Pray listen while I fix the date. When daughters haste with eager in A mother's daily toil to share,

When maidens look upon a man As in himself what they would

When gentle ladies, who have got The offer of a lover's hand,

When young mechanics are allowed To find and wed the farmers' girls Who don't expect to be endowed With rubies, diamonds, and great pe

And live as they were wont to live Within their sires' one-storey hou Then, madam—if I'm not too old— Rejoiced to quit this lonely life, I'll brush my beaver, cease to scold, And look about me for a wife.

THE DOCTOR'S WARD PLOTTING FOR A FORTUNE

By George W. Warner.

CHAPTER XX.

FELIX VASSILIS MAKES A REVELATION oncerning the long continued absence West was commenced, and that was a stating that Felix was about to return he sent up a note to her, stating that had made some very valuable discover- business.

When their greetings had been ex- that place and time, and she was not Felix. done and paid out during his absence.

Andrew Vassilis opened his eyes and gone off with a man who was be plot that had been attempted to be insane. through to California.

by the affair.'

Field only the principal of Joshua Tar- her family affairs.

'True enough; but you managed the sion.

or Tarleton, as she calls herself, is not of much importance to disclose. entitled to a cent of Joshua Tarleton's rried Alice Tarleton. Joshua Tar- ful than ever.

By the time this arrangement was riage.'

Andrew Vassilis was very uneasy set out on his journey, with many that he had some infirmities of temper called, Helen was ready to receive ontering the following section of his son, from whom he had received termined to overcome all obstacles by speak well of him? They had been eyes were wan and sunken, but she but one letter since the journey to the dint of sheer impudence and lying. brief note, written at Sacramento, house, which was still Helen's home, tween them."

The old man, therefore, was greatly cool impudence of this request. Then she wondered what he could have to was as pale as death, her hands tremboffice, one winter morning, as unconsay, and finally determined to see him led, and her lips were tightly closed. cernedly as if he had been absent but a She had her share of curiosity, she felt . This is strange and terrible, she had said he wished to make. sure that he could do her no harm at said, as she returned the papers to

that he questioned him on the subject plausible and really able manner in bring myself to make the disclosure as soon as the young man had had which he vindicated himself. He again to you; but I believed that duty and time to light a cigar and settle declared that he had been betrayed by necessity required me to make it. I Felix thought it best to make a cort, supporting this declaration by a by the shock, although I had enreinx thought it best to make a corr, supporting this declaration by a by the shock, although I had environment signed by Denzler, deavored to prepare your mind for it, by the shock although I had environment of the my misfortune. I shall give up the shock although I had environment of the shock, although I had environment of the shock although I had environment of the shock, although I had environment of the shock although I had him until every fact should be brought rate. He said that he had been willing be alone." out, and he did so, commencing with to run any risk, to lay down his life Helen made no answer, but sat the beginning of the journey, and the motive that induced him to undertake would have been able to rescue her if ashes, and her eyes staring into George North. On any subject outside of these points I am willing to she had not taken a different course, vacancy.

you at least that much to return to necessity of saying anything. He said propose doing, when you are in a and station. If the facts should become that he was very grateful to her for better condition to listen.' Suppose it had cost me what you say kindness sufficiently for one day, and ing a game that must surely win. That would have been nothing, as I would trouble her no more. If, howhave made seventy or eighty thousand ever, she would name a time at which she would grant him another inter-

How is that? I am afraid that view, he would like to speak to her For some time after Felix Vassilis partmuch travelling has made you mad.' concerning some important discover. had left her, Helen sat as motionless 'You need not enumerate them. *You are aware that we paid Miss ies that he had made with reference to and seemingly devoid of sensation as wish you to understand, first and last, leton's money. If we should be called Helen named an hour the next day, She heard Dr. Dohrer enter the proposition for a moment, as I have

upon for the accumulations, under our subject to the approval of Dr. Dohrer, house and inquire for her, and he came already told you. By what crooked management, it would haul a big sum and Felix went away, believing that direct to the room in which she was ways, and for what malignant purpose, he had made a very favorable impresseated.

all the openings, and I have been who did not believe that any brought a glass of wine, which he com- I resign myself to my fate, and will afraid that some one might take a man could be as deceitful and base as pelled her to drink. notion to look into the matter. But Helen had accused her cousin of being, It was probably the presence of her can.

