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idow—are you su::?" "In fate; but not in fact."

"He was obliged to do it."

"Yes, yes!" "He left you?"

his real name!"

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rame, as she whispered:

(To be continued.)

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Lester.

girl before him.

soothed and comforted them in the best

CHAPTER XXV.

Cassinove was about to reply, but was interrupted by the hasty and agitated arrival of the family physician, and the return of the footman accompanied by the Bow street officers. The circumstances of the discovery of

the dreadful tragedy were required and detailed. The butler being the spokes-man of the asembled household, related that they had been roused from their sleep by cries of murder that were soon smothered and drowned; that they had hurried in alarm to Sir Vincent's chamber, whence the cries proceeded, and where they found their master wounded and dying, yet clutching with his dying hand the collar of Ferdinand Cassinove, who stood over him, reeking dager in hand, and accusing with his dying lips the same Ferdinand Cassinove of his murder.

The coroner wa sthen summoned and. accompanied by two magistrates, he hastened to the scene of the tragedy. Afaccompanied by two magistrates, he "No, I think not, hiss Emiler, Duey ter the most careful investigation of the circumstances, and a thorough sifting of the evidence, they brought in their vcr dict:

Sir Vincent Lester came to his death on the morning of the first of by a wound inflicted with, a dagger, in the left ventricle of the heart, by the hands of Ferdinand Cassinove."

nanas of Ferdinand Cassinove." And Ferdinand Cassinove was fully committel to Newgate upon the charge of wilful murder. A feeling of dlicacy toward Laura El-mer, who had not been present at tae coroner's inquest, restrained him from sking to see her before he was taken away

and if there is anything else in which But Laura, in her distant chamber, I can be of use, I hope you will let me had heard from the excited talk of the

know." "Certainly, Miss Elmer; you are ex-"Certainly, Miss Elmer; you are ex-ceedingly kind and disinterested in the assistance, you have given this afflicted family, espectally when your private griefs and anxieties must have pressed heavily upon your mind and heart," said the doctor, kindly. At this first word of sympathy Laura's firm once filled with targe servants the verdict of the coroner's inquest: and she went down and waited in the hall until Cassinove passed along in custody of the officers. Then she

in custody of the officers. Then she went and gave him her hand, saying: "Be comforted, Mr. Cassinove; I know that you are ghiltless of this charge. and at the day of trial the world shall and at the day of that the world shall know it, too. I will employ all the faculties that God has given me in your enervice, and perhaps the mental acumen of a deeply interested woman may be more than equal to the experience of a detective policeman. I have strong hope." At this first word of sympathy Laura's fine eyes filled with tears. "You do not believe Ferdinand Cassi-"No, no, on my soul and honor, no; I have observed the young man ever since he has been in the family; it is impossible he could have been guilty of

"Miss Elmer, your unshaken confi-dence in me is, at this hour, my great-God bless you!" replied Cassinove, with God bless you!" replied Cassinove, with

deep emotion. "I will be with you again in the course of the day. The poor bereaved children of this house must be comfort-ed and soothed as soon as they awake of her distress. "We must trust in God, employ the most cunning detective to trace out the to the bitter knowledge of their loss.

this much injured young man, and after-ward I can set you down at your lodg-ings," said the venerable physician, as, with an encouraging pressure of her hand, he left Laura Elmer. Miss Elmer dispatched the mote that she had been writing to the family soli-she had been writing to the family solishe had been writing to the family soli-citor, and then repaired to her chamber packed and sent off her boxes, with a she had been writing to the chamber citor, and then repaired to her chamber packed and sent off her boxes, with a brief note, to Mrs. Russell, saying only that she would be with her later in the afternoon. Miss Elmer considerately refrained in distressed in the same with whom I was intimate in long ago. I had not seen him for years are when I saw him for an instant that day we

that she would be with he afternoon. Miss Elmer considerately refrained from trying the spirits of the distressed children, by taking a formal leave of them, and contented herself by leav-of them urise an affectionate mes-in or out of England. I key no make of him, so help me Heaven."

