## Love and Crime

So And Beppo, shivering, protests, with outstretched hands, that as all the saints hear him, he will not touch the poor signor's body with the tip of his finger!

Herrold is not absent three minutes, and when he returns bis master is with him, and they find that, in spite of Beppo's respectful entreaties and objections, her ladyship is bending over the lifeless body with her hand inside the breast of the coat.

"I thought so!" Harrold mutters.
"I thought so!" Horrold mutters.
"I thought so!" or fellow! My love, come away! You can do no good!"
He lays his hand tenderly on her shoulder, but she shrinks away from his touch.

touch.
"I do not believe he is dead!" she mutters. "I think I felt his heart beating
just now. I will not go away until the
doctor comes! I will not!"
She grinds the words out through her
tight-clinched, little, white teeth, and
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She does not look at any one as she speaks, but stands there by the side of the couch, her chin sunk on her breast, her shoulders drawn up, her hands closed tightly and hanging by her sides.

"If you will permit me, my lady," the valet says, in his smooth tones, and in his adroit, deferential manner, moving closer to the couch, so close that she must move back or refuse to allow him to approach at all, "I will ascertain if his heart is beating still."

His hand is inside the coat ere he has finished speaking, in the warmth of the late life that has fled, and he rests his fingers a few moments over the heart that is silent forever.

"There is no pulsation; he is quite deed, my lord," Harrold says, in decisive tones addressing his master; "one can see it by looking at his face."

"Oh, yes! Poor fellow! How terribly—terribly sudden!" the earl says, in shocked tones, but drawing away nervously from the vicinity of the white, rigid face, the still form. "Lydia, dearest, the poor fellow is indeed dead. We can do no good by staying here; it is not fit for you to be here, love." he urges, affectionately. "Heart dissease, or apoplexy, I should suppose. Harrold," he aads, addressing his valet; "shouldnt' you say so?"

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disease, or apoplexy, I should suppose. Harrold, 'he adds, addressing his valet; "shouldnt' you say so?"
"It is difficult to say, my lord: the doctor will decide, Harrold says, in his placid, cold voice. "I will bring you and your ladyship word, my lord, as soon as the doctor comes.

"Very well." the earl answers. "You must not stay here any longer, Lydia; you will be fill, my love," her husband urges wagan tenderly.

"But I wish to stay. I—knew him a long time; I was an old friend. I wish to stay with him—till—till the doctor comes," she reiterates.

"Yes, I know, dear." the early says, gently, rather surprised at this outburst of feeling for the dead man, who had only been a legal servitor for her affairs and whem he had never liked, as she had herself told him. "But the snock and the distress will tell on you afterward. I cannot allow you to stay here. Lydia."

He draws her hand, with affectionate marital authority, within his arm, in spite of her petulant resistance, and leads her away; and she, chafing raging, terrified, her wicked soul seething in a turmoil of guilty lears, is obliged to yield, because she dare not, at this

comes," the early says, decisively, and rather irritably, because of her persistence in what she can see is distasted to him. Indeed, his cold, narrow constito him. Indeed, his cold, marrow electrons nature is almost in a fever of anger and discomnert at all this horror, confusion, alarm and worry, brought here to his very doors, where, in the poetic seclusion of this peaceful old Italian villa, he has thought to spend marries of tablic intrinsic with his

"There is nothing more to be done, I suppose, sir? The poor gentleman's body can be laid out now?"

"Yes—that is, no, not until I have seen him again," the doctor says hastily. "And please keep the cup, and the tea, or whatever he was drinking at the time of his death."

"Can't, sir," Harrold says, stolidly. "The tea was all spilled, and the cup smashed to pieces. He pulled the table over with him when he fell, her ladyship told me."

"Oh!" the doctor says, in a perplexed sort of way. "Well, it can't be helped. I must make a closer examination presently; there are some appearances I can't quite understand. When I have seen her ladyship I shall be better able to form an opinion."

"I dare say, sir. Her ladyship will tell you everything you want to know," Harrold says, with satire in his placid, respectful tones, which the doctor neither hears nor suspects.

Fle knocks at a door at the farther end of the corridor, and it is opened by a young woman whom Harrold addressee, in Italian, and, stepping back respectfully, the doctor enters, as the girl holds aside a heavy velvet curtain for him. Out of the chill, shadowy corridor it

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"Oh, doctor, I am so thankful you have come!" the physician hears a soft, plaintive voice say, before his dazzled eves can make out where—amid the glowing lamps, the glittering cut glass candelabra filled with ighted wax candles, the radiance of a blazing, wood fire gleaming on brocade covered chairs and couches, silken hangings, lofty mirrors, velvet covered screens, tables loaded with flowers, and books, and ornaments, jewel caskets, and costly bricabrae of al sorts—where, amid all these beautiful and luxuriant objects, is the person who addresses him. He sees her at last; the most beautiful and graceful object in the spelndid room filled with beautiful and graceful things.

Lying in a low, crimson, velect cover-

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He gazes at the clinging, shining, pale-gold silken draperies all the time the interview lasts, with almost as much in-terest and admiration as he does at the

pleads, entreatingly. "I am not afraid to stay!" she pleads, entreatingly, "I am not afraid to stay! I wish to stay, tay."

"But I wish you not to stay, my love," "But I wish you not to stay, my love," "But I wish you not to stay, my love," "I man right. There is no use of making more misery for ourselves than we need, out of this unhappy occurrence," he adds, complatiningly. "Our stay here is completely spoiled, of course. We shall have to go away directly, after such a terrible thing happening under the very roof! Come Lydia!"

And as Lydia, Lady Cardonnel, leaves the room, perfore submitting in sulen silence to her husband's will, she gives one last anxious glance back at the dead man, and at the living man who is watching beside him.

And, for the second time, she meets the valet, Harrold's eyes, and in them she reads plainly-warning.

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He sees something which he cannot well overlook almost as soon as his examination of the body commences. As soon as he raises the eyelids and sees the bright, lifelike eyes, with the third lips, where a little white froti appears, smiffs and smells, and then raises his face, grown suddenly more pallid and serious and looks aeross at Harrold with a startled expression.

"You are his lordship's personal attendant, I believe, Mr. Harrold?" the doctor says, nervously.

"Yes, sir; I have been his valet for twelve years," Harrold answers. "Do you wish to see his lordship, sir? He and Lady Cardonnel and myself, Dr. Williams!" she adds, tremulously. "I was a man of business, you know. Not very intimately. He was a solicitor, and managed some of my affairs. Indeed, it was on a matter of business he called here to-day. And, oh?" her ladyship says, with a piteous clasping of her white, begenmed hands, and a piteous uplifting of her eyes, "now I wish that he had neglected my business, poor man, and never come!"

"Good heavens, sir, you don't say so!" [Tobe continued.]

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