But your uncle was a strange man, and would

neither lay claim to the property himself, nor allow you to be told of your prospects. He

did all he could to make you like himself, in-

different to worldly things; and my father feared you would pride yourself on refusing

to claim your rights except some counter-in-

fluence were used." . "But why should your father have taken

"Well, you know-one in his profession

likes to see justice done; and, besides, to con-duct such a case must of course be of profes-

sional advantage to him. You must not

think him under obligation to the present

family : my grandfather held the position he

still occupies before they came into the pro-

perty_I am too unhappy to mind what I say

now. My father was pleased when you and I —indeed I fancy he had a hand in our first

meeting. But while your uncle lived, he had

to be cautious. Chance, however, seemed to favour his wishes. We met more than once, and you liked me, and my father thought I

might wake you up to care about rights, and

"Only, you see, Mr. Cumbermede," she in-terrupted with a half smile, and a little return of her playful manner—I didn't wish

It was a speech both cruel and rude. She stepped a pace back, and looked me proudly

"Prefer that man to you, Wilfrid! No! I could never have fallen so low as that. But

I confess I didn't mind letting papa under-

stand that Mr. Brotherton was polite to mejust to keep him from urging me to-to-You will do me the justice that I did not try

to make you-to make you-care for me, Wilfrid?"

as you, and confess that you might have done

so—easily enough at one time. Indeed I am only half honest after all: I loved you once

-after a boyish fashion."

She half smiled again.

"I admit it heartily. I will be as honest

You preferred the man who had the

"I see. And it might have been, Clara, but

-and-but-

for-

it." "No.

said.

property."

in the face.

any trouble in the matter?" I asked.

He would have blown up the whole scheme at once. It was all I could do to keep him from father believed you the rightful heir to Moldtelling you of our engagement; and that made warp Hall. Your own father believed it, and him miserable." made my father believe it-that was in case "Did you tell him I was in love with you? your uncle should leave no heir behind him. You knew I was, well enough."

"I dared not do that," she said, with a sad smile. "He would have vanished—would have killed himself to make way for you."

" I see you understand him, Clara."

"That will give me some feeble merit in your eyes—won't it, Wilfrid?" "Still I don't see quite why you betrayed me to Brotherton. I daresay I should if I had

time to think it over." "I wanted to put you in such a position with regard to the Brothertons that you could have no scruples in respect of them such as my father feared from what he called the overrefinement of your ideas of honour. The treatment you must receive would, I thought, rouse every feeling against them. But it was not all for my father's sake, Wilfrid. It was, however mistaken, yet a good deal for the sake of Charley's friend that I thus disgraced myself. Can you believe me?"

"I do. But nothing can wipe out the disgrace to me." "The sword was your own. Of course I

never for a moment doubted that."

"But they believed I was lying." "I can't persuade myself it signifies greatly what such people think about you. I except Sir Giles. The rest are ____."

"Yet you consented to visit them."

"I was in reality Sir Giles's guest. Not one of the others would have asked me." " Not Geoffrey?"

"I owe him nothing but undying revenge for Charley."

Her eyes flashed through the darkness, and she looked as if she could have killed him, "But you were plotting against Sir Giles

all the time you were his guest?"

(To be continued.)



"I am glad you are believing me now," she "Thoroughly," I answered. "When you speak the truth, I must believe you." "I was afraid to let papa know the real

state of things. I was always afraid of him, though I love him dearly, and he is very good to me. I dared not disappoint him by telling him that I loved Charley Osborne. That time—you remember—when we met in Switzerland, his strange ways interested me so much! I was only a girl—but——"

"I understand well enough. I don't wonder at any woman falling in love with my Charley."

"Thank you," she said, with a sigh which seemed to come from the bottom of her heart.

each other?"

"Ah! there my shame comes in again! I wanted-for my father's sake, not for my own -I need not tell you that-I wanted to keep my influence over you a little while-that is until I could gain my father's end. If I should succeed in rousing you to enter an action for the recovery of your rights, I thought my father might then be reconciled to my marrying Charley instead-

"Instead of me, Clara. Yes-I see. I begin to understand the whole thing. It's not so bad as I thought-not by any means."

"Oh, Wilfrid! how good of you! I shall love you next to Charley all my life." She caught hold of my hand, and for a

moment soemed on the point of raising it to to her lips.

"But I can't easily get over the disgrace you have done me, Clara. Neither, I confess, can I get over your degrading yourself to a private interview with such a beast as I know -and can't help suspecting you knew Brotherton to be."

She dropped my hand, and hid her face in both her own.

"I did know what he was; but the thought of Charley made me able to go through with it.'

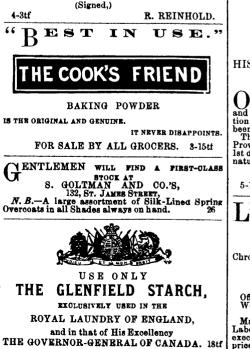
"With the sacrifice of his friend to his enemy?" "It was bad. It was horridly wicked.

hate myself for it. But you know I thought it would do you no harm in the end."

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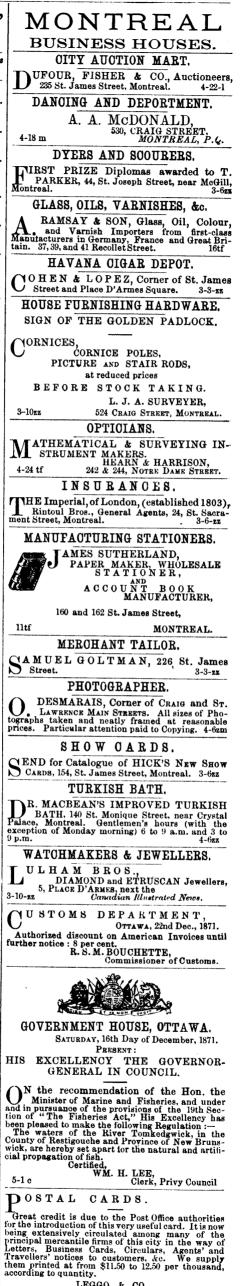
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