fore I peril all for thee, restion thy soul to-night for me

nreak all slighter bonds, nor feel.
A shadow of regret;
there one link within the past.
That holds thy spirit yet?
Or is thy fifth as clear and free.
As that which I can pledge to the

there within thy dimmest dreams A possible future at the Wherein thy life could beneaforth to Untouched—unshared by mine?

If we, at any pain or cost,

Oh? fell me before all is lost !

ook deeper still. If thou canst feel Within thy inmost soul, at them hast kept a portion back, While I have staked the whole. Let no false pity spare the blow But in true mercy tell me so! Is there within thy heart a need That mine could not fulfil?—

ord that any other hand better wake or still? Lives there within thy nature hid The demon spirit, Change, Shedding a passing glory still On all things new and strange? It may not be thy fault alone, But shield my heart against th

anst thou withdraw thy hand one day, And answer to my claim, hat fate and that to-day's mistake,

Tay answer set—I dare not hear,
The words would come too late;
Tet I would spare thee all remores,
Bo, comfort thee, my fate—

## RIVALS BY FATE

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CHAPTER XVIII.-[CONTINUED.] late in the evening he reached his But no sooner had he shut himchair, than his sister bustled into the trustingly raised to his. roum. Not stopping to note the wearylaimed in her shrill, piping voice:

is been here and told me that truth; and nothing more. that foreign girl, who is so peculiar, is singing last night at the concert -which I must say is a strange way too, to know all the snares of the evil

handkerchief to her eyes. she was behaving in such an unladylike manner while her dear aunt's life the giel won't see anyone; she called th that I will go and see if I can adminis-

stified in her disordered soul."
'I wish you would talk of what you know something about," exclaimed her any young girl's character

What are you going to do? For Sydney had staggered to his feet sway. Were they warning him to be a cab to the town gool. His composure never

water was pulling on his gloves.
'I shall go down to the cottage; as a man and a doctor I may be of some Miss Zingari has no friends

'Have your tea first,' said Jane, an-lously. 'You can not restore the vait for half an hour."

But Sydney shook his head. He was not thinking of the dead; was the living to whom he must fly in True love overpowers pride-it can no

Juanita opened the door to him; gleam of pleasure lit her old crease ce when she recognized Fitz Nigel. He enquired eagerly after Diane.

you, she said. She stays in the lrawing room quite still and and will neither eat nor sleep.'
'I will go to her,' Sydney answe

quietly; and walked quickly to the door, opened it softly, and went in. He saw the girl, who the night before assive, crushed by her sorrow. She let not raise her head, nor perceive his ntrance, till he stood by her side, and took her hand in his. Then she looke up, and met his kind, penetrating gaze She tried to draw her haed away. bu

that if weighed in the balance, the worldly advantages of their friendship for exceeds mine."

'And for what reason,' she asked, in moureful pride, 'thought you I could so far forget what is due to my hono? Was it riches; was it lands; or was it because that you thought that I was so young and foolish that a few words of flattery, whispered in the twilight by an empty-headed fool, could turn my head or win my heart? Oh, Mr., Fitz Nigel, I hoped that you knew me better.'

She stopped; her lips were quivering and her eyes were full of tears.

'Forgive me, Diane!' he exclaimed,

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'Forgive me, Diane!' he exclaimed.
'No one knows as well as I, your price-less honor or your noble heart. It is in those very qualities that your danger lies. You believe that all possess the same exalted sentiments, and therefore do I seek to save you from the bitter awakening that might blast your very soul. Now. Diane, will you forgive me, and trust me once again.'

overtook the men was well as I. Sydney obtained the should hardly retain his composure behold the lean form, and see the hungry eyes that burnt liks fire from their overgnous sockets. His agony of mind became so great that at length he doubted his own insocence. Surely he must be weighted with some crime, or he would not suffer soil. I have been the same again that at length he doubted his own insocence. Surely he must be weighted with some crime, or he would not suffer soil. Now. Diane, will you forgive me, and trust me once again.'

rankness of his manner, and Diane half allowed herself to yield. You ask me to trust, but do you

rust yourself. Is that true friendship? them; only a topic 'No, you are right,' he answered extra glass of beer. rehemently, unable to repress any longer the feelings that filled his soul 'It is not friendship, but love Diane. makes my life so hard to bear, because honor forbids that I should ask you now to share my home. It may be other may come and claim you; can so we brought him here.'

