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The Puzzling Pretty Widow

be nice to me!" said Rudolph. "I perceive that I've lighted upon one of the 'rare moments,' and I'm going to take advantage of it," he added, as he came a little nearer to her, and looked up in her face with a glance of amusement and admiration which made her blush a little. "I'm going to make you talk to me, and amuse me, as you were told to do last night.' "No! It was you who were told to

"Was it? Well, we'll take it in turns then. Do you remember who taught your cricket?" "Yes; oh, yes."

"And what a rage you used to be in curiosity to see the face of the intruder. ber well; but I don't want to talk about Mrs. Dale has a fancy that The Towers

is haunted." And she related the adventure of the previous night, and her intention of changing rooms with her hostess. fore he made any comment. Then he faid abruptly: "You are not nervous, are you Mabin?

I know you used to have no end of "Well, I haven't any less than I ever "Well, if you do change rooms, you have got to be prepared to see the ghost yourself."

"You make me feel rather-rather creepy! What do you really think I A face at the window, probably. The face of the spy from your house.

What else can she have seen?" Mabin considered a moment. "I'll risk it!" she cried at last. "I shan't go to bed at all. I shall sit up

I wish you would. We should find out something if you had the strength of mind to do that." Not without a wild beating of the not been relocked, and in which there was no key, Mabin, considering this holding the strange night-watch, without saying a word to Mrs. Dale of her

"She thinks she only had a dreadful dream, you know," said Mabin.
"Well," replied Rudolph, "I want to know what sort of dream you will

He had to admire the courage she showed in undertaking a task which was, as she expressed it, "rather shuddery," for when he left her at the gate of The Towers, she was still steadfast in her intention.

It was not until after dinner that evening that Mrs. Dale introduced the young girl to the apartment she was to occupy that night. Mabin was astonished at its dinginess, its gloominess, contrasting so strongly as they did with the fresh prettiness of the room which had been prepared for herself.

It was a large square room, with a moldy, old-fashioned wallpaper, on which unnatural pink roses climbed up a succession of thin hop-poles. The pictures were groups of trees done with the pencil in the woolly early Victorian manner, and stiff bouquets, in water-color, of conventional early Victorian flowers. The bed, which was hung with curtains, occupied an undue space; and Mabin felt that, in the weird circumstances of her tenancy room, she would rather have died than sleep in that funereal erection When Mrs. Dale had kissed her and

bade her good-night, after receiving Mabin's assurances that she did not feel in the least nervous, the young girl felt a strong inclination to follow her friend out of the room and to implore her to find her some other sleeping-

By a valiant effort, however, she conquered this weakness, and made a careful survey of her surroundings. In the first place, the windows and their fastenings had to be examined. They were carefully secured, and were both so high above the ground that it would have been impossible for an intruder to reach them without a ladder.

There were three doors; and at first Mabin was inclined to regard this as a disquieting circumstance. But on finding that two of them were unused. locked and without a key, and that there was a bolt on the door by which | Camps on Many a Threshold-But South she had entered, she began to feel more

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book, she placed herself in an armchair which stood near the fireplace, which, although shabby was sufficiently ly comfortable, and, putting her can-dles on a small table beside her, settled herself to read. Her book was a novel of excellent type, not too elever to be charming, not so commonplace as to be dull. Much to her own surprise, she got interested, and forgot, or almost forgot, the vague fears which kept her in the armchair instead of in bed. She was in the very heart of the book, and her candles had burnt low in their sockets, when a sound, a very slight sound, behind her back, caused the

blood almost to freeze in her veins. It was a soft, stealthy tread. Looking round, half paralyzed with terror, she saw that the door was ajar, and that creeping softly round toward the inside handle was the long, thin hand of a man.

CHAPTER IX.

