Jennie McKay, Kingsclear. Gently smooth her restless pillow,

Wet her fevered lips again,
For surely love and fond attention
May be lavished not in vain. Tread lightly near her couch of anguish, Whisper softly to our girl, For a harsher step or murmur, May the fleeting life destroy.

Alas tis done; the struggle's over. Hope has withered in our breast, Nestled in her Saviour's bosom, Jennie gently sank to rest,

Would we now with tears and groaning. Only would selfish love detain her. In a world of care and strife

Far away from care and sorrow In that world of bliss above, There our Jennie with the angels Sings the song of heavenly love

Cease our hearts rebellious sighing, For our precious sleeping one Our Jennie is among the angels;
'Tis enough, God's will be done

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## THE DOUGLAS HEIR.

CHAPTER XXXII.

BROWNIE'S STRANGE VISITOR. Had an earthquake shaken the house at

that moment greater consternation could not have prevailed than at this announce-Sir Charles regarded his friend in blank astonishment, while the company were, most of them, mute from surprise.

the indignant young lover's stern gaze, and then exchanged guilty glances of dismay with Isabel as they wondered how they would ever answer to him in the future for the doings of that day.
"Adrian, surely you are crasy!" almost

shrieked Lady Randal, at last. You make such a mesalliance as that. "Call it whatever you choose, but please remember when you speak o Miss Douglas in the future, that you are

speaking of the future Lady of Dunforth. he said coldly, but proudly.
Surely a nobler specimen of manhoo never braved the world's scorn than Adrian Dredmond at that moment; and poor Brownie, although in "durance vile" above them, might well look hopefully into the future, which should be passed by the side of such a noble defender as

Turning to Sir Charles he made a signal for him to follow him, and then, with a haughty bow to the assembled company,

"Charles," he exclaimed, seizing his chief and when they were alone in the half, "will you lend me your aid in this trouble? Something is wrong," he went on speaking, in tones of anxiety; she was then, I promise you, we will return the communication of the said I know it was to you." expecting me te come to her, and I know jewels to you."

she would never have gone away of her

The delicate

Adrian's lips curled again.

Sir Charles believed that something must be wrong or Mrs. Coolidge would not have spoken as she had done.
The future will disclose whether I have

or not, he replied, coldly. You may depend upon me. Adrian. to do all in my power to unravel this mys tery. Miss Douglas certainly appeared very lovely person, and until tonight I admired her very much, although I have rarely met her. Believe me you have my sympathy," and he meant it in "Thank you, but I am wild in trying to think what has become of the poor child.

checked himself suddenly. He was upon the point of saying h feared trachery on the part of the Cool-idaes; but remembering that it would not do to speak of them that in Sir Char-

les' presence, he stopped.
"What?" Sir Charles demanded, with a Ado not know what to believe, Adrian said; then added, suddenly: "You may think what you choose concerning what I have told you to-night, and the world may unexceptional parentage, and I shall wedding."
marry her just as soon as I am fortunate
"Rut wo

enough to find her.

After a few more minutes spent in con for the lost one, Adrian departed, his grief, insulted affection, and anxiety. had come with a heart beating high with hope and love, with not a thought but that he should clasp his darling in his arms, and, with Lady Ruxley's co-ope ration, be able to place her in a position

befitting her station until he could marry her. He had brought a little ring se with a single glittering stone of purest water, with which he had hoped to seal with him, it seemed like a silent mocke To have found his darling and won her love, only to lose her so soon again, and

was a terrible blow to him, while the worst of all was the fact that he did not know which way to turn to seek her.

"Mamma, did you ever hear anything like it?" demanded Isabel of her mother, as soon as they could excuse themselve from the drawing-room and retire to their

own rooms.

No; things are getting terribly mixed up, it seems to me. How, when, where did he meet her again, I wonder?

"I have it," said Isabel. Lady Ruxley attended the dinner at Dunforth Castle of course her companion accompanied her quite recent. I judge.

while, that is sure," returned Mrs. Cool idge, with a savage glitter in her eyes. Oh, mamma, you look almost as though you would like to kill her! Isabel exclaim

ed, in a frightful whisper. she ever saw Adrian Dredmond," she answered, vindictively. "To think that she should win him, while you will only

be a baronet's wife.

tongue," she said.
"Let us go and see how it fares her now; methinks the proud beauty will be somewhat humbled by this time. But humbled or not she will have to stay there until after your marriage, for if Mr.

