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CHAPTER XL.

NED CAMERON'S LETTERS. ,

(Concluded.)

is idolized by his people while she one from her husband.

where so little scandal flies. In the minister's happy home no a visit to Frank and Goldie. breath of trouble ev r comes. Their days of sorrow have taught them to prize the days of joy; and as the years roll on, and, one after another, little faces rise from the cradle to the high chair, Ned Cameron and his wife feel that God has indeed blessed wife feel that God has indeed blessed

One word of Grant Whitney and his wife. The gift of Laurel Glade proved the making of that man. Finding himself in a position where he must either depend upon the charity of his wife or go to work, he wisely decided to follow the latter course, and, leaving his home, went to New York City, where he obtained employment with Lawyer Mellen, who was now established in prosper-

Grant Whitney became his clerk. and as he received from Christopher

man in every sense of the word. spect him, and when little Coristy er to the pulseless figure on the the former supposition as the true died, they sold the property at Laurel couch, he found himself so enthrailed one, and yet might it not be the best Glade and moved into the city.

### PROMINENT RAILROAD MAN

'I have been a Pullman Conductor on the C. P. R. and Michigan Cen during the last three years. About four years ago, I was laid up with intense pains in the groin, a very sore back, and suffered most severely when I tried to urinate. I treated with ray family physician for two months for gravel in the bladder but did not receive any benefit. About that time, met another railroad man who had



wedding of May and Ned, and after that the families were united.

ney reside. It contained a generous courtesying again, disappeared one In October the wedding took place square of wedding cake, and a long, more into the background. He too and to-c'ay the minister's gentle wife loving letter from May, with a short the chair, opened his portfolio, and goes about among them like an angel | Every year letters pass back and fore him.

of mercy. Her own sufferings have forth from America to Italy, and made her mindful of other's woes, from Italy to America. Even Mrs. and nowhere can be found a village | Grant Whitney writes sometimes, and the three families are now talking of

CHAPTER II.

A Remarkable Adventure. (continued)

'Am I dreaming?' he asked himall the encouragement needed, he self; and he cast a sudden look about Was her portrait wished by father grew to like work; and as he became him for the old crone who had usherindependent of others he grew to re- ed him into the room, in the hopes spect hims if, and finally became a of learning from her the name of the poses her beauty made him shrink lady who had just left them, but by Mrs. Whitney also learned to re- this movement bringing himself nearby the exquisite loveliness of the proof in the world that it was simply Grant Whitney and his wife went marble-like countenance he now, for hard, stern justice which demanded down to Riverbook with Lawyer the first time, had an opportunity of the reproduction of these features. Mellen and Minun, to attend the seeing, that he forgot the impulse since it was an easy matter to under the picture he was expected to paint. how beautiful it was! Never in his ence of any friends of so dainty and fancy, prolific as it was with lovely forms and faces, had he beheld a before him? which steeped the whole in heavenliest sweetness. If dead, then no living woman was fair; for she seemed to hold all beauty within the scope of her perished personality and to compress into the narrow space shone A tireless worker so long as supplier npon by those two rows of candles all the lovelines and the mystery

LAZY LIVER PILLS. 25c. a box, 105 ened in his breast, and that this feel-

ng was for a dead image—a soulless. oulseless morself of clay. The consciousness of his folly made

him blusr and drawing back, he again looked about him for the old erone. She was not far away. Seated at one end of the apartment, in a low chair, with her figure bent forward and her head buried in her hands she was rocking slowly to and fro in what seemed like silent anguish. But when he approached her and she looked up, there were no tears in her eves nor signs of trouble about her sordid and almost sinister mouth.

"Where is Signor Montelli?" asked the artist. "Is he present? I allude o the gentleman who wrote me a note this morning requesting me t come here and draw him a picture." intelligible reply. She murmured prodigal wax tapers, were worn and some words, but they were in a lan- dingy stuffs and dilapidated furnitguage he did not recognize, and the ure. mystery seemed to be deepened rather than cleared by her presence.

nquired. She smiled, but evidently did no understand what he said.

