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CHAPTER XVI.

"Wait one moment, I implore you he said. "Wait while you tell me wherein I have offended you."

usement which maddened

shoud speak to an honest man. If the assurance of my devoted--' with a laugh which was calculated

sert your doubt of my honesty and he assured that I am not offendednot with any one! I am quite happy

wickedness and fanning herself hurriedly, her heart throbbing all the while like a wild animal within her

Leicester turned with stern cour-

"By all means," he said. "I hope you have not caught cold!"

She dropped him a mocking curtsev and passed through the window.

Leicester stood for a moment look ing at her as she glided with her pe-

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and the light dance music which Ethel, with Bertie at her side, was

"What is she? a flirt, a heartless

Then, with his usual rapidity of re race and dropped close beside the

It rose from the ground surprised and startled.

Leicester's hand grasped a man's shoulder, and turned him round. It was Captain Murpoint's servant,

In a moment Leicester saw part of

The fellow was not a burglar on the scout, but a skulking eavesdropper. "You've been listening, my friend," said Leicester, angrily, and with an

who had been imbibing ale-and some uantity of it—at the "Blue Lion."

ion and respect for the future, my friend," said Leicester, and he struck the daring scoundrel a straight blow

Jem started, turned livid with rage, ear and hate, then slunk away like eaten hound and stole off.

After delivering punishment to Jem ed round to the stables and ordered

When the carriage was ready he re turned to the drawing-room, and, go ing up to his mother, whispered: "I have ordered the carriage

Mrs. Dodson nodded and looked u at him inquiringly. She saw that something had gone wrong.

At that moment a peal of silvery laughter proceeded from the corner of the room where Lord Fitz and Vio-

Leicester started and frowned and the Mrs. Dodson knew what ailed

When Leicester had left. Violet's

saving good-night that she would re

She wished him good-night with smile that was the perfection of

All the guests had gone, and Violet sat alone in the now silent drawing-

Her heart was heavy, her eyes and her whole frame weary.

As she reached her room she sav a light making its way from the can tain's room, and heard the soft hum of his voice as he murmured his fa

both of whom were dead. "How good-natured he seems!" she poured into it from a box which he thought. "He is really my friend had concealed in his dressing-case and yet I cannot quite like him." So she went to bed thoroughly un-

happy, dissatisfied with herself for acting the flirt and dissatisfied with eicester for being one.

Although the captain was humming so carelessly, he was not idle.

No sooner did the sound of Violet's closing door greet his ear than he ceased the humming and drew his

He had prepared his pens, ink, etc on the table; there was every sign of

strange purchases, the sheet of parch-

It looked very yellow and old, and dressing-gown with shifting eyes and

anything but a nice material for sullen, evil mouth. But for the captain's purpose it wa 'What's that on your face?"

caught me a-listening by the terrace."

"Ah!" exclaimed the captain, with gleam of malicious delight in his eyes. "My young lad, Leicester, was it? Oh, you must bear it, my dear em, grin and bear it. I think it will e black and blue. Never mind, Jem

up, captain. Don't! I shall go mad! I'll be even with him! I'll make him "Do you want revenge, Jem?" Jem looked up from the floor wit

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od, for the captain carefully dilut-

Then he took from his pocket

eau, lit a cigar and studied the hand-

friend, Captain Howard Murpoint.

tered the captain: "let me try."

"I can imitate that, I think," mut-

For half an hour he persevered, and

at the end of that time he had suc-

ceeded in imitating the handwriting

shoulder, could not have distinguish-

all the lawyers in the world to detect

He drew the parchment toward him

and, proceeding with the greatest care

and minuteness, drew up a document

by an old coachman and his wife.

When the box was full he shook

a little from the top upon the desk

touched the bell which summoned Mr.

The captain looked up and frowned

face, an ugly flush which rendered

"What's what?" said Jem. withou

ed and Jem entered.

ed the forgery from the original.

that. Now for the deed."

sometimes of a life.

heals quickly.

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Then the captain took up the dredger from beneath the table and held it up with a smile.

"Conjuring, Jem-magic! By this imple contrivance we get the dust of oocket and light the lantern." Jem stared in silence profound and

"But." he said, with a trouble face, "you ain't going into that beast-

y room, captain?" Jem caught up the lantern with esperate bravado and lit it.

Meanwhile the captain exchange is coat for a pea-jacket, and drew thick pair of stockings over his Jem, following his instructions, did

likewise, and then waited for further bundle of letters, and selecting the "You could pick locks," said the captain, "one time, Jem; have you

> forgotten the art?" Jem grinned. "Not quite. I dare say I could

"Good," said the captain. "Have

gentleman should be , without . pocket a small piece of steel and stout piece of wire bent at the end in

"Quite right, Jem," he said, "and The Finest Novel "There," he muttered. "I'll defy now for the deed. If you feel nervous take a sip of this," and he poured out RALPH CONNOR HAS EVER a glass of brandy

Jem tossed the dram down eagerly, but fiery as the liquid was it did not

It was a perilous attempt, no doubt. Every step had to be taken with the greatest nicety.

At last, after what seemed a ter breathing of his accomplice, and stretching out one hand he felt about

intil he touched something. It was Jem's leg, and so suddenly had the captain clutched it that Jem. whose nerves were strained to their tmost pitch, uttered a sharp cry of

"Hush," said the captain, sternly. 'Quiet, you idiot. It is only I! One such another cry and we are lost. Utter a word and I'll drag you down!' Then, exerting all his strength, he drew himself up to the ledge, and panting for breath, seated himself side his accompplice. (To be Continued.)

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