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"I have come back from San Francisco."

"H'sh!" exclaimed Lefroy, looking round the room, in which however, there was no one but themselves. "You needn't tell every body where you've been."

"I have nothing to conceal."

"That's more than anybody knows of himself. It's a good maxim to keep your own affairs quiet till they're wanted. In this country everybody is sory enough to this country everybody is spry enough to learn all about everything. I never see any good in letting them know without a reason. Well; what did you do when you got there?"

It was all as you told me." "Didn't I say so? What was the good of bringing me all this way, when, if you'd only believed me, you might have saved me the trouble? Ain't I to be paid for that?"

"You are to be paid. I have come here to pay you."
"That's what you owe for the knowledge. But for coming? Ain't I to be paid extra for the journey?"
"You are to have a thousand dollars.'

"H'sh!—you speak of money as though every one has a business to know that you have got your pockets full. What's a thousand dollars seeing all that I have

"It's all that you're going to get. It's all, indeed, that I have got to give you." 'It's all, at any rate, that you're going

to get. Will you have it now?"
"You found the tomb, did you?"
"Yes; I found the tomb, Here is a
photograph of it. You can keep a copy if photograph of it. You can keep a copy in you like it."
"What do I want of a copy?" said the "I'd believe anything if I'd believe in your cousin." Upon this Lefroy laughed, but made no further allusion to the ro-mance which he had craftily invented on "What do I want of a copy?" said the man, taking the photograph in his hand.
"He was always more trouble than he was worth—was Ferdy. It's a pity she didn't marry me. I'd 've made a woman of her." Peacocke shuddered as he heard this, but he said nothing. "You may as well give us the ploter. It'll do to hang up somewhere if ever I have a room af my own. How plain it is! Ferdinand mance which he had craftly invented on the spur of the moment. After that the two men sat without a word by tween them for a quarter of an hour, when the Englishman got up to take his leave. "Our business is over now," he said, and I will bid you good-by."
"I'll tell you what I'm a-thinking," said Lefroy. Mr. Peacocke stood with his hand ready for a final adieu, but he said nothing. "I've half a mind to go Lefroy,—of Kilbrack! Kilbrack indeed! It's little either of us was the better for

It's little either of us was the better for Kilbrack. Some of them psalm-singing rogues from Now England has it now; or perhaps a right-down nigger. I shouldn't wonder. One of our own lot, maybe! Oh; that's the money is it?—A thousand dollars; all that I'm to have for coming to England and telling you and bringing you back, and showing you where you could get this pretty picter made." Then he took the money, a thick roll of notes, and crammed them into his pocket.

pocket,
"'You'd better count them."
"It ain't worth the while with such triffe as that."
"'Let me count them then."
"You'll poement."

"You'll never have that plunder your fists again, my fine fellow."
"I do not want it."
"And now about my expenses out England on purpose to tell you all this. You can go and make her your wife now or leave her, just as you please. You couldn't have done either if I hadn't gone

'You have got what was promised." "But my expenses—going out?"

"I have promised you nothing for your expenses going out—and will pay you nothing."

"You won't?"
"Not a dollar more."

"You won't?"
"Certainly not. I do not suppose you expect it for a moment although you are so persistent in asking me for it." so persistent in asking me for it."

"And you think you've got the better of me, do you? You think you've carried me along with you just to do your bidding and take whatever you please to give me? That's your idea of me?"

"There was a clear bargain between us. I have not got the better of you at all."

"I rather think not, Peacooke. I rather think not. You'll have to get up earlier before you get the better of Robert Lefroy. You don't expect to get this money back again—do you?"
"Certainly not, any more than I should expect a pound of meat out of a dog's jaw." Mr. Peacocke, as he said this was waring angry.

