

OR THE UNDERGROUND SYNDICATE.

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mmon the night porter-where was house." ? Ah, she remembered, and almost As if for a reward of courage, no touched my dress, but it is nothing at nto her mind, her finger was hovering those ruby drops fell from the ceiling. covering self-control like a brave girl. ver the electric button.

peth's hand, as if it had been seized side of her nature was in the ascend- off some letters." peth's hand, as if it had been seized side of her nature was in the ascendand forcibly held back. "No!" she said, ant now, and she did not fancy that. She realized and acknowledged to herself that she had had good cause to help wondering what had been said he frightened but her fighting blood. er back on the bell, which meant help nd human companionship, if she chose

"Very likely they have had the same thing that had happened. ind of trouble here before with their "I will find out for myself if I can almost side by side, without confiding in anybody," she not peak or glance at the other. She cGowan told me the one from the decided. eighborhood whom they had had beme from the neighborhood, and am to sleep. e. It can't be ghosts; ghosts don't her.

strange sounds behind the walls. The stain on the ceiling. spite of her efforts, however, a stain crisply fried bacon and toast, greeted was left, but the vivid red was changed her nostrils refreshingly, and she was d been; if he lived, he must be an secretary had had a fright." derly man now, judging by the fash- Even as it was, she thought the of welcome. It is expected before ad-

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the family.

Instantly the words of the house- "I'll be worthy of their blood, if it's thing for this girl, and wished she teeper leaped into the girl's mind. The really in my veins," Elspeth thought, might have the chance to do more, cell! The bell by which she could "and I won't be a coward in their much more.

quickly as the thought had flashed further sounds came, and no more of all," answered Lady Hilary, quickly re-A second more, and the summons the sketch the girl might have begun of me to get in the way. Good-mornwould have gone flashing over the wire; to fancy by and by that it had all ing, Lady Ardeliffe; good-morning, but something seemed to restrain Els- been a bad dream; but the practical countess; I was just on my way to send later to have an explanation of every-

The one thing the girl could not do. ore couldn't manage the work, but I'm however, was to go back to bed. She been a meeting before. Lady Hilary. are he looked odd when he said it, sat up in her dresing gown until moon- however, chose to remember, and adnd perhaps there was more behind, light faded into dawn. Then, when dressed Elspeth, who was hurring on robably they're expecting me to make the tower room was gray with morning slightly ahead. fuss of some sort, though I don't light, she lay down and actually went

ot supposed to have heard the stor, It was after 7 o'clock when she waked, of this tower, whatever it is. Maybe and she had had scarcely more than lest the girl of high degree should this tower, whatever it is. Maybe the control of rest. Nevertheless, she lest the girl of high degree should be other girl knew it beforehand. But three hours of rest. Nevertheless, she mistake her for an equal and regret her doesn't matter, I won't make a fuss! felt well and strangely buoyant, helped condescension when she knew the truth boasted that I was brave, and I'm by excitement to go through whatever -"I have come here to be secretary

have blood. The chances are that The first thing she did was to look "Oh, have you? I think that must be ome one tonight has been playing a carefully at the ceiling for any trace very interesting work," said Lady orrid trick on me. Well, they shan't of red stain, but nothing was visible, Hilary, on the same step with Elspeth A PRETTY RUSSIAN BLOUSE-4074 et any satisfaction from it! I'm go- though the early sunshine was pouring now. "You must be very clever to get ng to stop on here, and in this room, in through an east window. There was, such a good engagement, and be inde-I have to stay awake all night, and however, a wide crack in one of the pendent, while you're so young. I ork all day, every day, till whoever dark oak beams which crossed the quite envy you. I should love to be ceiling at exactly the spot, so far as able to make my own living." This forceful determination poured she could calculate, whence the ruby-ourage into Elspeth's chilled veins, as like drops had fallen, splashing down think, if you had to, you would like it is sure to prove becoming. The model she had been drinking strong wine, onto the sketch. But many more red much, really." Instead of completing the havoc al- drops might have come through such isn't as if we were rich. But—there is shield of contrasting fabric while the ready made in her spirit by terror, as a crack in the black wood without leavfor a few seconds it had threatened to ing a visible mark. If she were to it seems rather odd, saying it to a is pleasing and matches the leather do, the fall of ruddy drops from the find out the mystery it would not be in stranger. You were very kind to me belt in color. The blouse is of the

stream of water over the paper while door, with an attractive-looking break- pathetic in coming to my rescue." the red spot was fresh and wet. In fast tray. A dellicous fragrance of tea, to a pale pink, which gave an effect more than ever glad, as the pleasant the smiling face of the boy had commonplaceness of everyday life been washed over with a faint flesh seemed to come in at the door like an plor. The penciled lines, faded before, atmosphere, that she had not called vere still more faded by the applica- any one to her rescue in the night. If nual convention of the Shipmasters' on of water; still, they were not ob- she had, by this time the news would Association of the Great Lakes con- pattern, as per directions given below, erated, and Elspeth was vaguely have spread over the hotel, and every vened here today and will hold a four- to She did not know who the boy servant would know that "the new day session.

