A CRUEL DECEPTION

OR WHY DID SHE SHUN HIM? BY EFFIE ADELAIDE ROWLANDS

that the Earl of Taunton and Lady Rose said. Torre had placed the defense of to the great legal firm who had al-

credible, it cannot be!" was the whelmed. "It is one of the trials yourself an incalculable amount to see her?" formation. Naturally, the mothsequence, flocked the curious pulse,

country which will protect help- wife. less women, even from their right-

on the last two words, the hot well as she had known her own any hasty step. blood leaped into Taunton's But Blanche? That was, after veins.

ady Rose came toward that sil- what Blanche would do. ent figure by the fireplace.

stand."

to Lady Rose. Her blanched face provoked a

a mistake! Surely you do not had offered to her was threatened tion, but Lord Taurton knew this He could not fail to censure the the law. Hunter had suffered Blanche's ill humor as only a constitution.

the speaker's eyes.

"You think I would stand here snap of a malignant, clever cur; but it will have to be met, never Rose was nearly distraught.

To bady tose's intense pain like months.

It was, in fact, adjourned till she said.

"Thank full of commiseration for the was his entered by the said." Eke this if I did?" he asked curt-

Lady Rose could not say nothing. She was, in truth, bewildered, amazed, crushed by the events at any moment!" the physician said, as there was silence between the other two, and he looked across the other two, and he looked across the other two, and he looked across the little knew the overwhelm at any moment!" the physician would comprehend so well the kind of syncope of the heart. Sir spirit that had dictated it.

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They were alone.

Upstairs in her room, with Blanche had gone away without a brought to the man in this distribution.

She little knew the overwhelm few woman for years.

"And she—"

In a certain little village nest so changed and worn. She knew the young wife, whose assistance in the young wife, whose assistance in the brought to the man in this distribution.

guests. It was a question of a departure at last, Sir Hector had struggle between Sir Hector's level of Taunton had never been level between Sir Hector's level of Taunton had never been level of the struggle between Sir Hector's level of Taunton had never been level of the struggle between Sir Hector's level of Taunton had never been level of the struggle between Sir Hector's level of the struggle level of the stru struggle between Sir Hector's arranged everything, and the fol- so relieved about anything so even now I do not know what inwill, and the will of the white-faced, angry man who faced him.
The doctor won, as he was determined to do, and quickly informed to do not know what including the doubt him forever. But she did go, suddenly, two days ago, and maybe it was the literature to the house which the issue may be, him just when he was on the heart. She was dressed in a mined to do, and quickly informing the care of skilled and tender noucement of the claim to his sight of the child's forlorn conditions and placed weeks that followed on the analyse ago, and maybe it was the point of going up to Scotland in the care of skilled and tender noucement of the claim to his sight of the child's forlorn conditions. ed Mr. Hunter that his wife's nurses. At Taunton's suggestion title and fortune. Far away out tion that brought on the illness condition was such that he. Sir Hector sat down and wrote a on the blue, white-crested waves, which ended so fatally." Hector, dared not permit her to be brief note to the mother, whose the sun browning her checks, and on the blue, white-crested waves, which ended so fatally."

And, with a sigh of regret, for personal researches in view of the brief note to the mother, whose the sun browning her checks, and Lord Taunton was drawing his coming trial. His first thought Atlantic, and had felt the salt out of his professional keeping.
"We will not mince matters, he said, very coldly. "The question is taken out of your hands"

Lord Taunton was drawing his despite her womanliness and sindespite her womanliness and sin had been too little impressed by of the trouble that was working sort of care and attention, if we desire to keep life in her. She must be placed apart from you. I refuse to allow you to move her.

Alwynne's sick bed. His memory of the trouble that was working against her brother and herself.

Bakir Hunter at present was been do little impressed by of the trouble that was working as she toiled over the hilly path.

Behind her, following her cause celebre of the movement, and weary her hostess with insucceeded as he intended to, and the no matter what savory seandal ton understood his movements.

Behind her, following her closely, was a huge dog, a boar-hound, which was at once the admiration and terror of the village court of justice alone, could are world be dished up for the world.

out with agitation and distress. through the medium of the news- was more than agitated as to the not own her. The woman in her practiced by the man at some time just at this particular crisis. "What does it mean? There is papers, that the engagement of result of the trial, but he himself turn had some pride, and refused or other of the career, and in To say she was mortified and strange, bewildering series of picsomething so sinister and strange marriage announced only a few had not the smallest discomfort to claim any further recognition every case, except one, he had angry with herself would be but tures! about that man-I-don't under- days ago between the Earl of on the question.

exactly the true one, which was were possible, to the man whom many things." that the man had given back her everybody esteemed, liked and Taunton sat with drawn brows. mous scale, and which, unfortun-"Oh, Hugo, my dear, my dear but—but it is all nonsense—all the period in which the name he ter settled before the long vaca
"Oh, Hugo, my dear, my dear but asked to be his wife, during through Alwynne's young mind before she would recover and bore with being them all into the hands of remark whatever, and bore with her normal balance and men freedom to the woman whom he respected. The earl looked straight into thing nearly approaching the ridi- list of witnesses on his side was of pity for her, too. He sighed offense, and immediately on his would not have been human if on the dog's head, her e

> dishonor and disgrace. To Lady Rose's intense pain like months.