When Felix called at the house the would break.

until Helen brought him to the point by requesting him to state the nature of the disclosures that he had proposed to make. Even then he seemed reluctant to begin, and entered upon the suffer me to act as your father, as well as your adviser.'

'What is the matter, my dear child?' he asked. 'Confide in me, Helen, and nother?' Dure you say anything against my mother?' Dure you say anything against her?'

'I both can and dare. Do you know what caused the separation between her and your father?'

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'Helen blanched under his confident to be the fire, and by producing the deutally made, as they would add.'

That he was already a married man.

night of the fire, and by producing the deutally made, as they would add that he was already a married man documents that he had brought from largely to the sorrows that she had when he married her?'

'He was cruel to my mother,' s

more than of the property. If that is was not prepared to believe anything words, he told her that she was not the case, you will be likely to make a of the kind, especially on hearsay evillegally his wife, that he was a married botch of the whole business. But I dence. I went out of my way to stop will not interfere with you. Let me at Texas, on my route home to New wife was living when he married her. know when you want any assistance York, and visited the place where the Believing that she could not live she Felix soon introduced Joaquin Sor-anzo to his father, and it was settled cords, and made inquiries, and dis-municate its contents to you. covered that Robert Field had been among the three that a good business covered that Robert Field had been could be done by establishing the Californian in a loan and note-shaving orita Catterina Mora. I have the mar-

torily concluded, Felix learned 'A moment, if you please,' said that Helen Tarleton had returned to Helen, as Felix drew from his pocket Marden, and he announced his inten- the documents be had mentioned, and for my interest; but I cannot help tion of going to Ohio to visit her, to Please inform me, before you show wishing that I had sooner learned this make a trial of his new scheme for me those papers. whether Mr. Sorgaining possession of her and her for- ranzo spoke and acted as a friend of it from you. I think that I had bette Mr. Field.

their presence would be required, he and a gentleman, and only regretted misgivings as to his reception, but de- and disposition. Why should be not him. She was quite pale, and her partners in business, and there had was not, in other respects, sensibly When he called at Dr. Dohrer's never been anything like a quarrel best different from her usual self. She

to New York, and that he believed he he wished to see her on important ciently to make herself acquainted with the contents of the doc Helen was at first astonished at the that were handed to her. As she read

changed, Vassilis, senior, was so above the womanly desire to give him anxious to learn all that Felix had a 'good setting down.'

It was a strange and terrible revealation to me,' he replied. 'It was with lation to me, he replied. 'It was with But she was not prepared for the the greatest difficulty that I could you inherited from Joshus Tarleton.' Mat Denzler and other men of the es-

'I will not intrude upon you longer

wide indeed when he was told of the lieved by his associates to be partially at present, continued Felix, 'but I beg that you will not suffer yourself Helen did not know what to say to be so deeply affected by this intelliopened them wider yet when he learn. These explanations were so reasonable g nce. I believe that we may yet ed the amount that Felix had been that she was in doubt whether she bring good out of evil, and I have compelled to pay in order to get ought not to believe them; but she formed a plan by which, as I hope and to abandon his claim, if you will conwas sure that she could not help dis-'That was terrible!' be exclaimed.

As it cost you a thousand dollars to get out to California, it must have cost lemms, thoughtfully relieved her of the permission, and will explain what I

'Not by considerable, old gentleman having given him an opportunity to A portion of the expenses was paid by a friend, who came home with me, and leve himself of the suspicions that lay who feels a deep interest in this affair.