She shoved the heavy bolt, and the two His head was very large for the rest of women entered Brownie's prison. They ound her sitting upon the floor near the door, looking pale and wan.

rhick they bore blinded her eyes at first so that she could scarcely see. out she arose as they entered and stood

in haughty silence before them, and holding the precious casket tightly clasped in her hands behind her, "Well, how do you like your place of retirement? Quiet, isn't it?" sneered

"No, madam."

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dashed the casket from her hands.

could turn to prevent her, she had cap-

a mood,' she said.

"What do you mean by detaining me here?" Brownie demanded, almost passed in the direction of Isabel's room.

"I mean just what I said, that you are

think you can make any such terms with me, Mrs. Coolidge. I do not fear you in the least, and unless you restore my "Do you

until your dying day."
And Mrs. Coolidge knew she would do stronger than her own; she quailed be-fore it, and knew that victory for her could

gleam of her eyes. Brownie's heart sank, and she grew whiter about the mouth at these words, but she would give no outward sign of the growing fear in her heart,
"May I ask how long you intend to

live very long shut up in a dark place a pillar to support the roof. You per like this," she said, thinking to frighten her into letting her go.

The woman started. She had not

thought of its being solitary confinement before, and it was a good while before the grand wedding would come off. She meditated a moment before reply-

not suffer, Miss Douglas, but I must keep you here for the present. Undoubtedly then added: "Have you courage to step you know that Isabel is to marry Sir upon that narrow platform and go down "How thoughtless in you here for the present. Undoubtedly you know that leabel is to marry Sir Charles Randal very shortly, and I am resolved that nothing shall interfere with Brown you would raise such a breeze for us that everything would be upset. There is only one condition upon which I would release you," she concluded, with a searching look into the young girl's face, and really feeling anxious to let her go, if she would only keep silence.
"What is that?" demanded Brownie,

The delicate lips curled, and the lovely eyes flashed ominously.
"Will you?" asked her enemy.

papers to read, and bring you food three times a day. You shall have plenty of manage to exist quite comfortably for a A few weeks

Would she dare keep her there so long? Brownie thought, with a sinking heart. Meanwhile, what would Adrian thinkwhat would they all think had become of Even her strong, proud spirit trembled before such an appalling pros-pect, yet she never thought of yielding. Mrs Coolidge soon returned, and Isabel with her, bringing a mattress, bed-clothes, and a tray containing a dainty supper, the former having taking care to provide, it, knowing that her prisoner had been long without food. They also brought then retired, leaving her somewhat anxi-the door, and dropping the tapestry over out for the future, but by no means sub-it, said :

days—never fear," Mrs. Coolidge said to ed nssistance.' Isabel, before going to her own room. He moved a

think what you choose concerning what I have told you to-night, and the world may say what it will, but Miss Douglas is of say what it will, but Miss Douglas is of away, and hide himself until after the mered or chiseled away, until only a very "But would you trust her now?"

"Yes; she'd never promise unless she through which could be seen the light of meant it. and she'd keep her word," was the candle which they had left behind; sultation as to the best means of seeking the tribute which this bitter foe paid to and yet from the room they had just left the young girl's stron, true spirit. Left to herself, Brownie's first work was hungry, and the inner man thus strength-ened she felt somewhat more cheerful.

She arranged her bed, for she was very weary with sitting for so many hours upon that stone floor, and then retired, feeling rather lonely and sad, but confident that tures, "it is always very quiet here, and the Lord, her shepherd, would care for to night while reading I was startled by her there as tenderly as in her own room; and ere long she was sleeping soundly. She never knew how long she had been astonished, for nothing like it has ever sleeping, for her rest had been unbroken happened before, I threw down my book, and dreamless, but she was suddenly crept to this spot, and listened, Although awakened by a cold clasp upon her hand! I could not see very distinctly, I could and she was broad awake, with that in- had been forced into yonder cell to cover ence, which people sometimes have when that your name is Miss Douglas, and that

place with a reddish glare, for she had not most young ladies would have begged extinguished it, feeling that the darkness and prayed to be let out upon any terms. would have been too horrible, and by its light she could distinguish a strange look admiration. ing object kneeling by her side.

canny, that the sound suddenly died upon flown! her lips, and left her paralyzed with fear. "But seeing her so terrified.

