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THE MAN WITH THE BLACK GLOVE.

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The answer came immediately, and

In the chimney. For Heaven's sake, get me out quick; I believe I am dying! There was but one way to accomplish this: Jack realized the fact at once.

He handed the lamp to the little

working downward.

Sometimes he had difficult work, but dispute them. in the end he always succeeded in his task, and the result was that at the end a few times, she had been happen, and her mother heart was touched of ten or fifteen minutes he had cleared wonderfully impressed by his manner with sympathy. the way to within a foot or so of the and looks, and she had made up

man's ghostly wounds.

The man whispered in reply, for he was weak and almost dying. Jack utter- friend, and yet to all appearances he had The curtain of fifteen years had been ed a smothered curse and, gaining his deserted her. Could it be he had made swept aside by the hand of fate, and those feet, cried in a voice that froze Carol with

the curse of Heaven blight him and his thought! forever. He is one of Satan's fiends, and when we meet I shall send him to the master he serves. Witness the oath?

CHAPTER XVIII. THE HAND OF FATE.

The words of the young man came ference to the Roger Darrel she knew and loved, and to think of him as a murderer, in addition to his other sins, would have been enough to have entirely very near killing Carol Richmond, for, of have been enough to have entirely he had gone through.

him, leave the mill on the previous difficult task of his life.

fact, that besides being guilty of all those vengeance. other misdeeds, her Roger was not only When the little widow came to him embracing, as it did, so many vistas where a murderer at heart, but was in a fair she found that he was a most agreeable opening occurred, through which the eye way to become one in fact, for the un- person, but his profession made him re- ranged far away to the river, to a still fortunate man upon the mill floor looked served, and this acted as a barrier be- greater elevation. as though he were dying.

her lover.

it was now plainly evident that he was a Carol. villain of the deepest dye, and her heart | She saw that the young girl had lost all | was far away, and her mind evidently words the case demanded.

the matter and deciding as to her future was not so.

ave, live for vengeance on the fiend them together. whose hand struck those cowardly blows. Singularly enough, two incidents hap- his life's happiness, buried in one com-

poor man into the habitable part of the from those they loved.

and before leaving the old mill on l.is best. search for lost Nora, he left the medicines

Carol could not stay in the house, such

learned that which would have fallen thoughts aloud. like a homb between them.

The detective was more communica-

While he entertained the little lady strength to do what is right, no matter with long stories of the American adven- what the pain may be. turer's doings in Russia, and how, failing She had no idea of what was in store under the ban, it was discovered that he for her while thus thinking of her child, was a plotter against the life of the Czar, and yet a crisis in her own affairs was the fact never leaked out that each of rapidly approaching. them had in mind a far different person-

cree of fate willed.

that he was now compelled to always her also that it was best not so. wear a glove, but this did not seem so There are some battles in this life of widow and replaced his revolver, feeling singular to the lady, for the fact remained ours which must be fought alone, when office that he would have no occasion to use it, that every time she had met Roger Darrel the consciousness that all depends upon he had had gloves on; so she did not the unaided efforts of the one who fights Then he commenced enlarging the think it worth while to mention this part nerves the arm much more than would orifice by tearing down the brick, always of the story to Carol, seeing that it confirmed the detective's ideas rather than That she should be nervous after

Then stepping in, he bent down and against him proved true she would never

eputation might be. When he had laid him on the floor of Poor, broken-hearted Carol wandered hastily dried her eyes, and answered the Furnished for Parties of all dimenthe mill, he bent over to examine the out each day, waiting for that dread interview which was sure to come, and yet

Who did this foul deed? he asked in which seemed unaccountably delayed. What had come of Roger? He had said he would still be her afforded her.

Some more of that devil's work. May that he dared not face them? Perish the grave of their only child's hopes.

At the very time when these misty and the wife whom he had not once seen ideas were passing in review through the since that bitter parting. wearied and troubled brain of Carol Richmand, the object of her thoughts, poor Roger Darrel, was pacing his library like a caged animal, groaning now and then and showing every evidence of

distress and despair.

He had promised to be a friend to the went down that day, it would have wit-sold here on Saturday. At the time she did not remember that girl he loved, and though this was easy nessed their parting forever, never again her mother and herself had seen Captain to say, yet when it came to attempting it to meet, except as the most distant O'clock. Grant, or some one closely resembling he found he had before him the most strangers.

The detective gained in strength so way slowly through the forest to a favorite Nora Warner was carried off by her jail- rapidly that in a few days more he spot of hers, and, reaching it, sat down at hoped to leave those who had stood so the hase of a huge elm tree. It was the

tween them upon the very subject in Alone with her thoughts she was ac When her eyes rested upon those gap- which she was just then most interested. customed to seeking this spot, and it ing knife-wounds in his breast, Carol did Her sympathies and motherly love seemed as if her very surroundings gave not faint, but a terrible revolution of were of course all enlisted in behalf of her comfort, yet nothing could ease the feeling swept over her in reference to her child, and she was in arms against terrible pain that tugged at her heart the man who, to all appearances, had strings. Whatever he may have seemed to her, caused such suffering to come upon She held a book in her hand, but it did

was like lead when this conviction came interest in life, and her heart was sore upon the one subject nearest her heart. to her and she realized that she must within her, for she knew of no remedy Thus she sat, when the eager eyes of give him up-must send him from her for a disease like this. Carol was con- an approaching man fell upon her, and as if he were a leper, with the scathing stituted very like her mother, possessing the spectacle brought him to a sudden the same pride and firmness, so that in pause. There was that in her attitude Her heart was now steeled against all probability there lay before her a life that brought most vividly to his mind Roger, and at their next meeting she of suffering that was sad to contemplate. their first meeting, when she sat by the must let him know that he could not It would seem that the tide of pain and brook, with a copy of Tennyson in her sorrow that afflicted these two innocent lap, watching the gambols of a little dog; While Carol was thus thinking upon women had reached its flood, but this and, as he gazed, Roger stifled a groan of

ordeals that would try their courage and dark before him, when he had fought My man, said he finally, you shall live even the new bonds of love that linked against it so-terrible to have all his

