It is now some years ago since an incident occurred in my life which may we then left the hotel silently, scarcely possibly prove interesting to those who, like myself, are too easily imposed upon; and although by the recital, I

C. the following month, but as his ab- right myself?" sence was not likely to be of long dura- Without thinking I handed him his ing in the dark, desolate house. tion I had decided not to accompany mother's letter; and, standing beneath One morning, however, I was startled

enforced separation.

Although I had many friends residing in Paris, I had no near relations I could porary exile; my husband's people all tion of a few scattered cousins, my only existing relative was one brother (some years younger than myself), to whom I was greatly attached, but who for years past had been a source of constant anxiety to me by reason of his wild and reckless manner of living. My husband had assisted him in numerous difficulties, but his patience had at last become exhausted; and he had to tell my brother plainly and decisively that only in case of extremity, such as an illness which would really incapacitate him from work or from such urgent cause, would he supply him with pecuniary help. Several letters passed between them at this period; then followed an interval of silence, which remainhope he had at length felt the necessity

conduct. Time passed slowly away. One evening (I remember it was the 22d of Janu-

knows every turn of the way you will have to traverse. Come on foot—to drive might excite suspicion.

Monsieur repeats, no one but 'Ralph',

Monsieur repeats, no o

and wearing on his head a red knitted fisherman's cap, which was pulled down low on his forehead—a boy whose pale face was lighted up with large dark low of his roughly discovery whose Jack the mystery of my strange return.

There was no trace of any violence having been used, nor any proof by the false references and the three could discover whose Jack three could down the mystery of my strange return.

There was no trace of any violence piece. He would take service with having been used, nor any proof by the could discover whose Jack three could down thr

that we were alone, and then he replied hanging from my arm. that we were alone, and then he replied softly in English, though with a foreign accent:—

hanging from my arm.

As soon as I was able, I told the doctors all I could remember of the past officer—and considering the situation a

ed as nearly as I could in French money,
I placed it carefully in a small bag, which
I hung on my arm. Dressing myself in
a dark bonnet and travelling cloak, I
descended quietly to my apartment,
without giving intimation of my department ture, but I could plainly see that, notture to any one. The child stood prewithstanding all his civility, his sus-

taking my hand in his cold ones, said, criminally concerned in the dark trans- ment he refused, but on the order being in a whisper, as his piteous eves filled action.

for the sake of your dead mother, bring to which I believed myself to have been hair, about half an inch wide, which taken, but no trace of the woman or I showed him the little sack I carried child could be found. And so for a bidding the elder man remove the cap he wore, he bad him also to stoop forward, which he did with a muttered the money." under my cloak, and he was satisfied; time the matter dropped.

we then left the hotel silently, scarcely noticed by the servants busied about Two years passed, and the night of the same strange white band shine out

I am the wife of an English omeer, a moment; then turning to me, said :

and at the time of which I write was residing in Paris. Late in June my way a little; but my mother told me she felt thankful the Cape was so far off.

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Way a little; but my mother told me she felt thankful the Cape was so far off. husband had received orders to be in would give some directions in her let- We seldom referred to the circumreadiness to sail with his regiment for ter: will madame give it me that I may stances before recorded, for I could not

then, holding it still open in his hand, denly ill, and sent in his resignation the every now and then, as though still in exploit; read that." very week they were expecting to start.

We at once made inquiries on all sides for a man competent to fill the vacant post. In this instance fortune ed upon my spirits—a certain silence I favored us. Just as we were beginning to despair of success a Frenchman who could not fathom, and my courage began to flag strangely as we continued our lonely road. I experienced a sensatisfactory we hastily engaged him, heartily glad to have brought an unpleasant affair to so fortunate a conclusion.

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Could not fathom, and my courage began to flag strangely as we continued our lonely road. I experienced a sensation of intense relief, therefore, when my young guide stopped suddenly before a tall dark house in a quiet street, and I listened eagerly for an answer to his gentle tap at the closed door. A voice from within asked softly in French.

"How fare it my son?" and in English

"Monseiur.—We believe we have in custody the boy who acted so prominent a part in the robbery committed on madame your wife in January, 1869. He is concerned in an affair which bears a close resemblance to the one in which your lady was the victim. Will she come herself and, if she can identify him, thus help to clear up a matter which has long puzzled us all?

(Signed)

The thought of proceeding in this "How fares it, my son?" and in English ask to remain with me during my tem- the boy answered, "Safely and fairly.

lived in Ireland, and, with the excep- unbarred and opened without the least by making the effort, that I resolved, by lamp held by a tall woman poorly clad. Paris that night. The flickering flame of the lamp gave I will not enter into the details of the forth so dim a light that I could not case then under examination. Suffice

then said:great things for him; you will be able not much difficulty in the matter, a nothing but money, money, day and had elapsed since that memorable ev night, without ceasing."

entered, and then preceded me up a and the pale delicate face, to bear wi ed unbroken up to the time of which I broken stair case, the boy following us ness to his identity; and without the write. This naturally caused me much with the feeble oil lamp. The house least hesitation I declared him to be the uneasiness at times; but I could only sounded hollow, and our footsteps same boy who had guided me to the echoed drearily as we went. Presently house where I had been robbed on the 1880. TIME TABLE. 1880. of putting his shoulder to the wheel, we stopped before the door of a room evening of January 22, 1869. and was striving to regain the good which I imagine to have been at the The boy did not seem at all disconname he had lost by his own foolish back of the house, and the woman, certed at recognition, and even smiled entering first, beckoned me to follow her.

