THE MILL MYSTERY.

taken by surprise, and not seeing my way as clearly as I could wish. "It is my desire to attend the funeral of Mr. Barrows and Miss Reynolds, and Mr. Pollard |" I suddenhoness with you. It is useless for me to deny that the manner and circumstances of your mother's death have made a great impression upon me; that I cannot, in spite of all excance to the eath you were requested to take; and that, weakened as your mother may have been, something more terrible than the mere shock of hearing of her pastor's tions so intense as to end in death and delirium. If, therefore, you are willing to as-sure me, as your brother has done, that it was entirely a fancy of hers that you ever held any communication with Mr. Barrows at the mill, I will gladly promise to disabase my mind of all unfavorable impressions, and even promise to stay here, if such be your desire, till the days of your trouble are over and the bedy of your mother is laid in the

"And has my brother given you such an assurance as you speak of?"
"He has," I returned.

"Then why do you ask one from me?" Was it possible for me to tell him? "If it was not enough coming from his 1 ps, how could it be coming from mine? e continued.

Shame and confusion kept me silent. "Would it be?" he persisted, this time eagerness in his voice.
"I dared not say "Yes," and yet I must

have the assurance I demanded, if ever I was to know peace again. confident you would believe my word, Miss

come. I felt my heart growing stok, and as for him, he started violently away from my side, and took a turn or two up and down

"I cannot deny what looks like an accusa tion," he declared at last, coming and stand-ing before me with a sombre but determined "My pride alone is sufficient to deter Will you accept from me any thing me. Will you accept from me any tunn less. I am not such a man as my brother. "I will accept your assurance that as the true friend to Ads Reynolds I may remain in this house without stain to her memory

"Then you think-" "No," said I, with a burst I could not control, "I do not think; I do not want to think; do not make me, I entreat." He smiled, a sad and fearful smile, and

took another turn up and down the seemingwas fold as marble, and almost as insensi-

almost melted me again.

was. I looked and felt as if a great weight had been lifted from my heart, and though he flushed deeply, as any man of spirit, let alone one of such a proud and aristocratic nature as his, would be apt to be under the circumstances, I saw that he experienced a relief also, and giving way to an impulse I do not yet been way whether to revert or not. I do not yet been wholen a looked and on the side benches for the first time in and on the side benches for the first time in a tracingly hed well as the same to save and properly owners to you and on the side benches for the first time in a side of the side of

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me; now skipping a pace or two in advance, and now falling back till I had passed 'ar beyond him. As he flashed back and forth, You do not answer; but I think, I fee! I say that his eyes were always on my face, and once, as I confronted him with mine, he broke out into a series of chuckles, and "I have asked for it," I returned.

He turned frightfully pale; it seemed as if he would speak, but the words did not laughed again, till I began to find the he disappeared from my view, with the final cry of : "One day, two days ; wait till you

> there twenty !"
> Hot and trembling with apprehension lest his foolish speeches had been heard by some passer-by, I hurried on my way to the use where I lived. I reached it in a few minutes, and being so fortunate as to find my landlady in succeeded before another half-hour had passed in learning all that was generally known about the serious occur

tences in which I was just then so profound ly interested. I heard first that the vat in the old mill had been examined for the purpose of sacer-taining how it came to be full enough of water to drown a man; and it was found that, owing to a heavy storm which had lately devastated the country, a portion of the wall above the vat had been broken in "Miss Sterling," were his words, "do you by a falling tree, allowing the rain to enter "Miss Serling," were inswords, as yes in floods from a justing portion of the roof, remember a conversation we had this morning."

Next, that although an inquest had been I bowed, with a sudden rush of hope that held over Mr. Barrows' remains, and a ver-dict been given of accidental death; the almost melted me again.

"In that conversation I made a solemn asertion; do you recollect what it was?"

"Yes," I looked, if I did not sudibly rewing to the fact that the woman in whose house he had lived had testified to having vake that assertion again—is it suffi-observed a great change in his appearance saked.

to present it at all, would have done so with his own hand, and not left it lying on a gate-post with the assurance it would be gathered up by the fortunate recipient of his favor.

Disgusted with flyself, and instantly alive to the possible consequences of my act, I opened my fingers with the laudable intension of dropping the flower to the ground.

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A Majority of 65 for Revision.

SARATOGA, May 22.—In the Presbyterian General Conference to-day, Dr. Patton, chairman of the committee for canvassing the answers of Presbyteries on revision, read his report. There were 133 that desired revision and 63 that did not. The others declined to answer.

Gen. Middleton Hasn't Resigned.

OTTAWA, May 22.—Gen. Middleton was seen to-day and said: "The reports of my resignation which are being circulated throughout the country are utterly without foundation and are untrue."

NEW YORK. May 23.—The funeral of Mrs. Bridget Keenan, mother of John Keenan of boodle alderman fame, took place to-day. John did not come from Mentreal to attend the ceremony.

there was a good deal of corroborative and technical evidence and the case was adjourned till this morning.

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