

CHAPTER XXXIII.

"A married life begun in such cirprivate life was by no means so ami-.That she resented, and bitterly; the deception he had practiced upon her is certain; but her conduct was exemplary until, after nearly four years' absence, the prisoner re turend from Africa and they met once more-the woman who loved, and the man who loved her, with only on life between them and happiness. You will see gentlemen of the jury h words expressive of hatred uttered by her, and not expressive of hatred onwas dead. Terrible words for a man to hear who was already half maddened by the remembrance of his own wrongs and who would inevitably suffer an agony on seeing the anguish of the woman he loved! Shortly after this Lady Glynn's health failed. and the deceased, always a most ten der and devoted husband, took her to Easton for the benefit of the stabreezes, and they were accompanied by a select party of friends. One day

the prisoner appeared in the neighborhood and spent the night with his friends and acquaintances, leaving the next morning for Lynmouth in company with the deceased. It was on the eleventh of July, gentlemen of the jury, a day to be remembered as one on which a terrible and almost unparalleled storm raged on our southern coast, and did serious dam- by the stick produced?" asked the age on sea and land. When Sir Hugh, who was expected to return early in the afternoon, did not appear, it was supposed he had taken shelter some where on his way. But, when the storm was at its height. the Vivar of Easton was summoned home under the shadow of the cliffs. had found the body of a man, quite dead and so disfigured that it was impossible at first to recognize it. Past midnight though it was, the elergyman at once accompanied them | deceased." to the inn where Sir Hugh Glynn and his party had taken up their quarters down, Dr. Thorpe." and there the hapless man was re

cognized by his clothes, by the ring reast which he had received from his wife's fingers the same morning medical science proved beyond doubt that he had been killed, instantanecusly by a blow on the back of the head inflicted by some blunt instru-

All this and much more the able counsel brought forward against the prisoner whom the Crown had charg-

Several times Lucie looked at he anxiously, fearing she hardly knew what from the strained anguish deressure to the fingers which wer

The counsel for the prosecution anded amid a general silence. His there was a perceptible expression c relief on his face, while a significan murmur ran through the court, and ady Eastwell's eyes brightened as she saw how the eloquence and the proof he had brought forward were elling against Guy with the spects

Then the witnesses were calledthe fishermen who had found the body, and one or two of the servants whose evidence was unimportant bu necessary; and these were followed by the doctors who had made the post mortem examination. Their ex

## emination was lengthy and searching

by counsel on both sides, but their ocen caused instantaneously by the blow upon the back of the head; the to do with it-they had been received

"Could the blow have been struck prosecuting counsel, pointing to the bamboo silver-topped cane which lay on the table and which was the pro-

"Are you convinced that the blow

"That will do; you may stand The next witness called was Lad

WONDERFUL REMEDY side the body.



Castwell: and, as she left her place proud and stately in her rich black satin ribes, the spectators looked at her eagerly, the fair handsome woman with the vindictive light in her

"You knew him well-intimately "Yes, at one time."

"When was that?" When he was staying at my er's before his marriage."

"Lady Glynn is your cousin?" "Yes, my first cousin; she lived shook ith us after her mother's death." "She was engaged to the prisoner?"

"Not at all," Lady Eastwell anwered: "she continued the engage-

The tone was significant; a faint gold-trimmed eye-glasses, and looked at the witness steadily until the end

ces, Lady Eastwell, which induced

"You saw them start together on the morning of the eleventh?"

'Who had suggested Sir Hugh's

'Was Sir Hugh an ill-tempered nan, at all given to quarreling?"

"Certainly not." 'And the prisoner?'

Alice's lips tightened. "I have seen him violently

"Were Sir Hugh and his wife liv ng on amicable terms?" "No. certainly not. My cousin ever made any secret of her dislika

o her husband." "I think on one occasion, and even n more than one occasion, you eard her express considerable dis-

"I heard her wish she could kill

"Was she alone?"

"No; she spoke to the prisoner." "My lord, with your permission, vill examine the witness," said Mr Montagu, just as Alice was leaving the box; and something in the great awyer's keen, critical, rather satirical look disturbed Lady Eastwell's exquisite self-possession.

Very keen and quiet and to the point were his questions-trifling and indifferent almost they seemed; but when Lady Eastwell left the witness box, she felt that he had entire dence, that he had put Guy Stuart giving man who had nobly borne bitter and terrible wrong. Other witnesses followed, with more or less important evidence against the prisoner; but, on the whole, when the court adjourned for luncheon, it was evident that the case for the prosecution was a weak one, the only real evidence against the prisoner being the stick which had been found be-

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After luncheon the business proeeded rather languidly, until the last light figure in black, leaning on the arm of Mr. Grey, the Vicar of Easton ppeared in the witness-box, holding the rail in front of her with one slight hand, but gently declining



"I must ask you to remove your

The lawyer's quiet voice had inconcerned gaze—they were somewhat troubled, for the queen's lawver had a pretty daughter at home of Shirley's age, and he felt for her ter-

"Thank you." the lawyer said gently, shrinking himself from the task before him-the attempt to make Shirley bear testimony against the

"I think there is no need to disvously. "You can only corroborate. Lady Glynn, what previous witnesses have stated as to the circumstances of your marriage. They were cor-

"Yes." The voice was perfectly

"How long had you been Sir Hugh's wife when you met the prisoner?" "I think it was four years and a few months after that that Major Stuart returned to England."

"Had you seen or heard anything of him in that interval?"

"When he and your busband met did they meet as friends?".

"But they had parted bitterest

"And he had uttered threats of

"He was in great trouble," Shirley answered tremulously, lifting her eyes for a moment and turning them

upon the judge with an earnest, entreating look. "We can easily understand his distress, but to cherish vengeance during such a long period is not so easi-

give the wrong, and he did so."

"Will you repeat that statement

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