In one corner of a large, almost ary) a note was brought me by one of empty apartment, was a bed, shrouded tion. The authorities had been unable, the servants of the hotel, who said the by thick dark curtains, in the grate a as yet to elicit any information from bearer was waiting my reply. The let- low charcoal fire was burning. I made him, he baffled all their attempts at ter was neatly folded and addressed in at once for the corner where the bed questioning him with a skill and cuna woman's handwriting to "The Lady was, and was about to undraw the curning almost increditable in so young an of Captain Ralph Branscombe," and tains which concealed from my view was marked "Private." I read the the poor boy I had come so mysterious at an exclamation from my husband, ly to visit. Suddenly from behind me | who stood near me :-"MADAME—I write this to you on behalf of your brother, Monsieur Richard Willoughby, who lies at this house dying. Would you see him alive you must come at once—without hesitation. Madame, the poor could be a cloth was tied tightly over the whole of my face, a strange burning sense of suffocation overspread my senses, and and I remember nothing more; all was silence, Jarkness, a hideous blank mail. hesitation. Madame, the poor gentleman is very sick—sick to death in mind and body—for he lies in fear of arrest, de L., with my head aching strangely and body—for he lies in fear of arrest, and worse than arrest, even in his dying state. He prays you ask your husband to assist him, as he promised in his last sore strait. No one but Captain Branscombe may accompany you, or know of your errand; you must bring with you fifty pounds in gold, if possible. English money will do, but not notes. Your escort will only be a little child, but he knows every turn of the way was shining into the room. As one by was shining into the room. As one by

loss to imagine how I had been rescued may come with you; he is too ill to write anything more than his name, which I enclose."

loss to imagine how I had been rescued from that horrible house and brought back to the hotel in safety. back to the hotel in safety. Here followed a few directions about The story was soon told. The night though some one was trying to effect a the way we were to take and an injuncporter, coming on duty at one o'clock, departure from the door, but the attion to bring the letter to guide myself had found me lying on the steps leadwith. Then the name "Marie Tois- ing to the side door of the hotel, which seau." Enclosed was a scrap of paper opened into an unfrequented passage or French servant who had accompanied seau." Enclosed was a scrap of paper bearing my brother's signature, which I at once saw was genuine.

opened into an unirequence passage to street. Finding I was unconscious, he had summoned the day porter, who his service on his return to England.

I turned cold as I finished the perusal was waiting for him, to render assist
After some time passed in making inof this letter, but, commanding my voice as well as I was able, I bade the sight, identified me as a lady staying at the cautious man before us, he was voice as well as I was able, I bade the servant send the bearer to me at once. Ithe hotel. He at once roused the house. searched, and many letters of his pre-I was not left long in suspense; the My maid (who was waiting up for me, door of the salon soon reopened and a wondering at my prolonged absence) little figure appeared on the threshold. speedily procured the services of two A fragile looking boy, about eleven medical men from the adjoining neighyears of age, dressed in a dark blue borhood, and they had since been using blouse which hung loosely about him, every method to restore me to consciousand wearing on his head a red knitted ness, when I might perchance unfold in his fraudulent transaction

eyes, their long drooping lashes sweeping his delicate cheeks. He shut the been. The only thing they had found trained demeanor and intelligent condoor softly behind him and gave a swift upon me, which was not my own, was versation. Once safely out of the coun door softly behind him and gave a swift searching glance around the room; then as though abashed by my presence, he hand, on which were embroldered my wife and child, carry them out successively successive to the country own, was searching glance around the room; then a handerchief tightly clasped in my schemes, and, with the aid of his clever wife and child, carry them out successively successive to the country own, was searching glance around the room; then a handerchief tightly clasped in my schemes, and, with the aid of his clever wife and child, carry them out successive to the country own, was searching glance around the room; then a handerchief tightly clasped in my schemes, and, with the aid of his clever wife and child, carry them out successive to the country of the as though abashed by my presence, he stood with downcast eyes and his hands loosely folded before him awaiting my hand, on which were embroidered my brother Richard's initials, and which I fully. Nothing was ever forgotten that at once recognized as having been worked by me some years previously for my unhappy brother. The money had, been thoroughly mastered by his accomplices and the plan well matured. "My boy," I said addressing him in unhappy brother. The money had, "My boy," I said addressing him in French, "can you conduct me to this gentleman who is so ill?"

Again his dark eyes wandered round the room, as though to reassure himself hanging from my arm.

unhappy brother. The money had, of course, all been taken; also the rings, brooch and locket I had worn. My wedding ring was left, and the bag in which I had put the money was still hanging from my arm.

complices and the plan well matured. It was impossible to say how many people he had defrauded in different ways. He had soon found out how matters stood between my husband and brother—partly from his own researches, and hanging from my arm.

