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A DECEPTION.

She was puzzled a little; but an idea struck her. "Splendid," she said.

not possibly fail." Hurrying around, she dragged the servant's body over to the safe, and placed the revolver near by. The coor of the safe she left ajar, and the keys she allowed to remain in the lock.

Then appreciatively she gazed at her fell work, remarking, in pleased tones:

"Ha, I call that the very cream of ingenuity. No doubt about it, it requires brains to act so." Then again her evil laugh fill-

clusion the very appearance of things will prompt. Poor, simple policeman-plaything of humanity! Ha, ha, ha! No, things are not what they seem-not as her husband's body, and affecappears. Murder, suicide, and attempted robbery"-she pointed in turn to the manimate ly forms as she spoke-"but-but just a page from the life of Nora Brunhildt! Ha. ha. ha!"

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ubles in consequence of age and thought I want other suffering

Yes, just a page from the life of the worst woman ever born A black page, too; yet not her blackest. The world knew that.

She went over to the desk and, taking up the jewels and cash, spoke sagely.

"I must transfer my precious haul beyond the preying eyes the curious. And, lastly, I must reap the benefit of stage know ledge, and become a poor, heartbroken widow; call the police

and if they make their wonder

ful deductions, participate ir endless amusement at their expense. Ha, ha, ha!" She left the room, laughing as she made her exit. But in a few

moments she returned so changed. Her eyes looked red and swollen with much weepingah, she was a great actress! Her impersonation of a heartbroken widow was perfect. No trace of forcefulness was apparent. Her power was wonderful.

A police constable followed her into the room, and as his eyes "Ha, ha, ha! And oh, the poor gazed on the terrible picture exhibited within those walls, he staggered a little, and clutched at the door for support.

Before he had recovered, Mrs Norley thrust herself down by tionately kissing his lips over and over again, pleaded piteous-

"Wilfred! Wilfred! speak to me! Why-why has he done this? Why?"

Then she rushed to the corpse of the servant, and shaking it savagely, wildly asked:

"Why did you kill my hus band? You wretch! You traitor! Why, you murderer why?

The policeman interrupted

"Don't disturb anything, ma am," he advised her. "I shall send for assistance, though it's quite clear what's happened clear as day. He was trying pinch wot's in the safe, and miser comes in and catches him so he shoots him, and then feared of what he's done, shoot himself. Even a child can see

"Oh, he should have hung for this!" Mrs. Norley declared crossing the room. And then as a further thought, "No, that's not enough for him. He should be tortured—pulled to pieces And, constable, he's cheated the

"Ma'am," answered the policeman, without hesitation, "there's one law he cannot cheat the law beyond." And he pointed heavenwards in illustra-

Mrs. Norley was annoyed by the remark.

"What consolation is that to me?" she asked, sharply. "What satisaction for my loss? O-oh o-oh!" She started sobbing, and hen, between the sobs, as sh

countenance, asked him, "Oh, why didn't the wretch shoot me, too, so I could have gone hand in hand with you, Wilfred, to that Better Land. Why-why? Oh, I'd like—I'd like to pull him to pieces, the wretch, the villain-" The constable interrupted her

enewed anger. "Ma'am, abide!" he asked her. Vengeance is the Lord's. He

will repay." The words went unheeded, and pending once more over Wilfred Norley's corpse, Mrs. Norley sobbingly kissed it again and again.

In a short time the policeman gave way, and as tears came to his eyes, he brushed them away with his coat sleeve. "Don't touch nothing, ma-am,

ne told her, when he felt his voice strong enough to speak 'don't touch nothing, and I'll end for help" With those words, he moved

owards the door, and then his eye rested on the telephone. "I'll 'phone, ma'am, if I may!" ne said, taking up the receiver.

'It'll save time!' He rung up; then paused a

"Are you there?" he asked. Give me 3333 Royal please!" He paused again. Then the phone rang. He took it up. "Hello! Are you the police?

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He hung up the receiver and turned towards Mrs. Norley. (To be Continued.)

## A Terrible Tangle.

CHAPTER I.

Before the Bridal.

The old-fashioned windows of Heathcote Farm drawing roon were set wide open, and such night wind as there was whis the muslin curtains.

feet all day. Although every thing had seemed so well pre pared, it was extraordinary hov much still remained to be done But before answering innumer able questions, and giving innu merable orders, and planning and fixing all the other arrange ments for the next day, she fel the need of a few moments to herself. Just a pause in the rush of the responsibilities and the many duties.

Elizabeth glanced back thro the windows. They had not missed her.

Aunt Willy was nodding her favorite corner and pretend ing to be wide awake. Eller Griffin was laying down the law in her own peculiar fashion to Sir Henry, who was not listening very intently. How could he

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Lil? Some more packages had arrived while they had been at dinner, and Lilian was busy opening them. The carpet was strewn with torn pieces of paper and string.

How pretty the child looked, kneeling on the hearthrug, her eyes gleaming, and her cheeks flushed, and her soft tangle of hair falling ever and anon into

Elizabeth swept her own eyes almost fiercely with her hand, then turned and walked into the shadows that hung about the garden. There was no moon, but the June night was clear, and the sky was powdered with stars.

She walked in a direct line across the lawn to where the beech trees showed the way to the orchard. There was an old seat there which had always been a favorite with her, and as she reached it and sat down, it seemed to her as if she were livng through a night just like twenty years, the night when Lil had been born. She had been only a little child then, but circumstances had helped to sharpen a naturally quick intelligence, and things that would pass out of the memory of most people were still clear and tangible to Elizabeth. And, child pered caressingly to the frills of a she had been, the burden of a big duty had been laid upon her The day had been very hot shoulders soon after that, and a and the heat lingered. Eliza solemn feeling had shadowed her beth Forsyth had been on her childish joy of life in the remembrance that she must be little mother to baby Lilianthat deliciously pretty, merry baby, whose coming had signiied the opening of a grave.

And now the end of her mothership had come, and Lil, the child that could not have been nearer to her or more precious f, indeed, she had been born to her as her own child, would leave her on the morrow. She had never realized till this moment what the meaning of Lil-

ian's marriage signified to her. The last few weeks had been bewildering; there had been so much excitement, so much for her head and her hands to do. Lilian's engagement had come about so suddenly, her marriage had been arranged so quickly, that Beth had been swept along on a stream that bubbled, and flowed, and sparkled, and there had been no chance for close communion with herself. It seemed to her but yesterday that she and Lil had driven over to the Dean of Westminster's garden party, and there had made the acquaintance of the mar who was destined to change the

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