Helen slightly inclined her head, and you would be unable, as you truly say, to marry s man whom you could slightly frightened at what he had be unable, as you truly say, to marry s man whom you could slightly frightened at what he had be unable, as you truly say, to marry s man whom you could slightly frightened at what he had who feels a deep interest in this affair. upon him. He had imposed upon her done, but convinced that he was play-

> CHAPTER XXI GOING TO WORK IN EARNEST.

business, my son, and I supposed you had conducted it so as to shut off the possibility of anything of that kind.'

'I tried to, but it is not easy to close

When Dr. Dohrer came in, Helen frightened at her attitude and expression, that he did not speak to her or know; but believing, as I do, that you attempt to attract her attention, until can work no more harm, that I now hereaff and Felix. The good doctor,

thought that Felix had explained good friend, as much as the effect of The face of Felix Vassilis was livid 'I would like to know what you matters very satisfactorily, and that the wine, that brought back the blood with rage. He was not only rejected, mean, Felix? I wish you would speak she surely ought to see him, and hear to her cheeks, and renewed the light but defied. what further he had to say. It could of her eyes. He had seated himself in Are you sure that you know the 'I have discovered that Helen Field. do no harm, and he might have matters front of her, and she fell on her knees worst?' he asked, bissing out his words

property, as she was not born in lawful wedlock. Her father was a married man, and his wife was living when he thinking that she looked more beautinot speak to he not even uttering would not be obliged to disclose it leton's property, therefore, comes to 'He was at no loss concerning the a soothing word, until the outburst You have boasted that your mother leton's property, therefore, comes to the was at no loss concerning the last manner of opening the business of weeping had spent itself, and she was always pure and good. Are you vestigation. Andrew Vassilis was so utterly astonished that he was unable to speak, until Helen brought him to the point

documents that he had brought from Texas.

Felix had no ides, of explaining the desired in the old man the fraid that had been precised by himself and Sorramo h

miles I sets an eventioned a read a seed of and an and a coping it.

'What do you know about his estate?'
'Nothing with certainty; but I am convinced that the read in a valuable property somewhere; and that it can be in the matter, or have anything at all to do with it. But when I am her husband, I will manage the business to take any steps in the matter, or have anything at all to do with it. But when I am her husband, I will manage the business to take any steps in the matter, or have anything at all to do with it. But when I am her husband, I will manage the business to take any steps in the matter, or have anything at all to do with it. But when I am her husband, I will manage the business to be remarking to with letters from the case of the cas

genuine, together with letters from 'Your mother's death was hastened, 'I'am afraid that you are inclined to Mr. Field, and it was not doubted that if not really caused, by a letter which make a fool of yourself about that girl, her story was true.

Felix, and that you are thinking of her 'For my part I was incredulous, and letter, besides other harsh and cruel she received from Mr. Field. In that

office, in which, by acting in concert with Vassilis & Son, large profits ord from the register of the alcalde, your birthright. In this hope, I bewith Vassilis & Son, large profits cord from the register of the with the sworn statements of lieved that it would be for the best to both institutions.

By the time this arrangement was riage.' 'I know well that your action has

been such as you believed to be right terrible news, and that I had learned go to my room and lie down. If I can Promising to telegraph to his father and Sorranzo to let them know when in the highest terms as a business man what has come upon me.'

The next day, when Felix Vassilis believed that she now knew the worst, Helen understood Spanish suffi- and had already settled, concerning action that she should pursue.

> Not suspecting that another and to fall, she received Felix calmly, and waited to hear the proposition that he 'I have a compromise to propose,'

> he said, 'by which this matter shall be

kept a profound secret, and you can retain your name and property which 'I must first remark,' replied Helen. that there are three points that I have fully decided. I shall retain my mother's name, as I know that she was good and pure, and not to blame for cannot become the wife of a gentle-

side of these points I am willing to listen to you.' 'The compromise that I propos would cover those points and others. on's property, it would come to my father as next of kin; but he is willing this revelation may go no further than promise you would secure complete oblivion of Mrs. Field's tormer marriage, and would retain your name known, all this would be lost to you.

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