The face of the detective lighted up and pened on the same day that struck home mon grave by the evil deeds of one with a fierce gleam came into his eyes, for he to their hearts, and it actually seemed as whom he was not even connected, save would ask nothing better on earth than though some unseen fate was moving on, by family ties.

he proceeded to dress the wounds, and his separation from Carol, the widow friends, he would keep his part of the the skill he exercised in this proved him knew he would soon come, and hence compact manfully, and try to hide from to be a young physician of more than she was continually on the lookout for her the fact that his great love was slow ordinary talents, which was in fact the him. She had promised her child not to ly, but surely, killing him. truth, for Jack was a graduate of Hiedel- say anything to him, leaving the whole Ah! little did the poor fellow suspec matter to her, and when she came to what evil influences had been at work

He came at last. The day was a lovely one, with the Recovering himself, therefore, h birds singing among the trees, and all strode forward. The detective possessed a magnificent nature looking beautiful. From the far constitution, his wounds were not fata', southwest a bank of clouds was rising, so that he was in a fair way for speedy and soon a change would come over all

sides that, the burning desire for revenge Up the forest aisle came Roger, head- with a woman's glory—the blush of inupon the man who had dealt him such a ing straight for the old mill. His face nocent love-but now, alas, how sadly cowardly blow, was enough of an incen- was pale and set, as though he had con- altered! tive to keep him alive, for it brought his quered in his battle, and yet none knew better than he how weak human nature was drawing near, her face whitened The widow was his attendant, for was when the hour of temptation came.

was the tumult of her thoughts in regard while she spoke to him pleasantly, her scarlet lips, and from those lapis lazuli eyes were watching his face. She saw eyes there gleamed a strong light, such But for the fact that Jack, for prudenthe traces of anguish there, such as never as may be seen in the orbs of a poor, tial reasons, had talked of all other sub- rested upon the countenance of guilt, and hunted deer brought to bay, and turning jects before his departure save the one when he had gone to seek Carol, after her upon his hunters. they were interested in, they might have directions, she gave utterance to her

If that is the face of guilt, then my judgment of character is at fault. Place tive, for his heart warmed to the widow Roger Darrel before me and I should as the one to whom he owed his life. He have declared him the most honorable of was a Russian by adoption, but in reality men, noble and generous. Yet how the men, noble and generous. for his speaking the language so pro- a greater villain never went unhung. May Heaven give my dear girl the

Although she could not comprehend in Thus the terrible mistake was allowed to become deeper, and the characters in went out to her poor child, upon whom full what the temptation would be, yet yet was so muffled that they could hardly our story drifted along as the stern de-Heaven had apparently frowned so early. Had it been possible, she would have He had mentioned to the widow the liked so much to have been with Carol fact that the adventurer's hand had been described by this trial but the girl would not Ladies' Journal" and this paper is fact that the adventurer's hand had been during this trial, but the girl would not branded when he was sent to Siberia, so hear of it, and the little lady's heart told

Roger had left her was quite natural, for Though she had only seen Roger she imagined all that could possibly Only those who have suffered for years

her mind that if these terrible charges can truly sympathize with the afflicted. In the midst of her tears, the lady was raised the form of the foreign detective trust a man again, no matter what his startled by a loud, authoritative rap upon the door, and, somewhat confused, she

When she opened the door, she uttered a low, almost inaudible cry, and would have fallen but for the support her hold cluding:

were no longer hidden from them, and past, were now brought together over the Face to face stood Lawrence Richmond

CHAPTER XIX

WILL THROW YOUR LOVE FROM ME LIKE A

TATTERED GLOVE!

that the meeting she had looked forward | Cheaper than any place in town, to with such aversion, and yet, at the Country people will find it to their

her heart she felt that, when the sun

When she left the mill, she wended her All she could think of was this one nobly by him, and start upon his trail of summit of quite an elevation, and the view on either hand was perfectly grand,

not occupy her attention, for her gaze

despair.

There yet remained in store for them It was terrible to see his life look so noble sims and purposes, together with

bearing them with it and gradually Still he had already gone over all this Gently raising him, Jack carried the widening the chasm that separated them field, and there could no good come of

fighting the battle over again. building, and laid him upon the blankets | Though Roger Parrell had not yet | If Carol had decreed that, so long as prepared for him by the widow. Then made his appearance since the time of Nora lived, they would be nothing but

He had a case of remedies with him, think about it she realized that it was since he had parted from the one he loved, or what a terrible reception he was about to receive.

His footfalls came to her ears. Once they had been wont to send the blood rushing to her face until neck, recovery, being in excellent hands. Be- this landscape, for a storm was brewing. cheeks, forehead, and all were crowned Silks

When she knew that it was Roger who until it resembled the driven snow, while The little lady saw him coming, and her pearly teeth seemed to penetrate the

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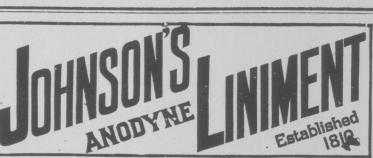
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