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she intended to write. In the meantime, braced up by her new resolution, she could give her at-tention to studying the man who had acquired such a mysterious and dangerous influence over James, and who seemed also to have established some vits felt blunted by the so-called doctor's stolid impenetrability. He spoke very little, he said nothing remarkable; his manners were, to her critical eyes, rather too studiously courteous; he listened very attentively to everything

over her writing-table with her head in her hands, tried to mature the plans she had projected to herself that afternoon; but she was both too weary and too much excited for any work of that sort. Fear of her husband, fear of his accomplice, anxiety lest James should still be within their reach, despined to the solid Johnson, who found herself, with no ally in the whole household but the stolid Johnson, who respectfully but firmly declined to trust her with the secret of his late master's hiding-place—all assailed her by turns; and, after trying to clear her thoughts by the feeble expedient of opening her window and putting her head out into the chilling air of the looking piteously up at the moon and the floating clouds, and down at the lawn and the misty trees, with the dull whining of the wind round the dull whining of the wind round the corner of the house, filling her ears and deadening her sense of hearing, when a sound from her door, as if someone had pushed against it, drew of fear from her. She from the window to watch and to listen, without, however, leaving the place where she stood. Anything was haunted by the presence of a cold oded poisoner like the so-called Dr. Ledbury, and of a madman as dangerous as her husband had seemed to her that night. Both gentlemen had stayed long over their wine; but, when Ledbury was as cold and as hard of face as ever, while Capt. Morrison's

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pale, dark face had been flushed, and the sullen gleam of his eyes had pre-pared his frightened wife for a possible

She still stood by the window, therefore, and glanced out to note the distance from the sill to the soft lawn underneath, in case of an emergency; but no attempt was made to force her door, or even to open it; and in a few minutes she heard the soft sounds of footsteps creeping away. Then she went round the bed toward the door to isten; but, as soon as she approached t, she saw what the object of the soft-footed visitor had been. On the floor was a piece of paper that had been pushed under the door. She snatched it up and carried it to the candles. With a great shock of terror and joy and tenderness she recognized, at the bottom of a scrawl in pencil which filled both sides of the half sheet of paper, the signature "James Otway." For a moment her eyes swam

covered herself and made out the fol-

"My Dear Deldee,-I can't leave this old dungeon for the last time without saying good-bye to you somehow; and, as I must not see you, I have to do it by means of a scrawl which you will scarcely be able to read, the light is so bad now on the top of the house, where I have passed the day like a tail of all this; but he was in such an past few years. awful fright, trembling from head to foot, that I had to humor him, though e can be angry at my coming to see

tened very attentively to everything that was said; he drank a great deal, but wine seemed to have no effect upon bim whatever. He was just the same cold, handsome, courteous, dignifed statue as he held open the door for the ladies at the end of dinner as he had been when it began. But Miss Eleanor, who had seen him before, noticed a change in him, and remarked upon it as soon as the three ladies reached the drawing-room.

"What a strange man Dr. Ledbury is, Elizabeth!" she said. "You know terribly afraid of him I was last time. Weil, this time he doesn't time. Weil, this time he doesn't hove terribly afraid of him I was last time. Weil, this time he doesn't more assured, soo much more commanding, when he came in his professional capacity than he is now, that he comes simply on a visit. Fie impressed me so much more commanding when he came in his professional capacity than he is now, that he comes simply on a visit. Fie impressed me so much when I first saw thought him anything extraordinary, except that he is very bandsome very that the ribben with a terrible pain in my back for gallery front.

Mr. Beattle, M.P., of West Morthumber, M.P., of South Lanark; Dr. W. A. Willoughby, M.P.P., of South Lanark; Dr. W. A. Willoughby, M.P

kept a close watch upon Geraldine's slightest movement. The young lady was expecting every minute to hear the arrival of Dr. Crosse, who had promised to come after dinner; but then the Waringham party had dined then the Waringham party had dined the fight the way—she could tell by the slight sound of his footsteps in descending. A rush of holder the bottom directed her to one of the doors at the back of the house in the west wing. He had left it ajar, for fear of making a noise in the west wing a noise in the way afraid the public schools. Those classes would have one of the most wonderful product the again. They had to fight the devil with his own weapons. Conservatives should make a note of every civil servant and Asylum official who was found work-house in the west wing. He had left it ajar, for fear of making a noise in the next election. "And we will have one of the most wonderful product the same points which were the people's universities. They had to fight the devil with his own weapons. Conservatives should be way—she could tell by the slight sound of his footsteps in descending. A rush own weapons. Conservatives should be way—she could tell by the slight sound of fight the devil with his own weapons. Conservatives should be way—she could tell by the slight sound of fight the devil with his own weapons. Conservatives should be way—she could tell by the slight sound of fight the devil with his own weapons. Conservatives should be way—she could tell by the slight sound of the move way as a state point way and the devil with his own weapons. Conservatives should be with a suggestion of the move then the Waringham party had dined earlier than usual, and she was afraid shutting it; but the wind blew it backthat the gentlemen would come in before the old doctor made his appearance. Not only was her fear fulfilled,
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near. These sounds frightened Gernear. These sounds frightened Gerthat the gentlemen would come in be-fore the old doctor made his appear-banging which would certainly have cluded the speaker. some measure depended upon him for advice in the maze of doubts and difficulties in which she found herself, retired to her room filled with a new anxiety; for, if Dr. Crosse deserted her now, how was she to prove that foul play was her strong card against the self-styled physician?

