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CHAPTER XL. SIR JOSEPH'S TRIUMPH.

ha came hurriedly and breathlessly to

ill. I only heard of it last night. I must see him—she, Mrs. Ryali, must let me

"You should see 'un, Miss Nora, dear, If a hundred Mrs. Ryalls stood in the She stole out of the house like a thief.

But don't 'ee take no heed of she, dearie. Come to your lather." She held
Nora back for a moment, and looked
Nora hack for a moment, and looked the account of my valued friends be-

took the hand, that lay on the coverlet. He was lying as if he were incapable of sight or hearing or compreension. With the tears streaming down her face Nora spoke the sacred dreaded that he would remain uncon- of ands; it will bring trade and plenty

after half an hour had passed. He was oth to leave her, but he had a duty

ome back as soon as I can." She understood and let him go hough she cared nothing for the mine and her prospective wealth-nothing but for him and her stricken and dy-

works, and it was filled by a crowd, portance; figure and face were elo- ball; but the burden of general visitquent of prosperity, success, and grati- ing the master of this many

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larkened room. Her eyes sought the dear friends and neighbours, for the wan and wasted face lying on the pil- Great Byeworthy Mine will transform ow, and she sank beside the bed and this place from a Sleepy Hollow to a

He smiled at the joke, and the crowd

thrice, and she will provide work for a large num



## The Shadow of the Future.

CHAPTER L "STUARTS" AND ITS. MASTER SHOWS HOW AN OLD BACKELOR MAY BECOME A NEW HUSBAND stive of a high-class lega try, and foremost place in the society

He was a tall, fine man, this lawyer, earing his more than half-century betokened; trusted and trustworthy; neartily liked by a smaller circle of in-

lighted to visit at his red-bricked dwelhad not been expected to cultivate the to get it finished next week and I SIR JOSEPH'S DISCOMFITURE. ens of ways by which he could—and to buy with it."

Eliot and Stripley quietly fought did—require such hospitality as he reliked nothing better than to keep his a gift of considerable magnitude. house as it had been in his father's time before him, solid and handsome in all its equipments, unchanged by fuc-tuating fashions of the day, and to given that woman 33 cents would tuating fashions of the day, and to spend his evenings mostly in the soli- she have felt half so delighted? Of

promise. I am thinking of you also, my But this rule of life knew one exception. Once every week post-prandial seclusion gave place to another arrangement, which might almost be called an institutio

covered table of the study retired to a tobacco, and who was terribly put inevitably be rare, so the more of the heered.

bay-window overlooking a long gar
"For many and many a year the mine den; four stands, residing elsetime in out a coupon in it.

bay-window overlooking a long gar
out when a package came once with
out a coupon in it.

we will all be. our corners of the room, were bron forth and set in unvarying array before strumentation as he himself.

Never had Beethoven a more devou worshiper than the leader of this weekly quartet, and never, perhaps, was his life to know happier moments than those spent in affectionate interpretation of some unspeakably lovely adagio, some minute as graceful as the scent of a new-blown rose in sweet or some rondo so crisp and fresh as to put the long-drawn discords of latter lay harmony to shame.

For three hours these conditions would follow supper plain, but excellent as epicare could wish; and then, as the timepiece between the windows rang forth "Auld Lang Syne," and struck eleven, the party would break up. Second violin and 'cello-one the widower-rector of the chief church St. Clement's, the other a physician o ample means and leisure—would so off arm-in-arm toward the west end of the little town, while the viola would turn down High Street to a more mod est abode.

the others; by name Jacob Cheene the others; by name Jacob Cheene chief of the coyping and what may be called "general drudgery" department in Mr. Almyn's office—a man of great devotion to his employer, but of perhaps, except in one direction, no particular ability, since he gained no upward step in his employment from youth to age, save what long plodding service entitled him to.

People were amused at the lawrence

People were emused at the lawy atronage of his subordinate whe patronage of his subordinate when it began years before, and though he might have chosen, as sharer of his tastes and companion of his two daily walks, some one more suitable than an inferior amployee. But Mr. Alwyn had a habit of following his own prejudices Possibly he may have had other rea-Possibly he may have had other reasons for taking to Jacob Cheene over and above their mutual love of our harmonious mistress; but, at any rate his kindly notice of the quiet, shy may never slackened. By now the clerk's place in the quartet was as well established as his master's; while year it and year out, as half-past nine chime from St. Clement's tower, the lawyer would emerge from his door, and benthis staps eastward as far as Michaelle, then the two would

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One would think the stemps she

wealthy man who religiously saved can't come often—they wouldn't be certain coupons that came with his big if they did. The big joys must

strange, that one of the most powerful and primitive human instincts finds expression in collecting stamps coupons and the like. The first law of life is self-preservation, the secguire, to add bit by bit to some form of property-in other words, to col-

Pebbles And Paintings, Stamps And The small child who gathers shin- in a row through the centre of the

ing pebbles on the beach and shouts sun, without coming within 50,000 in triumph that he has more shining miles of his surface on either side.

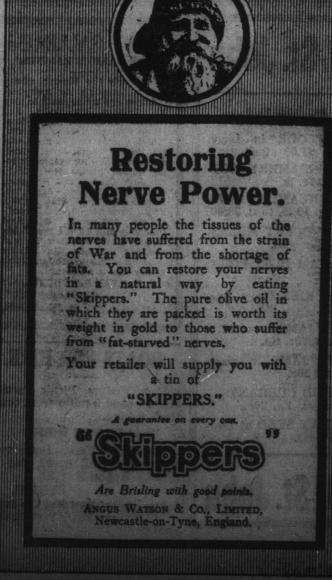
boy who collects cigarette pictures ings; and the woman who saves trading stamps—all are following the same inevitable instinct.

If some one gave that woman grow fuller, planning what she is ment in the last few stamps an

Anyone who does not have som like these, the filling of a stamp book, stallment of an interesting serial, the day to day, the fulfillment of buying amps? I used to know a really shining in the average life. Big joys

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