sage for the little girls. Punctually at 4 o'clock the doctor's carriage was at the door, and Laura, ac-companied by her kind old friend, de-parted for that old abode of sin and sorrow, Newgate. A half-hour's ride brought them to the

loomy prison. Dr. Clark took Miss Elmer first into the apartments of the governor, to whom he made some communication apart to secure the protegee civility and attention in her future visits to the prison. Then, attended by an officer, they went to the cell in which Ferdinand Cas-

s Russel?" nove was confined. The young man received them calmly "Oh. no!" and even cheerfully; thanking Dr. Clark for his attention in escorting Laura El-mer to the prison; and silently blessing his betrothed with a most eloquent

glance for the comfort she brought in coming to visit him. He had recovered "Why not?" "It would have ruined me! I took

manner she could, and left them quiet, in the care of their good nurse, Rachel. Next she went into the library, and from the first stunning effect of his arwrote letters to Mr. Ruthven Lester, who was then at Bath, and to other near friends of the family, telling them rest and imprisonment upon the heinous charge of murder, and was prepared to take a calm view of his position and merely of the sudden death of the bar-onet, and suggesting the need of their prospects. He offered the only chair in his cell to Miss Elmer and invited immediate presence in the house. She had dispatched these letters to the post, and was engaged in writing a note, sum-moning the family solicitor, when the door opened, and Dr. Clark entered and Dr. Clark to sit beside him on the cot bedstead. Then the three entered into conversation upon the best course to be which was so heinous as to compel the innocent wife of the criminal to change pursued for his defense. Cassinove again repeated to his friends all the circum-stances of his presence in the bed-chamher name and place of residence to es made known to her the wish of Lady ber of Sir Vincent immediately after the murder. The doctor advised him to re-

Miss Elmer, now that she had done all that she was able to do for the assistduce that statement carefully to writ ance of the distressed family, and much also that others in the excitement of the ing and to put it into the hands of his counsel. He then informed the young counsel. He then informed the young man of the determination that Miss Elly not sorry to be set at liberty. "Shall I go in and take leave of her ladyship," inquired Laura. "No, I think not, Miss Elmer; Lady mer and himself had come to, namely, to employ the most cunning detectives in

searching for the discovery of the mur-derer, and engaging the/ most eminent counsel in defending the case of the prisoner. And that he should take this course, not only in respect of humanity and justice endangered in the person of his young friend, but in regard to old friendships in that of his deceased pat-

"Then I will leave with you my adieu Cassinove thanked him with deep emotion. They remained consulting with, encouraging and comforting the young man until the hour arrived at which the prison doors were to be closed for the night, and then, with the promise to send an eminent lawyer to see the pri-soner in the morning, and to visit him every day, the good doctor took leave, and brought Miss Elmer away. And in another hour he set her down

at Daisy Cottage, Hay Lane, Chelsea.

CHAPTER XXVI. denly dropped the hands of the woman, and, appailed by horror, sank into the The sun was setting when Laura El-mer alighted from the doctor's carriage, nearest seat.

bade him good afternoon, and entered ^{+h}e little gate leading up a shaded walk to the door of Laburnum cottage, at the head of Hay lane, where Mrs. Russell cept her little shop, and let her neat odgings. Miss Elmer did not know whether Mrs.

Russell had as yet heard of the trag edy at Lester House, and its calamitour impossible he could have been guilty of

make a judge and jury believe as we do," said Laura, involuntarily wringing her hands over each other in the extremity

WOMAN'S TRIALS

WOMAN'S TRIALS The second by the Rich, Red Landy Make. The health and happiness of growing in the life of every woman when other are distressing headaches and backaches in the life secent a burden and when some women seem threatened with even the the organs, enables them to throw the best form headaches and backaches and backaches and dizziness and secret pain the the organs, enables them to throw the the organs, enables the organs the organs. The second the organs the the organs, enables the organs the organs the the organs, enables the organs the organs the the able to do my housevert, with the laset failing of wearness. I could scared the able to do my housevert, withous the able to do my housevert, withous the the of him, so help me Heaven." "Mrs. Bussel," contina d Laura, withnot for an instant withdrawing her ou-trolling gaze, "you are believed to be a "This man, then, was your husband?" "He was a fugitive from justice?" "Yes, yes! Oh, it is very cruel to "No, it is only just. His name, then, "What! Then you do not go by his "No, no! I would not, after-after he fled!" my maiden name, and moved into an-other neighborhood, where I was not known. I dressed in widow's weeds, because it seemed more quiet and respectcause it seemed more quiet and respect-able for a lone young mother struggling through the world! God forgive me, I did not mean to act a falsehood!" "What was the nature of this crime

you are weak or ailing give these pills a fair trial-they will not disappoint you.