In the ordinary course of things it conclude, on seeing a man's hand inside her door in the middle of the night, that the intruder was a burglar. But her mind had been rendered more clear, been for the last two days trying to

Instead, therefore, of screaming, or stretching out her hand to the oldfashioned belirope which hung by the "Proper behavior, then, means nice- fireside at a little distance from her right hand, she waited, watched and listened. Apparently she had unconsciously made so slight noise as she turned in her chair to look behind her, for the intruder, whoever he was, intead of entering, waited and listened

There was a pause; and then the hand which had crept so stealthily round the door was slowly and quietly withdrawn. Mabin, fascinated, watched the long, bloodless fingers as they gradually disappeared from her sight, and was sufficiently self-possessed to observe that the hand was that of a gentleman. And upon this discovery there sprang up in her mind a strong

Even while she felt the last remains of fear give place to courage and vivid ricket. I want to tell you something. interest, Mabin, with her wits all sharpened with excitement, wondered at the change in herself. She sprang lightly to her feet; and, with the intention of taking him by surprise, ran Rudolph listened gravely, and there towards the door. But the candles, blown by the draft caused by her light, quickly round on the tips of her toes blown by the draft caused by her light, hanging sleeves, flickered and caused the shadows on the dingy, rose-covered wall to dance and quiver. The mysterious visitor, as much on the alert as the girl was, closed the door softly between her and himself.

Mabin, however, sprang forward and seized the door handle. She heard the sound of rapid footsteps on the other side, and for one moment she hesitated to go in pursuit. With the clearness of intellect which belongs to the night, when there are no sounds of busy life, no distractions of bright light and vivid color to divert the attention, she saw both the dangers on the one hand, the attractions on the other, of a deeper dive into the mystery which surround-

Throwing open the door, which had circumstance as she went, dashed through in pursuit.

It was indeed a daring thing to do, for she was not even mistress of the topography of the house. The room in which she now found herself she had never been in before, and the only light to guide her footsteps came through the window, and was obscured by a yellow-white blind. It was by this light that Mabin knew that the dawn had come, and the knowledge gave her more courage. She could follow the intruder with greater security now that she knew that, if she chased him to the place where he had entered the house, she would see his face in the daylight. As she entered the room the man was in the act of opening a door on the left which led into the corridor. Mabin saw him for a moment against the brighter as the other had done.

By the time she had got into the corridor in her turn, she saw the man lisappear down the stairs at the end. She followed still. He reached the hall; he went down the four steps to the drawing-room, through the doorway of \$1,400. which he again passed out of her sight. In the midst of the excitement which hurried her on to the drawing-room loor, the young girl felt a chill in her plood as she remembered Mrs. Dale's description of the gloom of the deserted apartment. She had described it as "a damp and moldy mausoleum." Mabin would have avoided the room if she could. The meeting with her mysteri-

there than in the warmer, more habitable parts of the house. But she went on. Dashing into the room with impetuosity, all the greater for her vague fears, Mabin found herself in a very long, wide, low-ceilinged oom, the roof of which was supported by two rows of pillars, and the air of which struck a chill into her.

ous visitor would be more uncanny

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The Report Was

At Last the Hospital Committee Come Before the Council.

High School Debentures Reconsidered and Granted.

The Bread Bylaw Finally Passed-Re Naming of West London Streets at Last Accomplished.

The city council held a special meetwould have been natural for Mabin to ing last night, at which a report was presented by the hospital building committee. The committee was roundly scored by several aldermen for its meher perceptions more acute, by the stimulating mystery which she had ed, thus ratifying the acceptance of the

> The chairman of the committee, Ald. Carrothers, submitted a very brief formal report, which simply stated that it had adopted the plans of McBride & Farncombe, and had instructed the architects to prepare specifications, up-on which it was intended to call for tenders. Ald. Graham said that one particular

> objection to be made against the council then adopting these plans was that they had not been shown any of them. They should not assume the responsibility of something they knew nothing about, and it was unjust of the committee to ask them to do so. He moved that the first and second choice of the plans voted on by the doctors be brought before the council and the different points of advantage pointed

