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INA THAM TOU A SECOND EPISODE, AMELIA BUTTERWORTH-

one moment to catch her breath, "I do not know what I fear or to what our steps will bring us. I cally know that I must hunt for Lucetta till I find her. If there is danger where she is, I must share it. You can rest here or come far-. But what is this?'

It was a man. He had started suddenly from some one of the shadows mear the hedgerow.
"Silence!" he whispered, putting his

finger on his lips. "If you are looking for Miss Encilys," he added, seeing us both pause aghast, "she is on the lawn beyond, talking to Mr. Trohm. If you

It was still round my neck, but my hand, which had instinctively gone to and, which had institutively gone to is, fell again in extraordinary emotion as I took in the situation be had hinted at and realized that it was on Mr. Trohm's grounds we stood and that it was toward Mr. Trohm himself forcen's

were turned.
"Loreen," I whispered, "it is not here you look for a solution of that awful mystery?"
"Miss Butterworth," she answered.

"it is here you should look for it."
"Here? I?" Never have I felt such

"I mean," she gasped, "that that is "I mean," she gasped, "that that is the man who has pursued us wit' his hatred, driving my father and my mother into their graves. Obadiah Trohm is the rich man of whom we spoke to yeu; not Deacon Spear or any one else in this unhappy lane." And breaking from me she slid away nearer the ill assorted couple, in one of whom from that moment I saw no longer the courteous, kindly country gentleman, but a monster of vengeful propensities, if not monster of vengeful propensities, if not emething worse and still more diabol-

absorbed in her own emotions to notice mine. "Let us get nearer. If Mr. Trohm is the wicked man we fear, there is no is the wicked man we rear, there is not tailing what the means are which he uses to get rid of his victims. There was nothing to be found in his house, but who knows but that the danger may be around her now. It was evidently to daye it she came, to offer herself as a

"Hush!" I whispored, controlling my own fears roused against my will by this display of terror in this usually calmest of natures. "No danger can nace her there, not where they two

"No pistol," murmured the man who had crept again near us. "Pistols make

"Good God!" I whispered. "You are not antiopating also that it is in the heart of this man to kill Lucetta?"
"Six strong men have disappeared hereabout," said the fellow, never

hereabout, "said the reliow, never moving his eye from the couple before us. "Why not one weak girl?" With a cry Loreen started forward. "Run!" she whispered. "Run!" But as this word left her lips a slight

overent took place in the belt of trees where we had been told Mr. Gryce lay hiding, and we could see him issue for a moment into sight with his finger like that of his man laid warningly on his lips. Loreen trembled and drew back, seeing which the man beside us pointed to the hedge and whispered softly:
"There is just room between that and

the fence for a person to pass sideways.

If you and this lady want to get nearer o Miss Knollys, you might take that road. But Mr. Gryce will expect you to be very quiet. The young lady expressly said before she came into this place that she could do nothing if for any reason Mr. Trohm should suspect

that they were not alone."

"We will be quiet," I assured him, anxious to hide my face, which I felt twitch at every mention of Mr. Trohm's name behind the screen he thus offered for our use. Loreen was already behind

the hedge.

The evening was one of these which The evening was one of those which are made for peace. The sun, which had set in crimson, had left a glow on the branches of the forest which had not yet faded into the gray of twilight. The lawn, around which we were skirting, had not lost the mellow brilliancy which made it sparkle, nor had the cluster of varied hued hollyhocks, which act their correcourses nariant the neat set their gorgeousness against the neat yellow of the peaceful doorposts, shown any dimness in their glory, which was on a par with the setting sun. But though I saw all this it no longer appeared to me desirable. Lucetta and Lucetta's fate, the mystery and the impossibility of its being explained out here in the midst of turf and blossoms, filled all my thoughts and made me forget even my own cause for shame and humiliation, if

Loreen, who had wormed her way along till she crouched nearly opposite to them, plucked me by the gown as I approached to where she was, and, pointing to the hedge which pressed up so close it nearly touched our faces, seemed to bid me to look through

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"SIX " HE SHRIEKED. "SIX!"

been reached as last. Which you had your hand upon my lover, you roused a spirit in me that nothing but your own destruction can satisfy. Where is he, Mr. Trohm? Where is silly Rufus and all the rest who have vanished between Deacon Spear's house and th little home of the cripples on the high road? They have asked me, but if any one in Lost Man's lane can answer that question it is you, persecutor of my mother, of ourselves, whom I here de-nounce in face of these skies where God reigns and this earth where man

God reigns and this earth where man lives to harry and condemn."