His face was pale and haggard, and his lips perfectly colorless, but there was a smile of patient sweetness upon them that vivid crimson.

His face was pale and haggard, and his do no good to relate," was the pained religion in the return and make known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of your imprisonment and the manner of your known the fact of you went to her heart at once.

His forehead was high and broad, and Dredmend should find her now, there surmounted by hair which was perfectly would be an end to all your fine plans," white, although his general appearance said Mrs, Coolidge, moving toward the did not indicate that he could be more than twenty-one or twenty-two years of

his body, and rested forward upon his breast, while his shoulders came up so high that he seemed to have no neck at all; one hand hung limp, withered, and helpless by his side, while one foot and leg were twisted entirely out of place, the heel being where the toe should be was a sad-looking object, but Ah! h

Brownie felt no fear of him now. He had a true, good face, full of intelli Isabel, while she began to walk about the place as if to examine it.

The insulted girl deigned her no reply.

The insulted girl deigned her no reply. "Miss Douglas, I have come to make one more appeal to you. Are you willing to accede to my terms?"

eyes, and the tears involuntarily started.

He was quick to read her sympathy, for he said, with his sad smile:

"Thank your Description of to-night, and your presence here. So why should I not tell you?"

Then, with a sudden decision he want "Thank you; I see you don't fear me

she uttered a cry of pain and dismay,

"Can you trust me sufficiently to let me take you out of this miserable place? I came to release you."

Isabel had glided stealthily around behind her, and with one powerful blow had label the casket from her hands.

"Can you?" she exclaimed, "I believe that there is but one roundings are, what my country is like, and beyond my own attendants, scarce hind her, and with one powerful blow had "Can you?" she exclaimed, "I believe that there is but one roundings are, what my survountry is like, and beyond my own attendants, scarce but it is true, nevertheless. I was born her said, and that is to explain everything in a straightforward way. Perhind her, and with one powerful blow had I came to release you."

She looked more astonished than ever. osite end of the cell.
Holding the light close to the floor, he

jewels, and let me go at once, I shall of stone about a foot and a half in diame-make such trouble that you will rue it ter?"

row," he replied. "How strange! it does not look as if ful days. there were any possible way of escape from the place," she said, closely examin-ing that end of the cell. "No; the trap was very cunningly plan keep me in solitary confinement? You ned probably when the old castle was first are aware, perhaps, that people cannot built, and this shaft looks as if it was only ceive there is one upon each side of the cell, but only this one has the bolt at the

base."
"Why do you suppose it was made so?" Brownie asked, curiously.

"Probably as a place of concealment, or a way of escape, in case of troublous ing, then she said:
"I will endeavor to see that you do has been used as—but never mind that

that match. If I should let you go now, you would raise such a breeze for us that

It was a noble countenance, and full of

"Yes, I will go," she said, and stepped upon the semicircular block of stone.
"You will only be alone for a moment," he said, "for I shall follow you immedi-Vallingham Hall and conceal yourself from everybody until after the wedding; There! now lean close against the shaft. so. Now you are all right."

Brownie obeyed his directions without a

fear, for she saw that he was only intent upon serving her, and she felt herself in another dark closet, or passage, from to ascend again.

Following the stairs she soon found herand comformfortable room. The walls were hung with ancient and faded tapestry, but the floor was carpeted with bright warm colors, and the room

was quite tastefully furnished. It was lighted by two tall wax candles in silver candlesticks, and a cheerful fire man? burned in the grate. There were several

survey of the apartment, for she was rejoined by her strange companion. He smiled at her look of wonder and man remarked, seeing her listless atti- would be reduced to the most abject

"Now I will explain how I happened to He moved a few steps further up the ley. "I don't know about it, mamma; she room, thrust aside another portion of the is the spunkiest thing I ever saw in my hangings, and Brownie saw the same shaft or pillar of stone that she had seen in the mered or chiseled away, until only a very thin surface divided the two rooms, and this had been punctured full of tiny holes

nothing of this could be detected. "Ah! I see," Brownie said, and then to eat her supper, for she was really very she remembered her confidence in the

from her captivity. "Yes," the young man replied, while a look of infinite pain swept over his feathe sound of voices and a low, mocking laugh coming from this direction. Much In an instant every sense was unlocked hear, and soon discovered that some one stinctive consciousness of a horrible pres- up some dark deed or other. I learned you possess a very brave spirit, for you re-

