The Lost Will;

LOVE TRIUMPHS AT LAST!

CHAPTER VIL

When Jack and the butler were left alone they went through a form of trying to restore the life which had departed, though they knew their efforts were hopeless. Presently they heard the panting of a motor-car; the doctor came in. After scarcely more than a momentary examination he shook his head.

"Let us take him upstairs," he

"But, good heavens, Wetherby-!" grouned Jack "It can't be possible! I tell you he was all right a little while ago, when I saw him after dinner---'

"He has not been right for years. Chalfonte," said the doctor, gravely, "Heart! I warned him. I advised him to cut work and take it easy: but, poor fellow! he was one of those men who won't take advice, especially from a doctor. No, no; no need for you we can manage him" he added, compassionately.

For Jack was shaking like a leaf; but, notwithstanding his emotion he insisted upon bearing a hand, and they carried Chalfont to his room, where Jack remained for some time. kneeling beside the bed, his hand gripping the cold one of the man who had been so good to him. At last Wetherby persuaded him to leave the room: they went downstairs to the den, as if by an inspection of it they could bring themselves to realise that its owner was indeed dead.

"What was it?" inquired Jack acopping into a chair and clasping as head in his hands. "As I told you, was quite well, just as usual. H was talikng to me as calmly, cheerfully-" He stopped for a moment as the other evening: but he made light of it. Why should he die to-night, when he was quiet and resting? For the work he was doing wouldn't worry him. If there had been a sudden

He stopped again, remembering, in vague fashion, the incident of the Chalfort? Had there been any scene?



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Then Wetherby came from the telephone and put his hand on Jack's so-I'll get you the keys."

said. "It's a hard blow and a sudden one, I know; but, after all-well, he had had a good time, and if you were

lump which rose in his throat and ing round, he asked: seemed to choke him. "Oh, yes, he "Is there another safe, any other Chalfont told us how to do it." has had a good time; but he deserved place in which Mr. Chalfont was acnight-I thought he was engaged with up." his work-I went for a stroll-"

"My dear fellow, you've nothing to ith such thoughts! I know you vere fond of him-"

"Fond of him!" echoed Jack. had no claim on him; none whatever. I've lost the best friend a man ever

His emotion threatened to overmas ter him; he got out his pipe and, with a trembling hand, filled it and lit it. "That's better," said Wetherby. 'Pull yourself together, Chalfonte; everything lies on your shoulders now. He had no kith or kin, . I believe," he added, significantly.

"No," assented Jack, with difficulty 'He had only me."

"Well, there's one thing, his affairs are sure to be in good order," mused Wetherby, for the sake of talking; "he was a splendid business man, and Horton will have everything straight, Now, what do you say to going to bed and trying to get a little rest? I shall stay here for the night-don' you trouble. I'll make arrangements

library and they shook hands. "I am might have been; for Wetherby had riven me a hint, and had asked me to ry to persuade Mr. Chalfont to relax he strain of his work."

"No one told me," said J'ack, with he unreasoning bitterness of

Mr Horton: "but it must be a conso ation to you to feel that you have leasant ones. He, was much attached to you; in fact, he played a father's part to you. You have rather a heavy burden laid on you—I take it that he told you of his intention, of his will?"

"Yes," said Jack, trying to keep his roice steady. "He told me the night before last. That makes it all the harder to lose him: for I had looked forward to-to trying to show him-to etting him know how grateful-"

"He knew that," said Horton. "He has snoken to me shout you several but there will be a great deal for you to do, and some of it will have to be done at once. Of course, I was only concerned in his private affairs—his City lawyers managed his big business matters; but they will have it all at their fingers' ends. Fortunatequest," he went on. "Wetherby was in regular attendance on him. knew that what has occurred might happen any moment, and can give a certifi-

"Thank Heaven for that," muttered

"Now I think I should like to go to up a will quite recently and Mr. Chal-I've bad news. Mr. Chalfont has died font approved of it, he did not sign it. suddenly. Will you come down as I dare say he wanted to talk it over early as possible? Chalfonte-Jack with you. He took it away with him. Chalfonte-all of us are terribly and it is no doubt in the safe here."

Jack, reluctantly. "Well, if you say

He fetched them, and Mr. Horton "You must bear up, Chalfonte," he and he went into the den, the door of which had been locked since the dead man had been carried upstairs.

