THE HIDDEN HAND

It seems too dreamlike now to be ban square. Perhaps there is something thrilling in the beat of drums for the sounds to die away. All ever; back once more to my strenuous plans for the wholesale capture she rode in her carriage down the "Just wait!" of the famous gang of forgers and coincrs whose successes had startled Europe.

No! What was that? The faintest ting-a-ling of the hall bell, curiously suggestive of nervous hesitation. Twice it was repeated before my man-servant had realized. In the interval, fuming, I sprang it? I opened my door just in time all directions. This very week my me go!" looked up at the driver. Who was

queer pause :--

son !"

face, babylike lips, and eyes like up. There was a mark on her shoul-Mediterranean water. der, she said; someone had struck forward. There was a small circu-Titled people had been pleased to catch her mere smile of recogni-tion. And then—one more bubble her name. No; Inspector Larkin visible. I cautiously inserted my Mediterranean water.

silently burst. One morning the wouldn't make a move, as you had hand and groped for the bolt, to same Paris caught its breath over asked for plain-clothes men to- make sure. And then-

+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0 had disappeared—and with her had clash with yours. He sent me sive horror of that instant when a DELICIOUS FRUIT DISHES. vanished the clever coterie of jewel- straight here with her. It's Felix clammy, powerful right hand gripthieves, coincis, and bank-note for- Avenue, after all, sir-number ped mine as in a handshake of eter- Fruit Icing.-A nice filling for Remove flower-pot stains from on the point that dusk had just set-tled down, and that a military band was passing along the quiet subur-ban sensoring along the quiet subur-bal sensoring

were gone—as they had gone from back your instructions. I think she ing at a crimson sky down which pan at once and beat until light. to a teacupful of lukewarm water other great cities of Europe. No- is insane, Mr. Lampard !" lect dropping my pen and waiting thing remained but the woman's "Tell Inspector Larkin he could hilation. I felt no pain, although sherbet glasses with orange jelly. bleeding from the nose.

Less volatile London had had no ing passionately to and fro. A It told me Anna Colonna, su- with sponge cake. haunting woman, who had all the ering, to face me. She was deadly zenith of her art to-night.

up, walked to the front window. and tilted a lath of the blinds. The door norch was in shadow. there but was straining every nerve to door norch was in shadow. there was nothing to be seen out an emp-ty hansom, and a constable flap-ping his arms mechanically as he lating, choking the local bit angu-the lating, choking the hoarse shout the pineapple. Serve cold in sher-treshness may be restored by put-ting them into water comfortably his here, in the garden, by the bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light, the rush bit cups. The juice of one-half the baze of a light is the rush bushes. The juice of the base the free down the staircase the gar

bitious agents were burrowing in bushes. I will not go back. Let of feet down the staircase, the gag the flavor of the pineapple. wedged between my teeth, the bind- Strawberry Salad .- Lay crisp let- water when washing oiled wood-

forget. "Why must you know my name? Only for a minute, if you will but tell him. He will hear me, I feel sure !" And I called out in the

Anton Rocca. His sneering smile a little ground walnut meat added For shabby leather-covered chairs sure!" And I called out in the which might give me the entire to all sentiment now. ueer pause :--"Show the lady in here, Law-to redit of the haul. And here with-to n!" Later d here, Law-Later d here, I stood back. An uncertain wait, till her warm breath fanned my you find the key and open that self to trap us. Now our way is this way to preserve them: Without with a soft cloth.

door for me as silently as you clear. We have you safe." paring, core and quarter and re- Watery custard, is caused by a rustle, and then she had floated face. Nothing more than that-that, move any decayed spots. Fill a cooking in an oven that is too hot. past me like a breath of scented "You will help me? If not, I am closed it." past me like a breath of scented summer wind, with a slow and gliding step, one hand half put out as if to feel the way. The electric as if to feel the way. The electric light was full on, yet she had the he raised his hand to me. I would "Was it not your condition that look of a frightened child, ready to have died sooner than betray them, Giuseppe should be warned?" scream at the first word or move- but where is my alternative? What "Ah, yes, yes! Giuseppe! You Sufficiently, I stood there, a slow, you can have warm baked apples lied, makes an economical substiment on my part. I am scarcely woman would suffer a blow in si-the man to allow myself impres-the man to allow myself impres numbing agony taking my imprison- for breakfast. Sweet apples can tute for milk. A cup of rice will

gently rubbed in with a camel hair brush. To remove paint from linens rub ABOUT THE HOUSE

the cloth with turpentine then clean with French chalk dampened with alcohol.