No blush of shy timidity deeper the pearly whiteness of her face; no a nervous trembling agitated the young and Sydney felt as if he were cut off girl's frame. She had only spoken the from the outer world; as if he were 'Have you heard the news? Mrs. girl's frame. She had only spoken the

brave heart, she had given herself to but torrure and death. Sydney Fitz Nigel. She bore his passionate, searching gaze steadily Magistrate, drew a chair to the table, tender touch smoothed away the tan-and unflinchingly—and Sydney was and began to interrogate the men. 'You have given me new life and

It was late when they separated for

things to say; so much to explain, such a great deal to arrange. There was a deep thrill of subdued was ebbing away! Mrs. Howard says happiness which the influence, felt he had to say, though unseen, of the dread presence in the house could not dispel, but ren

dered still more solemn and intense, she is a play-actor, grace may only be air; his new-born bliss seemed to hover without and within; he only could think, with a depth of love which was

He was heedless to the sobbing wind; he was indifferent to the fitful gusts which made the branches creak and proudly, as two policemen took him in

He walked with a light, careless step through the plantation close to the a strict examination of his person. shrubs: the same one round which Gypsy Nell was supposed to

At one part the path dipped rath the water. It was slippery, and Sydney from his fingers the thick, sticky mud

Hs he emerged from the shrubbers ause and watch them, theu shiver astily away.

But the crackling of the dead leaves ttracted their attention; more figures vance d and called on him to stop. An indefinite sensation of coming

· What do you want of me?' he inquired, as two men approached.

One he recognized as the Squire's

tion from the bliss of a few moments before that rendered his voice unsteady and his face so ghazzly white. Bill, the gamekeeper, flashed his lantern full on the captive's counten-

There was no resisting the true on the heart of Sydney Fitz Nigel. on the heart of Sydney Fitz Nigel.

the meeting, the quarrel; the And the callous bearers joked and given, the blow returned. laughed, hardly beneath their breath.

The awful tragedy was nothing to, them; only a topic of wonder and an and try to save himself by clutching

CHAPTER XIX.

IMPRISONED. The Squire was waiting to receive the love that requires and exacts, them. He gave no sign of sorrow at the sight of his dead nephew, unless the energy with which he shook himjealous because it know no bounds. It is the hard lines on his face that spoke of is love, Diane, that makes me burn revenue are a most of the membered his sensation of relief when is love, Diane, that makes me burn with rage, to see that coxcomb seounwith rage, to see that coxcomb seounHe motioned the bearers into a room, drel talk his meaningless flatteries to my peerless one. It is love which makes my life so hard to bear, because question those whom he had sent to bear, because question those whom he had sent to be the problem of t

asked, taking both her hands, and oak-paneled walls; a dreary heaviness self up in the parlor and sat down in a gazing with thirsty eyes on the face so always hung about the room. The straigt-backed chairs stood grimly against the wall in rows; dark-browed to the heart of the brain-bewildere

The Squire, in quality of his office of had descended at her name, and with Magistrate, drew a chair to the table

was anxious to shine before his dread not dreadful? I can not bear to think hope, he whispered softly, 'And God superior. With great facility and with a clear collected head much plausibility, he throw such a much plausibility, he threw such a coloring over the facts that he com-

latter's face, as he asked Sydney what

'Nothing,' Sydney said excitedly; 'but that I protest solemnly that I am innocent. Your heart must be indeed black and treacherous if you think I could be capable of such a crime.' ' Keep your high-sounding denuncia-

'Keep your high-sounding denuncia-tions for the court,' said the Squire, drilly me the ordered him to release. His flower must be shaded from glare almost pain, of her who had given to drily, as he ordered him to prison. They will be more effective there.'

