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> CHAPTER XVIII. 2213 In Search of Truth.

river. The same noise and life, the same work and toil, the same sounds as iron beat iron and the machinery spun in the mills

Geoffrey walked slowly. It was still rather early for the factories to empty. and he was waiting for Ted Sealey, intending to meet him and go home with him as he had done before. He had passed along the old familiar streets-Liverpool road, Sheffield street Preston Row, along the High street, past Priddeaux's chemical works and Hutton's factory, and then, as he had done before, turned his steps toward the castle. This time he did not mount the hill, but turned aside, following the river with its rows of factories throwing out quivering lights across the water, with its boats and barges sending out bright colors-red and green and white-as the darknes

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He stopped by a low wall, and leaning against it looked down into the water and across at the lights of the blast furnaces that were beginning to flame out against the sky. They shone on every side, leaping fires, like noth-And no one, not even the earl and lng that he had seen in any other his son, dreamt that this paragraph part of the world. As the night deephad anything to do with another which ened they grew bolder, flaring out appeared in the "Agony Column" of against the night sky in all tones of the same paper. No one suspected that orange and copper and flame red, stole £5,000 eight years ago? Not likely!

> Geoffrey stood watching them for some time with his thoughts gone the shadow and half hidden by the fog low wall.

He was roused suddenly by voices Oldcastle again! The trams jingling and a woman, and something familiar coming in his direction. It was a man up the hill, the machinery throbbing in the woman's voice made him turn it?" she asked. behind the grimy, red-bricked walls of his head sharply. He could see no one. The fog was drifting up thickly round again with uncertain eyes. furnaces of the great works; the great from the river, and at this point of little traffic.

half ready, and, besides, we're not pro- other worthless papers. I had carte perly engaged."

"Prove it," she broke in quickly, "It He laughed again. Bessie stood still. have you or not yet."

cried; "just to try your power over the thought had vanished. me, and as if you have not done! you the proofs of the murder of old it dangerous?" Mr. Lancaster; and if that isn't a

two ago.

Geoffrey looked at him keenly now, at the thin face, the pale, cunning eyes, and the twisted mouth, and a He had stretched out one hand and

cried, "but where are the proofs? You haven't got them yet." "But what do you want them for?"

"All very well, Fred Barker,"

"Oh, don't be a sily," she cried. "Anybody'd think it was something dangerous I wanted you to do, instead o' that you'll make your name and your fortune over it. Just think what it would mean to you. You'd a done a big thing if you found out not going to offend the earl." after all these years that it was by murder, and nothing else, that Mr. Lancaster came to his death, and if you got all the proofs as I want you to, and could point to who did it, why,

you could start in practice for yourself and make a fortune, and you know you could, Fred Barker." He turned away and Geoffrey saw his face, pallid and curiously disturbed, in the pale light of the barge

lamp. Suddenly he turned to Bessie again. "Yes-yes, maybe," he said in an unsteady voice. "But I don't know how I There are things in the waydifficulties-perhaps dangers. And I tell you, Bessie, I've got an easier way to a fortune than that-less risky, too.

Just look here." He put his hand in his pocket, looking round uneasily as he did so, as if he might encounter watching eyes in where. On warm days this apron may the growing darkness. His face looked pale and frightened.

"I tell you I daren't rake up the cross-barred dimity, and with a bit of Lancaster business," he said abrupttrimming be attractive enough to ly. "There's something behind it that grace any gown. For the medium size you don't know of—something—somegrace any gown. For the medium size you don't know of—something—something-something-I can't explain. It's too dangerous. But this-there's no risk about this, Bessie."

He drew out his hand as he spoke and clasped in it Geoffrey saw a piece of paper. Barker unfolded it care-Geoffrey saw her lean forward. He

heard her give a cry. "Why, that? What good is that? You can't get a fortune out of a dead man. And that---

He stopped her. "He isn't dead," he said. "He isn't dead or gone. He's in London at this very moment, and he is rich-as rich as Sir Arthur Walter himself, and the name he goes by is Sir Geoffrey War-

CHAPTER XIX. WHO?

