BY ALICE MAUD MEADOWS. Author of "One Life Between," "When the Heart is Young" "The Eye of Fate," "Days of Doubt," "The Threads of Life," Etc.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS: e tale opens with the meeting in Hyde of Jasper Warne and his wife Carline, n he had deserted. Warne promises to woman again, and bring what chelor chambers of Philip Gilchrist, s cousin, and the reader learns that become mistress of a great fortune. with. an is not so easily bought off as or imagined she would be. To avoid a rimagined she would be as it is. I can't bear that it should be said he is a coward, afraid to face the thing. I can't bear it, for your phers. Finding that he had accidentally sake, Leslie."

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"But want very much to talk to you."

Mrs. Bloor stepped back. The smile returned to her face. She was glad of any sort of companionship, and she was afraid of being arrested, and yet, if he discuss horrible details.

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CHAPTER XIX.

r from her engagement.

. Strangeways and Leslie were at eakfast on the following morning when Jasper Warne was announced. Both ladies turned a little pale. The dder looked at the younger woman.
"You'd like to see him at once, wouldn't Shall he come in here?"

Leslie nodded her head.
"Show Mr. Warne in here," Mrs. angeways said to the man-servant, bring another cover."
moment later Jasper entered the
his face was flushed, he looked

Mrs. Strangeways was the first We can guess your news," she said. dr. Gilchrist has been arrested."

Jasper shook hands with both ladies e answered, with Leslie last,

ing her hand in his for an instant or 'No" he answered "He has not been I could almost wish, as his riend as well as his cousin, that he had

He has done the worst thing he he has run away. Everyone will believe him guilty now."

Mrs. Strangeways uttered an expresof rage, and looked at Leslie. The was still pale, but she did not look

ainly shall not. "Won't you sit down have some breakfast, Jasper I'll be id you're had nothing. Where did hear this?" everyone," she said. "I, most

per let go Leslie's hand-she had not

in for all that, but I did not hear a nd and he did not come to the door.
at was at 3 o'clock. He was here last
ht, wasn't he? What time did he ght, wasn't he?

'Eleven," Leslie answered. "He was straight home to Park Lane, at st I understood him to say so. go up to his room again this morn-

" he answered. "I knocked again t received no answer. Then I went down to Mrs. Bloor, the housekeeper, who has a key. It was as I thought. His bed had not been slept in. He had een out all night." Leslie passed Jasper his coffee. Her

Well, you can't quite say that, can, on?" she said. "He might have come in very late and gone out very early. He'd be vexed, I suppose, if he knew you were keeping a sort of watch over Jasper colored and looked uncomfort-

and trembled a little

'I should not in the ordinary way." he nswered, "and in the ordinary way I on t suppose Mrs. Bloor would have

the key, but I was anxious, and knew that you "I quite understand," she said, and nodded to him brightly. "It was very kind of you, very kind indeed, but I don't ite see how you know that he has run

per frowned a little. "He hasn't come home. The police we looked for him and can't find him. me it seems to stand to reason. If has not run away where is he? I'm nwise as his action is-that we draw no other conclusion. 'And what then? The police will, of irse, search for him."

They are not bound to find him." "No, but they are almost bound to." eslie's pretty eyebrows drew close to-

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t places me in a very awkward poion." she said. As you say, everyone, eryone but me, will believe him People will pity me. I almost he paused suddenly. Jasper's heart

The places you in a disgraceful posi-on, Mrs. Strangeways said. "The an has run away when he ought to have stuck to his rooms, like—like a acle to the pillars of a pier. If he'd cared for you he would not have such a thing; for innocent or guilty h. I'm not sure which he him appear guilty. You ought to

eyes looked angry, but her lips "Oh, I don't think that's worth while,"

talked about by contradicting i and if Philip has run away—I can't quite accept it that he has—he will probably never come back, and the rumer of my engagement to him will die a natural death. I am not the sort of woman to follow a lover to the end of the world, and he must certainly clear himself or be cleared before I marry him. Perfect faith and trust are all very well, but you won't blame me, I am sure, if I'm not

foolishly trustful." Jasper looked down to hide the tri-umphant look in his eyes; put his hand over his lips so that she might not see how they were smiling. She was turning the woman again, and blinds, whe can spare. The scene then changes had been changes the backetor chambers of Philip Glichrist, him! Hearts are so often caught on the

bad once been in love with a girl had once been in love with a girl bad once been in love with a girl bad once been in love with a girl based he was; that would be very bad carrine, but that she had deceived policy. A woman, when any annoyance and that he is now passionately at common when any annoyance weeks."