Jack Chalfonte sank into a chair to give me—any man—his choice, I and leant his head on his hands, and think it's the kind of death we'd pre- Mr. Horton unlocked the safe and stood there for a minute or two, turn-"I know, I know," responded Jack, ing over the papers and examining struggling with his tears, and the the drawers. Presently, without look-

this one." He glanced at the big. massive safe. "It was large enough off, to pull him round. It was a fine to hold everything he wanted to lock

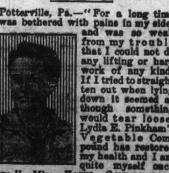
fully. He continued his search: then he looked over his shoulder and said "Strange; the will is not here. Have

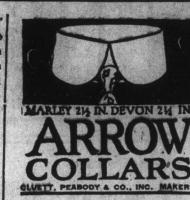
"No." replied Jack apathetically for, in the face of his great bereave-

"Do you happen to know whether was signed?" asked Mr. Horton, with a casualness that sounded somewhat

Jack shook his head. "No. He said

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"I don't know," replied Jack. "He

"Yes, yes; quite probable. In that case, some one in the house must have it must be witnessed; I explained that to him. Do you mind if I make in quiries? I am sorry to worry you. but it is important that I should know times, and always with the warmest at once who is in authority, who can affection and esteem. So far as I take action and accept responsibility. know, his affairs are in good order; Of course, I know," he added quickly "that it is you yourself; the will left everything to you, as Mr. Chalfont in

"Oh, Forbes," said Mr. Horton, "did "I didn't sir," replied the butler, in

hushed voice: "but two of the other servants did. It was my evening off -unfortunately."

While the hutler was gone Horton hint of annoyance in his expression; "Is it necessary—so soon?" said two men came in and stood very

> "By the way, what are your names?" "James Green, sir," replied

> "Alfred William Thomson." said the

examined his finger-nails carefully. "Oh, you signed two papers. Both

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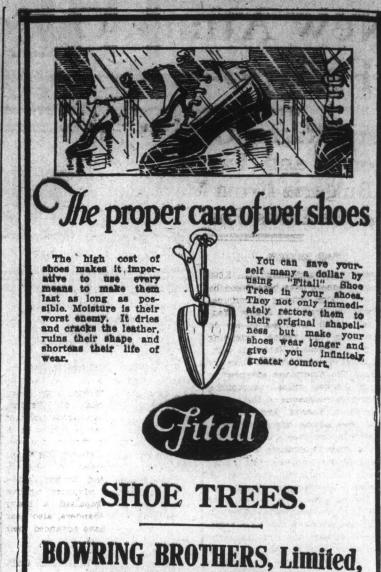
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Twelve towns and more than 5,000 erman prisoners have been taken by american troops fighting in conjuncion with the French in a new offenrive begun with the break of day on Thursday, in the region extending rom the northwest of Verdun to withn 15 miles of the cathedral city of Rheims. The Americans advanced to depth of seven miles, overcoming he stubborn resistance of the enemy. Pennsylvania, Kansas and Missouri troops were among the fighting fores which in less than a day won tertitory of great importance to the eneny and further depleted his army through men captured or killed or wounded. The gage of battle has been thrown down on a 40-mile front. extending from the Suippe River in Champagne, 15 miles east of Rheims eastward through the Argonne forest to the Meuse River, northwest of Veriun. In the first stages of the battle the Allied lines were pushed forward for material gains to that portion immediately northwest of Verdun held by the Americans, to a depth of from five to six miles, and that of the French to the west nearly four miles at certain places. Under the terrible bombardment preceding the commencement of the battle, the Germans and into these the Americans and French went unimpeded. At last accounts the Allied attack was progressing favorably. Many French villages and German strong points have been captured. British troops have invaded Bulgaria from the north of Lake Poiran in Macedonia, marking another epoch in the history of the war. side from the moral effect of the enetration of the mountainous country of King Ferdinand, the manoeuvre is likely to prove of great strategic value once the Strmitza River valley, leading towards the Sofia-Seres railway is reached. In the meantime. days of adversity continue with the Teutonic forces in Southern Serbia and Palestine and the British and French are keeping up their manoeuvres which are gradually bringing the important town of St. Quentin into their hands. In Serbia, the Serbians, Italians, Greeks and British are still threatening the enemy forces with disaster by reason of their rapid advance and the state of confusion into which the Bulgarian and German

in Palestine are being sadly harassed by the forces of the British General Allenby and the tribesmen of the King of the Hedjas. Almost surrounded east of the Jordan, the Turks are frantically endeavoring to extricate themselves from the converging Allied forces. From the east and south the British are driving the Ottomans northward, and coming south to meet the enemy and to crush him between the two Allied lines are the Arabs. Seemingly with all the crossings of the Jordan now in Allied hands, the Turkish Fourth Army has little chance of escape. Taken in conjunction with the Allied offensive which has materially bent back the German front in Flanders, Artois and Picardy and along the Aisne, the new drive of Marshal Foch in the south will bear important fruit if it meets with success. Driving northward the j entire western battlefront would be a shaken, and of necessity be compelled v to readjust itself. Lateral railway lines of great importance to the Ger-

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