Geoffrey clutched sharply at the wall. Bessie had fallen back, and was staring half stupidly into Barker's face. "You're crazy," she said. "You're right down crazy. Geoffrey Clavering died in Australia, where they sent him eight years ago."

"He didn't do anything of the sort!" you I am making no mistake, for I

efore retiring, if your liver is ib, out of tune, and you feel dull, i, constipated, take a does of

have seen him—I have seen him here in Oldcastle, and I tell you this bit of paper, this confession, he made eight years ago, is worth thousands of

Bessie drew a deep, sharp breath. "How?" he asked. "How!" He bent his cunning face close to hers, and now in the pale light

that came from the river, Geoffrey could see that the frightened look had gone from it and that only cunning remained in the pale eyes. "How? Why, by selling it back to him, of course; or, better still. by threatening him with it. He's rich, a big man-by Jove! I should think he was-and he'll pay to hush this up. I know; yes, and pay handsomely. He

has come back under another name, and do you think he will like the idea of being shown up as the Geoffrey Clavering who committed forgery and leaping from the great chimneys, No fear! He'll pay, and pay through his nose, too, for this bit of paper, I can tell you, Bess."

He broke off, chuckling, and, folding the paper again, placed it in his breast pocket. Geoffrey, feeling like a man in a dream, stood rigid. Exposure! Ruin! and darkness, and by an elbow of the This was what it meant for him, that the burden of another man's sin was upon him still.

For a moment Bessie faced Barker in silence. Then "But how did you get

He hesitated for an instant, looking "Well, to tell you the truth, I stole the road there were few lights and it," he replied. "Got it out of the earl's desk. It was mixed up with a lot of "Married?" she was saying; "oh, no, dirty rubbish and forgotten. It will not yet. I don't want to be married never be asked for, and if it is-why, I yet, not for a long time. Oh, I'm not shall say it went into the fire with blanche to throw away what I thought 'But we are-we are-" cried the no good, and I'll run the risk of this. It's worth it."

takes two to make a bargain, my lad, watching him with steady eyes. She and I haven't answered your letter yet. seemed to be thinking, waiting, and for Don't count your chickens, sonny. I a moment Geoffrey had a queer feeling haven't decided whether I'm going to that there was contempt and scorn and even dislike in her attitude. But that "Bessie, you're only teasing me," he was impossible, and the next instant

"Don't you be silly," she said. "Don't enough of that this last year or two. you go doing anything so senseless as And you promised to marry me right blackmailing. It's dirty work, and will enough, Bessie. What did you throw do no good. And why can't you try to over Ted Sealey for? And what did find out who murdered Mr. Lancaster? you say, weeks ago now, when we I only threw over Ted Sealey because were talking of things? Why, you you promised. You didn't say anything said you would marry me when I gave then about it being dangerous. Why is She broke off breathlessly, Barker

promise, I should like to know what still stood with his head turned away. "You women are that obstinate Bessie had drawn back away from there's no doing anything with you," he the man, and now Geoffrey could see said, after a moment. "Just because him, as he stood in the feeble light you have set your mind on raking up east by a boat swung out upon the that old murder you won't listen to water. It fell upon his face, and Geof- anything else. You're just cracked obfrey recognized it sharply as that of stinate, Bess, and you won't see how Barker, the lawyer's clerk, who had difficult it would be to get the proofs stopped and looked at him so queerly you want. Why, to begin with, I should on the steps of his house a week er offend the earl himself by raking it

"Why, you can see well enough how dislike of both him and Bessie Merrill about his son and Hetty Lancaster, beif you think of all the talk there was swept over him. The girl must be fore her father was found dead. The not only a knave, but a fool to throw earl wouldn't want that gone into again, and fixing the murder on Hetty put it on her shoulder, and she shook her name cleared, for you know they stopped all that. He wouldn't want say that she's the reason why Lord Fanshawe has never married, and that the earl knows it, and that he'd give something to know that Hetty was out of the way for good-they say he'd like to hear of her death, for, all said and done, Lord Fanshawe was fonder of her than he has ever been of any other girl, for all he has flirted so and played fast and loose, and if she ever turned up again, if it was proved that she was be talked of all over the place. You'd innocent after all, why—the earl would he the first lawyer in Oldcastle. You'd not like it, you may be sure. And I'm

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