Tale of Mystery

the pose of the head was beautiful

The flesh was white, with the clear

deep whiteness of a abaster, and the

striking tallor was relieved by lips of

a rich red, lustrous eyes and heavy

brows and lashes all of a deep black.

ness. Above this remarkable fac-

was a wealth of hair, pure red gold

in hue, of extraordinary fineness and

quite wonderful profusion. She had

ong since ceased to dye it, and had

allowed it to grow again. Even

gathered up under the sober cap of

the nurse, the hair suggested that

crown of woman's glory which the

It was her hair that she had cur

conspicuous a part to achieve only

Daphne's experienced eyes were

also reading the state of her sister's

mind as reflected in her face, where

she saw the evidence of trouble or

'I am well enough bodily. I had

you want me to heip you, or do you

'I have come on what may prove

to be a very sad errand,' began Dessie,

and her sister interrupted her with a

'That's how goody-goody people

this betokens'-touching her uniform

- 'not a soul believes that I do not

always begin when they have some

thing particularly unpleasant to say

wi h a quick change of tone, speaking

with voluble anger. 'Here this. For

six years or seven years you have

never troubled yourself to come near

me. I have lived a puritanical exist-

ence that any saint might be proud

of. Not a soul had a suspicion that

my heart is not bursting with charty

and love for the noble calling which

regard it as a mission from God-a

mission to minister to the sick-ugh.

Wait a minute: let me finish. I am

content; or, at least, as far content

that I haven't laid hands on my life

And what is more, I see relief open-

ing out ahead of me. I am going to

be married. Do you understand? To

marry a man who is in love with my

face and figure; my beautiful body;

and with the saintly mind that in-

spires the nurse's calling! He is a

good man, and I love him, too, in a

way. Now, mark me, if a word that

you have to say will interfere with

that prospect, don't utter it. Go away

and leave it unsaid. Go and forget

me; put me out of our thoughts

again. Pack the memory of me away

on the shelf in your mind, where you

store the ugly things you never want

to think of again. But don't venture

to say, or even to think, a word that

is in the least likely to come between

me and my purpose. I won't endure

it. I won't." She spoke almost fler-

cely at the close, and what she said

nade Dessie so thoughtful that she

scarce knew how to begin.

or do. Look here,' she continued,

short, half-satirical laugh.

tagonistic air.

hair is to certain women.

such a dazzling tall.

CHAPTER XIII.

An Important Interview.

(Continued.)

'It is very good of you to come and see me, Miss Merrion. It is a cert and altogether strange women long time indeed since we met. Will she had become. Dapt ne was tall you come with me to my little room? for a woman, with an exquisitely The matron will excuse you.' There proportioned figure, the strength and was a qu et air of masterful force in suppleness of which had been well every syllable and action; and with- developed by her calling. But it was out another word the two sisters left her face and head that compelled the room together. Murmuring such attention. The features were all commonplaces as two friends might regular and in perfect harmony with speak who had not met for some the shape of the face which tapered time, they went to a small room, at from a broad and rather high brow to the end of a long corridor, in which the chin. Everything suggested were two beds; and there, as soon as force, thought, and self-reliance. The they were alone the elder sister let colouring, too, was as remarkable as drop from her face the mask of impassiveness she had worn.

She shut and locked the door

'All ears are on the strain for gossip and scandal here, and every tongue in the place is always itching to wag. Speak low, as somebody's sense of duty may bring them to the keyhole; and now, tell me, Dorothy, what in heaven's name what this surprise visit means?"

Dessie looked at her sister with emotion, in which the o'd sisterly affection, admiration for her beauty, as conspicuous as ever now, and astonishment at her present conduct were mingled.

'You have not kissed me, Daphre,' she said.

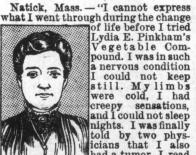
'You have not come all this way merely to be kissed,' answered the elder, with a gesture of impatience and temper But the words had scarcely left her lips before she threw her arms round Dessie and embraced | illness. her with vehement energy, twining her arms round the girl and pressing hot, fierce kisses on her cheeks and girl did not reply promptly to her quietly. "But I certainly have not lips. Dessie was almost frightened at this tempestuous change; but the love in her own heart was roused, and on her side she answered the caress- months ago, and have had a little hurt you. Tell me first, do you know es with fervent warmth. And in this difficulty in getting back my strength. this man?" She put into her hands way some time was passed, the two It is not my body that is suffering. and speaking scarcely a word.

