

# The Snake

# Justice Done.

CHAPTER XXVII.

(Continued.) Then, suddenly his mind shifted to another subject: Fanny Mason. He had wearied of her very quickly, and house at St. John's Wood. He had endeavoured to effect the seperation "amiably;" but Fanny in a fit of pas sion had refused the money he had offered her and had disappeared.

He dismissed her from his thoughts After all, she could do nim no harm ed money from her allowance, and she He forgot that she was wanted as witness, and that detectives wer

He went slowly back to the hous of the library.

"The earl?" asked Talbot, with every appearance of affectionate anx-

"He is asleep. I was going to fetch Welford to sit with him."

"I will stay with him," said Talbor "I would rather: he would like it."

"I am going for some medicine said Doctor Campbell, "and I shall no be long. Don't let him agitate himself;

Talbot stole in. The old man was lying back in his big chair sleeping of mental and physicial exhaustion keenly. He might die at any moment in this death-like slumber. Was the will in Veroica's favour destroyed? His eyes went to the safe, and he started. The keys were in the lock

it. There were a number of papers and deeds filed methodically inside. and with noiseless haste he turned

made soon after Veronica's flight, and He smiled with satisfaction, then

step outside, and with a start he toss-

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"When his own father in him!" said Veronica.

Mr. Selby smiled grimly.

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ed the wills back into the safe and ed round him confusedly.

The voice and tone were strange gentle for the once stern and cynical earl. "You know that I quite apprec ate your position, your disappoint nent. But my son, Talbot! My own

"Yes, yes, sir; very natural," as sented Talbot soothingly. "But yo must not agitate, excite yourself. Wil

want to do. Come for me in half a me. Go please. Talbot."

There was the old tone of comman. n the voice, and Talbot could not dis

When he had gone the earl rose with difficulty and, steadying himself b, the furniture, went to the safe. He noticed the disordered condition and presently he found one will.

He laid it on the table and searched Had Bolton taken it? No; he remem bered seeing him replace them both moved back to the fire and stared a musingly, and suddenly he say fluttering ember of parchment.

n instant he had leapt to the righ onclusion. The keys had been lef y the fire-

een struck. That a Denby, the man

from on his forehead and he trembled

igged a nit and fallen into it. He ligged the pit, there let him lie!"

Certainly Mr. Talbot Denby's un that he had made in Veronica's fav

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Viscount Denby! The son and hei

It seemed incredible, and Ralph's the old-fashioned room of the old Innonly quite recently raised to the dig nity of a hotel-held an excited con-

Veronica sat at the table, her beau tiful face flushed, her eyes sparkling

"I noticed the first time I saw him." and spoke- The earl's son! Does he

"When his own father recogni



charge of willful murder!" Veronica looked up quickly, an

with a catch in her breath. "But you yourself said he ought t

be discharged!" Mr. Selby smiled again

"So I should have said if the evid nce had been twice as strong, Miss iresham. If I am to speak plainly-

"Yes, yes; oh, yes, speak plain!

charge, that we should find the mar who committed the crime.

"Some one may have killed him i robbing him," suggested Mr. Saints

Mr. Selby shook his head

"Ralph had none!" put in Veronica

uarrelled with the man-had been denly and without apparent cause."

The blood flew to Veronica's face. "No: not without cause." she said lowncast eyes, she told them some thing, but not all, of the scene in th

Mr. Selby listened intently, noddin

ell them this in the witness-box?" She looked up with a proud smile "Yes! I-I am proud of it!"

I should like to have that girl, th Fanny Mason, in the witness-box," h said, musingly

"The evidence is against us." 're narked Mr. Saintsbury.

"I know; but if she were about tha night, so near to the time of the mur der, she may have seen someone else What is the matter?" he broke off, for Veronica started and a faint cry had

trembled and her hands closed spas-

the place that night, and she had seen him: it was Talbot!

Mr. Selby's sharp eyes watched he sideways, but he said nothing. "Who is to tell Ralph that he is the son of Lord Lynborough?" asked Mr

Saintsbury, presently. "You had better leave that to the earl. He wishes to see him, is anx-

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"Yes," replied Lord Lynborough veing him sternly. "I am going to

far as the town?" said Talbot. It would make a favourable impres on if he were seen accompanying

alone." he said, and his eyes rested on Talbot's piercingly and with al

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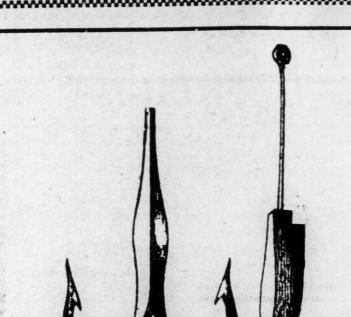
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