But he would not let her know how said to herself. "Mary Scrims, for a sovereign. She's not been for fully three policy. A woman, when any annoyance weeks."

"And she's to be your right hand, to Leslie Beli, a charming young comes to her, whether it is really a blow or not, usually wants to be sympathised

"I hope and believe Philip will think deferred meeting between Jasper e and his wife takes piace, and the is not so easily bought off as rimagined she would be. To avoid a run away," Jasper said, "Things are back it is not so easily bought off as rimagined she would be. To avoid a run away," Jasper said, "Things are back it is least like Mary Scrims.

"You don't remember me?" she said,

while there he hears footsteps in passage, and his sweetheart, Rachel, has run away, he must, of course, have known all the time that he meant to house with a face "white as chalk." he write, or shall I have to pick up scraps of information, all wrong no doubt, from he house of Mrs. Strangeways, with the newspapers? You must come every the heires, and the reproposes to the heiress, and the ler is accepted. Philip reaches his chambers."

afraid of being arrested, and yet, if he discuss horrible details.

"Come in, and welcome, my dear," she answered. "I remembered your sweet face directly I saw it." This was distinctly untrue. "I remember I saw you in court. I am just having ten, if you'd so far honor me as to take a cup."

"I shall be very glad of a cup," Leslie said, and the two went downstairs. Mrs.

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ner lover, and refuses his offer to release his ground?

"Withdrawn it—and sat down.

"Well, I knew Philip had not come in all night," he answered. "I was late good to bed, and I went up to his room and knocked last thing. His in-and-out card was turned to 'out." He might have eyes were glowing.

"What do you mean by lies?" she ask-d. "What he did Philip tell?" Jasper looked uncomfortable.
"I'd so much rather not say, if you don't see," he answered.

"And I'd so much rather you did. I'm prejudiced, of course, and I'm only a are, of course, empty, and I think Mr. stood to his guns, if he had not run away, woman. A man sees with a clearer Jasper warne is out." judgment always." Mrs. Strangeways looked surprised. She did not quite understand Leslie this

"I didn't know you admited man to be the stronger sex," she said.

"Oh, yes," Leslie answered. "Well, Jasper, what about this lie that led to Jasper put down his cup with a hand

"It's a lie that I can almost forgive him for, because, of course, he lied for your sake. He said he had not seen Carline for three years." "Well?"

"It was, of course, not true. He had seen her far more recently. He did not want you to think so, of course; that was natural. He wanted you to believe that his love for Carline was just a boy's fancy, which lasted only a little while; he wouldn't have insulted you by letting you know it was an affair that had lasted almost up to the time he became engaged to you; an affair which had, perhaps, only been ended—honorable men do end such affairs, set their lives in order, under such circumstances-when he be

ame affianced to vou." Her face grew very dark, her lips set. "You think it was an affair of that sort? I shall believe you, of course, if

you say so. I know you are Philip's friend and mine.' "I'm afraid it was. I'm afraid the photograph proves the lie-and a man who will tell one lie, must tell many."

Leslie rose and crossed to the window.

"We wen't talk any more about it," she said. "It's all too dreadful. Is the world so full of villains that in my small circle I should meet so great an one? A liar, a deceiver, a murderer! I think I'll go to my room, but"—she turned round, facing the other, and her eyes blazed—"come again, Jasper, come every day, and tell me all you know or guess. I only want the truth; when I am sure of that, I

shall know how to act "
She went quickly from the room and up the stairs; half-way she paused, and looked back. "The villain!" she said. "The despicable villain! O Philip-Philip!"

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if you would not before. Let me a notice to the papers."

