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CHAPTER XXXIX. They led him back to his bedreen Amresistingly, for his exertions had puffered Limself to be put back to hed. "My darling child," he meane i. "My

moor, innecent little Elsie!" For a little while he lay still, while Campbell watched him thoughtfully, At last he drew Markham aside, and

his mind is recovering its power, med-Markham, there is a long and happy life before Sir John yet, and his daughter-"

Sturned away, adding:

"Confide in the medical man who is discretion will permit. Tell him the news that I have brought. He is an Herest. I am now going to see Miss

"Yes: she is staying with Captain

Ernscliffe-Campbell. mean. Beg pardon, sir, but that name gives me a turn even now-I was going to say that you would make a rare This alone gives me good heart.

Noel left the Barry Road a few min-

but was disturbed by her at an early lips. The charge of murder I can hour the next morning, with the in- clear away, but the other blot is ir-

him long," he said, "I was reading John's innocense of murder, because until long after midnight, or should

He went down, and saw that the fellow was a process-server. "Mr. Campbell?" he said.

"Yes."

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He leered, and produced from an you," and politely showed the man tempt to heal the

bell. "Still, I cannot help it. I shall sion." be forever disgraced. A bankrupt without assets! An ordinary man in bell said. trade does not feel these reverses as schemes. Oh, I have heard of your in I shall. I am a public character, and fatuation for your base-born cousin. the newspapers will devote columns You would betray your own mother in exposing my shortcomings. Men after her life of self-denial for you! I am a smart fellow for doing a law-

darling's name out of the public touch her! I will work, and redeem my good name, and I will punish Mr. ing paper. He would forget the writ

care for nothing if I can keep my

for a while. No further steps could be taken for eight days, and he was When the letter-bag was brought

In he found two important communications; one from Captain Castlemon, letter read in this way:

DEAR SIR:-On Monday next I am oing to Blairwood for a final interview with Lord Somerton. While admitting that my actions in the past with Captain Parker, for I saw her in are despicable, I ask you to suspend London to-day in his pony carriage! Judgment until I have wholly proved my repentance. I shall return to London again next Tuesday, and after an interview with you it is my in-tention to spend the remainder of my life abroad—possibly in America. I must not delay, because the bloodhounds of the law are upon my track. have only one regret, and that is that I shall never see Sir John Sterne or hear words of forgiveness from his

remediable, and my remorse is bit-ter, indeed, that I should ever have ing at a marriage with a false clergy your father, Captain Campbell, still lives, and he is a vagabond unworthy

of your regard. Sincerely yours,

JAMES CASTLEMON. Noel was both pleased and agitated by the contents of this letter. He did not doubt one word of it for a mo "Mr. Noel Campbell. Here you are, ment. Why should Castlemon lie to the whole story from Castlemon's

He turned to Markham's letter which rar thus:

SIR:—I have told my dear master everything. At first he was bewildered, and strange-like, but he under-stood. Then he cried like a baby. He asked about Miss Elsie, and I told him that she was all right, and staying at Captain Parker's place. This seemed to satisfy him, and the doctor says that the fever has completely gone. He's given the matter a strong opiate to keep him from waking for twenty-four hours. I only hope that you can prove all that you have said, and God bless you for being a true-hearted gentleman. Your obedient

F. MARKHAM.

"This is also satisfactory," Noel thought, with a rush of gladness, although he saw no loophole of escape nly to take her words of comfort." For a few minutes he was lost in

hought, until his mother spoke. "Noel," she said, fretfully, "do you sean to ignore my presence entirely? consider it the height of bad taste

a word have you uttered for half an

"I beg your pardon, mother," he replied, "but I am just now up to my

Why do you not leave everything to Lawyer Grant? I see by the paper this morning that you were in court again yesterday. If you wish to display not get into Parliament There is sir. Sorry, but it's my duty, sir. A some honor in that. You do every-

ly-folded document, which Campbell ly. "Mr. Grant and I have quarreled, took carelessly, and said, "Thank and it will be useless for you to at-He glanced at the figures, and saw must also drop all idea of becoming that Grant was suing for the full the mistress of Blairwood, mother, amount, twenty-three thousand, seven for Sir John is in England, well, and hundred pounds, principal and inter- rapidly gaining strength. He is in-"He means business," signed Camp- charged, by Castlemon's own confes-

"My father lives," he replied, significantly. "And has deserted you long

that you should know. I am no longer engaged to Miss Cleveland, and it is probable that all that I have must income my uncle settled upon you will keep you in comfort, and I must work

"And we must give up this home she asked him, growing white.

"I am afraid so. A bankrupt cannot pay three hundred a year rent." He spoke bitterly. "Your castles in Spain must have a fall. Mr. Grant has brought us to this. He is suing me

"And the sheriff will put a man in ossession!" she wailed. "Oh, I shall let a son of Captain Campbell marry

prepared to leave. He was pained and surprised by her utter selfishness.

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