FOREST PLANTING.

cape reflected ruin?" "Oh, do not ask me! Do not! do not!" cried poor Mrs. Russel, while shudders of horror convulsed her fragile form. CLOSE SPACING PRODUCES BETTER TREES THAN WIDE SPACING. "It could have been no ordinary crime! The unfortunate wives of homicides are not obliged to change their names and neighborhoods. Well, I will not insist The closeness of planting, and the small size of the trees planted are points upon the nature of the man's offence about forestry tree planting that are against society. But in the name and usually very striking to a man used to for the sake of stern justice, I must have planting trees for an orchard or for or-namental purposes. A forester, in his planting of trees, usually puts his trees "Oh! to tell you that will be to re'l you all!" cried the poor woman, in an agony of distress. "I adjure you, Mrs. Russel, in the sacred cause of justice, tell me the name

of that man!" "Oh! oh! stoop then! Stoop close then! I cannot bear to speak it aloud looking in your face, with your eyes Laura Elmer stooped her ear close to

the woman's lips, saying: "Courage! It is but a word!" Mrs. Russel shivered through all her "It was ____" The last word, the fatal name, was udible only to Laura Elmer, who sud-

> words, the tree will prune itself better), and so the timber will be freer from knots.

Another reason for close planting is Mothers who have used Baby's Own Mothers who have used Baby's Own Tablets for their little ones say they feel safe with the Tablets at hand, for they are a never failing cure for all the minor ills of babyhood and childhood. Mrs. Urias Cressman, New Hamburg, Ont., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for stomach trouble that the crowns of the trees may come together within a reasonable time. It is a good principle to lay down that the distance between the trees should be such

particularly dangerous from rolling stones. Consequéntly only iwo or three groups were on the move at one time, waiting at a con-venient point for the next sub-divisions and

BRITAIN IN THE SOUDAN.

Few persons grasp the magnitude of the work that Great Britain has accomplised in Egypt and the Soudan. The

work of bringing order out of chaos and making ferties the desert places has cost making fertile the deset places has com-blood and money, but the mother of civilization gives no hint that she re-grets the outlay. Lord Cromer's report recently issued show that the record of progress in the Soudan is almost equal to that which has been made in Form in spite of the difficulties cused Egypt, in spite of the difficulties caused by the size of the country, and the lack of means of communication. The dis-tance from Wady Halfa to Kondokora pranting of trees, usually puts his trees from four to six feet apart each way. Distances less or greater than this have their advocates, but the spacing given above is the one generally used now-adays.

their advocates, but the spacing given of the space of the one generally used now adays.
For special purposes other distances may be employed. In planting out maples for a sugar-bush, for instance, the distances would be considerably greater than those mentioned, but in this case the plantation would approach the character of an orchard, rather than that of a wood-lot where timber is the thing most desired.
One reason for this close planting is that better timber will be produced by thus crowding the trees. The tree will grow taller and straighter, as will be found naturally in a thick wood as compared with a more open one. The dead branches will fall off better (in other words, the tree will prue itself better), and so the timber will be free from slave trade. The system of loans un-dertaken is working well. Requests for advances with which to buy cattle or to

construct water wheels are frequent, and last year the area of land under cultivation increased by 102,378 acres, of which 54,555 are artificially irrigated. Schools are being established, and in ha-creasing numbers the local authorities



to the bitter knowledge of their loss. As soon as that duty is performed, I will visit and consult further with you. Good-by." "Good by! good-by! and may Heaven bless you for your goodness, Laura El-mer." And thus they parted—Cassinove to Newrate in ensided of the officers, and davice?" asked Laura, clasp-ience and advice?" asked Laura, clasp-ience and advice?" asked faura, clasp-ience and advice?"

Newgate, in custody of the officers, and ing her hands and looking imploringly

Laura back to the hise of mourning. It was near noon when Lady Lester's bell rang; and it was two hours later that the family 'physician sought her presence and carefully broke the news to her of her bereavement. The shock presence and carefully broke the news not only to the cause of humanity, but have a very slight clue that may bring to ther of her bereavement. The shock to the cause of justice and not only to the is to the cause of justice and not only to to light something to clear Mr. Cassin-the moment even her cold hard unlow the deceased friend, to try to discover ove and convict the guilty." moment even her cold, hard, unloymy deceased friend, to try to discover the real murderer." "Heaven bless you. Dr. Clark for the Her attendants were suming nature. moned in haste to put their mistress to bed; and the utmost skill of the physiccomfort you have given me," exclaimed Laura Elmer, fervently. "You are going, I heard you say, to visit the young man in prison?" ian was taxed to assuage her nervous sufferings.