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"I don't suppose you do, but you expected that I was to earn it by doing your bidding; didn't you?"
"And you have."
"Yes, I have; but how? You never heard of my cousin, did you—Ferdinand Lefroy, of Kilbrack, Louisiana?"
"Heard of whom?"
"My cousin, Ferdinand Lefroy. He was very well known in his own state, and in California too till he died. He was a good

once sent a message across to Mrs. Wortle.
Would Mrs. Wortle kindly come and see her? Mrs. Wortle was, of course, bound to do as she was asked, and started at once. But she was, in truth, but little able to give counsel on any subject outside the one which was at the moment pagarest to her heart. At one clearly Very well known in his own state, and in California too till he died. He was a good fellow, but given to drink. We used to tell him that if he would marry it would be better for him; but he never would: he never did." Robert Lefroy as he said

fellow, but given to drink. We used to tell him that if he would marry it would be better for him; but he never would: he never did." Robert Lefroy as he said this put his left hand into his trousers pocket over the notes which he had placed there, and drew a small revolver out of his pocket with the other hand. "I am better prepared now," he said, "than when you had your six-shooter under your pillow at Leavnworth."
"Ye do not believe a word of it. It's a lie." Raid Peacocke.
"Very well. You're a chap that's fond of travelling and have got plenty of money. You'd better go down to Louisiana and make your way straight from New Orleans to Kilbrack. It ain't above forty miles to the equth-west, and there's a rail goes within fifteen miles of it. You'll learn there all about Ferdinand forty miles to the south-west, and there's a rail goes within fifteen miles of it. You'll learn there all about Ferdinand Lefroy as was our coustn—him as never got married up to the day he died of drink and was buried at San Francisco. They'll be very glad, I shouldn't wonder, and the midst of this her mother was that next little picter of yours. got married up to the day he died of drink and was buried at San Francisco. They'll be very glad, I shouldn't wonder, to see that pretty little picter of yours, because they was always uncommon fond of cousin Ferdy at Kilbrack. And I'll tell you what, you'll be sure to come across my brother Ferdy in them parts and can tell him all the latest news, too, about his own wikes He'll be glad to hear about her, poor woman."

Mr. Peacocke litt to be necessary to let the Doctor know that Mr. Peacocke would be back almost at once, and took this means of doing so. "In a week!" said Mrs. Wortle, as though painfully surprised by the suddenness of the coming arrival.

"In a week or ten days. He is to follow his letter as quickly as possible from San Francisco." these two cousins of the same name, what could be more likely than that his modes should have been lured out of him by such a fraud ag this? But yet—yet, as

to you."
"There was only nine hundred when I

or em.

"There were all that you will get.
What kind of notes were they you had
when you paid for the shares at 'Frisco?'

"This constitution."

This question he asked out loud, before all the passengers. Then Robert Lefroy left the car, and Mrs. Peacocke never saw him, or heard from him again.

"But they would soon know that you are the swindler who escaped from San Francisco eighteen months ago. Do you think it wouldn't be found out that it was you who paid for the shares is forged notes?"

"I never did. That's one of your lies."

"Very well. Now you know what I know; and you had better tell me over again who it is that lies buried under the stone that's been photographed there."

"What are you men doing with them pistois?" said one of the strangers, walking across the room, and standing over the same and welfare in this world and the next? It was of that she ought and the next? It was of that she ought and the next? It was of that she ought and the next? It was of that she ought of think, of that only. If some answer were now returned to Lord Bracy, giving his lordship to understand that they, the Wortles, were anxious to encourage the idea, then in fact her girl would be tied to an engagement whether the young lord should hold himself to be so tied or no! And how would it be with her girl if the engagement should be allowed to run on in a doubtful way for years and then be doubtful way for years and then be done that they, the Wortles, were anxious to encourage the idea, then in fact her girl would be tied or no! And how would it be with her girl if the engagement should be allowed to run on in a doubtful way for years and then be doubt hat they, the Wortles, were anxious to encourage the idea, then in fact her girl would be tied or no! And how would it be with her girl if the engagement in the hope of realizing all the good things which would, if things went fortunately, thus come within her reach." This was what he wanted to say to the Earl, but he found it very difficult to say it in language that should be natural.

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"What are you men doing with them pistols?" said one of the strangers, walking across the room, and standing over the backs of their chairs.

"We are a-looking at 'em," said Lefroy.

"If you're a-going to do anything of that kind, you'd better go and do it elsewhere," said the stranger.

"Just so," said Lefroy. "That's what I was thinking myself."

"But we are not going to do anything," said Mr. Peacocke. "I have not the slightest idea of shooting the gentleman; and he has just as little of shooting me."

