### ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER III. . THE MOVEMENTS OF THE GARROTTER.
Stunned, maddened, and rendered powerless by the blow given him by Philip Weston the robber who had thus been interrupted in his work of plunder made his way in haste out of Woolman's Lane, holding with his left hand his pained and wounded shoulder, as had been reported

As ho muttered this ho quitted his position by the wall, and, all dronched as he now was, moved forward at a much slower pace than before.

He walked a long distance, and by devious paths to the suburbs, passing at length on to Gower Terrace, one of the most aristocratic places in Liverpool, consisting entirely of large princely mansions, occupied by the wealthiest merchants of the town. Bach of these residences stood by itself within its own enclesure; a narrow lane ran along the

merchants of the town. Each of these residences stood by itself within its own encleaver; a narrow lane ran along the rear, in which the stables bestonging to each mansion were situated, and where the private, or kitchen enterance was to be found.

Into this back lane the man made his way somewhat cautiously, as if desirous to avoid observation, and having proceeded along till he came to the rear of one of the largest and finest of the mayest and finest of the mayest and finest of the navisions, then he paused at a small door in the encircing wall, and looked along the lane, in both directions to make size—that no one was at fand. All was dark, and silent, save for the gusts of wind and the rain battering against the buildings.

"Safe enough, so far," he mattered. "But what if the door is fastened? Har Good luck here, too."

He tried the door as he spoke, very cautionsly, and it opened to his toneh. Slowly, inch by inch, he pushed it back, till it was sufficiently wide for him to prest through. It creaked a little on its hinges, but the sound was lost in the pasting gust. He did not enter just at once, but inserting his head he gazed within in all directions to satisfy himself that none of the servants were in the enclosed court or about the offices which clustered round the back of the house. In this fortune still favored him, for their was no appearance of human beings. Alphe out houses lay in darkness and stillness, and only one or two of the upper windows were lighted, with the blinded drawn close.

Certain now that that he could enter without discovery, the man came through, and, nois leasly reclosing the deor, crept forward in a stealthy manner toward the house.

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