Bacon fat may be saved and used good flavor and keeps it from falling apart.

formation that saved them. All off four men ready; I'm to take ped with a twang; as if I were star- white of one egg, all put in in a A teaspoonful of powdered alum every star-world rushed to anni- Orange-Banana Cream.-Half fill sniffed into the nostrils will stop

smiling photograph and a vivid me-mory of the woman herself as, ly-ing back in a nest of priceless furs, watch; twenty minutes to nine. I tell no pain, although is below pain is below pa ning wave of chagrin as my realiz- light and smooth, fold in one-half black kid, shoes and gloves both. I ran back to the waiting-room. ation returned—as that maddening cupful of whipped cream. Fill the Boiled or roasted meat which is

chance to lose its head over this sharp little cry, and she rose, quiv- preme actress, had reached the Pineapple Foam.—Pare and grate Furniture Polish.—Two ounces one small pineapple. Beat stiff one linseed oil, two ounces of alcohol, It was her hand that snatched cupful of cream. Beat whites of four drops aniline, four drops wined upon the witchery of a siren; "What is it? You'll let me go!" away my pistol—her warm, dusky two eggs till dry, then gradually tergreen. Put on and rub with a but the gang were somewhere in she breathed almost fiercely."

The scene had shifted to London, She did not hear the key; she was laugh pealed out behind like a shake cups with the banana cream, heap- to be used cold may be wrapped in and seemed to be temporarily lost. upon her knees at the table, rock- of silver bells. and it will be moist and tender.

sionable thrills, but one tingled life or theirs!"

I reached out hastily for a chair. tremity?"

faint, far-away smiles with which blue eyes stared past me as if focus- as I had seldom thought before, of echoes of that haunting silver some women can veil deepest heart- ing some hidden terror that no one to-morrow's papers, of London's laugh.

ache. Her clasped hands parted; else could grasp. "I crept from the surprise-and sweating inwardly at she seemed to be listening to the house and threw away the key. I the thought that Anton Rocca and When it lifted I was lying at warnings of an inner voice, as the could not go back now if I wished. his coterie might even now be van- home. I had passed a night of fever cloak slowly slid from her shoul- It could go on no longer! It was ishing as they had flitted from Paris. and dawn was struggling up. At ders. It fell noiselessly in a heap. all or nothing to-night. Long ago Then, fully dressed, and with a re- home !-- and the explanation was She stood there, a never-to-be- I meant to do it, when I found out volver in my pocket, I tapped. ironically prosaic. A passing poforgotten picture in cream and am- the worst; but they read me-they "This way, madam! I have only liceman, impressed by the suspiciber. As her arms reached slowly have watched my every movement. to warn you not to attract notice ously-hurried departure of the out I could have closed my eyes and Only promise that you will not harm in any way. If you do, I can prom- coterie-with its valuable plant and well believed it was some theatre my brother, Giuseppe Colonna, the ise nothing."

ing past.

you must !'

the fact that my face had paled. sent me here to you, with the con-She went on with that hushed whis-stable, in the cab. They said you of that.

per:lice-office here to you; I was to tell seppe, the boy!" I said. "And the had just panted up. "Be calm!" I said. "And the house down—other side; they're And Inspector Larkin's stare

longer! I dare not turn back now; you say?' I have taken the step at last. I "No, no! I told them; it is Her trembling arm lay within me hopelessly vague.

loved-I so loved !"

my breath as in a fear that it might | revenge !" have been overheard. I dared not And she had put them into the could just hear a dull sound from "I sent? When?" he stammered. look at her-not yet; the soft trap that day prepared for them. behind the lower grating down "Some days ago you spoke of your

beauty of such a face was danger- It was a great moment, tingling there. ous. I went tiptoeing to and fro, with possibilities. I saw what had "Don't !-- not one sound, for your but---" my hands clenched behind, my happened as I turned away from own sake," I whispered. "Find the "No, no! Last night; you sent teeth set against any word that the agonized oval face, in which key! Find it !"

