

The Cameo Bracelet.

CHAPTER I. Sir George had buttoned up his overcoat to conceal his watch chain. for in the narrow court which now square, he had been jostled and stared at by some very suspicious-looking characters. In fact, it was a quarter one evoked more attention that was agreeable to the object of it. And the

of "Lucas Goldryng, Auctioneer."

as white as London blacks would permit them to remain, and the steps had they stood out in bold relief against those of their neighbors. Yet he walkcould resolve to raise the knocker. However, he nerved himself to it at last, and after being inspected through so it don't matter." the area railings by a unprepossessing ushered to a sitting-room, so bare of furniture that when a chair had been handed to the visitor there only remained the large leather one beside a writing table, which pertained to the master of the dwelling.

When the servant had departed to carry Sir George's card to Mr. Goldryng, the baronet, too much disturbed in mindato sit down and quietly await his creditor's appearance, walked to the barred window,

It looked out upon a small square yard, hemmed in by the blank walls of the adjoining houses, and its sole tenant was a huge mastiff chained to its kennel. The creature looked up, and snarled so savagely at the stranger that Sir George involuntarily recoiled, and, in turning away to pace to the girl, changing her position so as to other end of the room, perceived that he was not so entirely alone as he had imagined.

leather-covered armchair, he saw that with tears: a proof that she was not give me?" a girl-whom he judged to be about as insensible to the voice of kindness ten or twelve years of age, but who as she tried to appear. was really just turned fifteen-had seated herself on the floor, and was

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listlessly surveying him. She was dressed in a large pattern brocaded ts hies but was now faded and fravd, except where a patch of the original material, neatly inserted to cover a nt testified to its former brilliancy. This frock had been originally made with more regard to economy of labor han the prevailing fashion, and was ow so small for the wearer that her of her long arms had pushed their way out of it. She was just at the age when all girls look angular and awkward; but the unhealthy atmosphere of the neighborhood in which she resided, when she spoke or smiled, looking too

Her hands were clasped around her knees, her well-shaped feet were bare; kind to the young, pleasantly accosted

She glanced at the scraps

for something else if he didn't for this,

"You do not mean to say that Mr. but singularly neat old woman, he was Goldryng strikes such a puny, helpthe disgusted baronet.

> "Who'd care if he killed me?" she asked in the same listless, sullen tones that she had used all along.

Sir George, one of the kindesthearted men in the world, felt both grieved and indignant; and he drew nearer, and laid his hand gently on the little head, that looked quite boyish with its closely-cropped black hair. "Poor child! Is Mr. Goldryng your

father?" "Great uncle; all the rest are dead," she briefly explained.

"And you are left to such tender

mercies as his! Poor little thing!"

"No. I'm not a poor little thing, and I don't want to be pitied," said the avert her face; but, although this was done almost rudely, Sir George perceived that her eyes had lost their de-Leaning against the talk back of the fiant, sullen stare, and were filling

He was about to address her again, when a tremulous step and a wheezing cough were heard at the door, and Lucas Goldryng, auctioneer, money

lender, etc., came into the room. Sir George saw at a glance that this was not the person he expected to see. Matthew Goldryng was ' a comparatively young man who had been fond of apeing the manners and attire of a modern gentleman. The figure now confronting the boronet was that of an octogenarian-a man who had once been tall and powerfully-built; but was now too decrepit to move without the aid of a stout crutch-stick, although it was evident from the expression of his hawklike eyes and firmly-set mouth that he was still capable of keenly guarding his own interests. Prompt and businesslike, too, he proved as soon as he had guided himself to his armchair.

"And so you are Sir George Ormsby, baronet, of Kensington Gore, and Ormsby Park, Nottinghamshire. Sit down, Sir George. Have you brought me the money? If so, I will write you a receipt at onse."

"You are not the man who had the baseness to assert a claim upon me. His name was Matthew."



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and, in clearing up his affairs. I found the claim of which you speak, and

treachery, the unjustice, the coldthing with them, nor did she offer to half-closed eyes, and by an occasionstir when Sir George, who was always al nod testifying that he was an at-

"Certainly not! Good heavens! Mr. Goldryng, you surely will not persist

to threaten me if I resist the de- result. Even men of honest reputamand."

the fault of the law. If it is so deficient signs of failing, another shot of chlothat it gives the debtor the chance of defrauding his creditors, the said swered the questions all right; but creditors must protect their own in- unfortunately for the conclusive naterests, and us such means as pre- ture of the tests, the stories they told

ply, and asked:

"What, then, do you expect of me?" asked "What is Truth?" due, and the interest thereof." "But it is impossible. It is too ex-

tortionate." aspect to his face, and was silent.

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Getting Truth by Dope

spatches that has of late appeared in from. To put it mildly the experiments do not seem to be conclusive. you to make me your confidant, and I It is not yet clear whether Dr. am not offended with you for abusing House's discovery is a "truth serum"

erican newspaper English every new cuse me, sir-there will always be as in correct usage the word is only knaves to pray upon them. Have you applicable to certain secretions from 'scopolamin, plus a pro-morphine, plus chloroform." It may be that Lucas Goldryng folded his wrinkled phine and chloroform certainly are hands across his chest, and smiled not. However, that is neither here

nor there. The main point is that Dr. House claims he can make men "My good sir, I have no option but tell the truth by administering a o persist. Yours is but a one-sided ex- complicated form of dope. The proplanation; though I do not profess to cesses of the New Orleans' test were throw any doubt upon it, simply be- most ingenious. After being doped, the ability of the subjects to recogne-nothing. As my son's executor, I They were shown a watch. Their am collecting his debts. It is not my speedy identification of it may have place to ask how they were contract- been assisted by the fact that they "But you have taken upon yourself Then they were shown a bottle; same knows a watch when he sees one "The fault of the law, Sir George nowadays. When the tests showed roform did the trick. And then the questioning began. The subjects andiffered somewhat from confessions they had previously made; and the Sir George expressed an angry re- prison authorities were left in much the same position as Pilate when he

"Immediate payment of the sum The use of morphine in these tests is surprising to the layman. The clear and established fact known to all who have even a slight experience with drug-addicts is that morphine Mr. Goldryng stroked the patriarchal makes ungodly liars of those who use beard that imparted such a benevolent it. No doubt Dr. House endeavors to balance the extremely untruthful "Supposing—I only say supposing— another complex of absolute truth (as that, to avoid annoyance, I agreed to distinguished from obvious or conyour terms, what time would you ventional truth) and hopes thereby to get a residue of common veracity that may be helpful to the police. But we fancy that most police officers will be content with the good oldfashioned methods of the "third degree" without scientific frills in the form of dope. Detectives are with reason skeptical even of the old adgae "In Vino Veritas". Men often make indiscret admissions when drunk, but such indiscretions are usually accompanied by an ample

dressing of lies. In reading of the New Orleans experiments it must strike the reader that Dr. House is reviving in a nominally painless, though perhaps nauseating form, the methods of the ancient truth-seekers who made drastic use of the thumb-screw and the boot." In the good old days another twist to the lacerated nerves and muscles was supposed to be efficacious in promoting veracity. The modern investigators, instead of telling the torturer to give the screw another twist and make it snappy, simply say, "Another shot in the arm, Oswald; use the blue phial this time.' And the victim volunteers a new story. But is the result of any more value than the confessions obtained by the henchmen of hte Grand Inquisitor? Not likely; it takes a very able and self-controlled man to tell the truth about anything in which he is personally interested.—Saturday

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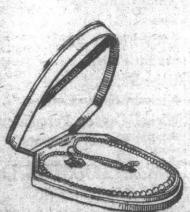
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