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Mrs. Alexander drew herself up a trifle, and hesitated a moment before replying; then she said, gravely:

"Partly upon business; partly for health."

"Heaith!" scorfully repeated Lady Linton, with a quick upward glance into that beautiful, blooming face.

A musical laugh rippled over Mrs. Alexander's lips, and she flushed an exquisite scolor, for both riance and emphasis, although not so intended, were a marked compliment to her appearance.

"You think I do not need to go anywhere in search of health," she observed. "That is true, just now, although I was far from well when I left America."

"What is your business here?" demanded her companion, ignoring her reply.

"Really, Lady Linton," Mrs. Alexander returned, coldly, "I do not know as I feel obliged to explain just yet."

"Just yet!" repeated the other, with a sudden heartbound. "What am I to understand by that?"

"Just what you choose, Lady Linton." "is your 'business' connected in any way with that threat which you made in my presence more than eight years ago?"

"Ah! then you have not forgotten what happened more than eight years ago?"

Lady Linton colored angrily.

"I could almost wish that I had died then, rather than that you should have saved me!" she said, passionately.

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"Because I hate you! You came between me and some of my brightest hopes. Because you—"
"No, it is not wholly that," Virgie interposed quietly, while her grave, beautiful byes searched Lady Linton's face, with something of pity in them. "It is because you have injured me, and one is apt to dislike and shrink from another whom one has wronged."

you have injured me, and one is apt to dislike and shrink from another whom one has wronged." "How have I wronged you?" demanded Lady Linton, in a startled tone, and wondering how much the woman knew. "I do not need to tell you. Your own conscience needs no other accuser that itself," was the calm reip. "But it would have been far better had your ladyship constituted yourself my friend instead of my enemy." 'I could never be your friend. I shall be your foe to the bitter end, and it was to warn you of this that I detained you to-day. If you have come to London with the intention of thrusting yourself and your daughter upon my brother, let me tell you to beware! You are a divorced woman; you have no claim whatever upon Sir William Heath, and your child shall never be acknowledged by his name. I have vowed 'ris, and I mean it. You may think it is all an idle threat, but if you are in London one month from to-day it will be at your peril. I will ruin you. I will so shame and humiliate you that you will be glad to hide yourself from all who know you. I vill do even worse if need be. Nothing shall hinder me from making sure work this ime." This time, Lady Linton? Then it was

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She was actually hoars with passion as she concluded.

"This time, Lady Linton? Then it was your work that other time. You acknowledge it?" said Mrs. Alexander, in a calm tone, and without a trace of excitement in either face or manner.

She was as unruffled as when Lady Linton first met her; she had not even lost a vestige of color. All the change that was visible in her was a half-sorrowful light in her beautiful blue eyes, a grave, pitiful expression about her mouth.

Lady Linton saw instantly that she had made a mistake; in her auger and hatred she had admitted more than was wise or prudent, and she grew very pale.

"I acknowledge nothing; I only warn you," she said, almost fiercely.

"Lady Linton," her companion answered composedly, "your threats do not move me; they cannot hurt me, I fear they will but recoil upon your own head. Bolieve me, I would much rather be on friendly terms with you, "led more like forgiving the injuries of the past than cherishing hostile feelings. I could even at this moment take your hand—the hand that wrote such cruel things of me many years ago—and say, 'Let us be at peace;' but you will not, and I must go my way and leave you to go yours, hoping that before it is too late for repentance to to avail you anything, a better spirit may possess pon."

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'You defy me then?'said Lady Linton, through tightly closed teeth.

'Oh, no; I do not defy you," was the pleasant rejoinder. "You are yery angry, Lady Linton, because I will not allow myself to be browbeaten by you, but you will feel differently by and by when you come to consider matters in another light. I would rather do you a kindness than harm, and, by the way, I have a package belonging to you which I mean to return to you very soon."

'A package belonging to me! Where did you get it?"

'It is one I have had many years, but I have only recently discovered that it is yours."