And then I saw that the instinct of this girl had accomplished what mere human acumen had failed in. For the old man—indeed he seemed an old man now—cringed and the wrinkles came out in his face till he was demoniscally nelv.

whose mother would have died in jail but for my forbearance? Have you ever but for my forcearance: have you ever seen me set my foot upon a worm? Look at my fruit and flowers, look at my home, without a spot or blemish to mar its neatness and propriety. Can a man who loves these things stomach the destruction of a man, much less of a silly, yawping boy? Lucetta, you are mad!"
"Mad or sane, my accusation will have its results, Mr. Trohm. I believe too deeply in your guilt not to make

others do so."

"Ah," said he, "then you have not done so yet? You believe this and that, but you have not said so."

"No," she calmly returned, though her face blanched to the colorlessness and so, yet."

so close it nearly touched our faces, seemed to bid me to look through searching for a spot where there was a raiall opening, I put my eye to this and immediately draw back.

"They are moving nearer the gate," I signaled to Loreen, at which she crept along a few paces, but with a ward with a maden, quick megtion.

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mere or less difficulty. As she had fainted in falling she had not suffered much, and soon we had the supreme delight of seeing her eyes unclose upon the face of Loreen.

"Ah," she murmured in a voice whose cohe pierced to every heart save that of the cultiv wretch now Iving

whose cohe pierced to every heart and that of the guilty wretch now lying handouffed on the sward, "I thought I saw Albert, and he was dead, and I"— But here Mr. Gryce, with an air at once contrite and yet strangely trium-phant, interposed his benevolent face bephans, interposed his benevolent acceptations and her weeping sister's and whispered something in her ear which turned her pallid cheek to a glowing scarlet. Rising up, she threw her arms around his neck and let him lift her. As he carried her-where was his rhea matism now — out of these balful grounds and away from the reach of the maniac's mingled laughs and cries her face was peace itself. But his—well, his

CHAPTER XXXV.

EXPLANATIONS. The cause of Lucetta's joy was soon explained. Mr. Ostrander had not fallen a victim to Mr. Trohm's mania, but was in X alive and well. That Mr. Gryce knew this at the time of showing Gryce knew this at the time of showing her the telegram was apparent to me and probably suspected by her, but me words were ever exchanged on the subject, possibly because she was soon made too happy by her lover's explanation to regret anything which had led up to this satisfying hour.

He, so it seems, had found it impossible to leave Lucetta. Upon issuing from Lost Man's lane he had met Mr. Gryce and learned enough from him of

"Ah," said he, "then yon have not done so yet? You believe this and that, but you have not said so."

"No," she calmly returned, though her face blanched to the colorlessness of wax, "I have not said so yet."

Oh, the cunning that crept into his face!

"She has not said it. Oh, the little Lucetta, the wise, the careful little Lucetta, the counties of the lattle the wise, the careful little Lucetta, the counti

Mr. Gryce never neglects it, but Mr. Mr. Gryce understands his business and Gryce has a heart, too, and that heart has a way of working even amid his most argent affairs in a manner to bring light out of darkness as well for the happiness of those concerned as for the elucidation of the mystery he has undertaken to clear.

The hour we all spent together late that night in the old house was unlike any hour which that place has seen for years. Mr. Ostrander, Lucetta, Loreen, William, Mr. Gryce and myself all were there, and as an especial grace Saracen was allowed to enter, that there haight not be a cloud upon a single face.

accusations directed against us. It is you who must meet them now. Mr. Trohm, your evil practices are discovered. Tomorrow you will have the police here in earnest. They did but play with you when they were here before."

"You child!" he gasped, striving, however, to restrain all evidences of shock and terrer. "Why, who was it called in the police and set them working in Lost Man's lane? Was it not I'—

"Yes, that they might not suspect you and perhaps that they might suspect us. But it was useless, Obadiah Trohm. Althea Knollya' okildren have been long suffering, but the limit has been reached at last. When you laid your hand upon my lover, you roused your hand upon my lover, you roused

make it presentable again the detective spoke.

