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"But you are going to be married!" "Perhans."

"Then my congratulations-"Oh, how stupid you are!" she said, getting up from her low chair and standing before him-so close that she touched him with her dress, with her arm, with her filmy little handker-chief, as she spoke. "Do listen to the news that I have to tell you, and don't make all these silly guesses beforehand. First and foremost, will you forgive me for what I did about Molly, if I can prove to you that I was acting in your interest all along, and have

been justified in the event,' "Certainly," he said, and, yielding to temptation, he took the white hand which grasped the handkerchief into his "I'll forgive you, too, without

hearing your excuses." "No, I don't want you to do that." She let her hand stay in his; her breath came and went a little more quickly than usual. "You may have heard an old story about an uncle of mine who made an enormous fortune in America many years ago. There was a lawsuit about his money; it has been going on for some time, and none of us thought that we should ever benefit by what he

left. We have gained the case." "I saw that in the papers. Also, that the costs of the proceedings had swallowed up nearly all the fortune."
Lady Val laughed. "Nearly—not

quite. Some land was left Well, on this very piece of land our agents have 'struck ile,' as they call it; there's petroleum flowing night and day, I believe, and producing piles of money, all for my brother, my sister and me. The old man's will provided that we should share and share atike, you know. I suppose that I myself shall soon be a millionairess, if there is such a word. What do you think of that, Master

Jack? Oh. Jack, I'm so glad!" She stretched out both her hands to There was the loveliest look of joy and tenderness in her eyes. Hannington held her hands, but made no other sign. He was growing white

about the lips. 'Do you see, Jack?" she went on. "I was hoping that this would come true; and I did not want you to throw yourself away on a child like Molly Moncrieff for the sake of her trumpery little fortune. Did we not always say that when either of us was rich we would share with the other? That is what I meant, Jack, because you know you always said that you cared for me, and that if only I were not poor you would be happy with me as your wife. It is not exactly the right thing for me to say this, is it, dear? But things are so upside down, and so very like a fairy tale, that I feel as if I had the right to reverse our respective roles—and make you the proposal!" But in spite of her brave words, she blushed very deeply

as she spoke. "Why didn't you warn me? Why didn't you tell me this before?" said Jack, wringing her hands wildly in his own without thinking what he did. "Oh,

Val. if I had but known!" "But what difference does it make?" said Lady Val, with wide-open, unsuspicious eyes. "I could not tell you then because I was not sure—indeed, I did not know till within the last few days that the oil wells had turned out so And, of course, you could not pursue your scheme about Molly-you see, I can guess the reason why you made love to her; and, indeed, Jack, I think you are behaving very badlyand why do you hurt my hands so? What is the matter with you, Jack?" He dropped her hands suddenly.

"What do you mean by saying that I could not pursue my scheme?" 'Not after I had spoken to Mrs. Moncrieff and told her of your meetings with Molly-why, of course, you could not, because that was the very fact that would vex Alan Moncrieff beyond

"And why on earth should I care whether Moncrieff was vexed or not? For heaven's sake, come to the point." Lady Val looked him full in the face and bit her lip.

"If you wanted to marry the girl for her money, Mr. Moncrieff's vexation is very much to the point. You see I am not giving you the credit of supposing that you wished to mary her for love; and, considering how I used to preach up the necessity of marrying for money, I can't say much against it to you, Jack, but I don't think it right, after all. You know, of course, that Molly won't be able to touch a farthing of her money until she is 21, if she marries without her father's consent. As she is barely 18 now, it would hardly suit you to marry her and wait three years in poverty, would it?"

She was startled by the ejaculation that fell from Hannington's lips. "I have ruined myself for nothing. then!" he exclaimed.

She looked at his pale face and frowning brows, and a faint suspicion began to creep into her mind.

"What have you done?" she asked. He turned toward her and caught her in his arms.

"I never knew till today that you eared for me, Val," he said. "If I had known-oh, my God, how different life would have been for both of us! Kiss would have been for both of us! Kiss me, darling—just once; kiss me and tell me that you love me. I have loved you Huntsville, Ala. For sale by W. T. Strong.