Laurat Elmer waited to be of service: but almost the first intelligible words that Lady Lester spoke wer:

"Has Miss Elmer gone ?" She was answered that Miss Elmer re-

mained to see it she could be of any use in the present extreme distress of

amained to see it she could be of any let the bad world say what it will," said Laura, firmly.
"Tell her no: beg her to go at once. I could not bear the sight of her, I and it was all her doing! all her unprincipled coquetry. She flirted with Cassinove, and encouraged Sir Vincett, and played them off, one against the other, in the most infamous manner, until is and maddened both with isaloux. til she maddened both with jealousy, as every one in the house could swear," this afternoon. In the meantime, my anid her ladyship, breaking into a fresh dear, you had better, for your own com-

and tenderly informed the children of the sudden death of their father, with-a friend of Mr. Cassinove's, at Chelsea." holding for the present the manner of "Then send your luggage on at once his death: she had borne all the burden with a note to your landlady. Then of their wild grief until the storm ex- at four o'clock, I will take you to New. of their wild grief until the storm ex- at four o'clock, I will take you to New-hausted itself for the time; she had then gate, where we can see and consult with

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ter in the world; he has no relative

on earth that I know of, he has only me, his promised wife, and I must go to him

let the bad world say what it will," said

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us in the discovery of this strange man," said Laura Elmer, fixing her eyes upon the face of

the last few weeks."

that rendered her unobservant to its effects upon Mrs. Russel. Now, however

she looked up to see the eyes of the poor woman wide open with astonishment, and her cheeks white with fear. Laura

Elmer noted these signs of emotion, and

proceeded: "Now, Mrs. Russel, this man must be

found, his peculiar relations with the family of Sir Vincent Lester must be

explained; and by these means I have strong hopes that the truth may be dis-covered, and Mr. Cassinove's innocence made manifest."

The landlady replied not one word, but

but her eyes seemed to grow larger and

iarger in amazement. "Mrs. Russel, you can materially aid

gentlemen was to me and my children, or you could not speak so calmly. He A Yankee tourist on a visit to Glas or you could not speak so calmly. He gow, on emerging from the railway sta-was almost our only friend; he would, and, indeed, he did, divide his last sover-eign with us. I loved him like a bro-ther," explaimed the nor was accosted by a lad with a famil-iar shout of "Carry your bag, sir?" The eign with us. I loved him like a bro-ther," exclaimed the poor woman, speakrequested to be shown through Glasgow Crossing George Square, they came op-posite to Sir Walter Scott's monument, ing of Cassinove in the past sense, as one already dead. "But hope is left yet," said L'aura. "I

and the boy said, proudly: "That is one of the largest monu-ments in Scitland."

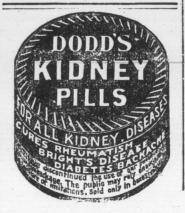
'Oh," said the Yankee, with an air of indifference, "we have threepenny cigars as big as that in America." And Laura related to Mrs. Russell the

as big as that in America." They got a tramcar going east, and just as they alighted at the terminus a long circular piece of iron on a lorry drawn by twelve horses came up the street. The Yankee, in surprise, asked what tha was fort. The boy, remember-ing what the Yankee had said about the circus and with a reaction to be seen events at Lester House connected with the mysterious inmate, Helen Ravenscroft, and the stranger who dogged her carriage in the park, dwelling especially upon the extreme agitation and the in-explicable words of Sir Vincent, when he heard the circumstances from her own lips, and the subsequent midnight inter-view between Sir Vincent and the igars, and with a resolve to be even with him, replied: stranger, whom she had accidentally discovered through the open library door, while going down to the drawing room

"Oh, a new hotel has just been built in the Trongate, and that is the kitchen poker." to recover a forgotten book with which she wished to read herself to sleep upon

A Suffragette Passive Resister.

the night in question. "Now," concluded Miss Elmer, "I have nothing but my own instincts to guile A crowd of more than 5,000 people witnessed the sale at Market Cross, Ed-inburgh, of certain furniture, the prop-erty of Lady Steel, wife of the late Sir me in my judgment that this unknown man is the murderer of Sir Vincent. I shall therefore instruct Mr. Cassinove's and steel, former Lord Provost of the laid Sir James Steel, former Lord Provost of the city. Lady Steel refused to pay house and property bax as a protest against women not having the vote. The amount of the tax was £15 9s, and the first counsel to subpoena this Helen Ravens-croft as a witness for the defence, and have her examined if she can be found. She has disappeared from the house for article put up, a handsome oak side-board, realized nearly double that am-ount.-London Graphic. Laura Elmer spoke with an earnestness and an absorption in her subjec



fice; if the trees were put six feet apart each way, cultivation would be necessary for twice the time, or longer.