up and down their cages, growling in hand are brought in a neat bunch hungered for revenge upon the man hall. Those uncertain, clinking need. Anna Colonna's silvery to his very door; not often, in who had struck her—a woman! sounds from below were more de- laugh, from far off, seemed to fill and trembling. We usually put HOUSEHOLD HINTS. them to sleep with an extra ration of hot milk. "Wolves love a grey To bleach curtains boil with them "Just so; I understand," I said, finite now. An electric bulb in my the pause before Inspector Larshort, that a miracle happens. She was Anna Colonna, the beau- quietly. My precious plan in black coat flashed across the stony face kin turned to the doctor. a few tansy leaves in a bag. Try hot rice water, well cooked, day of rain. Treacherous as the wolf is, no keeper need fear him tiful adventuress with whose fame and white there could go to the and dilated eyes of Anna Colon- "Is he quite the thing ?" he whistiful adventuress with whose tame and white there could go to the and dilated eyes of Anna Colon-the Continental papers had rung. Anna Colonna !—supposed wife and it, at any rate. I must act swiftly. Anna Colonna !—supposed wife and it, at any rate. I must act swiftly. To harm a fly. "Snakes, too, like accomplice of the marvellous man "Leave all to me, madam. Step have them—you can go no farther !" for sending any constable here, or saturating in coal oil before washrain. They perk up wonderfully as around whom Scotland Yard had this way for one minute." been laboriously trying to weave a She hesitated, watched me im- way that barred the lower portion it's the first I've heard of it!" - A the damp makes itself felt in their A perforated piepan placed over warm cases of glass. "Rain makes the teakettle can be used to keep monkeys glum. They are apt, from web-the very man I was risking ploringly, then rustled slowly out of the staircase. Beyond a doubt, London Tit-Bits. my reputation to snare on my own into a waiting-room, her cloak then, they had arranged some a dish of food warm. instinct, when they see it through A great many blemishes on wall the window, to clasp their hands trailing behind. She was dazed, means of escape from below, and NOTICE TO BRIDES. account. paper may be removed with a rub- above their heads, and sit so for Like a blinding flash the revela- but she was realizing; there was only a surprise could do it. And tion came; then I became deadly no time to lose. I ventured to turn yet, to trap them into surrender, When a bride has to roll up her ber on a lead pencil. hours. That attitude, you know, cool and nerved to the occasion. the key upon her. As I flung back single-handed! There could be no mistake. the hall door the waiting constable "But it opens! How? Quick— ing corned beef and cabbage the soak in kerosene and it will soften primitive umbrella." sleeves and learn the art of cook- To remove gum from any fabric makes a kind of shelter. It is the Mystery and glamor had fol- sprang intelligently to attention. or this!' so it can easily be removed. honeymoon has set. When washing ornaments a good years back, of her meteoric advent in Paris as a danseuse. Paris, caught in a moment of ennui, had made a goddess of this haunting wild, begging to be hidden or sent in the data in the set of the station in the set of the set of the station in the set of t wed her from the moment, three 'Quick! Don't waste a word! "By the bolt inside-behind the When washing ornaments a good

effects in a van-had tried a win-

"Help me!" she had breathed. not warn him, although my heart Muffled in her cloak and hood she as concentrated gall! Anton Roc-"Save me to-night! You can-and was bursting; they were all at work followed me obediently as a child ca, by some means aware of my madown there. I stole out, and ran- out to the hansom. A whisper to turing plan, had achieved a double

step forward—only one; then a very begged them to send me out of the away, those blue eyes staring and in so doing had left his way of monds. different sort of thrill ran through country this minute—my people in straight ahead with a sort of set-me; I turned sharply away to hide Italy would pay for all. And they tled horror. She would escape me

were the person to act for me. Oh, Now! In seven minutes precisely "Bring him here! Bring Inspec-"I trust you! They assured me if you can be merciful so far, be we had stepped out at the corner tor Larkin! ... What of my note I could; they sent me from the po- merciful again-let me warn Giu- of Felix Avenue. The constable last night? What have you done?

still at work in the basement!" | wandered round and came back to

have begged the police to send me twenty-seven, the house behind the mine-we might have been just "You have!" I could have leapback to Italy-my Italy! Send me poplars. They will disappear to- harking homeward from the play! ed at his throat. "Those dolts of somewhere where I can lose this morrow, taking Giuseppe, for a -till we reached the poplar-sha- men you posted-what were they sleepless fear of the man I once certainty; but they well never for- dowed gateway, and could see the doing all the time? They shall pay get that it was I who betrayed ---- lying sign "To Let" in the front for this fiasco! Send that constable That was it to a word. As she No, no!" came the convulsive sob. window above. Then tragedy pulsed here immediately. The constable ! broke down and swayed into the "I have not come here to betray thickly in the air, as I paused, and The man you sent here last night chair with that rush of sobs, I held them-only to save myzelf from their Anna Colonna shrank. I still grip- in a cab with that witch-woman,

ped her fingers. In the silence I Anna Colonna!"

plans for trapping the whole gang,

a man here with her in a cab. You might wreck one of the most as- fear and misgiving battled with It was lying on some damp grass don't-you don't mean to say they fresh. tounding coincidences ever record- sudden loathing for Anton Rocca almost at our feet. In a second did all that to blind me-to lure

ise; it is not necessary to try and through which shone but one gleam or two sour apples, sliced and One very simple plan for preservthrough me involuntarily in that moment. She had paused as if ir concealed emotion, but I would golden now that to-morrow would at the rear of the source and the source and the rear of the source and the rear o overwhelmed by her own daring, not realize that at the moment. be leaden. In two seconds I had and flanks might yet turn the scale Three pounds of rhubarb, three then to lay the eggs so treated in overwhelmed by her own daring, not realize that at the moment. be leaden. In two seconds I had two deep-blue eyes shining pitcous-two deep-blue eyes shining pitcous-the effort in itself to appear cool scribbled my note to Inspector power—and the courage—to risk juice of one lemon, rind of one-half them.

