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My wife—God bless her! The day before Shesst beside my foo: and the sunlight kissed her yellow hair, and the dainty fingers, deit and fair, Knitted a baby's boot. fhe voyage was over; I came ashore:
What, think you, found I there?
A grave the daskes had sprinkled white,
A cottage empty and dark as night,
And this beside the chair.

The little boot, 'twas unfinished still;
The tangled skein lay near:
But the knitter had gone away to rest,
With the babe asleep on her quiet breast,
Down in the churchyard drear.

COLONEL QUARITCH, V.C.

By H. RIDER HAGGARD.

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"Great Heaveus!" he said, "this woran will destroy me. What a devil! And she'd be as good as her word unless I found her the money. I must go up to tow; at once. I wonder how she got that idea into her head. It makes me shudder to mind f such a thing;" and he dropped his face upon his hands and groaned in the latterness of his heart.

ness of his heart.

"It is hard," he thought to himself; "here I have for years and years been striving and toiling and laboring to become a respectable and respected member of society and slways this old folly haunts my steps and drags me down, by heaven, I believe that it will destroy me after all." With a sigh he lifted his head, and taking a sheet of paper wrote on it, "I have received your letter and will come and see you to-morrow or the next day." This letter he placed in an envelope, which he directed to the high sounding name of Mrs. d'Aubigne, Stanley street, Pinlico, and put it in his pocket.

Then with another sigh he took up the Squire's letter and glanced through it. Its length was considerable, but in substance it anneunced his acceptance of the arrangement proposed by Mr. Edward Cossey, and requested that he would prepare the necessary deeds to be salsmitted to his lawyers.

Mr. Quest read the letter absently enough, and threw it alway with a little langh. ness of his heart.
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CHAPTER XV.

The House with the Barl Pillars.

Two days after his receipt of the second letter from the Tiger, Mr. Quest aunounced to his wife that he was going to London on business connected with the bank, and expected to be away for a couple of nights.

She laughed straight out. "Really, William," she said, "you are a most consummate actor. I wonder you think it worth while to keep up this farce with me. Well, I hope that Edith is not going to be very expensive this time, because we don't seem to be too rick just now, and you see there is no more of my money for her to have."

Mr. Quest winced visibly beneath this litter satire, which his wife uttered with a smile of infantile innocence playing upon her face, but he made no reply. She knew too much. Only in his heart he wondered what fate she would mete out to him if ever she got possession of the whole truth, and the thought made him tremble. It seemed to him that the owner of that baby face to him that the owner of him that THE HOUSE WITH THE RED PILIARS.

Cossey & Son's, we he was informed that old Mr. Cossey whuch better, and having heard that has coming to town had sent to say that iparticularly wished to see him, especial bout the Honham Castle catates. Ac dingly Mr. Quest drove on to the old genma's marsion in Grosvenor street, we he asked for Mr. Edward Cossey. I footman said Mr. Edward was upsts, and showed him into a study while he to total him of the arrival of his tor. Mr. Quest glanced round the luriantly furnished room, which he sawas occupied by Edward himself, for se letters directed in his handwriting lupon the desk, and a velveteen loungi cost that Mr. Quest recognized as belong to him was hanging over the back of a sir. Mr. Quest's eye wandered over the coat, was presently caught by the corner a torn flap of an envelope which project from one of the pockets. It was of a fullar bluish tings, in fact of a hue whichs much affected by his wife. Listening for moment to hear if anybody was coming estepped to the coat and extracted the tter. It was in his wife's handwritin so he took the liberty of hastily traverring it to his own pocket. In another inute Edward Cossey entered, and the tramen shook hands.

"How dyou do, Quest?" said Edward. "I think lat the old man is going to pull through jis bout. He is helpless, but keen as suife, and has all the important matters fin the bank referred to him. I believe lwill last a year, yet, but he will scarcely, llow me out of his sight. He preaches way about business the whole day longand says that he wants to communical the fruits of his experience to me before is too late. He wishes to see you, so if yi will you had better come up."

Accelingly they went upstairs to a large and lurious bedroom on the first floor, wherels stricken man lay upon a patent couch.

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Mr. Quest and Edward Cossey en-a lady—old Mr. Cossey's eldest r—put down a paper out of which d been reading the money article and rising, informed her father that

about and, rising, informed her father that Mr. nest had come.

"I. Quest!" said the old man, in a thin void "Ab, yes, I want to see Mr. Quest vermuch. Go away now, Anna; you can con back hye and bye. Business before pleure. Most instructive, though, that suden fall in American railways. But I thight it would come, and I got Cossey & on clear of them," and he suified with saffaction and looked as though he would his rubbed his hands if he had not been pleically incapacitated from so doing. It. Quest came forward to where the invide hair and a pallid face, which looked as though the would he rubbed his hands if he had not been pleically incapacitated from so doing. It. Quest came forward to where the invide hair and a pallid face, which looked shost ghastly in centrast to his black fleetskull cap. So far as Mr. Quest could le, he appeared to be almost totally parazed, with the exception of his head, neek and left arm, which he could still move a title. His black eyes, however, were full if life and intelligence, and roamed about he room without ceasing.

"How do you do, Mr. Quest?" he said; "sorry that I can't shake hands with you; though my brain is clear enough—clearer than ever it was, I think. And I ain't going to die yet—don't think that I am, because I ain't. I may live two years more—the doctor says that I am sure to live one at least. A lot of money can be made in year if you keep your eyes open. Once I made £120,000 for Cossey & Son in one year; and I may do it again before I die. I may make a let of money, ah, a lot of money, and his voice went off into a kind of thin scream that was not pleasant to listen to.

"I am sure I hope you will, sir," said Mr.

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"I am sure I hope you will, sir," said Mr.
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