

LORD MORDEN'S DAUGHTER

THE TRAGEDY OF THE CEDARS.

"With pleasure, old man-I may say, said, gently. "But then, I have been the greatest pleasure in the world! abroad so much during the past few Oh, how freely do you lambs go to years, it is hardly likely that I should the slaughter! Come. We will lunch have heard anything of this, if you at Cavali's, in Fleet Street, then walk yourself had not told me. You have to Doctors' Commons, where I can get my sympathy, old fellow." all the information desired, and se- | "Yes, but what of my offer? Tocure a special license from His Graco house is useless to me; it has never

the Archbishop of Canerbury, at a been lived in since I had it furnished cost of twenty-nine pounds, eight and decorated, and, if you like it, and While lunching matters were freely place cheap. Take it on approval for discussed, and Fairfax whistled when three or six months You will find it he heard of the enemy's latest move." a perfect little paradise, for I spared

"By Jove!! if they get wind of Miss no expense, and I hate it now!" Deene's whereabouts, you will find "Your offer is kind," Locksley reyourself a disappointed bridegroom, plied, thoughtfully, "and I will look over the place this afternoon, if you "Don't hint at such a thing," groan- will take me there."

"Well, if your man, Rogers, is as er set foot in it again. It is situated smart as you believe him to be, I at Richmond, about a mile from the think that you are pretty safe though station, and is called 'The Myrtles it was hardly wise to employ the cab- The keys are at the post office in the man who is known to the other side." | village. If you take it off m. hand. "I thought it better to do so than en- A shall be grateful, and I trust that you may never know what it is to

Commons, and were referred to a

proctor by the clerk The proctor lis

Locksley was terribly disappointed,

your father is well?"

yellow fever in India."

there with Lord Morden."

know if he still lives?"

he will be glad to see me."

"He has been a great rover," admit-

ted the colonel, "and suffered with the

"I never heard him mention it."

"No? That is strange He was out

"Morden!" exclaimed Lacksley

"Can you tell me anything about Lord

Morden, Colonel Hassard? Do you

"Why not ask your father?" the old

soldier replied, raising his eyebrows.

"They appeared to be inseparable

friends, and I have seen neither for

fifteen years. By the way, I must call

upon Norman Locksley; I am sure that

. Edmund did not reply until the col-

"Can you give me his present ad-

dress, Mr. Locksley? I should like to

know, also, if he has a man in his

service named Peters Peters was my

orderly for years, and I sent him to

your fathe with a strong recommenda-

"Yes, colonel, Peters still acts as his

valet and nurse I believe that he is a

most devoted servant. I never knew

my father when he enjoyed health

and cheerfulness, and I hesitate to

send you to him, colonel. For years

he has refused to see friends of his

early manhood, and lives in a gloomy

onel's voice again broke the silence.

"Well, perhaps so. Have you gr- suffer as I have done." Inged a little home nest to bill and

"Not yet; things have been so hur- They walked in silence to Doctors ried."

Fairfax was silent for a little while, tened to the application, and announca strange melancholy having settled ed that it would be impossible to sup-

am going to tell you what is known to presented to the Archbishop of Cana very few out of my own family, terbury for approval and signature. and wondered how he could endure

"No: still it is not pleasant: but I the anxiety of yet another day. excuse you because you have never! The application having been made in due form, he and Fairfax eturred

"I have never cared for a woman?" to the Temple, and found a gentleman Fairfax laughed harshly, then he waiting to see the barrister. turned upon Locksley a look that he "Be seated, Locksley," his friend said, easily. "This gentleman is not

"Edmund, you would hardly believe here upon business; he is an uncle of that a false woman has ruined my mine lately back from India. Colonel life! I have loved as few men love, Hassard, this is an old school chum, only to find that I was a mad fool or Edmund Locksley Now we all know the very eve of my wedding day! It is each other." all over now, though, and surely six The colonel acknowledged the inmonths is long enough to heal a brok- troduction by bowing slightly, and eyen heart. I did not intend to tell you ing Edmund keenly. this, and should not have mentioned it "I think I should have known that at all, only that the home I prepared you were the son of Norman Locksley, for my expected bride might be of even if I had not heard your name. use to you, for-for a little time, at he remarked, presently. "I trust that least."

He spoke huskily, and brushed a "His health is very" indifferent." tear from his eye.

Locksley replied, "and is a standing "You astonish me, Fred," Locksley puzzle to the doctors."

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"I will do that," Edmund promised "Thank you, my boy, thank you; and I'll bet you a dozen of port that he sends me an immediate invitation." "I truly hope that he will colonei,"

was the fervent reply. "I will write to-day from my club." "And where is your club?" demand-

ed the colonel. "The Prince Albert, Piccadilly." "Thank you. I will call there for my reply, say the day after to-morrow the afternoon-between three and

"That is my wedding day." said Locksley, his heart bounding with a joyous throb; "but I will be there, colonel, as I shall be anxious to hear

After chatting pleasantly for a while Fairfax consulted an A. B. C. timetable, and advised Locksley to start

hear what you think of the place." Locksley said good-by to Colonel Hassard and Fairfax, and started at a brisk walk for Temple rafiway sta-

Locksley stepped into a first-class compartment and sat down. His mind was full of Dora, and a glad light sunshine seemed to have awakened all that was beautiful and bright in Keep Your It was dark in this foul-smelling subterranean passage, but he knew tha tthe day was glorious beyond!

"A forecast of our lives-mine and Dora's," he thought, hopefull;

and beside it was a bit of cardboard, with a round hole in the center, for In deciding to advise motorists to

rait, oblivious that his vis-a-vis, a man a year or two his senior, was watching remedy the existing state of con-I want to smoke badly, and haven't a

Locksley looked up.

The man laughed, but it was an-un-

pleasant laugh.

are under the spell of some pretty woman-for a time." flushing half angrily, but the strang- users of the roads. er's eyes were turned away, while he

into the bowl of his big meerschaum. "I was in the same fool's paradise

myself once." he went on, bitterly,

Locksley said. (To be continued.)



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it was to be her lover's guine when discontinue the practice of dimming Royal Automobile Club was influenced by two very important considerations. First, it was considered essential to establish a uniform rule to

"I am sorry to interrupt you," his one can imagine the chaos that fellow-traveller said, at length, "but would be caused on the roads in the daytime if there were no law in regard to keeping to the left or passing other vehicles on the right-hand side. It is almost as essential to "I don't believe that I have noticed have a settled policy in regard to you before," he replied "Here are headlamps, and the policy of keeping headlights on when driving on unlighted roads should become an established rule-like keeping to the

The second consideration, and posderstand the state of your mind. "You sibly the more important, was the fact that dimming or switching off headlights is a great source of danger to pedestrians, cyclists, drivers Edmund looked up sharply, his face of ill-lighted carts, cattle, and other

None of these can be nicked out on dark country roads by the normal sidelights of a motor-car.

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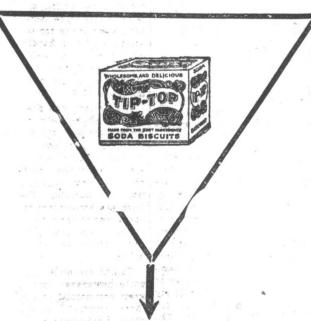
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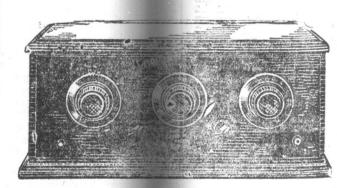
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