Mrs. Bloor was taking her tea. Mr. Bloor had gone round with a friend to play billiards at a neighboring public house, so that the good lady was alone. black spectacles, so it may be all right." Leslie heard what Mrs. Bloor was say-For this reason she was not sorry when the basement bell rang; someone had

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But he would not let her know how said to herself. "Mary Scrims, for a

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She rose slowly, and went upstairs, lie said. "That will be nice for you, smiling to herself, opened the door, She may be a very agreeable girl and a smiling still; then looked surprised.

"Come in, and welcome, my dear," she "Do, my dear, and thank you," Mrs.

"And you did'nt hear anyone come in?"

"No, the front door opens quietly. My husband sees to that. He don't want to be disturbed in the night, and Mr. Jasper warne, and the first floor gentleman, when he's at home, are late people. Your when he's at home, are late people. Your condensation of the provider of the prov "No, the front door opens quietly. My move."
husband sees to that. He don't want to "In what way" Joel Constant asked.

what she expected to find out by going no suspicion attaching to him, he might upstairs, but it seemed to her it might be wait a safe opportunity." lpful in some way. Mrs. Bloor unpadlocked the keys, and preceded her up- lips.

"And yet," Leshe said, "it seems that if he hadn't been. one's been in them for months but me."

the pale-faced man, if he came from this But when she looked round them, they open, did you not?" told her nothing. And they went upward

As they reached the next landing, they youould hear talking. "The police," Mrs. Bloor said. "They

are rummaging over Mr. Gilchrist's things; but that need not prevent our having a look round. Oh, Mr. Warne's door is open! Then he is probably up there too. I've always noticed that he Mr. Gilchrist's."

to her, but she said nothing. "Perhaps we had better not look bund Mr. Warne's rooms now," she said. 'After all, that can tell us nothing. The come out, or have passed, without being seen, and I think I won't go upstairs now, since you think, probably, Mr. Warne is there. I am sorry to have given you the trouble. Would you mind not mentioning to Mr. Warne that I have was careful

been here?"

Mrs. Bloor started on her downward course, Leslie following.
"I won't mention it," she answered. "As for trouble, I don't consider there is much trouble about these stairs. I supse I'm used to them and don't feel them, though I am getting on in years. My husband's of a different opinion, though, and thinks it's time I took my rest a bit, so he's got a niece coming over from Australia. She's to do the running up and down stairs for me. I don't know that I quite approve of pitchforking a donial girl into a house like this, but I understand she's homely-faced, and wears

ing, but she was not really interested, she was thinking too deeply. "I only hope she'll be smart in her ways, and brisk," Mrs. Bloor went on. he abswered. "I should only make it | "Now, I wonder who that can be?" she "She's one of large family, and they gen-

erally are. I can't help wishing, though, you," he said. that she were pretty pretty, if you'll an willing to pay twenty excuse me, like you miss. I do like well-pounds for the information. excuse me, like you miss.

I really think
I'd have gone to meet her if she'd been and, in an absent sort of way, Leslie took twenty pieces of gold from her purse and the really on the rable.

"And now you'll let your busband go." she said, for the sake of saying some-

Leslie raised her passed and stopped a passing hansom; she didn't want's Jasper

"Oh, I'd let him." Mrs. Bloor answer-

ed, "but he'll not go, not him. He don't like travelling by train. Never does if he can help it; it makes him giddy. Trains do have that effect upon some people. No, she'll have to find her way here "And she's to be your right hand," Les-

great nelp to you."

dasper proposes to a decrease, and design and goes chambers at four in the morning, and goes straight to his bedroom. Awakening an hour later with a start, and being unable to sleep, he enters the sitting room to get a book, and there sees the dead body of Carline. Later on the police, who are summoned, learning that Philip knew the woman, and finding a portrait of her in the room, suspect Philip of the deed. Leslie, however, to whom Philip has confided his ground?"

She spoke fretfully, pettishly. In spite of having said she should trust Philip, her trust seemed to have departed. Already she was looking to Jasper for company, and finding a portrait of her in the room of the deed. Leslie, however, to whom Philip has confided his ground?"

