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"I don't know," said Jack, shrug- cal life—so there are in other ging his shoulders. "There's the Col- don't think you need be afraid, anxious about your daughter. I think Miss onies-"

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your blood."

sign your present position?"

"There are also the Continents of Maud can take care of herself, don't Europe, Asia, and America," remark- you know," he wound up, awkwardly. unlikely that Maud had indulged in a and that is that, if you really care for ed Jiggles. "My dear fellow, if you're She shot a glance at him, a by no little flirtation. with Fleming, and, her, are fond of her, you are not going too, much of a gentleman for the Law means friendly, and indeed a rather pitying the man, he said, almost the right way-" Courts, you're certainly too much of suspicious, glance.

a swell for the Colonies. I may be "I hope so," she said grimly. lacking in imagination, but I am un- "Maud's been well brought up, and man." able to picture you breaking stones, has kept herself respectable-up till driving a milkcart, or waiting at an now." hotel; and that is what I think most "Oh, she's all right; don't you wormen of your kind do when they go to ry, Mrs. Delman," said Jack cheerthose parts."

fully. "Well, good-afternoon." "I don't know that I should mind It had not been a very pleasant litdriving a milkcart," mused Jack, the interview, and its effect was to thoughtfully. "Anyhow, that will be make Jack feel that Mrs. Delman better than hanging about Chertson held him in no slight measure respon- no use you denying it. I know all himself at the 'Blue Dragon,' as I hear A pattern of this illustration mailed sible for her daughter's welfare, and, about it. I've been watching you. you often do. She's worthy of a good, to any address on receipt of 10 conts and eating my heart-" . He stopped suddenly and, laying his "Bother the girl!" he muttered, as he You've been going to the house, meet- steady chap." hand on Jiggles' head, tousled his strode on.

scant hair. "Yes, you're a good chap, Jiggles, remembered that he had told one of here, Mr. Chalfonte, you can fool her teeth. "Don't you give yourself any and Heaven knows I'm grateful to the woodmen that some of the trees mother, you can fool Maud, but you yeu; but I'm afraid you can't help me should be cleared in the home wood, can't fool me. . You can't deny that dress, and I mean to have it." in this business. Well, I'll get my and that he had promised the man to you've taken her away." name painted off the door-post and go and look at them. The wood was sell my wig and gown; then we'll con- only a little way out of his road, and, against his anger. "Miss Delman has "We'll see about that," snarled sider the milkcart proposition." Jack's troubles never sat very heav- intending to make a detour through and beyond giving her a little friendly himself on Jack; but Jack, for all his ily on him for long, and by the time the plantation to the Hall. He had advice, I have-" he had reached Chertson that aftenreached the spot the woodman had indicated when he heard footsteps, conclusion of the sentence. noon he was very nearly in his usual cheerful frame of mind. If he could and, thinking it was the man, gave a call. But it was not the woodman, ly. "What's her address? You'd betnot bring himself to entertain Jiggles'

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that's all there is to it. Just take my what you've done with her." word, Fleming. And, by the way, I Jack doubted the truth of the man's assertion, but he thought it not at all wish you'd let me say something more.

Fleming opened his lips and made serve as an early Fall suit. It is nica soothingly: "I've done nothing with Miss Del- a movement as if to cut in; but Jack for velveteen, satin, serge, Jersey held up his hand.

"One moment," he said firmly; "you over-blouse is finished separately. The "That's a lie!" flashed Fleming. Jack half rose, but sank down hear me out. You said just now it two-piece skirt is joined to a semi-fit-ted waist, which holds the collar and was no business of mine whether you revers, and under which the vest is again. He had the strongest objecgot screwed in the afternoon or not arranged. tion to lying, either in or out of the Now Miss Delman happens to be a The Pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 34, 36, Law Courts, but he controlled him-

friend of mine, and I don't think it 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. self and sat still. "You've taken her away from here, would be a good thing for her to mar-"You've taken her away from here, would be a good thing for her to mar-material. The skirt measures about 2 from me," went on Fleming. "Oh, it's ry a man who makes a silly ass of yards at the foot.

"Curse you! Shut your mouth! ing her; you've met her in this very But presently he paused again. He spot, spent hours with her. Look said Fleming between his clenched of your airs with me. I want her ad-

"My dear fellow, you can't have it "But I do," said Jack, fighting from me," Jack assured him. glancing at his watch, he turned aside, gone to London on her own business; Fleming, with an oath, and he flung calmness, had been watching with a

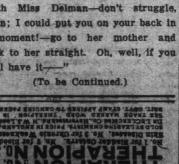
> But Fleming would not wait for the wary eye, and he caught Fleming's arms just above the elbows and held him off.

"Don't be a fool, Fleming," he said. ter give it to me; I want it, and I "Take my advice; go home, light a pipe, and thinkk this little matter over

quietly. If you want to communicate ingly. "Then you must go to Mrs. Delman with Miss Delman-don't struggle, for it," said Jack. "I am not author- man; I could put you on your back in leed to give you Maud's"-the name a moment!-go to her mother and slipped from him unconsciously, and talk to her straight. Oh, well, if you he hastened to correct himself-"Miss will have it-"

Delman's address, and I decline to do

"Oh, it's 'Maud' one minute and so at ... 'Miss Delman' the other." sneered Fleming. "It's 'Maud,' and yet you 'say you've no hand in her going. I know well enough that you've taken her away, hidden her in London; here can be only one explanation, one eason for your doing so. You've got ar into your power. You're going





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