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He lost no time in responding to the summons of Doctor Vaughan, and was ager to know of the welfare of the 'young lady' and Mrs. Sirard. Doctor Faughan satisfied him on this point and han satisfied.

then said:

"I am authorized by Miss Payne to see you, and ask some questions that she thinks you may be able to answer. First, then," said the doctor, in his kindly manner, "how long have you been with your present master"

"Nearly three years, sir."

"And how long has the woman whom he calls Cors been known to you?"

"She has been known to use all that time, sir," replied Henry.

"You first saw her in company with Daviling."

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"Ne, sir; she came to his rooms when I had been there but a few days, and ordered me about like a countess. I didn't know the ropes then, but she made me know my duty soon eneugh," dryly.

"Eridentit, then, she and your master were friends of long standing, even at that time?"

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'I need to hear parts of their talks.

ey seemed not to care to have even so

not of a machine as I, hear them at all

"Now, will you try and recall some of these fragments of talk? Think if you heard them speak of their travels, to-gether or separately; and if you can re-call the fames of any persons or places they have mentioned."

Henry pondered. "I think," he said,

after a time, "that they have been in Eu-rope together. In fact, I am sure of it." Doctor Vaughan started. "Oh! that is to the point, You don't recall any time mentioned?"

mentioned?

"No six. They used to talk of luck with the cards, and sometimes spoke of operas or plays, and almost disagreed. Sometimes I would hear him describing men to her, and she seemed to be getting ready for a part in some 'game' that he was trying to play."

then, let us return to the lady."

"Well, sir. she was very impatient untill my master came, and then they had a long talk. I heard him speak of the old man Verage again, and she seemed a little afraid, or annoyed, I don't know which. Then he seemed to be telling her of some new scheme, and there was a great deal of planning and some chaffing about her going into the country. Just at daybreak they sent me for a carriage, and she went away in it, closely valled as before. He told her he would join her without fail. I have not seen her since. That same morning he brought the beautiful young lady to his rooms, and," smiling so as to show all his white teeth, "I think you know all the rest, sir."

"I think you know all the rest, sir."
Charence nodded and then appeared los in thought. Finally, he lifted his heafrom the hand that had supported it "Since your master has returned town, how does he employ his time?"
"Yesy much as usual."
"And that is in—"

"Gaming."
"Is it true, Henry, that the room be-low your master's apartments is fitted up for private gambling?"
Henry stirred uneasily, and looked his Doctor Vaughan smiled. "I see how it," he said. "Well, then, this man, the rofessor, do you see much of him of

with my meater at his reoms, but they never go out together. They have had a great deal of privacy lately; something new is affect."

"The man is a sort of decoy-duck, I

fancy?"
"Yes; what the gamblers call a capper.

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"Well, Henry, I think I won't detain you longer now. Take this," putting into his hand a twenty dollar hill, "and keep your eyes and ears open. If your master leaves town, observe if the Professor disappears at the same time."

Henry expressed his gratitude and his entire willingness to keep an eye upon the doings of Mr. Davlin and the Professor, and howed himself out, mutter-

the doings of Mr. Davlin and the Professor, and bowed himself out, muter-fessor, and bowed himself out, for many fessor, and it has a deliberation that was almost hesitating. Nevertheless, things were moving, and in the wate of little events, great that in the wate of little events, great disting. Nevertheless, things were moving, and in the wate of little events, great disting. Nevertheless, things were moving, and in the wate of little events, great disting. Nevertheless, things were moving, and in the wate of little events, great disting. Nevertheless, things were moving, and in the wate of little events, great disting. Nevertheless, things were moving, and in the wate of little events, who waited and watched.

Clairs laughed gleefully. "What did I say? It is your old ory. Now, dear, be plotters and counter-plotters, who waited and watched.

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"Now, just listen, you unreasonable being!" assuming an air of grave admonition. "Don't you know that I have overtayed my time by almost a month?"

"Yes, but——"
"Well, don't you know that if I tell you beforehand that I one

you beforehand that I am going, you always contrive excuses and hatch plots, to keep me at least three weeks longer." "I plead guilty." laughed Olive.
"Well, you see I have staid out my
days of grace already. And knowing
your failing, and feeling sure that I
could not humor it, I have just taken
advantage of you, and packed my
trunks."

and tempted to fiee ingloriously in search
of Olive, that lady entered and Claire
feit as if saved from lunacy. But she
could not quite shake off the ponsciousness that had awakened in her, and soon
framed an excuse for leaving the room,
Once having escaped, she did not return,
nor did Olivé see her again until she
came down to dinner, and Doctor
Vaughan had gone.

While lingering over that meal, Olive
said, after they had talked of Madeline
through three oourses, "I think, by theby, that Dootor Vaughan expected to see
you again before he went."

If I were writing of impossible heroines, I might say that Claire leeked consolous; but real women who are not all
chalk and water, do not display their feelings so readily to their mothers and sisters. So Claire Keith looked up with the
countenance of an astonished kitten.
"To see me? What for?"