************************** all these years and tried hard to fight it down. You are the only woman in the world, as I have often told you,

that I ever loved!" She was not frightened by the hoarsely-spoken words, by the rough em-brace, or the man's passion of love and grief-passion such as she had never thought him capable of before. She lifted her face and allowed him to press his lips to hers for one moment of mingled bliss and agony. Then she

drew her face away.
"There," she said. "Yes, I love you, Jack, with all my heart, and I always have loved you, and I have always done my best, as far as I knew it, for your welfare. It is because I love you that I don't want to do or say anything now that you may live to regret. So

tell me plainly what all this means?" "It means, Val," groaned Hannington, heavily, "that—although I loved you—I married Molly Moncrieff this morning, and that she is here in Glasgow with me."

CHAPTER XXV. THE EVIDENCE. The household at Torresmuir had een aroused at dead of night by noises which were as alarming as they were mysterious. A cry, a scuffle and a pistol shot, followed (as some of the servants declared) by the sound of hastily retreating footsteps and carriage wheels along the road, caused much excitement, and it was generally thought that the place had been entered by burglars, who had been disturbed at their work. This theory seemed at first to be corroborated by the fact that Mr. Moncrieff, on going to the tower, found the doors open and son and brother-in-law lying incapacitated on the floor of Kingscott's sitting room. Bertie was quite unconscious; he seemed to have been stunned by a severe blow on the head, and Kingscott's left arm was found to have been broken, and even shattered, by a shot from the revolver, which, as Moncrieff noted with surprise, bore Bertie's name engraved upon it, and could not, therefore, be a burglar's weapon. He was alarmed, also, to find that Ralph was for so long unconscious, and apparently unable to give any acount of the affray. It was quite ten or fifteen minutes before anything intelligible could be extracted from him, and Moncrieff was somewhat puzzled by this curious inability to speak. As a matter of fact, Ralph Kingscott was too wary to come to himself as soon as he might have done. He did not want to put Moncrieff on the track of his friend Hannington, and the longer pursuit could be delayed, the greater chance had Hannington of getting clear away. Search was of course made at once in the grounds and woods about the house, but nobody could be found, and it was

clared that she had heard the sound of wheels on the high road. "Wheels! Of a cart, do you think?" Mr. Moncrieff asked her. "It was heavier than a cart, sir. It was mair like a carriage and pair."

some time before one of the maids de-

"Nonsense!" Mr. Moncrieff said, impatiently. "What would a carriage and pair be doing there at that hour of the night?" Strange to say, however, the garden-

er, whose cottage was close to the road, reaffirmed the maid's statement. He also had heard the sound of wheels, and on looking out of his window he had seen a carriage and pair driving furiusly down the road

Then that had nothing to do with this affair," said Mr. Moncrieff, de-cisively. "Robbers do not come in cisively. carriages."

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The Jury Find the Alleged Slayer of Young Westwood "Not Guilty."

Toronto, May 5 .- Yesterday morning's proceedings in connection with the Clara Ford trial were devoted to an effort on the part of the defense to prove an alibi on behalf of the prisoner. A number of persons were called to corroborate her assertion that she was at the Toronto Opera House in the night of the murder, but while several were willing to swear generally that she had been at the opera house during the week of the murder, and that she was in the habit of going there on Saturday night, yet when it came to details, they were not able to swear that it was on the particular Saturday night of the murder that she was there. The rest of the morning was devoted to taking evidence tending to show that for several years past the prisoner had been living an honest and respectable life. Mr. Johnston, counsel for Clara Ford, says the trial will not be through be-

fore Monday evening. The Toronto World commented on the evidence given by Clara Ford during her trial yesterday in a way unfavorable to the prisoner, and in consequence Mr. E. F. B. Johnston moved before the court that the writer be committed for contempt. Mr. Johnston claimed that the article was "highly improper,

unfair and malicious." Chancellor Boyd said that if the newspapers interfered with the liberties of the subject it was a matter to be dealt

with by the Attorney-General. The defense wanted the Crown to go on and prosecute the newspaper, as they (the defense) had not the means. Finally an order was made, returnable on Monday or Tuesday, to commit the The trial ended at 10 o'clock last night.