"Then what do you sit with 'em out in your hands in that fashion for?" said the stranger at the stranger of the ready that the young lord had changed his mind and had engaged himself to some nobler bride? Was it not had changed his mind and had engaged himself to some nobler bride? Was it not from the too probable occurrence of some crushing grief such as this? All this was clear to her mind but then it was clear also that if this opportunity of great ness were thrown away, no such chance in all probability would ever come again. Thus she was so tossed to and fro between a prospect of glorious prosperity for her child on nos side and the fear of terrible misfortune for her child on the other, that she was altogether unable to give any salutary adylee. She at any "Just so," said Lefroy. "That's what I was thinking myself."
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"Then what do you sit with 'em out in your hands in that fashion for?" said the stranger. "It's a decent widow woman that keeps this house and I won't see he rest upon. Put 'em up." Whereupon Lefroy did return his pistol to his pocket—upon which Mr. Peacocke did the same. Then the stranger walked slowly back to the other side of the room.
"So they told you that lie—did they—at 'Frisco?" asked Lefroy.
"That was what I heard over there when I was inquiring about your brother's death."
"You'd believe anything if you'd believe that."
"I'd believe anything if I'd believe in anything if I'd believe in also that if this opportunity of great to her mind; but then it was clear also that if this opportunity of great to her mind; but then it was clear also that if this opportunity of great the first place, that he was too young to have taken in hand such a business as that; and, in the next, that you might not unnaturally have been angry that your spn, who had come here simply for tuition, should have fallen into a matter of love. I magine that you will understand experience ought to have told her that the was, however, nothing to be said about it. The evil, so far as it was an evil, had been done, and Carstairs was going away to Caron, where, possibly, he might forget the whole affair. I did not, at any rate, think it necessary to make a complaint to you of his coming.

"To all this your letter has given alto-derawed of having an opinion of her when I was inquiring about your brother's death."

"You'd believe anything if you'd believe that."

"I'd believe anything if you'd believe anything if I'd believe in

then, if ho—if he——"
"If he what, my dear?"
"If he were to change his mind?"
"Ah, yes; there it is. It isn't as though

asid nothing. "I've half a mind to go back with you to England. There ain't nothing to keep me here."
"What could you do there?"
"I'd be evidence for you—as to Ferdy's death, you know."
"I have evidence. I don't want you."
"I'll gu, nevertheless."
"And spend all your money, on the "Or even in six." "Oh, no."
"Of course he is very young."
"Yes, mamma."
"And when a young man is so very

"Yes, mamma."

"You'd help;—wouldn't yeu, now?"

"Not a dollar," said Peacocke, turning away and leaving the room. As he did so he heard the wretch laughing at the excellence of his own joke.

Before he made his journey back again to England, he only once more saw Robert Lefroy. As he was seating himself in the railway car that was to take him to Buffalo the man came up to him with an affected look of solicitude. "Peacocke," he said, "there was only nine hundred dollars in that roll."

"There were a thousand. I counted them half an hour before I handed them to you."

"Wes, mamma."

"No mamma, But——"

"Well, my dear."

"His father says that he has got—such astrong will of his own," said poor Mar?, who was anxious to put in a good word on her own side of the question, without making her own desire too visible.

"He always had that. When there wa any game to be played, he always liked to have his own way. But then men lik that are just as likely to change as others."

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"Are they, mamma?"
"But I do think that he is a lad of
very high princ ple."
"Papa has always said that of him.."
"And of fine generous feeling. H
would not change like a weathercock"
"If you think he would change at all
I would rather—rather——. Oh

namma, why did you tell me?" "My darling, my child, my angel. What am I to tell you? I do think of all CHAPTER XXII.—THE DOCTOR'S

ANSWER.

When the Monday came there was "Oh, mamma do you?" said Mary, rushing to her mother and kissing her and embracing her. "But if there were to be no regular en-

When the Monday came there was much to be done and to be thought of at Bowick. Mrs. Peacocke on that day received a letter from San Francisco, giving her all the details of the evidence that her husband had obtained, and enclosing a copy of the photograph. There was now no reason why she should not become the true and honest wife of the man whom she had all along regarded as her husband in the sight of God. The writer declared that he would so quickly followhis letter that he might be expected home within a week, or at the longest, tan days from the date at which she would receive it Immediately on Mis arrival at Liverpool, he would, of course, give her notice by telegraph.