"Well, perhaps I was, mistaken. But
why have you kept your room all this
afternoon?"
"Have been packing. Please pass the
marmalade."
"Packing!" mechanically reaching
out: the required dainty.
"Yes, packing. You don't think I
came to spend the winter, do you?"
"But this is so sudden."
"Now, just listen, you unreasonable
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"Yes, bus—""
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was becoming careless, very careless. Sometimes Miss Arthur was inclined to think that her scant looks of well-dyed hair were pulled quite unnecessarily, while her head was under Celine's hand. But this she endured like a Spartan, only

selle?"

Being assured, when the hair-dressing was done, that she had accomplished the task without inflicting so much as a single twinge of pain, she held open the door for her mistress, cooling her satisfaction and beaming with delight.

But also for the poor spinster! Before she had been half an hour in the scolety of her beloved fiance, her unfortunate habit of tossing and wriggling her head brought Celline's gingerly architecture to grief. A sudden twist tumbled down full helf of her glossy "crown of glory" from Miss Arthur's head to Mr. Percy's feet, and—we draw a veil over the confusion of the unhappy spinster.

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Arthur's service.

He said nothing to this end that evening. But he fully satisfied Miss Arthur that he was not the person referred to by the girl. And to guard against further

roundings, many a time and oft; but today, for the very first time, he felt dissatisfied with himself.

And Claire had revenged her wrongs
twofold.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

THE CURTAIN RISES ON THE MIMIC STAGE.

Always, in life, little events pave the
way for great catastrophes. The mine
burns slowly until the explosive point is
reached, and them—

Fate was taking a leisurely gait, seemingly, and moving affairs at Oakley with
a deliberation that was almost hesitating. Nevertheless, things were moving,
and in the wake of little events, great
ones could already be discerned by the
plotters and counter-plotters, who waited
and watched.

Celine Leroque was in better spirits once more.

She was as clay in the potter's hands

But this she endured like a Sparcan, only exclaiming when the torture became unbearable. And when she finally ventured a protest, disastrous was the outcome With many an apology, Celine fingered the curls and braids, inquiring with every touch of the hand or adjustment of a hairpin: "Does that hurt, mademolselle?"

the spinster to wonder how on earth she should manage her hair dressing, and to set that the pirl adrift until a substitute had been found.
The fact that the girl was retained in the house annoyed Mr Percy not a little. But it did not surprise him that Corn should wish to keep her. He had long be-

brought Coline's gingerly architecture to grief. A suddent wist tumbled down full half of her glossy "crown of glory" from Miss Arthur's head to Mr. Percy's feet, and—we draw a veil over the confusion of the unhappy spinster.

The lady having retired to her dressing-room to relieve her feelings and repair damages, a scene was enacted in the hald apologized and giggled alternately, until the one had exhausted her anthem of wrath and the other her accompaniment of penitence and giggles.

Then a truce was patched up, which lasted for several days.

Celine had advanced to the verge of disrespect, when speaking of Mr. Percy, on more than one occasion. Several times she had said that he "had a familiar look," and she faucied she had seen him somewhere. But she had always checked herself on the very border-land of impertinence, and never had been able to tell if she really had before seen the gentleman or not.

But Cora objected so strongly that he had refrained. Before evening came, however, Ceiine sought thm, as he was stiting in what he chose to call his "study." and said:

"Pardon my intrusion, monsieur, but I am distressed about mustamn. This arternoon she is not so well, and surely should have some mentione."

The old man wrinkled his brows in perplexity, as he repiled: "Yes, yes, girl; but she won't let me call a doctor."

Celine sighed, and moving a step nearry, murmured: "Monsieur, I will venture to repeat what madame but now add to ac, it I may."

He signed her to proceed.

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She looked somewhat relieved, but still anxious, and the man, after eyeing her for a moment, placing one hand firmly upon her own, said, in a tone that was half caress, half command:—
"Ellen, you have been listening to gossip about me. Now, let me hear the whole story, for I see it has troubled you, and I will not have that."
She, glad to unburden her mind, told him what Celine had said. Perhaps Celine had counted upon this, and was making of the unconscious Mr. Percy a tool that should serve her in just the way that he did. At all events, while he listened to the spinster, he assured himself that if the French maid were not, for some reason, an enemy, she was certainly a meddler, and that she must quit Miss Arthur's service.

inquiries or accidents, ho told her of several men of the name of Percy, who were much in society, and might be, any one of them, the man in question.

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month's wages, as I have not been in the least a loser by her dismissal. I enter the service of madame immediately."

And then Celine had smiled blandly, bowed, and taken her departure, leaving the spinister to wonder how on earth she should manage her hard-freesing, and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the should manage her hard-freesing, and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the should manage her hard-freesing, and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the should manage her hard-freesing, and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the should manage her hard-freesing, and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the should manage her hard-freesing and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her hard-freesing and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her hard-freesing and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her hard-freesing and to wish that Edward had not insisted upon the departure of the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she should manage her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she spinisher to wonder how on carth she spinisher to wonder her and the spinisher to wonder how on carth she spinisher to wonder her and the spinisher to wonder her and the spinisher to wond

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