The candle still burned, and lighted the fused to yield to your tormentors, when He concluded with another glance o

Her lips curled in a little michievou With a cry of terror she started up to smile, as she wondered how Isabel and find herself face to face with a form so her mother would feel the next time they misshapen, so frightful, so weird and ununbolted the door, and found their bird "But I don't see how you got the shaft

The creature immediately arose and down to those stairs," she said, in permoved away from her a pace or two at plexity. Her spirits were rising every Have I frightened you? I am so sorry, and yet I might have known. But do not room that it does from the other; only fear, I would be the last person in the when it got down, I moved around to the

CHAPTER XXXIII. HERBERT RANDAL.

"I beg your pardon. I did not mean to be inquisitive, or to arouse any unplea-sant memories," Brownie hastened to say, but she looked somewhat disappointed as well as embarrassed. He saw it, and, after a moment's thought continued, speaking more to himself than

"During the last few years of my life I have been led to recognize a higher power as guiding my life, and I have been pray ing that its bitterness might be removed

The next instant, and before Brownie eagerly. "Oh, yes, I can trust you fully !" formed disposition as well as a distorted one summer, but I was such a mis- haps if you could conceal the fact from

He seemed gratified by her confidence, body; for, as a child, I was subject to fits shapen mass of humanity that she went all but the immediate family that it He seemed gratified by her confidence, and smiled again, while his eyes rested admiringly upon her now bright face.

She had struck the arm that had been broken, and being weaker than the other the blow had benumbed it, causing her to release her hold upon the casket and to rey out with pain.

With all her spirit roused to battle, Brownie sprang to follow the artful girl, but Mrs. Coolidge barred the way.

"No, no, miss, you cannot leave this place tonight; you are in too dangerous a mood," she said.

"I verheard all that passed between win what do you mean by detaining me of the could not get out much as a rat-hole anywhere a mood," she said.

"I verheard all that passed between win what the seemed gratified by her confidence, and smiled again, while his eyes rested admiringly upon her now bright face.

"But how did you get in here?" she sked, the next instant.

"I have been here many times, and yet to rever entered by that door," he answer's ed, pointing to the door by which Brownie sprang to follow the artful girl, but Mrs. Coolidge barred the way.

"No, no, miss, you cannot leave this place tonight; you are in too dangerous a mood," she said.

"But how did you know I was here?" and she looked perplexed, for she could not detect so much as a rat-hole anywhere a mood," she said.

"But how did you know I was here?" and have of the country, and I cannot make the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me in fyonder the seld that those who had charge of the true, and used to confine me in fyonder cell until I came to my senses. The bolt it was kept out of the country, and I do not believe that even the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me in fyonder the seld that that fact be made known?" I do not believe that even the sight of me since. While me, said used to confine me in fyonder cell until I came to my senses. The bolt it was kept out of the country, and I do not believe that even the sight of me, and has seldom been able to bear thes sight of me, a Scriptures, whom his father took to Jesus ing to this that I was so ungovernable to have the evil spirit exercised, only I had no father to lead me to the Great down professor has had the principal way to accomplish it—He has sent me "Come this way and I will explain it Healer of souls, or everything might have charge of me and my education, He to be your liberator," she said, smiling.

nie began to be very beautiful.

Brownie lifted her clear eyes once more and searched his face before replying.

It was a public countenance, and full of large transfer of the family here until daylight, as there is no way having been an inmate of the family "Yes," It was a noble countenance, and full of marks of pain and patient suffering, and while she looked it seemed suddenly to grow strangely like some other face which grow strangely like some other face which course it will be useless to attempt that in order to justify yourself, you will and he saw her shiver again.

Ha took the anadic and sweeping. she had seen, yet whose she could not at until the household are astir. If you have to tell how you came to be shut you. I have books, and all the latest

> She thanked him and sat down, takage the book of fine angravings which ment very cheerful.

been rendered such a blank. It could not be that he was really in- she concluded, indignantly. sane, and that it was necessary to confine him thus! Was she with a mad- which incloses one side of the little

bookcases well filled with nicely bound her so that she actually fell faint. But, was abandoned for the larger ones, and volumes, and a few fine engravings with no : one look into that calm, patient left to fall to decay. I found an entrated strength and great power over some beautiful drawings hung upon the walls.

