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"Then they separated. That night—oh, this is a dreadful story to tell!" cried Theodora, interrupting herself with a clasp of her white hands. "I wish you had not asked me, Mr. Keith."

"Perhaps someone else will finish the story for you," he suggested.
But Theodora had no real desire for another to take her place as long as she could win-even by this story from which she pretended to shrink-a claim on his undivided attention.

"No, I will go on, as you wish it," she said, acceding gracefully. "Next morning old Mr. Myddelton was found murdered in the wood beyond the shrubbery; the window of his room had been forced open, the lock of the secretaire wrenched, and the will was gone; and, more than that, upon the carpet lay Mr. Myddelton's candlestick and the velvet cap he always were in the house,

and on both were stains of blood."

"Judging by those premises," remarked Royden, "Mr. Myddelton had been struck within the room by the thief who had stolen the will; he had followed the thief agrees the lower and lowed the thief across the lawn and through the shrubbery, to the wood. Here there must have been another struggle, which ended in the old man's death. Was that the general suppo-

"It was exactly so," returned Her-vey, "and proved, of course, to have been Gabriel Myddelton's act."

"It was easy to prove that," put in Mrs. Trent, with languid contempt. "Gabriel was caught in an attempt to leave England; and in the bag he carried were found fragments of the missing will. Of course there could not be a doubt after that, but, even if there had been, it was dispelled upon the

"Whose evidence in court could go beyond the forcible fact of the destroyed will being found in his possession, and his being caught endeavoring to

"But, Mr. Keith, there was even further evidence, and that doomed the man at once," replied Theodora. "The counsel for the prosecution brought forward a girl named Margaret Territ, who lived with her father in a cottage on the outer border of the wood, and she had terrible evidence to give, though she had with much trouble been prevailed upon to give it. On that evening of the murder, she said, Gabriel Myddelton had gone to their cottage and told them of his quarrel with his uncle. He had told them of old Mr. Myddelton's having made a will to disinherit him, and even where it was put. Her father could prove this, the girl added, for he had been present, and had waited to r young Mr. Myddelton a bit before he went to the mines, where he was on night-work. At night, when she was sitting alone in the cottage, Gabriel came again, very quietly and cautiously, she said, his face white and scared, as she could see by the firelight, for he would not let her light a candle. He asked for water to wash his hands, and when he had washed them he opened the back door of the cottage and threw the water on the soil. Then he drew off his white waist-bands, crushed them in his hand, and burned them to ashes in the fire, and then he borrowed from her an old coat of her father's. The poor girl seems to have unquestionably done all the wicked fellow asked her; and she had even promised to hide or destroy the coat he left behind him. But I suppose her father's sense of justice came to her aid, and prevented her fulfilling her promise. The coat was shown on the trial, and there, on one shoulder and on one wrist, were stains

"Stronger evidence there never was against a prisoner. Of course they hanged him."

"He was convicted, certainly," replied Theodora, "but he escaped."

A little silence fell upon the group, and then again Royden's voice coolly

and easily broke the stillness:
"How about the will, Miss Trent?" "Fortunately," explained Theodora, with as much emphasis as her constitutional languor would permit, "Mr. Carter had a duplicate of the will, so that it did not signify about that copy having been destroyed by his client's

"If Mr. Carter had but told Gabriel that," explained Honore, involuntarily, "nothing need have happened." "Or, rather," added Hervey, "the old lawyer might have been murdered,

"Exactly," assented Royden, with a nod of prompt acquiescence. "How did Myddelton manage the escape from

"Oh, pray do not begin another long story about that wicked young man, Theodora," cried Mrs. Trent, smiling graciously upon her guest. "You are wearying Mr. Keith. What interest can he take in such an account of

"It does interest me, Mrs. Trent," her guest answered, with grave courtesy. I-have been a barrister, and such things still interest me keenly."

"Have been a barrister!" echoed
Theodora, wonderingly, and not too
politely. "How strange that seems! I only mean," she added, in graceful confusion, "that you seem so young to talk of what you have been-in a profession, too, where a man must bring the experience of years to follow it successfully; besides-

But Theodora stopped there; she could not add aloud the wonder how he had traveled so much, and was so rich and idle now, if his profession had only been that of a barrister:

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That was odd. "Very odd," assented Royden, lazily: "besides which, another thing strikes me as odd. You said that Gabriel Myddelton was weak and cowardly; if so, how did he manage his escape after ing. conviction? Such a thing would, I so long before she comes to visit her should imagine, require skill and cour-

"I think," said Theodora, hastil put-ting in a reply, "that when you hear the particulars of his escape you will see that it was chiefly managed for him he had but little need of skill and courage himself."

"But who would care to run such risks for a condemned criminal?" "I think you will see when I tell you the story," replied Miss Trent; "but you must wait for that until we are at Abbotsmoor on Thursday. Mamma will not object then; will you mamma,

"Even I have never heard the whole story of Gabriel's escape," said Honore, breaking her attentive silence; "but of course it was Margaret Territ, or her father, who planned it, and helped

"You were but a little child when the murder was committed," observed Royden; "you do not, I suppose, remember Gabriel Myddleton?" "No; it was ten years ago, and I was only eight; but I have seen the picture

'A weak face, had he?" "I can hardly say. It is very boyish, I think, and delicate." "It does not remind you of the Chamber of Horrors at Madame Tussaud's?"
"Oh. no!" she answered. Then her
pretty smile went off suddenly, and her eyes darkened with anxiety. "Mr. Keith, do you feel sure that my cousin was guilty of that theft and mur-

She could not help her eyes betraying her longing that he should contradict this fact—which no one yet had doubted; nor could he help that one bound voluntary movements or spasms will which his heart gave when he saw how she waited for his answer.

"There seems no room for doubt," he said. "Trial and escape are both terrible stumbling-blocks to any belief in Gabriel Myddelton's innocence." "Oh, no," she interrupted, eagerly, though her tone was very low. "You forget, Mr. Keith, that the escape was after the conviction. It was too late for any innocence to save him then,

of escape from such a verdict as the jury brought."

"And you think he was guilty?"
There gathered a strange, warm light in Royden's eyes as he answered her with quiet earnestness:

"You must let me answer this question on some future day. I have not even heard the whole story yet."

"You shall hear it at Abbotsmoor on Thursday." put in Theodora, gracious-Thursday," put in Theodora, gracious-ly, "and then you will see—as I told you—all old Mr. Myddelton's connections together—of course, excepting ton, on Saturday evening last by stabling with a pair of shears.

"Of course, excepting Gabriel," assented Royden. "And about the property? It, I suppose, went as was willed; and Lady Lawrence helds the power of dividing it among you, or besented to operation on Mrs. Thomas, from the effects of which she died. queathing it to one alone?"
"Yes, it rests with her entirely; and

at Christmas she is coming over to. Norwood, Nov. 4.-News has ily, preliminary to making her will. We liveryman, of this place was drowned receive these messages through her solicitors in London, for she herself never writes to any one of us."

Hiveryman, of this place, was didn't at Gull Lake yesterday morning, while hunting, by the capsizing of his canoe. Deceased was about 40 years of age,

Hervey, placidly. "She must own there are plenty of us to choose from. "And both her possible heirs," added Theodora, with a little malice, "are named after her husband or herself. Myddelton Trent here, and Lawrence Myddelton Haughton at the Larches'

"And all we girls have Myddelton for a second name," put in Honore laugh-"Strange of Lady Lawrence to wait "She never liked Abbotsmoor," Mrs. Trent replied. I believe she never

liked England; and I'm sure she did not care for her brother." [To be Continued.]

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