his dress; she would probably waiter looked at her with a furtive journment of the convention some imever learn anything more of his story, interest, different from the look of last portant topics will be dealt with, nameen if it had been worth hearing, night. It was as if he were expecting ly, the problem for the bettering of vertheless, she was interested, and something. "I hope you rested well, navigation and the consideration of Province to herself that, as she was appar- miss," he said civilly, and Elspeth recommanding to Congress the penly connected in some distant way thanking him, answered with serene sioning of life savers employed on the the Lochrain family, through her cheerfulness that she had never been great lakes. her's pople, the Deans, the boy of better in her life than she was this sketch was perhaps a cousin of morning. The best of it was that it rs, far removed. This house had al- was perfectly true. The girl felt ready avs been the home of the Lochrains for anything.

atil lately, when it had been bought As soon as she had finished her an hotel, and as everything in it, breakfast, she started to thread her urniture, books and pictures, had been way to Mr. McGowan's room, but she he property of the Lochrains, it was had not yet "got her bearings" in this immense and rambling old house, and to reach the part she wished to find was easier said than done. After some wandering, she came out through a corsize, which she was sure she had not seen before. However, there was the stairway, which descended in the mid- Leonhardt, of Lincoln, Neb., one of dle, and rather than retrace her steps, the most distinguished and successful perhaps to be lost again, she decided physicians in the Western States. that it would be better to do down. On the floor below she would probably Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont. meet servants of the hotel, who would

put her in the right way. There were, however, several ladies dressing is not original with the French landing is a facsimile of the Dead Sea tunately received only slight injuries. standing in a group on the third or portrait painter. The Blackfoot Indian and surrounding country. The cities of taken from the 15c packages fourth step. Elspeth waited for a mo-chief always wears his hair with a the Holy Land are marked by metal largest industrial plant in the United ment at a distance, thinking that they lock over his brow.

they did not move, and that the stairway was very broad, she thought that she might pass without disturbing them. She moved forward rather timidly, conscious that she was a paid employe, and that it would be a grave offense for one in her position to dissaw that one of the three ladies was The United States Acquiring commode guests. Drawing nearer, she the beautiful young girl with whom she had traveled up from London yesterday. This morning she were a short, white serge dress, with dainty white shoes, and had on a hat, therefore she was presumably just going out, or had

just come in, early as it was. One of her companions on the stairway was an elderly and rather pecufaded light hair, arranged in a wouldbe artistic fashion, and an aesthetic gown more suitable for a London boudoir at tea time than a Scotch hydro in the morning.

The third figure was that of a very striking woman of perhaps 32 or 33, light, singularly pale yet clear complexion, and black hair, rippling away

A glance was enough to photograph these new personalities on Elspeth's brain. She saw also that the trailing dress of the eldest of the trio was spread out over the stairs in such a way that, broad as they were, it would be impossible for her to pass without pushing, or requesting the wearer to back after all, when something hap-

"Why, it was Captain Oxford!" exclaimed the lady with the trailing dress. "Didn't you know that, Lady

Instantly Elspeth saw a way of savuntary revelation. "I beg your pardon," she said briskly. "I'm afraid I stepany stitches!" With a start, Lady Hilary Vane and hold a large volume.

With a start, Lady Hinary looked round, and her eyes met Els-looked round, and her eyes met Els-Governments of this country and Australian to the Allen nition, then gratitude. The understanding of what the stranger had done for her, and why, was so clear in that between the two colonies was a judicilovely look that the young stenographer felt herself blushing. She also felt extraordinarily pleased that she had been able to do even so small a

"I-why, I believe you must have Had it not been for the pink stain on "You were trying to pass. How stupid

be frightened, but her fighting blood about Lady Hilary Vane's friend, Capwas roused, and she meant sooner or tain Oxford, which had made her start back as if she would fall. Now, the two girls were going down

was the inferior, and it was not her place to remember that there had

"You were in the railway carriage with us yesterday,"she said in a voice

as sweet as her face. oing to stand it somehow, if it kills new experiences might be in store for and stenographer for the manager, Mr. McGowan."

Elspeth laughed a little. "I don't its good style so long as it lasts, and

ceiling had undone the work of the such an obvious way as by a crimson just now, and saved me from—from regulation Russian style, closing at great mortification. I understand that one side of the front and extending girl was even calm enough now to re- Elspeth bathed and dressed quickly, you have noticed what we were say- down over the skirt in double-skirt gret the damage to the sketch she had and was almost ready to go down when ing in the train yesterday—quite inadeffect. A frock of this kind is suitfound in the old volume of Scott, and the servant, who had brought her dinto attempt repairing it by pouring a ner in the evening, knocked at the wouldn't have been so quick and symsions, and may be made of either a "I hardly know what did make me do it," said Elspeth. "I think it was just "worsted or washing fabric. The medium size calls for 3 1-8 yards of 44-inch -a kind of instinct."

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