Ald. Greenlees seconded the motion. He said the vote of the doctors had been counted in a most peculiar manner, and one not in accord with fair Some of the doctors gave as their first choice Moore & Henry's plan, and their second choice Mr. McBride's, or vice versa, and the result was that by taking the two choices together, their votes were nullified. He wanted to see the plans, "because," he said, " want to exercise an independent judgment, and I am in the dark altogether." Continuing, he said he thought the employment of an architect was going too far, and he would certainly not vote to ratify the action of the committee until he had obtained further information. Ald. Nutkins was ready to rely or the intelligence of the committee. He took advantage of the occasion to say, however, that he felt aggrieved that he, as a builder, had been slighted in

not being on the committee. Ald. O'Meara claimed that a portion of the council had been ignored in the whole matter. It was the first time that he ever knew of the council being treated in such manner, and he ed her. For a few seconds the impulses struggled against each other, and pulses struggled against each other, and tee had nothing to hide, why should board probably as long then curiosity and youthful daring they not report? If steps had been taken, as he understood, to let contracts, and go on and build the hospital, would stop them, "and," he added, "Th get 100 people to back me."

Ald. Winnett supported the committee, but to get over the difficulty moved that before the contracts be let that they first be submitted to the council for ratification. Ald. Taylor said that the time to object to the resolution was when it was made. There was no use beginning to squeal now. The matter had been

properly conducted, he thought. Ald. Belton was ready to stand by the committee, and Ald. Stevely said he did not see that they could have reported earlier. Ald. Cooper was very strongly opposed to the contracts being let without

being referred to the council. Ald. Graham denied that his motion was because of any personal objection to Mr. McBride's plans. But he light which came through the windows considered it unjust to ask the council on the east side of the house, and then to adopt certain plans without showing the council the plans first. Ald. Douglass did not approve what the committee had done, either but said that they had gone so far now nothing else could be done. If they did not adopt Mr. McBride's plan they

would have to pay him 2 per cent, or Ald. Graham rose to reply, but was called down by the mayor, saying he had spoken more than once. Ald. Graham maintained his right to speak, and was finally allowed to "be brief." Ald. Winnett's amendment carried, Ald. Graham, Greenlees and McCallum

Ald. McCallum moved the third reading of the bread bylaw, which provides for the labeling of bread. The label is of paper and indicates the weight of the Ald. Dreaney advocated the use of tin

stamps. He objected to the mucilage. Ald.Cooper objected to the third readng on the ground that he wanted more Ald. McCallum explained that the

label was put dry on the dough, the moisture of which caused it to adhere to the loaf. He included in his motion that the stamp be not less than 1 inch by 11/2 inches in size, and the bylaw. went through with this amendment. Ald. Carrothers held that twelve

The bylaw renaming certain streets as brought up. Ald. McCallum and was passed with but two your dyspepsia will vanish. changes. John street is called Argyll street instead of Forward avenue; Oak continued the doctor, "I have found street was changed to Forward avenue Patrick street to Arundel street, then back to St. Patrick.

The school board, represented by Dr. English, Dr. Teasdall, Messrs. Mac-The White Star steamship Britannia pherson. Logan and Regan and Prinipal Merchant, made another appeal for the issue of debentures for \$8,000 to provide a new four-room school at the Collegiate Institute. It was absolutely essential to provide additional accommodation in some way, said Dr. English, and he proceeded to give several reasons why a new school should be built. Each of the trustees spoke, and Ald. Greenlees and Hunt moved to

grant the issue. The vote was a tie, and the petition was granted on the casting vote of the The division was as follows: Yeas-Belton, Jolly, Stevely, Graham, Hunt,

Nutkins, Gerry, Greenlees and the Nays-Taylor, Douglass, O'Meara, Carrothers, Winnett, Cooper, Dreaney and McCallum-8. Ald. Carrothers said a two-thirds

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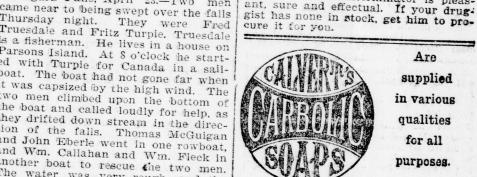
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