When this letter raached her, she at once sent a message across to Mrs. Wortle. gagement, and you were to let him have your heart—and then things were to go your heart—and then things were to go wroug!"

Mary left the embracings, gave up the kissings, and seated herself on the sofa alone. In this way the morning passel—and when Mary was summoned to her father's study, the mother and daughter had not arrived between them at any decision.

"Well, my dear," said the doctor, smiling, "what am I to say to the Earle".

ing, "what am I to say to the Earl?"
"Must you write to-day, papa?" "I think so. His letter is one that should not be left longer unanswered, Were we to do so, he would think tha we didn't know what to say ourselves." "Would he, papa?"
"He would fauny that we are ashamed to see the statement of the see that the see tha

to accept what has been offered to and yet anxious to take it."
"I am not ashamed of anything."
"No, my dear—you have no reason." "Nor have you, papa."

"Nor have I. That is quite true, have never been wont to be ashamed of myself—nor do I think that you ever will have cause to be ashamed of your.e..
Therefore, why should we healtate? S..a.!

decision on the matter?"
"Yes papa."
"If I can understand your heart on thi

matter, it has never as yet been given to this young man."

"No, papa." This Mary said not altogether with that complete power of asservation which the negative is sometimes made to hear. made to bear.

"But there must be a beginning such things. A man throws himself in

But there must be a beginning to such things. A man throws himself into it headlong—as my Ford Carstairs seems to have done. At least all the best young men do." Mary at this point felt a great longing to up and kiss her father; but she restrained herself. "A young woman, on the other hand, if she is such as I think you are, waits till she is asked. Then it has to begin." The doctor, as he said this, smiled his sweetest smile.

"Yes, papa." "Yes, papa."

"And when it has begun, she does not like to blurt it out at once, even to her loving old father."

"Papa!"

"That's about it; isn't it? Haven't I hit it off?" He paused, as though for a reply, but she was not as yet able to make him any. "Come here, my dear." She

came and stood by him, so that he could put his arm round her waist. "If it be as I suppose, you are better disposed to this young man than you are likely to Beds After Giving Up Hope. London, Ont.—Henry R. Nicholls, 176 Rectory street, catarrh; recovered. Dr. Chase's catarrh cure, 25c.

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ed, through Mary's mother, that Car-stairs had been here in our absence and made a declaration of love to our girl, I was, I must confess annoyed. I felt, in the first place, that he was too young to

for her child she ought to be ready with counsel of her own.

"Mamma," said Mary, when her mother came back from Mr. Peacocke, "what am I to say when he sends for me?"

"If you think that you can love him, me the market of the "If you think that you can love him, may dear—"
"Oh, mamma, you shouldn't ask me!"
"My dear!"
"I do like him,—very much."
"But I never thought of it befo:e—and then, if he—lif he——"
"If he what, my dear!"
"If he were to change his mind?"
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"If he were to change his mind?" then altogether declined to enter.ain his

proposal when it was made, now that she has learnt so much more through you, she is no longer indifferent. This, I think you will find to be natural. "I and her mother also are, of course, alive to the dangers of a long engagement, and the more so because your son has still before him a considerable portion of his education. Had he asked advice either of you or of me he would, of course, have been counselled not to think of ma riage as yet. But the very passion

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MANCHESTER. which has prompted him to take this action upon himself shows—as you your-self say of him—that he has a stronger will than is usually to be found at his years. As it is so, it is probable that he may remain constant to this as to a fixed "I think you will now understand my mind and Mary's and her mother's." (Lord Bracy as he read this declared to himself that though the Doctor's mind was very clear, Mrs Wortle, as far as he FRANCES A. GILLESPIE J. F. BENSON

was very clear, hirs worte, as far as he knew, had no mind in the matter at all) "I would suggest that the matter should remain as it is, and that each of the young people should be made to understand that any future engagement must depend, not simply on the persistency of one of them but on the joint persistency of the two. AGENT FOR "NEW YOST" TYPEWRITING COM PANY FOR NORTHERN COUNTIES. 'If, after this, Lady Bracy should be pleased to receive Mary at Carstairs, I need only say that Mary will be delighted to make the visit.—Believe me, my dear Lord Bracy, yours most faithfully, BENSON BLOCK

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