"Nor French?" few more of her foreign words, this more and more convinced that the poime with a deprecating air and an lice had had nothing to do with this ntreating gesture. He knew a smattering of Spanish wished her picture, there would have

coking about him with peering eyes. portfolio under her arm, smiled, and he found that it involved mystery? led him to the young girl.

There was no misunderstanding this pantomime; he was to draw a picture of the dead. Satisfied and yet vague A package found its way across ly uneasy, he bowed and opened his the ocean to the bright home in portfolio. The old crone brought for Italy where Goldie and Frank Whit- ward a chair, then a small table, and began to comtemplate the picture be

It was perfect, even from an artis tic standpoint. Had he arranged th couch, the drapery, the flowers and the lights, he could not have made more harmonious whole. He could not even find an excuse for re-adjusting the locks of the loosely curling hair; all was as it should be, and he had only to put pencil to paper.

But this, which was ordinarily simple matter for him, became all a once a most difficult task. He delayed and asked himself questions, feeling the mystery of the situation almost to the point of oppression. Who was this young girl. Who was An drea Montelli? Who was even this old crone? What was the disease which had taken the life of this beau tiful creature without leaving a trace of its devastating power upon cheek or brow, or even on the dimpled hands that just vaguely showed themselves amid the folds of the drapery that covered her? Had she perished no turally? The thought would comand friends? Or was it required only by disinterested officials, and for pur from comtemplating? The present of the old crone seemed to point that had moved him, and stood petri- stand how such a person might be in fied in astonishment and delight. For the pay of the police, but not nearly if what he saw before him formed so easy to be comprehended how she could either be in pay or the confid-

countenance, like this! It was angelic The contrast between the two was in its purity and yet homan in its vivid, as were all the accessories of quiet look of grief and resignation. the picture he was expected to draw, It had lines as exquisite as those we to the remaining appointments in the see in the ideal heads of the most room. Near her and surrounding her famous masters, and yet one scarcely were fabrics of softest wool and pursaw those lines or the delicate curves est silk, edged with the richest emof cheek and chin, for the expression | broideries and covered with costliest

with rich, red blood.

The brain is one of the most which had bitherto enshriped the patient and industrious organs of the world of woman-kind in his eyes. world of woman-kind in his eyes,
Her head reposed upon a white silkwork But it is sensitive and will not
the lash en pillow, across which streamed a mass of midnight hair in a tangle of great lustrous curls. One lay in mogreat lustrous curls. unlike death was the whole vision, the

that he found himself watching this accompanying dread, suspicion and melancholy curl in eager anticipation of seeing One-fifth of the blood in the hu-

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blossoms. Beyond her, and outside But she made no reply—that is, no of the charmed circle created by the

Not an article from window to door saving those which were associated "Can you not speak English?" he with the dead girl, expressed aught but discomfort and poverty, while with her and about her were luxury

wealth and beauty... It was strange; and, as he consider She smiled again and muttered a ed the matter further, he became display of splendor. No; if they had nd tried her with that; but with no been no draperies nor candles nor better result. Discouraged, he re- flowers. Some relative, some friend, peated the one word they both knew. or stay-could it be some mere art-'Montelli?' he cried, lover who had wished to preserve on imperishable canvas the extraordinary This time she had the appearance loveliness which he saw about to vanunderstanding his meaning. She ish forever, and so he had been callade a gesture toward the street, ed in with pencil and paper, and paid hen pointed to herself and courtes- for his work beforehand, that he ied. Finally she laid a finger on the might not retreat from the task when To be continued.

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curl in eager anticipation of seeing it move with the rising and falling of her breath.

But it lay quiescent, as did the waxen lids above the closely shut eyes, and at this discovery, which proved of a surety that she was dead, he felt such a pang of despair, that he knew that whereas he had hitherto looked at a woman with his eyes, he was surveying this one with his heart; that a feeling akin to love had awakened in his breast, and that this feel
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Poor, foolish little girl. Is it that ou don't like your ointment perfect clear and untainted, since you seek diligently to find a fly in it? It almost seems to me that it must

Now, little girl, suppose you bring t quality which engaged people ften keep carefully hidden awa mely, your common sense. In st place, to take you to the the ost your flance at least twice bly three or four times what it ost him to go by himself or wit rowd of men, for whereas he is no shamed to go cheaply by himse

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