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"I was just wishing for company," Mrs. Bloor said, "and here it is, my dear. You don't mind my calling you my dear. I do feel for you."

"What man would not? I wish pecause Mr. Gilchrist has run away?" What man would not? I wish philip had asked my advice before he took this fatal step."

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"You have stood his ground. He's not guilty, I'm sure of that, but he's hold his ground?" Joel Constant opened the door when

when he's at home, are late people. Your good gentleman was generally in by 12. Then about S o'clock there are always a good many cabs and carriages up and down the road. You can't settle to your meal, I can see, miss. Would you like to come to the rooms now? Mr. Gilchrist's criminate them. If Mr. Gilchrist had come to the rooms now? Mr. Gilchrist's criminate them. If Mr. Gilchrist had asper Warne is out." the guilty party would have been in a Leslie rose at once. She hardly knew hurry to get rid of these things, but with

"Well, that's true," he said, "What's in "It's not a bit of good going into the rooms on the first and second floor," she I'm not a detective, you know. Do you said, "but we will if you like, though no mean you don't think Mr. Gilchrist

"Oh, probably not," Leslie said, care-lessly, "and I don't really want you to the pale-faced man, if he came from this house at all, and didn't pass the Jew. lessly, "and I don't really want you to must have come from there. I should do anything. But on the night you called on Mr. Jasper Warne you found his door on Mr. Jasper Warne you found his door

Mr. Constant started. "Open?" he repeated. "How do He pulled himself up.

"You heard my evidence," he said. "That you knocked and no one came," Leslie said. "It was the truth, but it was not all the truth, was it? I have it from Mrs. Bloor that Mr. Warne is careless with regard to his door, often neglectleaves his door ajar when he goes up to ing to shut it. Now. Miss Strauss, the fr. Gilchrist's."

Leslie started a little. An idea came
lady to whom you are engaged, saw someone come out of No. 24B. He did not come from the basement, or the first or second floor; the natural deduction is that he came from the top floor and passed unseen by you because you were in nurderer could not have been in his Mr. Warne's rooms. I don't want to rooms, since Mr. Constant was standing make the knowledge public. I'll promise at the door. Anyway, he could not have come out, or have passed, without being twenty pounds to know you did find the open, and that you went into Mr. Warne's rooms if it was only for a mo-Mr. Joel Constant's eyes flashed, but he

"I don't see what good it would do

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The sight was too much for the Jew.

"On your word of honor, this goes no further?" be said.

"On my word of honor, no."
"Then the door was open. I did go into the rooms, and, what's more, I heard footsteps pass the flat—hurried footsteps. I didn't mention this because didn't want to be more mixed up in the case than I could help, and it seemed to me evidence was already strong

enoug. against the murderer."

"The murderer." she repeated.

"Well, I suppose we may take it for granted, though I'm sorry to say it, that the murderer was Mr. Philip Gitchrist. If Mr. Warne hadn't been careless opposed to leave his deep content. enough to leave his door unlocked, I should have seen Mr. Gilchrist come "Well, she can put the rooms to rights down, and my evidence would probably and do the dusting," Mrs. Bloor said. have hanged him. In a way, perhaps, "She'll have the run of them while the he will owe his life to Mr. Jasper Warne's

"Connected, of course, with financial matters? Oh, I am not going to ask a word about it, young men will be young men. Good-bye, and thank you very much." She held not har hand and smiled at

Mr. Joel Constant. "You'll keep what I've told you quiet?" he said, anxiously, Leslie smiled.

"Of course. As you said, it's a mercy for Mr. Gilchrist that Mr. Warne had left his door open, and that you did not He recognized Leslie at once and she see him stealing down after the murder."

Then she does believe him guilty."

"That's an awfully swagger neighbor-

hood. Your people must be swells."
She shook her head.
"They are not," she answered, "They are what the English call caretakers, or Mr. Constant pursed up his full red something of that sort. They live underground—that will be awfully funny to me and look after four young men who have chambers, diggings they call them, so I learnt from an Englishman. For my

part, it seems queer that young want looking after. In Mildura look after themselves."
"Oh, they will be some of the upper crust," the young man said. "Well, I'll be awfully sorry to lose sight of you, but I'm going up to Scotland, so there is not "None," she interrupted, and sighed a

If she hadn't been quite so plain and uninteresting, perhaps, there might have been a chance. Beauty draws us with a single thread a good deal further than Scotland to Park View, sometimes. "I suppose you were pleased to come over?" the young man said, after a min-

ute or two. "More than pleased," she answered: "but the voyage has been much tamer than I expected. Nothing exciting has happened. The sea nash't even made me "Did you want excitement?"

