

THE PANGS OF REMORSE

- OR -

A COMPLICATED TANGLE.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Then came fresh confusion.

detective at their head.

Mr. Claude Ainsley had no sooner

servants burst into the hall with the

"Mr. Ainsley, I believe," said the de-

"I am Mr. Ainsley," said Claude.

"I want Sir Ralph's permission to

Lord Harcourt." . "His name is Lord Harcourt!" repeated Claude Ainsley. "What? How can that be?" "A rum start, sir, ain't it? He came up and headed the fellow, who, of course, whips out his barker and shoots him. Ah, here's my nag. By this time he has got clean away, and

arnd syearin' like mad. The bullett craped his forehead and marked his face for life. My respects to the young centleman." and now guite cool and usiness-like, he galloped off. Sir Ralph and Claude Ainslay looked at each other in astonishment. "I will go to the inn," said Claude

of things, for this is retribution in-At the inn, lying on the sofa, his face

the hold the merciless duelist Lord

But where was all that courage for

which the men of his set extolled and

Can this pitiful creature, wailing and

crying like a cur at the pain and ever-

lasting disfigurement, be the cold-

Yes: broken in spirit, tortured by re

morse, racked with weakness and a

gnawing, insatiable unrest, he lay, a

a warning against the deceits of this

world and the ways of transgressors.

"You here!" he wailed, tearing away

"Surely fate must have the ordering

covered with handages, which his restless hands were fidgeting at, was

Harcourt

al, and ordered the blinds of the house blooded duelist who shot his men to

glorified him?

"Draw aside! I am making for life] she followed him to the door of or death! You will not! Madman! room where Lady Melville was laid. then take the consequences!" and with There she left him, seating herself a savage cry he sprang back and pulloutside, and with gentle determination

expressing her intention of following ed the trigger. A sharp report echoed across the him if need be to the grave. moor. Lord Harcourt threw up his arms and fell like a thing of stone fom the saddle. superintended Lady Melville's remov-

With a cry as of a wild beast Melchior tore his foot from the stirrup to be drawn down, than a brace of the tune of a jest? and sprang across the horse, shook his hand wildly at the detective, who had stopped short with consternation,

tective, touching his forehead, and fit object for moralists to point at as and tore; at racing speed across the moor. speaking with a vain attempt at busi-. . . ness-like composure.

To return to the Hall. With the menservants rushing about in every

the bandage and groaning at the pain. direction, the women weeping and use the stables," said the officer. "Our "What are you doing? Look at mewailing over the body of Lady Melville, man's got away, sir, and unless it's a ruined, disfigured! Oh, the pain, and Clarence in a dull stupor of grief warm chase will give us the slip al-Ainsley! That fiend has disfigured me by her side, Claude Ainsley had need together." for life. I'm ruined, ruined. Curse of all his presence of mind. "Escaped!" said Sir Ralph, coming her! I came to bleed her for the last As for Sir Ralph he could do noth into the hall. "Impossible!" time, and \_\_\_\_\_ And a thousand flengs ing more than endeavor to console "Nothing impossible to such eels as are tearing at my face! Curse him!" Lilian, who stood gazing first at Clar- that fellow!" said the detective. "He

"Ruined?" said Claude Ainsley, ence and then at the motionless form gave me the slip with the bank forgerstriving to restrain his disgust and which the servants were raising in ies, he's dodged 'em over in Paris half contempt. their arms to be carried upstairs. a dozen times, and unless I run him To the young girl this fresh trouble down now we shall lose him forever." "Yes, ruined," snarled Lord Har court, "Devonhill was seized yesterseemed more bitter than the first, for "Anything, everything is at your disday; I am without a penny in the was not the man she loved in sorrow posal." said Sir Ralph, passionately, and absolute peril?

world, and disfigured. Curse him! and I will give a thousand pounds to "Oh, papa, let me cry!" she said, in | the man who secures him." Curse her! Curse you all! Get out of my sight!" and he fell on the sofa answer to his entreaties that she The detective's eves brightened and

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Fire-blight is threaten strey apple orchards in the Eastern Townships. Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture have been summoned by apple-growers to inrestigate and help check the ravages of a disease which at all events will seriously affect this year's production of apples and may kill the trees. It is causing trouble in St. Hilaire, Rougemont, Abbotsford and Chateauguay. At St. Hilaire it has already rendered the crop of one grower a total loss and is spreading rapidly. The exact cause of the lisease as yet baffles Government experts., R. E. Robinson stated. It is not an insect or a parasite but a constitutional disease similar to the brown rot which caused loss in British Columbia. The tree's first symptom is the turfning of its topmost branches to a yellow or copper color a process which soon spreads to all the branches, causing the apples thereon to wither and the tree to die. At present the most effective treatment is to cut off the discolored limbs; but it has been found that the instruments used must be thoroughly disinfected each time a branch is cut, or they will infect the whole tree. While the disease is not a new one, never before has it caused any serious alarm by its prevalence. Government experts are working hard to find means to stamp it out, but growers are very concern-

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