Clearly she had come to me with ence. The golden prize seemed al- twenty-seven instantly, with others that moment, did not seem too high the figs and put in the bottom of tard, scald the amount of milk to some tragic trouble, and just as most within my grasp. All I need near, to wait my whistle from a price to pay for my revenge. the kettle. Cut rhubarb into inch be used and set aside until cool,

longing to hear. Closing the door, brought you here to me in your ex- in case I need you. I'll take the A lethargic paralysis was creeping then add balance of sugar and cook bottom of pan; if it reached out hastily for a chair. tremity?" "No, no! Wait; let me think; "Anton! Anton Rocca! You He went. I allowed him ten of had been too deep. The scene drift- of ginger about fifteen minutes be- baking is done. There will be no

you do not know me!" Just that would understand, they told me at the precious minutes. For that ed out, and left me flying through fore finished. Makes two quarts sizzle till baking is thoroughly the police-office." The wonderful time I paced the passage, thinking a darkness through which rang marmalade.

CAKE FILLINGS.

cupful chopped nuts. Boil ten manner.

vanilla.

stage, with the wail of violins float- boy! He was innocent as myself, She was quiet and mechanical dow, found it open, and rescued the at first-ah! believe me, I dared now; my manner had awed her. trapped man. Every word of it was

Help her? I took an involuntary ran-to the police-office there, and the driver and we were spinning stroke-he had revenged himself,

Prune Whip .- One cupful chop- an instinctive feeling that it is best whipped cream.

two tablespoonsful sugar, four of do what you can to serve each grated chocolate, four of chopped other, to lighten each other's trials filberts. Put between cakes con- and inconveniences and burdens; taining filberts.

Marshmallow. - Spread marsh- another.

with boiled icing.

pineeapple. Coffee .-- One-half cupful strong to have it look like new. coffee, two cupsful sugar. Boil un- The best way to freshen home-

til hairs, beat creamy. tachio nuts. Soft pink icing. Use it is as good as when first baked.

sugar, cream, or milk, chopped ANIMALS THAT DREAD RAIN.

some tragic trouble, and just as clearly she was one of the hyper-sensitive women who faint just up-on the point of achieving some su-preme purpose. I had a sudden preme purpose. I had a sudden

By adding a little pearlash to a soap lather, faded ribbons placed

in will be restored to their natural Walnut.-One cupful sour or color. Faded breadths of silk can sweet cream, one cupful sugar, one be restored if treated in the same

minutes, beat thick. Flavor with To take mildew from linen rub the spot with soap; scrape chalk Maple.-One-half cupful maple over it and rub it well; lay it on syrup or sugar, one-half cupful the grass in the sun; as it dries,

cream. Cook until hairs; pour wet it a little. It will come out slowly into one beaten egg, white. with two appileations.

Almond Cream.—One-half pint cream; boil, thicken with one teaspoonful cornstarch wet with cold dirty rub with diluted vinegar, cream, two dessertspoonsful sugar, which will cut grease and remove three beaten eggs. Cool, add one- dirt. Then polish with some good half pound chopped blanched al- furniture polish.

monds. Ice, decorate with almond No woman understands the first principles of hygiene until she has

ped stewed prunes, beaten whites to buy six dishcloths and to treat four eggs, one tablespoonful sugar; them to a weekly bath in the reguspread on layers, heap top one with lar wash, as she does the tea towels. Love one another in spite of your Filbert.-Whip one cupful cream, differences, in spite of your faults;

above all, make the best of one

mallows on pan in oven an instant Much ironing can be saved by to soften, place on layers, cover having house dresses, aprons, and such made from the old-fashioned Pineapple.-Use boiled icing and seersucker. It washes easily, is sprinkle with sweetened grated cool and pretty, and all it requires is a little shaking and smoothing

made bread so that it is as good as Peach .- One cupful peach pulp, new is to dip the loaf in cold water, one-half cupful sugar, one cupful put it in a pan and bake it until cream, whipped. Beat, spread on it is heated through. Then wrap layers, sprinkle with chopped pis- it in a damp cloth and when cold

ed. For it is painfully seldom that and his schemes. "When thieves I had poured a phial of oil over it; me into the house alone? You coincidence springs to the aid of fall out—!" She wanted desper-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, this Giu-the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, the every-day detective; not often ately to save her brother, the every-day detective; "Lions, tigers, and all the cat tribe dread rain," said a zookeeper. "On a rainy day they tear that the tangled threads of his case seppe; but first and foremost she were standing in the dark, stuffy I could not finish. There was no