On this very morning when Lyon parried the papers to Mr. Merton. Adolphus had in his possession a letter from over the sea-a letter bearing ed look, 'I do not understand you.' the Calcutta post-mark, and also the should reach Lily Merton, and he horror is this?' would not break that word. It did not

come, while, at the very time of the declaration, he had such a letter since Lyon placed certain acco

Late on the evening of that day, when Adelphus was alone, and after much travail of soul, he broke the seal of the letter from over the sea directed peginning to end. Its burden was undving love; sorrow at not hearing from the absent darling; with hope and bright promise for the future. The writer was captain of a noble ship, and

My soul!' cried Adolphus, twistin the letter in his hands, 'what would Lily Merton give for this bit of paper! icine of all the de

stoppage of the letters, but he shall not

'Taken from me? You?' 'Aye-if I am taken from you?'

'Surely, my father,' with a bewilder 'And yet, my child, the thing may him go, he wished that his daughter school-mates.

'It need not be a horror at all, Lily, her mother. It was a sweet, mild face he did not read. He simply opened hand.

Listen, my child, and you shall 'O! my sainted mother! she cried, know. I had hoped that I might not with folded hands upraised, 'if you can be reduced to this extremity, but you look down upon me now, let your the man who had given him con-when my uncle's will was searched for d, however unpleasant and Listen, myg child, and you shall cold deliver all letters directed to have forced me to the revelation. You sweet influence guide me! O! I need fidence, nor would be entirely serve she alone maintained a firm defiance Lity Merton up to Lyon Hargrave. are aware that upon the death of Wal- help very much.' ter Hargrave I was indebted to him to After a time she sat down, with her again: erty: and you know Had Heaven humanity. He had already lied to his penny I own it could not satisfy that another more serious. Not many weeks | Hargrave!

> 'That money, father-what?' 'Oh, my child, I meant no wrong. turn in time to Lyon,-that-

'Yes, I used the money. I was hard the night. So she sought her pillow, with you. You know the girl. Sh pressed, very, very hard, and I thought and tried to sleep.

'That my hand would cancel the bond?' cried Lily, starting to her feet, Not all the medicine of all the doctors would sacrifice your child to the base in the world could uplift her as could use of trade! You would put the life

> Asher Merton put forth his hands so seechingly that Lily stopped.

'O, my dear, dear child' he said, with his hands extended and clasped with his h together, 'I did not think thus—as God is my judge, I did not! I fully believed, when the first pang of your grief had passed, that you would willingly become mistress of Ingleside.

Sit down, Lily.—Don't stand there.'
Lily resumed her west, and her father proceeded:

Lyon has confided all his love—all his hopes—all his fond and glowing aspirations to me, and I have symnot help it. You may say that my wish has been father to my thought. I shall not deny it; but I can assert that the wish was born of a most

to hope that you would, in time answer the love of Lyon Hargrave.'

blame me too severely. I thought no harm when I did it, and I meant no wrong. Lyon and I had talked to much of his love, and of his hopes of stood there, and her father qualled be-

post-mark of the royal mail steamer happen if you do not put forth your might come to her senses, and become Adolphus had sworn that Lily uncle's confidant and often counsellor, from Bristol. He had had this letter four days. He had pledged his word to his employer that no such letter arm, 'what do you mean?' What new Merton went into her chamber, and that she could be firm that she could be firm when her father had gone. Lily did not pass through Lyon's hands; severing when she chose.

With a fierce oath he started that the could be firm that she could be firm sat down before a painted picture of come from over the sea. This letter feet, still strangling the letter in his

add to his happiness thus far to keep You have it in your power to make it that looked out from the canvas—a face that told whence the child had derived the leap, and he felt that he must hold 'I should have looked to that woman before,' he muttered, as he strode across the leap, and he felt that he must hold 'I mercy's name what is it?'

It was a sweet, that looked out from the canvas—a face that told whence the child had derived here. Moore, and then hid it away. He had begun to chafe under his yoke. The beauty.

standing—implied as a part of the contract—but it had not been explicitly set forth as the other part had been. In short, Adolphus Splinter was willing to tamper with the principle of that claim he could only seize upon won the right to demand such sacrifice?

Alter a time she sat down, with ner land in the dowed upon her hand, and tried to think. Should she sacrifice herself her true love, by heavens Lyon Harton save her father? Had her father grave shall not read them!