She locked her door, and, leaning over her writing-table with her head in her hands, tried to mature the plans she had projected to herself that afsome measure depended upon him for when she recognized the cause of them, next speaker. He taffied the audience There was a general feeling of dissatis-

head out into the chilling air of the November night, she gave up the at- fatally lost than James, without hav- make the dairy or some part of the Engledue deal, which the speaker. tempt, and broke down into sobs and target ing done anything to save him. So, tears. She still stood at the window, with teeth chattering, she returned.

was carrying it. On the impulse she

ed suddenly, showed her the dark face

of her husband, looking more menacing

than ever in the flickering light. "Where have you been?" he hissed. With a sharp cry she staggered back, rushed wildly into the garden again greens to the left of the path. She heard him come out quickly, heard the door close sharply behind him, heard his oath, and then his quick steps on the gravel. He passed her, going slowly and listening as he went. For a moment she felt relieved; but the next she remembered that it was still impossible for her to regain the

ner hiding-place and called "Philip!"

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was jealous and swore he would shoot paign in this city last night, London Mr. Whitney would be elected Premier, you if I was really James Otway! being the place in which the first guns being the place in which the first guns and congratulated him on being chosen the leader of the party. Johnson said he was going to say I was a burglar. I can't make head or on both sides have been fired in the

The audience that greeted Mr. Whit-

warming thought him anything extraordinary, and show your husband that there is except that he is very handsome, very handsome. Don't you think so, Gerlaid: "Yes he is handsome" she realized: "No disgrace? No disgrace? Then "Yes he is handsome" she realign." "Yes, he is handsome," she replied; "but I don't like his face; there is no feeling in it. I think I should like him better in marble than in flesh and blood."

Elizabeth took no part in the discussion; she seemed rather restless and or three times for "fidgeting," and kept a close watch upon Geraldine's shericans policy when they came in again. Which were the perhaps my husband has been deceived about his sister, after all!" was Geraldine's first thought, on reaching the last line of this letter, which she pressed to her lips and against her breast, with thanks to heaven in her heart. Then she sprang up and unlocked the door, and slipped quickly down the back staircase. James had gone that kept a close watch upon Geraldine's light the did not believe victory would rest on their banners. He claimber on their banners. He claimber of that the Liberal party, since they came into power, had introduced the last line of this letter, which she pressed to her lips and against her breast, with thanks to heaven in her heart. Then she sprang up and unlocked the door, and slipped quickly down the back staircase. James had gone that would rest on their banners. He claimber of that the Liberal party, since they came into power, had introduced the last line of this letter, which she pressed that the Liberal party, since they came into power, had introduced the last line of this letter, which she pressed that the Liberal party, since they came into power, had introduced the last line of the province finished that he had ever should rest on their banners. He claimber of that the Liberal party, since they came into power, had introduced the last line of this letter, which she pressed that the Liberal party, since they would rest on their banners. He claimber of that the Liberal party, since they came into power, had introduced the last line of this letter, which she against high schools would rest on their banners. In the distance of the heart liberal party, since they came into power, had introduced the last line of this letter

the college and farm. COL. MATHESON.

had returned Sir William Meredith and Kingston had returned Sir John Macdonald. London had always been faithful to Mr. Meredith, whether he was at Mr. Whitney assailed Mr. Hardy for the Mr. Whitney Mr. Whitney assailed Mr. Hardy for the Mr. Whitney Mr. went back on Sir John Macdonald. The speaker dwelt on the alleged extravagance of the Government and its unlimited powers, which even enabled them to tax men, after they were dead. He maintained that the Government had a deficit of \$400,000 annually. It suited to the action of Mr. Hardy and Mr. Conmee in reference to the latter's candidacy for the Dominion House while a member of the Ontario Legislature. Mr. Hardy, before Mr. Hobbs' election, had asked a London and a deficit of \$400,000 annually. It suited to the control of Mr. Hardy and Mr. Conmee in reference to the latter's candidacy for the Dominion House while a member of the Ontario Legislature. Mr. Hardy before Mr. house, as the door was shut. Then a thought caused her to start, and althought caused her to start, and almost to cry out, for Capt. Morrison, having rapidly made up his mind as to the course she would pursue, began running down the path toward the gate at that end of the park. As this was probably the way James had gone, he must come upon him sooner or later he must come upon him sooner or later if he continued. So she rushed out of her hiding-place and called "Philin!" mated expenditures for the present year motives of the people as unworthy of stood still, waiting like a child for some awful punishment of which she did not know.