He walked steadily into his cell;

He walked steadily into his cell; thend the door bolted and barred, then remained standing trying to realize his blood coursing wildly through his

crime from which his nature revolted with loathing and disgust. Alone in with loathing and disgust. Alone in the dark (for he would have a light) with the winds wailing outside his prison walls. They moaned sadly for the freedom which was his no more. Then with sudden fury they whirled down great splashes of rain, hurling withered leaves against the name.

withered leaves against the narrow fact that they possessed the liberty which was denied to him. Strong waves of wind careered through every crevice; gamboling in mocking gladess round the cell, then dying away in plaintive sighs, like the sobs of fallen On Banks and Banking in Canad irits. Everything about him seeme ndowed with life, and posses power of action of which he had been

naturally quickened; his nerve to the highest point. Hideous phantoms grinned at him rom every corner; he heard the rustle of their ghostly garments as they glid-ed to and fro. He heard the chatter-

ing of their teeth; he heard the clank teady ing of their rusty chains as they drag-Can we ever eradicate nature? Syd-ney had spent his whole life in crush-ing an ardent temperament, in carefully subduing a fervid imagination. Yet

weariness of her whole deposited powerfully to every
deep's heart. Her voice was
tings of melancholy colored
thand endealed her still more
gel.

"Sydney shook the man's band from
off his cost, and planted himself against
the work had void not, leave
tonne a prey to bad men's

"Of what do you accuse me?" de
manded Sydney impatiently.

"Thou'lt know soon enough, asears with his cost to shut out their unearthly rattle. But he felt, if he could
not see; he felt, if he could not see; he felt, if he goild not see;
with us quietly, please do, sir; and I'll
take care of thee.

"Sydney shook the man's hand from
off his cost, and planted himself against
the manded Sydney impatiently.

"Thou'lt know soon enough, asears with his cost to shut out their unearthly rattle. But he felt, if he could
not see; he felt, if he could not see; he felt the grisly spectres hover
around him; he felt

hold of his enemy. He heard the splan watched the waves close over him. So clearly was it imprinted on his

brushwood to try and sneak ho

years before I have gained a position suitable for my high-born love; and what may happen between then and now? Parting, separation, death. Another may come and claim you; can one brongitt him here. You wonder that I am so unhappy?'

'I would wait,' Diane said, with mind was unbinged by the sad fate of lieved fact; he was proud that he had he

At last his rounds were over, and the in the evening he reached his teen, you know.'

'Would you wait, my own one?' he led them into the dining room.

'Would you wait, my own one?' he last he daining room.

It was a large dark apartment, with hearted soundrel, who was playing hearted scoundrel, who was playing with the girl he intended to make his Diane!-that thought went straight

rervous trembling agitated the young and Sydney felt as if he were out trust in him; of the innocent trustication, and nothing more.

With all the strength of her warm, With all the strength of her warm, and death. Policeman Ball was a new hand, and gled web of fancies from his clouded away, and he learned to grasp fac-

It would be easy to prove his inne the night. There had been so many municated his own distrust to the Squire.

Squire.

There was keen suspicion on the world the fact that while that dark Mention this paper. Augusta, Mair June 6, 1888—2mpd deed was being done, he was teaching Diane Zingari the glory of life.

No, her name should not be dragged and glitter; and though he might have to die, he would not clear his name at

her expense. Rather like un preux chevalier of bygone days, he would shield his 'ladye' he should die for her-and there was

And if he lived-and I do not den frame, for it is hard to die at eight and fair-if he was to be saved, it must

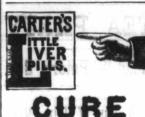
hand with Diane; that she smiled approvingly upon him, while she listened with soft eyes of pity to the recital of

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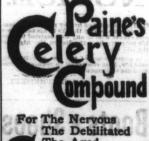
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