To be continued. honor among thieves' in behalf of that were I to-day stripped of every the sacrifice, whether merited or not? bath evening following he ventured to employer in telling him that no letter claim, nor the half of it. But there is her? To a life-long union with Lyon after a time he asked for Lily. The

my hands for collection. I collected of her mother, and the thought came In a little while he returned with thereon two thousand dollars, and that to her that she had not only a mother in the better world, but that another was there whom she might meet and Hargrave, and she begs to be excused. love while eternity s ould last. And thought so surely that your heart would then came a wild, surging thought under the weight of which she broke entirely

On the following day Lily walked away across the fields into the deep she keeps her promise I care not for woods back of Oxington. All day long the rest. Only—she should know that and standing before her tacher with she was in motion, and not until the pule cheek and burning eyes. 'You shadows of evening had tallen did she way of her married life too soon. It would sacrifice your child to the base sit down to rest. When the candles

and quiet, but with a calmness and quietness that was cold and stern. When her father came to her she asked him if he still wished that she

wish it,' he answered, 'Oh!' she oried, indige not my good into that scale. Answer me directly and honestly. On your with Lyon Hargrave?

The attorney besitated, but finally 'Yes, Lily, if you will have it so; for his wife, But, my child, did I not truly

· Hush! Say no more. I have your wish, and I know its source; and now devout and earnest desire for the good take my answer. In one year from of my child. Had Horace lived I the day on which Horace left me, if might have withheld my aspiring both you and Lyon Hargrave shall both you and Lyon Hargrave shall then demand it, I will become Lyon Hargrave's wife.'

'And is that long? You will remer

wrong. Lyon and I had laired to much of his love, and of his hopes of wydding you, that I had already come and the opening grain ring its unny heads to the general him as a son-in-law; and the passes of the second and of the opening which I knew he did not ask of the beautiful Haden come which I knew he did not ask of the beautiful Haden come with rich return to the bushandman, and the passes will light of distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light of distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light of distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light of distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light of distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light of distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light of distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light to distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light to distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light to distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light to distraction, I used to the bushandman, and the passes will light to distraction, I used to the bushing man will be passes to the bushing man

Merton were tilting over upon the side Lyon loosened the seals with steam, Somerby-he knew her very wellof Lyon Hargrave, and the direction of and having found who the writers knew her for a shrewd, clear his unspoken prayer was changed. In-stead of wishing that he had money back; and that evening Lily received the way of duty. And he knew that enough to pay twon's claim, and let friendly letters from two of her old she knew him-that she had known

Merton should receive no letters which and that she could be firm and pe

him. As he had said before, so he said of the result.'—Another oath, and 'If Lily cannot read the letters of must never see Lily Merton. I au

And to what would the sacrifice lead call. He found Mr. Merton alone, and

' My daughter does not feel well, M McLeod's Store, Queen Street. · Does not feel well enough to se me?' said Lyon, biting his lip. down. She dared think no more in to time. There is no use in my trifling

· Never mind, returned Lyon.

might be well if you made her und Mr Merton said he would seek to impress this self-evident fact upon his

A few days after this-it was in the beginning of October-Adolphus cam addressed to Lily Merton. It bore the

Where is Rollington? ' asked Lyon after he made out the mark.

west of us, near the Delaware River, graphy of the State. Lyon broke the seal, and ran his eye hastily over the opening sentence of the letter, and then glanced at the bot-

An oath burst from his lips as the hand which held the letter dropped upon his knee. But he recovered himself quicktake my answer. In one year from ly, and said to Adolphus, with a light

> shall hand it to the lady myself. What say you to a game of billiards? Adolphus was willing, and having drank some brandy, they adjourned to the billiard room, But Lyon played

badly, and soon gave his one to I THE SHADOWS THICKEN!

Once more alone in his library, Lyo

My Dear Miss Merror,—On this saim Sabbath evening, with my heart sare before my Maker, and after much naxious thought. Ist down to write to you, freely and truthfully, just as I

maiden as something sacred—something far above the woman whom he had known elsewhere—and when he thought of such a being—so pure and so good—forced to wed with Lyon haps you will listen to the call of sten haps. What will you do if I am Hargrave, he shuddered to the very necessity. What will you do if I am his brow deepened and darkend.

'She may relent, after all, said Lyon honestly.

And on the very next day he deliver—through twice, and then rolled it up, and on the very next day he deliver—through twice, and clutched it in his hand as he might have clutched a viper which he will know no more of financial trouble.'

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