Mr. Johnston, the prisoner's counsel, made a strong plea to the jury on behalf of his client, his address occupying nearly two and a half hours. Owing to absence of Mr. B. B. Osler, on account of Mrs. Osler's death, the

duty of addressing the jury devolved upon County Crown Attorney Curry. His address was a remarkably able presentation of the facts. Chancellor Boyd then charged the jury for 35 minutes. In concluding his remarks the judge advised the jury that if they found the prisoner guilty it was

advisable that they should find also whether they were disposed to find her guilty on the evidence outside of the confession which had been admitted. This might assist the court in arriving at a conclusion in the reserved case as to the admissibility of the confession. The jury retired, and after being out two hours returned with a verdict that

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Out of Sympathy With Brigadier De Barritt. Toronto, May 5.—Captain Adams, who

has had charge of the Salvation Army rescue work, has resigned out of sympathy with Brigadier De Barritt. A copule of days since he was given the option of deciding between Booth and De Barritt, and decided for the latter

Captain Adams was at one time commissioner of the army for Canada and the continent for the whole organization. He resigned from that position, and after three years' absence returned to the army to take his present position. Captain Mackie, of Yorkville, has resigned, and it is said that the whole staff are contemplating the same action as they are strong sympathizers of Adams and De Barritt.

OIL PRICES COMING DOWN. Pittsburg, Pa., May 5 .- The Standard Oil Company continues to reduce the price for oil, and it is doubtful where the reduction will step. MRS. PARNELL'S POSSIBLE AS-

SAILANT. Lambertville, N. J., May 5 .- Constable Bennett, of New Hope, Pa., has arrested a young man on suspicion of being the man who assaulted Mrs.

Parnell. VICTORY FOR THE SALVATION ARMY.

Bay City, Mich., May 5 .- The Salvation Army in West Bay City became obnoxious to the common council and several citizens because of the parades and music. The common council sought to stop the parades and the band by passing an arbitrary ordinance under which arrests were made. A test case was carried to the Circuit Court. Judge Maxwell yesterday held that the ordinance was unconstitutional, which is a victory for the army.

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The value of dutiable goods entered at the Berlin port during April was \$15,188; free goods, \$22,292, a total of Amount of duty collected, \$4,-710 29. Value of goods exported, \$11,957.

The Stratford Beacon says that A. S. McCutcheon, of Linwood, a prominent farmer, has left for the other side owing to financial pressure. He had a 200acre farm. His mother is the chief The members of the Windsor Avenue

Methodist Church, Windsor, are

well satisfied with their pastor, Rev.

Mr. Henderson that they will ask the conference in June to allow him to stay for another year. Fifty male bicyclists will appear be fore the police magistrate at Brantford on the charge of riding on the payements and sidewalks. They include prominent residents and business men, and a number have been sum-

moned. The Brantford factory of the Consumers' Cordage Company has been leased by a partnership company consisting of N. K. Connolly, of Quebec; M. Conof Montreal; John Connor, St. John, N. B., and P. L. Connor, of Brant-

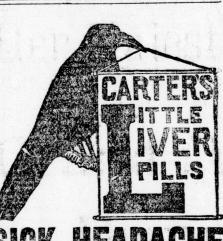
ford. The Elma township council for some time past has been bringing to bear their influence upon the Ontario Government and neighboring municipalities with a view to securing their co-operation in an effort to deepen the Maitland River by dredging it from its scurce to its outlet at Goderich, more especially through Elma and townships. Their chief object is to so deepen the river through these township as to afford a good and sufficient outlet for the several big municipal

drains running into it. A Comber dispatch says: David Mc-Cummings, a laborer, while boarding the Leamington accommodation train, was killed here today (Saturday). The train had started, and when jumping the unfortunate man was caught between the coach and the high platform in front of the freight shed. His skull was crushed and death was instantaneous. Dr. Abbott associate coroner for the county of Essex, was telephoned for, and he arrived in a few moments after the accident had happened, but not before the vital spark had departed from the body. He was a man of about 37 years, single, sober, and industrious. An inquest was not

deemed necessary. John Tisdale, Woodstock, has in his possession an interesting relic of historical value, in the shape of a pair of slippers which at one time adorned the dainty feet of Queen Anne. The slippers are made of a sort of peach-colored kid, and are models of neatness, with the exception of the width, which gives evidence of the wearer having been possessed of rather wide ankles. The heels taper to a point but little larger than a thumb nail, and the toes are also pointed. The slippers were given to Capt. McNeilidge, of Argyll Castle, by Capt. Alexander. The relic came into possession of the family through Mrs. Tisdale's father, Capt. McNeil-

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