mathen !" I murmured, dazed and confounded by this unexpected re I felt the sobs rise in my throat. I could bear but little more. To recover myself, I looked away from him, even passed to a

and contounded by this unexpected re-proach. "Had you been less beautiful, less allur-ing in your dignity and grace, my brothen "The paused and bit his lip. "Enough!" he cried. "I had well night forgotten that generosity and forbearance are to actuate my movements in the future. I beg your pardon—and his !" he added, with deep and bitter sarcasm, under his breath window and gazed out. Anything but the

blame for the fact that you sought her? Or did she seek you ?"

"I sought her," I said; and, not seeing any better road to a proper explanation of my conduct than the truth, I told him in a few words of the notice I had seen posted upon actions which e certainly have looked bious till now, I pray that you will re onsider your duty and not play the Dor A poet tells us that all the miseries fo uixote too far." But Dwight Pollard, instead of accept that Pandors took off the lid of it, by which conclusions were which I had thereby Juixote too far." ng this explanation of his conduct with the agerness of a great relief, only shock his and dasheed. drawn ; though, from some motive of deli cacy I do not yet understand, I refrained

than she revealed, while I, on the contrary, knew much less. The latter discovery seem

" You have shown an interest in my fate

you prove this still further by clinging to the belief which I have endeavored to "One who out of revenge," I proceeded, force upon you, that notwithstanding all you

time with a fierceness that almost made me "And you can swear this to me?" I ut "By my father's grave, if you desire it, till his chin settled upon his breast and we

ragedy which makes the piece in which we it and memorable ?" "Cannot answer you, Miss Sterling," "Cannot answer you, "he reiterated, turn ng haggard about the eyes and lips." A an bound to believe you, 1 said ; "though there is much I do not understand imuch which you ought to explain if you wish to disabase my mind of all doubt in your regard, I would be laying claim to a cynicism I do not possess, if I did not trust CHAPTER XIIL

There was a silence, then Dwight Pollard ing haggard about the eyes and lips. "Then," I brokenly rejoined, "I had bet your words just so far as you will allow me. which I never expected to hear pass my

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