MOUNTAIN CLIMB BY TROOPS.

Official Report of the Military Ascent of Mont Blanc.

The ascent of Mont Blanc by tourists is not considered a remarkable feat at the resent day, but it is very different when a sub-division of troops, fully armed and auinned, undertakes the ascent.

sub-division of troops, fully armed and equipped, undertakes the ascent. Orapt. Builts, commanding the Twenty-Second Battalion of French Alpine Chasseurs, stationed at Albertville, took a portion of his battalion up the mountain last summer, and his report has just been made public. A iarge body of men cannet, of course, find any shelter on the way, since the pro-vision in that respect is very limited-for eight or ton at most. Consequently the dis-tance going and coming has to be covered without rest at night. Bach man carried, besides his arms and equipment, two portions of bread (enough for two meals), bug grammes of meat, eighty grammes of cheese, a box of sarilines, forty lumps of sugar and one litre of wine. There were in addition one litre of corfee for every two men, one both of champane for every four men, and for champane for every four men, and for champane for merry members of the battalion. On August 3, 1965, at 849 o'clock p.m., camp was broken from Les Houches, a vil-inage about eight miles southwest of Cham-nel2, on the left bank of the Arve. The col-umn consisted of seven officers, one surgeon and fifty-seven men. The village priest join-ed the troops. The weather was unpropitions, the night was dark and it soon breas to rain. At 1145 p.m. Mont Londar Labox 6300 feet els-

and fifty-soven men. The village priest join-ed the troops. The weather was unpropilious, the night was dark and it soon began to rain. At 11.45 p.m. Mont Lachat tabout 6300 feet els-vation) was reached and a hait was made. It was evident that the murch could not be to solve the same number. Count was made with the same number. Count was made with the same number. Count was made at 430 p.m. and at 1.20 n.m. the column reached Mont Lack. Chaseurs had car-ried kettles up to this point and filled them there at the only soring on the way. Wood was collected, and coffe made. At 10.15 the column moved on. The night was clear and bright.

the column moved on. The night was clear and bright. At the Plan des Rognes (8.859 feet) the ropes were applied, and the men tied cogeth ropes were applied and the men tied cogeth and in order to climb the glader of the Tete Rousse. A chort rest at 2.15 a.m. the to be broken on account of the coid, and in order to reach besimes the shelter on the Tete Rousse. (10.000 feet). Here the men found a shed and hot tea was served. At 3.30 the march was continued with the ropes were applied and the men tied togeth-comammaling officer gt the head of the first rroup.

Insanity.

It has commonly been said that lunacy was increasing in the modern world. Put Mr. Noel Humphreys in his paper read before the Statistical Society pro-

claims the theory that lunacy is not in-creasing at all. According to his ingenious statement the apparent increas , in

due not to the growth of lunacy, but to the growth of the care of lunacy. To put the matter shortly, he holds that it not so much that here are more madmen, but that htere are more mad doe-

tors.

Substantially his case appears very bund. There can be little doubt that sound, There can be little nany men are now put in asylums who would in previous ages have been allow-ed to wander in the meadows or to play about the streets. There can be little doubt the sheets. I note now called in-same who in other times would merely have been called wicked; and it is posthe that many are how called madmen who in other times would merely have been called saints.

been called saints. The only question is whether this sci-entitie harvest of all the humatics alive is os great an improvement as it looks. There can be no doubt that the wise men have eque from all the ends of the earth to explure the village idlot, who

once danced and laughed upon the green, net without having bricks thrown at him.-London Nation.

----His Great Embarrassment.

Senor Enrique Creek the new Maxi-can Ambassador, said at a dinner in Washington, apropus of unpleasant

truths: "Why should we ever tell them? Camp was broken They are always unnocessary, and how

they wound! "I have heard of an American countess or duchess—I forget "which— --who said to her noble husband fondly: "You were embarrassed when you proposed to me, Percival, were you

aid Willie, "is what we

next step was the ascents of the M⁻ "Memory," said Willie, "is au Gouter (12,00 feet). The road was forget with "-Philadelphia Rec cord. culle du' Gouter