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known of it until Mrs. McDonald

came here and talked of it. At that

so she heard nothing of the neigh-

'Not a word, honey; but what's

'You shall hear all about it to

Jill, rising superior to the occasion.

'Mistress of Bonnie Braes at last!'

When the weary dancers left that

Meanwhile, Belcourt's friends were

busy. They knew full well the in-

fallen into their hands. The face of

Graham Prentiss in the dead girl's

locket proved conclusively that Mrs.

McDonald had committed perjury in

swearing to its identity with Stephen

Relcourt. That some one had bribed

Lyewellyn had learned while he was

away that she had sent from Ron-

were filled with the most bitter in-

the angry bridegroom.

accepted her offer.

time to repent his bargain.

be precurred from Lewisburg.

all the fuss about, ennyhow?'

borhood gossip.

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CHAPETER XXIII.

Love's Revolt.

morrow, dear old nurse; but now you 'Take it off! it stiffles me!' gasped Lynette; and, obeying her, they any longer to-night, so I shall take been hanged without my evidence! found that the blue thread was there you off to a bedroom, for you must in the clasp, a wisp, no doubt, from be my guest to-night-you and Edgar, too,' urged Lynette, turning to the dead girl's collar,

'The missing link!' muttered her brother. Lloyd Llewellyn; and added: 'It 'Edgar is our guest until to-morseems strange that you could have row, and he has already sent the carthis locket so long an I know nothing riage back with a line to his uncle, got it all out of her without much of the hue and cry going on about telling the fact of your marriage, without any particulars,' said Myrtle. What a picnic that news will

'Lord love ye, sir, I never heard one word, or I'd a gin it up freely. create in the camp!' remarked ren at home, though only on the as-I'm an honest woman, sir, and Linnet Llewellyn laughingly. kin testify to it-yes, and Edgar, too, And we may as well state here that a-cause they has knowed me all their it did indeed create a sensation, and life, an' I nussed 'em when they was that every one was very angry with or another, as he did not refer to any that onct I was going to tell Linnet fooled, the lover she had jilted, down about that locket, but she shet me to the minister, who had counted on subject of our conversation to anyone up, wouldn't hear a word about that a princely wedding fee. pore dead girl. But it beats me ter | 'But we can have the supper and see Mr. Prentiss in the locket. I dance, anyway. No use disappoint of her sin, also to try to get back the never knowed the thing would open ing the comp'ny,' remarked Aunt money. We told her not to trouble

Lynette made a gesture for all to ceased, she said tenderly:

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wrongdoing. Having made all possible speed, they reached the hotel before the woman had retired, and the esult of the interview they told to

rant for perjury and arrested her at once, but we did not wish our pro credings to be publicly known, lest our quarry get alarmed; so we re quested a private interview, and insisted when she refused, so that she had to yield. We locked the door without her knowledge, and told her about the finding of the locket, finally bringing it out for her to see.

'She began to grow very much exner very calmly: 'It seems as if you made a mistake in thinking Mr. Belcourt's was the face in your daughter's ocket. Look! This is quite a dif-

"She looked at it, paled and trembled in fear, then blurted out de-

"You have changed the face in th ocket. I-I have never seen this one fore, I-I assure you.

ed criminal for us to be bluffed by her false charge, so Llewelyn said: "I have been down in your counry, Mrs. McDonald, and I learned that since you came here you have sent

enough money home to pay off the ortgage on your farm. Who gave the locket, as there was nothing she began to see that the game was

up. She was weak, anyway, and pertime Sally Ann was so low of a fever haps her conscience was sore. She that the doctors prohibited visitors, broke down in a pitiful sob, and Llewellyn added: 'We fear, madam, that the mone you paid on the mortgage was the oribe you received for swearing

"Innocent!' she almost shrieked He is not, for Jason Ball saw him look too weak and weary to stay up kill my daughter, and he would have reston in his easy way.

obbed in surprise, and so gave her

"Well, to cut the story short, we rouble. Jason Ball, in a slight dis guise, had tempted her with money surance that Belcourt was guilty any how and sure to be hanged without her evidence. She could not tell us whether Ball was acting for himsel

"We cautioned her not to hetray th else, lest the law should take hold o her for perjury, and in a fright she herself, that the man who sent it t her was not likely ever to need it. We 'I will take your part. No one listen, and when Sally Ann's voice shall consider you slighted. I will be missing next day and as the even marry you as soon as you can having fled on the first eastward-'Yes, I know and love this good get the license, if you wish to show bound train. Poor old soul! We were woman, and I can understand why that cruel girl that you do not care sorry for her, after all, and not r

for her loss,' whispered artful Vida to luctant to connive at her escape. "We put everything in motion to make two arrests this morning, and He was wild with humiliation and after a night's rest, set out for the disappointed love, and had tossed off cabin of Jason Ball, and boldly contoo many bumpers of wine, so he was fronted him with Mrs. McDonald's not quite himself, and he recklessly confession.

"The fellow tried to brazen it out at first, but when we told him our suspicions, and what we expected to she whispered triumphantly to her prove against Prentiss and himself, aunt; and she did not give Prenties he was fairly frightened, and wilted as easily as the old woman had done. confessing that he had seen Prentiss commit the murder, and had blacknight they had all been told that mailed him afterward. It was dra-Prentiss and Miss Halliburton would matic, his story." be quietly married next morning, just

"Poor girl-poor girl!" exclaimed as soon as the marriage license could Belcourt, in ready sympathy, and

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It was horrible to think that the old woman had sworn away a man's life for sordid gold, and Belcourt's friends

There is no time to lose dignation against the unwomanly creature. They did not wait for the next day to begin their work.

Llewellyn and the lawyers went to Roncevette that same night, carrying the locket, that Mrs. Mc Donak' might

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a job of work from Prentiss, when he saw the man and girl encounter each

Stephen Belcourt in his cell the next fine runaway husband? cried the young wife angrily; and Prentiss cried out in wild surprise and fear: "'My God! Madge!"

"Then they had an angry Prentiss trying to bribe her to go away, and swearing he would never acknowledge her; she insisting on her rights, until suddenly he cut it short by pulling out a pistol and sending a bullet into her poor heart, that he had already wounded so cruelly. Ball was afraid to make his presence known lest he should share the same and watched the murderer search the

girl and take away everything that cited, but we kept quiet, and said to could prove her identity. Then Prentiss hurried back home and started directly on horseback for the barbecue at Meadow Bluff, hoping thus to prove an alibi if necessary." "Cold-blooded wretch!" elcourt indignantly.

"But Nemisis was on his track, fo s soon as he returned. Jason Ball began to bleed him for hush-money. few days later, in his jealousy o Belcourt, he hatched the infamous olan of charging his rival with the "So the plot is all exposed, and Ihall be cleared!" panted Belcourt rising to his feet, his face resplenden with joy

"Yes, you will be free, for we have writ of habeas corpus to secure ourt fervently, and then Preston ex

laimed triumphantly: "You will have the pleasure of re signing your cell to Mr. Prentiss when you leave here, and he will ably represent you at the trial next Monday. Jason Ball is already in a ell on the opposite side, and the men vent to Bonnie Braes hours ago to rrest Prentiss." (To be continued.)

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