She had not time for a more minuta pletely banished all fear, and left her sometimes go there to read. I might cheapest and best blood cleansing tonic

"No," she answered, smiling; "but I am wondering how my explanation re-"Now I will explain how I happened to garding my abscence and sudden reap-your rights. Of course, a portion of

"Ah! I had not thought of that," he fer," interposed Brownie. replied, with a painful start, and a vivid flush crimsoning his white face. Brownie saw that he way very much

disturbed by her words. "You are an inmate of the family, passionately; then added, reverently: then "' he asked, thoughtfully. "I am companion to Lady Ruxley, although before coming to her I was governess in the family of that woman who entrapped me into yonder cell, and she then related to him something out her hand to him, while two bright good Shepherd, while she reverently ac-knowledged His hand in leading her forth "And it is her daughter who is "And it is her daughter who is to

> man asked, deeply interested. "Is she anything like her mother?" "Very much like her," Brownie said,

dryly.
"A fine wife he will have, I fear he answered, with curling lips. "I am very sorry for him," the young girl replied, gently. "He is very nice, I expect," said the cripple, his lips quivering painfully while he shaded his face with his hand.

am told." his tones were husky and tremulous.

could, and concluded : "To sum it all up, he is very hand-

some, and as good—they say—and noble to teach me some great lesson in life, proportion. A heavy sigh was the only reply, and then he appeared to be sunk in reverie. After an awkward silence, he sudden- life in the faith and patience which his ly aroused himself, and said:

placed in a very trying position by the events of to-night. It did not enter at that moment by the beautiful spirit world to harm you, were the words which greeted her ears, in tones so soft and gentle that Brownie involuntarily raised her to its place again. I thought it best for my mind that any explanation would within him. eyes, and was at once reassured, though you, however, to come up by the stairs, still so weak and trembling from her first fearing you might fall from the platform from yonder cell, although I should not for several minutes. There was evidence of the company of the stairs of the company of fright that she could not speak.

He—for he was dressed in man's apparel, though so misshapen as to scarcely and this stone cut away so?" she asked, be a baronet's wife."
Isabel flushed angrily.

"That all comes of papa's picking up a nobody with a pretty face and a glib tongue," she said.

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"There is a sad story connected with that miss Douglas, which I fear it would make of Vallingham Hall, when you the face of the guilty suffer for their own wrong-

> "I expected it would be somewhat son, and had wickedly concealed it, deembarrassing to Mrs, Coolidge and her priving him of all that makes life worth daughter, but how else will it bring con- the living for so many years, what a fusion!" Brownie asked, wonderingly. "Because it will have to be known and, if she were capable of such a crime that I was instrumental in it, and there might she not do worse and wreak fatal are but two or three people in the world | vengeance upon her already unhappy who know of my existence; consequent- victim? ly it would involve some very awkward explanations on the part of at least one individual, and that is my own mother.
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> Miss Douglas, my name is Herbert she thought she would, as it was evident Randal !"

> What! are you Lady Randal's son? emanded Brownie, in astonishment. own. "Yes, and Sir Charles is my own brother, although I have never yet look- of herstealing away and hiding herself ed upon his face; neither do I remem- from him? ber having seen my mother more than And she knew well enough if she half a dozen times in my life," he re- should make these things known to him

persuade you, under any circumstances, to let Isabet retain those jewels a while longer, and you keep silent about them?"

"You cannot, madam; there is a limit to have been more careful, but I did not like to speak loud enough that limit."

"I ought to have been more careful, but I did not like to speak loud enough that limit."

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"I ought to have been more careful, but I did not like to speak loud enough to wake you, lest I should be heard," and he glanced toward the door.

But soarce were the words spoken when the limit any one country is like.

"It is even so. It does not seem the outside of these buildings, excepting four blank walls which inclose a small court; I know not what my surface."

"I believe that the young giri, more and more astonished and shocked.

"It is even so. It does not seem the outside of these buildings, excepting four blank walls which inclose a small court; I know not what my surface."

"I believe that the young giri, more of a prisoner than I have been ever since my unfortunate birth. I have never seen the outside of these buildings, excepting four blank walls which inclose a small court; I know not what my surface."

"I to does not seem the word spoken."

"I the does not seem the word spoken when the outside of these buildings, excepting four blank walls which inclose a small court; I know not what my sound are specified."

"I the let was startled at first."