"How could you-how could vexatious delay.

"This does not surpsise you?" you?" she cried to her daughter. Lady Rose said. who sat like some large, fair sta-He shook his head, and then tue, impervious to all she said. his name and honor in the hands of the first counsel of the day, and pocket.

folded the letter and put it in his "To turn your back on any one just at such a moment, and to "Do not trouble about it, Lady | jeopardize your future? You ways been associated with his fam- Rose," he said gently, for he saw have lost him, Blanche, and"-her eyes were full of tears, and with the shrewdness of a woman "But it is impossible, it is in- that she was completely over- of the world—"you have done ously. I suppose you do not go few who were so stanch in declar-

guests. There was simething checked himself. "But it is only coldly, but she was biting her lip, when Alwynne was mentioned. the first source to obtain more in- are you going to do with her!" however, in some natures, is dead!" er of Lord Taunton's future wife ne, who still lav in a state of extend Blanche was not long before face grew very pale. was supposed to know all there haustion. Sir Hector sat by the she regained her normal mental "Alwynne's mother dead?" was to know; and to her, in con- south, his fingers on her slender condition. Comforting herself as "Of heart disease, quite sudden-

refuse to allow you to move her. The refuse to allow you to move her. I know you are her husband. The knew that the man was too position, a woman never to be for-Yes, I know you are her husband, tion with the excitement of the cool-headed to risk anything just gotten. but, as Lord Taunton said just now, we have certain laws in this fact of her being Blair Hunter's tempt to molest his wife or inter
sountry, which will protect help.

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This was no less a matter than the claimant to the lo he said coolly. Pray exercise strong country cart. She took your 'might' as long as the power herself. Answers to the questions girl. Let him put one finger tohim in at once, though Marie. remains to you. My right will she had none. She knew nothing, ward her, and Sir Hector would time or other, mention made of whom he had been title was, so far as he was concern who had the care of her young

to give employment for something began to fuss about him.

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"Have you heard from them?"

"It is so odd, it does not seem to worry you at all?" Lady Rose idad." He sighed again. "By said to Taunton one day, when he called in obedience to her wish, have had some inkling through of a Dumas to do it full justice. just before her departure for Scot the papers, and then I shall have His murvelous accomplishments land. He did not see Blanche nor her back here in a shot, and- his wonderful personal attrac speak to her. Lady Rose receiv- well, Augusta is not me, and I tions, his almost supernatural way ed him in a state of some excite- fear she will be unhappy." ment. "You have heard the last news, of course!" she said, after Rose asked quickly. she had greeted him. "You have Taunton was keenly seen Sir Hector?"

He shook his head.

Taunton said "No." He was

regards the future by determin- ly yesterday. That is to say, she It is a thread—it might break blame her for her action, since he which terminated finally with a

morning, Lady Rose had herself, in company, conveyed Alwynne to a quiet nursing home, close to Sir Hector Carden's residence, in Harley Street.

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There had been a strange, a me he was almost afraid the meeting would have been harmful to the girl, but instead it seemed to do her good. The separation from her mother had weighed so terribly on her mind and was eating away at her heart all the time. She had told me she felt had been larried the meeting would have been harmful to the girl, but instead it seemed to do her good. The separation from her mother had weighed so terrible wynne remained in her house; the world, or to work a bulwark of protection and peace about the slender, frail life, that spelled the meeting away at her heart all the time of some suffering which had been larried to meeting the different had been a strange.

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had been too little impressed by of the trouble that was working Alwynne's sick bed. His memory newcomer, who would discourse shame. Lord Taunton's personal

find a substantial remedy in the and could tell no more than what publicly denounce him, and, in all handsome Wil Bradley. He was inal, for whom he had been ed, what it had always been—the find a substantial remedy in the law, which you so warmly advo-cate. Fortunately, there is such a thing as justice, and before many hours are gone we shall meet of them, she became furious. As our results.

breath, and was credited with all less than marvelous.

Blair Hunter, if he indulged sorts of escapades.

He less than marvelous. again!" He bowed, and, turning one instant that she believed such at the door, he looked back. "I a thing! She who had known the wish you good night Lord Town to history of the Taunton family to strong a strong and the power of the Taunton family to strong a strong a strong and the power of the Taunton family to strong a stro wish you good night, Lord Taun- history of the Taunton family so strong a man, was too cautions left England, and Alwynne is the Hunter—who possessed at least a Blanche Glenlee spent a most warmth and tenderness straight substantiate his claim. He had when one remembers the Bradley extraordinary a criminal. t figure by the fireplace.