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"It is impossible that you can have anything of mine," returned Lady Linton, der companion smiled slightly, then

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"Her companion smiled slightly, then said:

"An uncle of mine was returning from the far east some twelve or thirteen years ago, and, on his way from London to Edinburgh, rode in the same railway carriage with a lady who got out at one of the way stations. He never knew which station it was, for he had fallen asleep shortly after leaving London, and when he awoke she was gone. He found a package, however, which she had dropped and which he could not return, because there was no name upon it, therefore he was forced to take it home to America with him. He confided it to me on his death bed with the injunction to return it to tho owner if I should ever be so fortunate as to meet her. I discovered on the evening our meeting at Lady Dunforth's that you were the owner."

"I assure you that you are mistaken. Inever lost a package in a railway carriage," returned Lady Linton, haughtily.

"No, but a rired to whom you confided it, lost it."

"The way I learned that it belonged to you," Mrs. Alexander resumed, "was by observing upon the pannel of your carriage door, as I left Lady Dunforths that even ing, the Linton coat of arms. The seal upon the package of which I speak is stamped with a shield bearing a patriarchal cross and the motto 'Droit et Loyal,' and there is also written upon the wrapper this sentence. "To be destroyed unopened in the event of my death."

Lady Linton had shrunk back appalled during this description, and now stood learing against the wall, while, trembiling, while great beads of perspirition stood about her mouth and on her forehead.

"Great heavens! have you got that?" at

clast burst from her quivering lips, in a tone of horror.

"Yes; it is a singular coincidence, is it not?" inquired her companion, serenely. "However I will return it to you very soon. And now, good-merning, Lady Linton. This will be a very busy day for me, and it must not tarry longer."

With those words, Virginia Alexander swept by the stricken woman with a courteous inclination of her head, and went on her way, apparently unruffled by anything that had occurred during the spirited interview with her sworn enemy, Sir William Heath's sister.

Lady Linton stood for a moment or two utterly motionless, almost paralyzed by the startling revelations which her brother's former wife had just made to her, and then she, too, tottered from the place, murmuring.

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former wife had just made to her, and uses she, too, tothered from the place, murmuring.

"To think that she of all persons should have had that during these years! What a fool! have been! But," she contined, with an ominous clitter in her steely eyes, "the die is cast—it will now take desperate measures indeed to secure my own safety and accomplish her defeat."

She returned directly home, for she had noither the strength nor the heart to purchase fashionable gwegaws for Lillian; at least until she had recovered somewhat from the shock she had just raceived.

Upon her arrival she found still another letter from Sir William awaiting her, and one which filled her with astonishment and put an entirely different aspect upon the future, while a portion, at least, of its contents was calculated to electrify his whole household as well as cociety at large.

Lady Linton's letter was handed to her by the butler just as she was sitting down to lunch.

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She had come in just as the bell rang, and leaving her bonnet and wraps in the hall, she went directly to the dining-room without going, as usual, to her room to make a change in her toilet; she was far too weary and shaken to mount the stairs.

She broke the seal absently, and began to read in a listless, preoccupied way, when all at once she uttered a startled exclamation, and the paper dropped from her nerveless fingers upon the table.

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The Montreal Witness says: "Sheppard is the man who has run the Place d'Arme's Employment Agency for several years. For the past two years the following advertisement, or one similar to it, have been frequently seen in the columns of some of the papers.

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another passes in, each one in his turn.

The witness relates the case of a you school teacher who paid \$300 to obtain a

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"The young school teacher was sent to one of the agency's outposts and told that he would get a commission on all he made. This meant that if he could secure from some poor servant girls, 'emigrants or others, \$40 per week that he might keep \$15 and hand over the balance to the boss agent. The young man stayed at the outpost one week and then left, 'Why did you leave?' was asked. Now mark this answer: 'Because I found that the whole business was a fraud and when there I was ashamed to hold up my head while walking on the street. I was also when there I was ashamed to hold up my head while walking on the street. I was also ashamed to tell anyone what I was doing. I came from honest parents and decided that my good name was worth more to me than any money, so I left, and I am glad I did. If it had been in' New York or Chicago I should have investigated it, but being in Montreal I made up my mind it was all right.' This completes the illustration and this is one case in fifteen that Detective Grose has now the particulars of."

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