At length the elder broke away and without a cause of that kind, I presat down on the bed opposite that on sume,' was the impetuous, half-augry which Dessie sat, and held the girl's reply. 'What is the trouble? Do

'What lamentable weakness,' she come to disturb me?' The paroxysm cried, impetuously. 'And yet how of affection had entirely passed from sweet to be weak sometimes, and not her. She loosed her sister's hand, always to lock away, as in an iron and sat with a half aggressive, half-anchest, every natural desire, prompt-

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time." said Dabhne, again, seeing her sister pause. "I mean it. Every word, and more. I won't hear a word. n your power to help me to the right way. Well, I yow to you"-she spoke now hurriedly, and with concentrated and almost bitter intensity-"if you do this now I will toss aside in an nstant the whole solemn lying of the even years, and get back to the old daring life, the desire for which burns always in me like an unslakable

"That is not the attitude of a strong yoman." said Dessie, quietly. "Perhaps not; but it is the resolof a determined one. I am only warning you. You have come to me not I to you. I am only telling you away in the old days, as the outward knows, for seven years. Jacob neve symbol of her severance from that win respectability: and now you world in which she had played so come and threaten everything. Go away. Rather than breathe a word. go away now, with every syllable unspoken. I'll take the risk of your It's easier to fall straight from a fool's paradise into hell than

to climb the weary treadmill of this dull, dreary, sordid, earthly round." "It is out of the question for me to go away without saying what to be, Dorothy,' she said, when the have come to say," answered Dessie come to dissuade you from taking any course you believe best for you. am con:pelled to reopen the past a bad attack of typhus fever a few however, and I am afraid that I must the photograph of the Count de Mon-

'Of course. You wouldn't come the handsome, self-confident face, it was clear that she recognised him. "What is this man to you?" she asked Dessie, her whole manner al-

> "Personally, nothing. But he is engaged to be married to a dear friend of mine-one who saved my life in the illness I told you of just now." 'Then let them marry, and do you keep out of his way, if you value any-

> thing you possess from your life downwards. 'I cannot do that,' answered Dessie. 'And it is because I cannot

that I am here.' "I will have nothing to do with i you attempt to struggle with tha man, you will lose as surely as you are a woman and he a man.

"Nevertheless I will not flinch, on can answer my questions satisfactorily." answered Dessie firmly "What has he ever been to you?"

"I shall not tell you." "Has he any hold over you? Could ne do you any harm?"

"He could never find me." "But if he could find you?" "No. none."

"You mean that, Daphne?" "Why do you cross-examine me like this?" asked the other, angrily

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"Don't I tell you? Shall I protest,

after a pause. must know that well enough." "I know him now as the Count de Montalt. He has once before crossed my path as Rolande Lespard; what

was he called to you?" "I will not tell. It would open up sealed chapter." "As you will. Then I will tell you

He was known as Adolphe Colimbert, half English, half French, and was mixed up in a hundred wild and lawless deeds. You need not say more about him unless you like; but one thing I ask you tell me fully in all confidence-How came the Indian endid the Star of the Rohilkund Crescent get into Colimbert's possession? The questions were asked in a quiet matter of fact tone, but the effect of them upon the elder sister was start-

"Where did you get to learn any

labouring with emotion.

"By a chain of coincidences that are as strange as I fear they are dangerous. When I first threw aside the old life and started as Dessie Merrior the letters she had received thought little about them till quite Mrs. Markham, was going to marry, ecognised the murderer Lespart. taxed him with it---

"Oh! you little fool," cried Daphne evoluntarily. "It was as much a our life was worth."

"It was. He tried to take it th ours, he had all our history, and he ng I myself went to Scotland Yard i whole story was told to me by th very inspector who had the matter i and at the time."

nean that I am implicated?" been found. The belief was that

knew different." Daphne Marlow sat with bowed head while the story was being told as if not daring to look her sister in the face. At the close she looked up. "Do you believe me guilty of that?" she asked, as if challenging her sis-

"That is the very question I have ome to ask. If not, then this man's threats to expose me are empty. He will probably threaten next to debe an empty boast also. Will you tell

Dessie had purposely spoken in perfectly unimpassioned voice, unwilling to add to what she felt must b her sister's intense agitation; but he cried:

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thing of this?" she asked, after a long

station which resulted in my getting cribed briefly what had hannened and

apers which gave him a clue to my dentity. After that, within a few

"What did he say? How do you "You know how you were called a naving formed the plot to get the whole of the Indian's jewels from him: that you were suspected of havafter the m- the deed, you disap peared, and had never been seen since. Adolphe Colimbert disappear

you had gone away together-but

ounce you. But I shall know that to

own emotions at that moment passed beyond her control, and after a pause. in which she waited breathlessly for an answer that did not come, she put her hand on her sister's and

"Tell me the truth, for heaven's sake, Daphne. All I care for in life may hang upon it." and she remained thus waiting eagerly while her sister appeared to be wrestling with feelings which prevented her from replying. To be continued.

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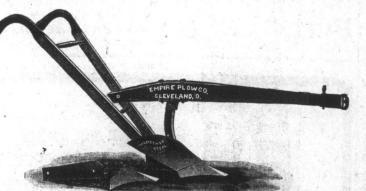
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