"Well, yes, I think I did. All my life

I've eraved for adventures, and they have "They may yet." "Let's hope so, but I'm afraid not. The basement of No. 24B, Park View, does not sound exciting, does it?"
"I don't know," he answered. "I'm

rather inclined to think it does."

An hour later the Australian girl stood on English soil, feeling for an instant a trifle bewildered. Then a hand was inid upon her arm.
"You are Maria Bloor, I am sure?" a

you. Shall I help you to see to your Maria felt aimost bewildered. She had not expected this. She was wrong after alk. In spite of being anything but pretty, someone had come to meet her.

A man who has expected to be arrested on the charge of murder has every reason to feel surprised and perplexed when he finds he has been kidnapped. Philip had shown light when he realized that he was not in the clutches of the lew. but it "Wa're not afreid you will nealist as"

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"I am a prisoner, of course"

"A distinguished visiter, sir, in a "And you are ..." "We are just your servants, sir. We hope very much you won't try to escape, It's for your own good you are here."
Philip felt angry and looked it.

pected of murder?"

The two men looked at one another.
"I believe that was the scheme," one answered. "Please don't worry, sir. Dominion that he may be conversant with You'll find things are all right, and we conditions as they exist, and to personal-

"I suppose so," Philip answered. "You are not the men who pretended to arrest bert journed or from Ottawa to St. Paul, me last night!"

me last night?"

No, we had nothing to do with that part of the business. Our only task is to see that you are comfortable. If you should wish to write to anyone anyone Watt, superintendent of the William in particular"—the man emphasized the Head quarantine station, Dv. Montenam-words a little—"your letter will be de-bert visited this station to inspect the livered." Phinp booked from one man to the changes or improvements which he may other. He would have given much to consider beneficial to this department of have written to Leslie, to assure her he public service. In speaking of his

had not run away, and at the same time trip this morning Dr. Montezambert to prevent the anxiety she must feel; but said: "My visit to Victoria is only in conhow could be entrust a love-letter and nection with my annual inspection trip. a letter to Leslie must be a love-letter-to I find everything connected with the dethese men? Besides, for some reason or partment in very good shape, and the other, they might be trying to get his health conditions of the country are exsignature, his handwriting, though, to be cellent." sure, that would be easy enough to get. "I have no wish to write a letter," he improvements which will be made, Dr. nawered. "How long am I to be kept Montezambert replied: "That is someanswered. "How long am I to be kept

swered. "It depends, I believe, upon circumstances; but you'll probably be told when when your friend comes. If you'd only make yourself." you'd only make yourself as comfortable as possble until then, it would really be well for you. We have instructions to give you anything in the world you wish

"Except my liberty?"

Philip laughed a little grimly. "I'm atraid I can't feet very grateful towards you," he said; "and I warn you that you're putting yourselves in a very

not in the clutches of the law, but it was a case of four to one. He was litterally dragged, clutching at the baunis
Ethilip looked at the door, at the two ters as he went to the top of the house strong men, then sat down with a relp-

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"It's the most ridiculous thing in the (To be continued.)

VISITING VICTORIA.

Dr. F. Montezambert, Director-General of Public Health, in the City. public health for the Dominion of "For my own good that it should be Canada, with headquarters at Montreal thought I have run away, fearing arrest? Is in Victoria, stopping at the Driard. For my own sake that I should be sustoria at this time is in connection with his annual inspection trip which Dr. Montezambert makes to all parts of the

shall do our very best to make you com-fortable. You'll breakfast in the other time laws, the stations and things in con-I themen to the heardary line, where he m

place and suggest, if necessary

Asked as to the probable changes of thing I cannot answer, but you know we



