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CHAPTER XII. AN EXCITED INVALID.

She jumped out of the chair and ran downstairs to her aunt, calling for the nurse as she went.

"He's shooting himself, or thinks he's shooting something else," she cried. "Aunt! Nurse! Come up at once! Come! Goodness knows what he'll do next!"

Miss Holroyd came out of the drawing-room below, crying in a voice which had a very good imitation of tears in it.

"Oh, my dear Lillas, what is the matter? What has happened? Those shots! Are there burglars in the house?"

At the same moment the nurse, who had only lain down, dressed, for a couple of hours, called from the upper landing:

"Yes, ma'am; what is it? Who has been shooting?"

Without waiting for any reply, she ran downstairs, and met Lillas and her aunt on the landing.

She knew her business, and she took charge at once. She threw open the door of the sitting room, and hurried in front of them toward the bedroom.

"Ah, would you, you she devil! Yes, I know you'd like to, but you shan't! No, not as long as I've got a pair of hands to throttle the life out of you! No! You've done me harm enough already. Get out! Get out! Or, by all I ever believed in, I'll shoot you! I'll send a bull through that miserable, scheming brain of yours! Curse you! It would anyhow rid the world of one venomous reptile! Get out, you beautiful beast, or I'll shoot you!"

They heard these exclamations screamed and shouted in Sir Arthur's voice, to the accompaniment of the snapping of a self-cocking revolver.

"What on earth can have happened?" exclaimed Miss Holroyd. "Poor Sir Arthur must have gone mad?"

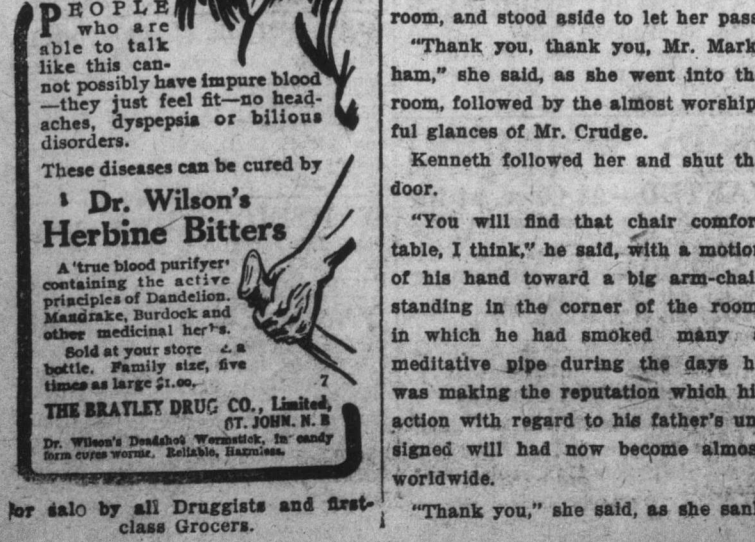
"It certainly seems very like it, I am afraid," said the nurse; "and yet, I can hardly understand it unless by some means or other he has got something to drink, which is hardly possible. Still, I think we had better go in."

"Of course," said Lillas, putting her hand on the knob of the door.

CHAPTER XIII. A DEBT OF HONOR.

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into it with an action of almost indescribable grace. "It is so very, very kind of you to receive me in this irregular way. I know that your rules of legal etiquette are so very strict."

"They are," he replied quietly and somewhat coldly, "but I have broken them before, and shall probably do so many times again; and that is, by the way, somewhat to the point," he continued, speaking more slowly.

"Of course, you must know them before you can decide, and I have come to ask you to hear them from me, and then tell me whether or not you believe that I am in the right. After that, I suppose we—I mean my aunt and myself—will have to employ a solicitor in the regular way, to do the what is it called, technical part of the business."

"Quite so," he replied, "that will, of course, be necessary; but in the meantime, if you would like to give me any information for my guidance, I shall be happy to hear it."

"That, of course, is all that I can ask you to do," she replied, with a gentle humility which had a somewhat disturbing effect upon him.

"Oh, yes, you are perfectly right, Mr. Markham," she replied, with another motion of her hands and a smile which he tried not to see.

"Thank you, thank you, Mr. Markham," she said, as she went into the room, followed by the almost worshipful glances of Mr. Crudge.

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Thank you," she said, as she sank

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