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The speaker concluded by outlining the "policy" of the Opposition, reading the purchase of a bimeans the annual expenses of governity from manuscript. The Op-

Mr. Whitney Opens His Cam- the bitterest ever known in provincial

MR. MISCAMPBELL. Mr. Miscampbell, M.P.P., in opening, paid a warm compliment to Sir William Ralph Meredith. There never was such an agitation in Ontario as there was today, and he asked all to raise the principle of patriotism and Canadian is above mere partyism. Turning to not expect to; but they were not merely ism above mere partyism. Turning to the timber limits, he said the Opposition had before the H. H. The opposition had before the H. H. The opposition had before the said the Opposition had been said the Opp in 1871, to \$37 at present.

MR. WHITNEY. derived passed the day like a carrier-pigeon ever since Johnson bundled me up here this morning. He said that your husband had come—that he had heard where I was found, the conservative party in the leader of the Conservative party in the leader Mr. Wm. Gray, on behalf of the Con-

> Mr. Whitney, who was received with cheers, acknowledged the address as another evidence of good feeling he had experienced in London. After

czar in his own department. Thomas Magwood, M.P.P., was the nail without first consulting Mr. Ross. PRICE BY T. MILBURN & CO., TORONTO.

Hardy with swallowing his principles Mr. Hardy having previously an-Col. MATHESON.

nounced that large tracts of mineral land should not be locked up. It was tion financial critic, was next intro-duced. The Conservatives, he said, al-All stories of landlordism and tyranny ways regarded two cities with special anywhere were flat beside this act pride, London and Kingston. London which took from the people of Ontario home or fighting abroad, though he his alleged change of attitude on the regretted to say that Kingston once question of junior county judges. He

contemplating the purchase of a bicycle."

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Cameron writes: "I was confined to means the annual expenses of government intendence of timber limits. In a few days how the Government intendence of timber limits. In a few days they would see advertised for sale 275,000 square miles of timber limits, almost the only remaining timber preserves of the province.

Col. Matheson was so prolix that the colonel two or three hints to close up. The opposition, he said, pledged itself to husband provincial resources; to stop the creation of new offices; to curtail expenses of two days how the Government intendence to a trial a state of timber limits. In a few days they would see advertised for sale 275,000 square miles of timber limits to the treasury; to formulate a liberal maining law, by which the interests of the individual settler and miner would be considered before the interests of the comporations and syndicates; to import the position, he said, pledged itself to husband provincial resources; to stop the coreation of new offices; to curtail expenses of government intendence that dente two days how the Government intendence to have days how the Governme

ment; to exercise more care and watch-fullness in the expenditures for agriculwith common sense and public opinio and not to shirk the responsibilities thrust upon them; and to investigate the question of the timber limits with a view to their protection.

Mr. Whitney made a running commentary upon the paragraphs. He explained that he did not think too much plained that he did not think too much was spent in agriculture, but he thought\_it could be more judiciously spent. The Opposition did not propose some magic scheme which was to cure

#### The Best Tonic.

ney was comparatively small—in sharp that I had to humor him, though told him I didn't at all like being thivided about in this fashion. Your contrast with the overflowing multi-husband must be very unreasonable if the told him pre-like the sharp than that from far-off places. Here warmly eulogizing Sir William R. Whitney said that when the told him pre-like the sharp warmly eulogizing sir William R. Whitney said that when the told him pre-like the sharp warmly enloyed the sharp warmly enloy decessor, Mr. Meredith—but it was not gether, and the doctor can prove that I was under the influence of a narcotic when I instinctively made my cotic when I instinctively made my and were stimulated by frequent apart of the statement, that the Government would in a few days advertise another sale of the statement of the statem has been some curse upon me from the time you left England to go to Havre, Deldee. You have always lived since in my thoughts as my good fairy; but you have been too far away to save me from my wretched folly and illuck. For it is ill-luck. I left Waringham after my uncle's death, resolved to fight myself free from the awful charge brought against thirds full, about a dozen of those prestime two-thirds full, about a dozen of those prestiments to fill up the gap caused by the deficit of the present year.

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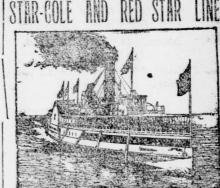
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