The world, for once, was gratified by being informed again fear. He saw that Mr. Pennell humble origin, and they would fear her dishonesty which had not been humble origin, and they would had not been humble origin, and they would had not been humble origin.

"You want Augusta home?" ers for further speculations. "Thank God, sae is away!"

grateful to her for her attitude in this "It is very sad, and it has of the Hunter action as foolish equaled in its line for audacity thrown the child back tremend- and incomprehensible, there were skill and wickedness.

to do enough!" Taunton asked, of perfection. with a faint smile, as he rose to The newspapers took this as ber came and waned, and Octo-

to Scotland!" Lady Rose's face as that given by the

her mother would never forgive go said, his voice growing tender on her.

"The last letter was from Trin- ways and means resorted to by of committing any wrongdoing he "Why should she be?" Lady desired without inculpating him self; this, in conjunction with his career as a singer, a painter, & doctor, and, lastly, as a hypnotist matter, though every one spoke all described a history almost un

The crime for which the detec ing this as Blanche's mother. tive "wanted" him was the most "The case might alarm some terrible and horrible of all his accry that rang in poor Lady Rose Which come into our daily life. Of harm!"

Gleplee's ears all through that day had been besieged by inquire had been besieged by inquire for the mere suggestion!" He world!" Blanche Glenlee said when Alwynne was mentioned.

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their text to preach a tirade in their text to preach a tirade in their midst a performance such with her autumn brush. The

Upstairs in her room, with locked doors, Blanche was sitting. It that had fallen in the very hour of her triumph. Only early that morning, Lady Rose had herself.

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And, with a sigh of regret, for lespite her womanliness and sinto read and comment on, her fair name would be kept sacred and every now and again she put her

found clustered in goodly num- The news of Blair Hunter's ar- head and said some ten-

breath, and was credited with all and elude him in a manner little own among the great ones of the with him. She knew from whom

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he said, and, at the sneer from its earliest foundation as to let that anger lead him into child of the marriage. Yes, I good dozen aliases—was one so uncomfortable August. She acknow what is passing in your remarkable in ingenuity and fer- companied her mother to Scot- wonderful solace and enjoyment, It was this coolness on his part mind! Why the family have tile resources as to wake some- land, not because she had any par a comrade in her daily all, what the crowd desired most which astonished Taunton. He never recognized either mother thing like admiration in the ticular liking for the Highland walks, a friend who would be No sooner was he gone, than to know—what Blanche thought, knew that Hunter could never or child. It is easy to understand breast, even for so hardened and scenery or pure air, or because faithful unto death.

from them, and then—well, then managed to escape detection and to sketch in very faint lines the The peace of her new life was Taunton and Torre and Miss Fortunately, the case came on her life, perhaps, put her still punishment, and even suspicion. state of her feelings. She knew something almost divine. "I am afraid I do," was Taun- Blanche Glenlee was suddenly immediately. So great was the farther outside the barrier. She The one and only time in so well the comment and chatter moments she would start sudden interest expressed in the matter, was Louise Lale, the burlesque ar- which justice had overtaken him that would be circulating about by out of her calmness; and her he took out from his pocket Mr. For explanation of this, every that many people who would in tiste, you know, and there is no had been several years back, when her at this moment, and how that many people who would in the many people who would begin to thump and their own particular reason one had their own particular reason of the reaso read it. "The explanation is son, but no one except Blanche, have hastened from town, remain- career was almost traditional. tralia, pursuing, in conjunction probably rejoice at the foolish was nervous. Her mental system here!" he said, giving the letter her mother, and Taunton knew ed to lend their assistance, if that But she is dead, and death levels with some few kindred spirits, a position in which her hasty and had been well-nigh shattered by policy of dishonesty on an enor-inconsiderate action had placed the strain she had endured. Her

> even though there was some would be an impossibility. The dead woman, and yet he was full two years' imprisonment for this mother can. But Lady Rose thing nearly approaching the ridiculous in that same threat—by
> dishonor and disgrace.
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> The signed release had sailed for Europe, she, too, had not felt mortified at choosing Paris as his headquartthe lack of womanliness which fell into a sort of w had prompted her child to re-The history given in the news- nounce all connection with a man papers—which eagerly seized on the Taunton affair as a godsend in the slack season—of all the friends could give h n.

The Wretchedness of Constipation Can quickly be evercome by CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

And so August passed, Septem ber was busy painting the world weather was wonderful-clear. warm, bright-an unusual and de-

which was her home now. The dog followed her sedately, and little hand on his big, smooth

he came, and she welcomed him for the silent giver's sake with a

Alwynne stood at one corner

illness had been all nerves. All the struggle that had gone ately for him and his confederat-

weeks flitted long illness, Marie, and t