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STORY OF LOVE, INTRIGUE AND REVENGE

CHAPTER XXXIV.

Lord Fielden, and by his side, held have to prove every charge you bring fast by him, was a lady, with a face against me." every beautiful and proud, yet white

"Walk in, madam," said Lord the door, (Fielden, "Mrs. Turnbull will find

said; "and here she is to remain in rick for life." close custody until to-morrow morn-Ing. Let her have every care, every dare not; we have always served my attention—all that she requires; but lord faithfully." she must not be left alone, so that "If he and you but knew what was for you and your friends?" she can escape."

Lola looked at him defiantly

"You may do all that, yet you can- said. not make me speak," she replied. "I But the woman shook her head: tell you frankly that, if I can get a she could never come what may, bechance to kill myself, I will do h; tray her trust. If I can find the least opportunity to escape, I shall take it."

said the keeper, after a steady look ladies. I should not be able to detain her, my lord, if she made up her mind

"Then I will stay myself," said Lord Fielden. "You have a room up-Madam," he continued, turning to hands and crying out that she was hant look on her face. "I shall be on should never make her speak-never, the alert. I can hear the stealthiest no one could do that.

The keeper looked bewildered when "Merci, monsieur," she said, with a the opened the door. There stood mocking smile-merci, you will

rand weird, with great, black eyes that more with the air of an injured queen seemed to blaze with liquid fire, and than of a prisoner. It was a plain, a mass of black hair. She had neith- pretty room into which she was er bonnet nor shawl; her dress was shown. For a few moments she stood of plainest black; yet in some vague like some caged tigress in the the way, the man felt that she was a lady. middle of it, and then hastily closed

you all needful accommodation. You asked, turning to the keeper's wife. will like tea, or coffee, or some re- "I will make, you a rich woman for life if you will do one of two things. He closed the door behind him as Either bring to me poison that I may he spoke, and then turned with a destroy myself, or give me the chance stern face to the keeper and his wife. of escape through the window here. "I have brought this lady here," he I swear to you that I will make you

"T cannot " said the woman "I

best for the whole family, you would beg of me on your knees to go," she

The night passed in pleading and useless prayers. Once or twice the keeper's wife nodded, and awoke suddnly to find the dark, beautiful face

desperate woman. I should set little value upon your life. If you wish well to yourself, do not expose me to temptation."

This so effectually scared the keeper's wife that she checked all further incination to slumbr, and watched every movement of her companion.

perfer it to this, and you can take her which Lola de Ferras paced up and where Lola stood with a white, de- trapped and lost, at others that they

board or upraising of a window. Re- was ended, when the dark head, tired member, if you make any desperate and wearied, was laid to rest, Lord attempt to escape, I will give you in Fielden wrote a little note to his custody for a crime you would not mother to say that she was to come to the cottage at once, and bring Ger-

tioned the keeper to keep sflent as to what had happened—indeed, he had little to reveal—Lord Fielden had told him nothing.

In less than an hour the two ladie were on their way, Lady Fielden deep ly anxious and agitated, Gertrude

"I am sure," said she, as they drove along, "that it is something about the advertisements; Lady Fielden, I feel quite certain of it."

full of wonder.

Lady Fielden's first words to her son were of reproach that he had been out all night, and that she had been greatly alarmed about him.

He went up to the side of the low pony-carriage, and in a few words told them what had happened. Gertrude's face flushed and her

it possible? Has Heaven granted our prayer at last?"

But Lady Fielden grew deadly pale. "Lola de Ferras! Oh, Harry, I cannot see that woman-that wicked

"You must see her for my sake!" cried Gertrude. "Oh, Lady Lady Fielden, my dearest and truest friend, cept that you have to help me, and that my father's name must be

They spent some few minutes discussing what had happened.

"She will never speak," said Lady Fielden: "she is still, as she says 'queen of the position."

"She will speak," declared Gertrude, "for I shall impore her to so in my father's name." Then Lord Fielden asked if they

could go upstairs, and Mrs. Turnbull answered, "Yes." They found Lola sitting in a chair by the window, and in her eye was

the look of a hunted animal driven to bay. She never glanced at the ladies, but spoke to Lord Fielden at once, "Have you any further indignities

to offer me?" she demanded. "Am I to be kept here in prison, a show

en, in a solemn voice, "do not use such words to my son. Wicked and weak as you have been, make the best

"I have no atonement to make." lived-mute; you may be sure

"Tell us one thing," said Lord

"Do not be obstinate, madam. Think of the lives that you have my big toe than in any barometer ly she wields the brush, then she is started the engine of the car.

well pleased; that is just what I intended to do. I tell you candidly Karl's fate. You want to know, of ed this wedding-ring upon my finger if he be living or dead . All these things you want to know; but you never shall. I am the only one who can tell you, and I never will-nev-

"You shall be compelled!" cried Lord Fielden.

"I do not think so. No human pow er can compel me. I would ratheremind you of one thing, my young open to a heavy penalty, if not im-

Is Sir Karl living or dead?" asked



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"When my bunion aches I know that you are all right in your sup- that there is rain in the air. When to foretell the weather. Yet some apparently been dead for two hours. position. I, and I only, so far as I it stops aching I always look for a observant housewives aver that such At the inquest Dr. Slater explained know, can solve the mystery of Sir change of conditions, and am very is the case. They declare that in wet that a postmortem examination showseldom disappointed. To tell you the weather the doors become stiff and ed that the cause of death was cartruth, despite the fact that I have the cords tight, the reverse being the bonic oxide poisoning. Death came on course, if he went away with me or suffered somewhat at times, I would rule when Old Sol intends paying a without any warning, and was abnot if he asked me or I asked him not have that bunion interfered with visit -if he thought the world well lost for anything. It is absolutely invaluable!"

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proaching weather she merely goes into a dark room and starts brushing wrong in her forecasts.

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old City man declares. Recently I venture" was returned. is, after all, only one of a number of was given the benefit of his observa-

"I drop a piece of lump sugar into

the coffee," he explained, "and await developments. If the rising bubbles collect in the centre of the surface I prophesy mild weather. But if the bubbles adhere to the sides of the up, then I am certain it will rain." A man who has lived half his life in the country pins his faith to mountains, valleys, and mists for his weather lore. When the mists usually enshroud hills in the morning rise quickly up their sides towards the sky, he is of opinion that inclement weather will follow, whilst fine weather is heralded by the mists floating down into the valleys and seeming to disappear into the earth.

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