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charge of me and my education, He stored and proved and then moved with difficulty to the opposite end of the cell.

"You are very much mistaken if you been very much mistaken if you Helding the light class to the flow that is like for a child to have the love to be your liberator," she said, smiling. The service of me and my education, has been paid a high salary upon the and then moved with difficulty to the opposite end of the cell.

"Like the angel to Peter," he replied, to be your liberator, she said, smiling. The period of the service of the said and my education, has been paid a high salary upon the condition that he would never betray what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love his trust. I think he would be glad to face as if he almost deemed her an and my education, he said, smiling. The period of the condition that he would never betray what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love and more of a fixther and what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to have the love what it is like for a child to you," he said, smiling.

"Like the angel to Peter," he replied, condition that he would never betray what it is like for a child to you." and care of a father and mother, brothers see me in different circumstances, but angel. He had never seen aught so he has an invalid sister depending upon beautiful before.

continued:

"Do you see that semicircular block of of stone about a foot and a half in diameter?"

"Yes."

"And what looks like a huge iron bolt set close to that small round shaft of stone which runs clear to the ceiling?"

"Yes."

"And what looks like a huge iron bolt his hands were locked in pain, and that which runs clear to the ceiling?"

"Yes."

"And what looks like a huge iron bolt his hands were locked in pain, and that his forehead was covered with mousture caused by his anguish. Her heart bled of the way it is to be mind aright, thus giving some brightness to my otherwise blighted life; but to establish your character and justify your self, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my your self, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my your self, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my your self, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my your self, of course the secret will have been kept a close prisoner all my your self. "Yes."

"If you will step upon that block, and But what could she say? She did not except under circumstances of the ut- of an explanation will be necessary as fore it, and knew that victory for her could only be gained in one way—to keep her under lock and key until after Isabel's marriage. Then she would not care what she did.

"You do not fear me, and I have power to keep you here indefinitely?" she retorted, flushing angrily.

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"If you will step upon that block, and only into a little even know his name, nor the circumstances of the utpress your foot firmly upon that block, and will begin to slide slowly down. When you have descended about four feet you will see a short flight of stone steps; step upon that block, and the stone silved in the stone stances which had so isolated him from all humanity, or denied to him the common stances of the utpress your foot firmly upon that block, and will begin to slide slowly down. When you have descended about four feet you will see a short flight of stone steps; step upon that block, and they are the stone stances which had so isolated him from all humanity, or denied to him the common stances of the utpress your foot firmly upon that block, and they are the stone stances which had so isolated him from all humanity, or denied to him the common to short flight of stone steps; step upon that block, and they are the stone stances which had so isolated him from all humanity, or denied to him the common to short flight of stone steps; step upon that block, and they are the stone stances which had so isolated him from all humanity, or denied to him the common to short flight of stone steps; step upon that block, and they are the stone steps are the stone steps and they are the stone steps are the steps and they are the stone steps and they are the stone steps and they are the stone steps are the stone steps and they are the stone steps and they are the stone steps and they are the stone steps are the stone s

to keep you here indefinitely?" she retorted, flushing angrily.

"That may be, but there will come a day of reckoning sooner or later," Brownie replied danntlessly. "You do not suppose," she added, scornfully, "that in this nineteenth century you can keep me concealed for any length of time. I shall be missed, if I am not already, and the whole house searched for me."

"You have been missed and the whole house and grounds have been thoroughly searched for you, but no one has thought of looking here for you, Miss Douglas," "As soon as the shaft returns to its of looking here for you, Miss Douglas," "As soon as the platform is so nar-later will enter the content of the platform is so nar-later with meaning and the state of the content of the platform is so nar-later will of the door open, and there is a light place, Follow the stone steps and they will ead you to a comfortable room; I left the door open, and there is a light pose," she added, scornfully, "that in this nineteenth century you can keep me the disturbing you with my sorrow—it will overcome me at times.

"Dreadful!" murmured Brownie, almost moved to tears by the sad recital.

"You may well say that. It is dreadful to be shut up from the beautiful world—for I read of its beauties if the door open, and there way."

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were living, things might be different, and that the entrance to it from here is through the vaults—it was through "No one but yourself," he continued, man. My brother I have never seen, the dead vaults, I meant."