"Surely, madame, I will; but you must be with all speed, or it will be a lost journey."

Telling him to wait for me where he

"Surely, madame, I will; but you might's experiences, and, at the conclusion of the recital, they both advised me to put the matter into the hands of the police. I entreated that it might be streated from one of Richard's letters that the passion of the recital, they both advised me to put the matter into the hands of the police. I entreated that it might be streated from one of Richard's letters that the passion of the recital, they both advised me to put the matter into the hands of the police. I entreated that it might be streated from one of Richard's letters that on a capital one for practising his system upon, he had at once communicated with his wife, and unfolding his plans to her, sending her the signature ab-Telling him to wait for me where he was, I left the room and hastened to prepare for my expedition. I had thirty sovereigns in my possession, as it happened, and, making up the sum required as nearly as I could in French money, ed as nearly as I could in French money, an accomplice in the robbery, though in

without giving intimation of my departure to any one. The child stood precisely as I had left him, with the light falling on his pale face, and his hands swear to the signature being genuine.

Lessely locked in one another. I told the swear to the signature being genuine.

The child stood precisely as I had left him, with the light as chief agent in the case. I could best detective of you all had I been on the spot. I thought I recalled the boy's features as being in some way familiar to me, but could not determine of whom he reminded me; however, as the strength to sneak to the wardhim I was ready to start, and walked to the table by which I had been sitting to get the letter the woman had written, and which had caused me so much anxiety.

The handkerener, too, I recognized.

Alas! it really seemed only too certain that my brother had at all events been the companion of these people, and must have discussed our affairs freely with them, even if he were not more with them, even if he were not more than the strange stroke of luck."

Turning to the boy who lost all his courageous air and was looking crest-fallen and frightened, my husband bade him hold down his head. For the more than the refused but on the order heim.

taken, but no trace of the woman or shone like silver in the sun light;

showing, is never duped or deceived by After a time, we turned into an undence in London. I had meanwhile reimposters, yet, in order to warn those frequented part of the town and the ceived several letters from my brother, We seldom referred to the circumstances before recorded, for I could not bear to recall the horrors of that even-

him, and had decided to make Paris my a neighboring lamp, he read over slowly by my husband saying suddenly, as he Bran headquarters during the time of our the directions contained in the note; looked up from a letter he was reading: "I say, Madge, they think they have My husband's body servant fell sud- he resumed his walk, referring to it found a clew at last to your Parisian

He passed me over an official looking "BUREAU DE POLICE, PARIS.

To CAPTAIN BRANSCOMBE: "Monseiur-We believe we have in

(Signed) C."

The thought of proceeding in this case was at first very distasteful to me; Open the door." The door was then but so much might be brought to light noise, just wide enough to admit us, and Ralph's advice, to face the disagreeable we entered a hall lighted by a small task; and accordingly we started for

distinguish her features, and she spoke to say it was a robbery committed on in a voice scarcely above a whisper. I the wife of a Colonel Styles under cirinquired eagerly for my brother, and cumstances closely resembling those of begged her to conduct me to him at which I was made the dupe. In this She shook her head sadly, and instance, however, a boy had been seized on suspicion, and it was this sam "Ah. Madame, your coming may do boy I was called on to identify. I ha to ease the poor mind that runs on though he had altered in the time that ning, there was still those remarkab She barred the door by which we had eyes, with their long drooping lashe

> though he felt himself secure from any discovery resulting from my identificaoffender. All at once I was surprised

it was !"

He crossed the hall to where Colonel Styles was sitting, and after speaking to him in a low, hurried manner, he asked leave to call a witness, who he believed might throw some light on the matter in hand. Permission having been granted, he said, in a loud voice :-"The man calling himself Jules Fetier, body servant to Colonel Styles,

the boy's face fell, and he looked perplexed and rather dismayed. There tempt being promptly frustrated. I saw sent employer's were found upon him ;

also a pocket-book which contained memoranda, proving a great deal against himself and his two accomplices his wife and the boy in the dock be-fore us. No one else seemed concerned

ever as he stooped to speak to the warderemptorily given he obeyed reluctant-

hold myself open to the ridicule of the but my heart was too heavy for speak-mind masculine, which, by its own ing, and we pursued our way in silence.

After a time we twent into an understance of the but my heart was too heavy for speak-band's return from abroad, and, on his ders, and the elder was at length forced to admit the proofs were too strong for him to battle against. He begged that showing, is never duped or deceived by imposters, yet, in order to warn those of my own sex who are more readily lights became less brilliant and the order to warn those of my own sex who are more readily lights became less brilliant and the order to warn those of my own sex who are more readily lights became less brilliant and the order to warn those or degred that the ceived several letters from my brother, written from the Cape, and, in answer she was slowly but surely dying from wrought upon, I will narrate as nearly as I can a strange adventure which befell me during the winter of 1869.

I am the wife of an English officer,

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