"knows to this day that the wall has been mutilated thus. It is several years now since these holes have been serviceable to me, for the evil spirit within me was long ago exercised, since when I have been the sight of her crippled son, she is also hand had touched her. while my mother not only cannot bear thought, and she shivered as if an icy clothed in my right mind, he concluded, ambitious that the one who is a credit "I was afraid you would shrink with his sad, sweet smile, which to Brow to her should profit by all the advan from it, but there is no other way, But the more she heard him talk, the brother, like my father, is a true and bero much longer, for the servants more she wondered who he could be— noble man, and I long to know it, and will soon be in. If you would blind this sad young cripple, who was so there has always been a faint hope in fold your eyes, I could lead you, and gentle, yet repulsive, so intelligent, yet to all appearance scarcely human. She gratified. My first thought when I looked at her watch, and found it was resolved to release you to night, was "No," she returned, with a proud four o'clock. The young man, noting that perhaps the event might open a uplifting of her small head; "it will the act, suddenly said:

"How thoughtless in me, Miss Douglas, to keep you standing all this time.

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can be comfortable here for an hour up, and the next inquiry will be, 'how longer, I will do my best to entertain did you get out?" aside a portion of the tapestry hangings, revealed an iron door. He ask-"I see," said Brownie, with curling ed her to draw back the bolt and push periodicals, and there is an easy-chair lips; "and if I proclaim the fact that a the door open. by the fire, which I know you will en- young man by the name of Herbert Randal, who has also been kept a close steps. He led her toward the fire, which really made the somewhat dismal apart-heartless mother's decree, liberated me, long, and soon came to what appeared

"I am constrained to take that view of it now, after what you have told me; all though I must confess, before you came, I was inclined to believe the very worst of her. I hope." he added, with some unshould know of your existence, and that Her thoughts were filled with this you should know something of your steps, they found themselves in what condles, too, so that I imagine you will self, as she had been told, in a large, airy, young man; she longed to know more kindred and the world in which you he had called a court, but what was of his sad history, and why his life had live. It is fearful to think that you in reality a small, ancient buryinghave never been outside these walls!" ground, surrounded on three sides by

"I sometimes go to a little old chapel fourth by that of the old chapel. court of which I have spoken. It must The thought for the moment startled have been a beautiful place before it more in the dark than ever.

"You are very weary," the young it not been for my tutor, whom I know blood, liver and kidneys. have escaped long ago in that way had known for all disordered conditions of poverty if deprived of his situation, and

so pity has kept me here." "But you might go out and assert pearance will be received by Lady Rux- all this proporty would fall to you, and then you could see that he did not suf-

"Yes, I might do that, and perhaps thereby gain the hatred of my brother. I want his love-oh, I crave the love of some human being?" he cried, almost And so I am waiting God's time to give me what is best."

"He has sent you a friend at all events, if you will allow me to be such," Brownie said, impulsively, and reaching tears rolled over her flushed cheeks and dropped upon her black dress, where marry m-Sir Charles!" the young they glittered like diamonds set in jet. "Ah! then this is the beginning of good things for me, and I will accept it

as a precious omen," he replied, clasping her hand warmly, and his eyes lighted with a deep and sudden joy. 'I do not mean to complain," he added a moment after, "for I have many things to be thankful for, and I thank my Maker every day that He gave me this ugly body rather than a blunted intellect; for the latter I can cultivate and enjoy here, while He will give me a "He is indeed a very fine young man glorified body in the future when He calls me into His kingdom. I have "Would you mind telling me what other comforts, too. Lady Randal prohe is like ?' and Brownie wondered why vides bountifully for me, I have my books, and moderately good health, She described him as well as she though that would be better, I think, if I could be more in the air. But I try to feel that all my privations are sent

and fit me for better things." Brownie felt that he had indeed learned more than one great lesson in words betrayed, and she could scarcely "Miss Douglas, you and I are both refrain from weeping as she looked into

And still, should the fact become un

known that Lady Randal had such a tempest it would raise about her head

Should she go away and hide? that he was much more disturbed as to the issue of the matter than he liked to But, Adrian! What would he think

"Yes, many times." He took the candle, and sweeping

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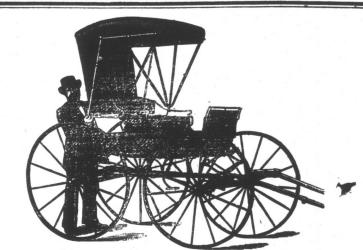


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