"I suppose you have been wondering how this old woman came to have those mementos of the crimes which took place up there. Well, we have figured it out thus: The trinket from the peddler's pack she probably stole from that pack before it was found by the villagers and given up to the proper authorities. The other, the ring, has a different history, and the finding of it in Mother Jane's possession can only be explained by a series of causes so bizarre that they must ever rank as among the most remarkable that have ever adorned the annals of our police register. Should I give it out as a puzzle you could never answer it. How could a ring which was en the finger of Mr. — five minutes before he vanished from the light of the sun forever pass from the month of

garden. One day a young man, equipped for traveling, paused for a glass of water as the famous well there while these piecons were ploking up sorn which Mr. Trohm had scattered for them, for his tastes are confised to the

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The next morning we all took a walk in the lane. (I say nothing about the night. If I did not choose to sleep or if I had any cause not to feel quite as elevated as the young people about me, there is surely me reason why I should dwell upon it with, you or even apologies for a weakness that is, I hope, but the exception setting off my oustemary

Now a walk in this lane was an event. To feel at liberty to stroll among its shadows without fear, to know that the danger had been so located that we all felt free to inhale the autumn air and te enjoy the beauties of the place without a thought of lurking trouble in its sweetest nooks and most attractive

its sweetest noons and most autractive goverts, gave to this short half hour a distinctive delight aptly expressed by Loreen when she said:

"I never knew the place was so beautiful. Why, I think I can be happy here now." At which Lucetta grew pensive, till I roused her by saying:
"So much for a constitutional, girls. pensive, still I roused her by saying:
"So much for a constitutional, girls.
Now we must to work. This house, as
you see it now, has to be prepared for a
wedding. William, your business will
be to see that these grounds are put in
as good order as can be done in three
days. I will bear the expense, and Loream".

"Miss Butterworth," said he, "you're "Miss Butterworth," said he, "you're a right good sort of woman, as Saracen has found out, and we, too, in these last few plaguy days of our trouble here. But I'm not such a bad lot either, and if I do like my own way, which may not be offier people's way, and if I am sometimes short with the girls for some of their d.—d nonsense, I have a little them. decempy about me, too, and I say I will fix these grounds, and out of my own money too. Now that nine-tenths of our income does not have to go abroad we'll income acces not have so go actions we have chink enough to let us go respectable once more in a place where one horse, if he's good enough, will give a fellow a standing and make him the envy of even those who for some other peaky reasons may think themselves called upon to hoot him. I don't be-grudge the old place a few dollars, especially as I mean to live and die in it so look out, you three women folks, and work lively as you can on the inside of outside will put you to open shame, and that would never please Loreen, nor, as I take it, Miss Butterworth

It was a challenge we were glad to accept, especially as from the number of persons we now saw come flocking into the lane it was very apparent that we should experience no further diffi-culty in obtaining any help we might

only in obtaining any help we might need to carry out our undertakings. Meantime my thoughts were not alto-gether concentrated even upon these pleasing plans for Lucetta's benefit. There were certain points yet to be made clear in the matter whose termination still lay heavy on my heart, and there, was a confession for me to make, without which I could not face Mr. Gryce with all that unwavering composure which our peculiar relations seemed to

demand.

The explanations came first. They were volunteered by Mr. Gryce, whom I met in the course of the morning at Mother Jane's cottage. She had been perfectly happy all night, sleeping with the coin in her hand and waking te again devour it with her greedy but loving eyes. As we were looking at her and Mr. Gryce directing with his hand the movements of the men who had come te smooth down her garden and make it presentable again the detective spoke.

before he vanished from the light of the sun forever pass from the mouth of that old well into Mother Jame's hand a half mile away without compromising Mr. Trohm in the eyes of mortal man, or even Mother Jame, who was as innocent of wrong in this as we are? You cannot tell. You might quote Scripture and say, 'A bird of the sir carried it.' But, Miss Butterworth, you would never believe the truth of your own words, and yet that was the vary way it was done—a bird of the air carried it. In those days—it is three months ago now—Mother Jame begt two tame pigeons. They slept on her house top, they ste from her hand and they flew sometimes as far away as Mr. Trohm's garden. One day a young man, equipped

s ring, and being nervous was fiddling with it as he saiked to the pleasant old scatteman who was lowering the bundlet for him. As he fiddled with it the serith fell from under him, and as the daylight vanished above him the ring few out of his up thrown hand and lay, the only taken of his now blotted out existence, upon the emerald sward he had but a moment before pressed with his unsappicious feet. It burned—this ruby burned like a drop of blood in the grass when that demou came again to his senses, and being a felltale evidence of crime to him whe had allowed nothing to ever speak against him of these matters, he stared, at it as at a deadly thing directed against him of these matters, he stared at it as at a deadly thing directed against him of these matters, he stared at it as at a deadly thing directed against him of these matters, he stared at it as at a should be to the hind how he had allowed nothing to ever speak against him of the same and a first and to be get rid of at once and by means which by ne possibility could recoil back upon himself as its author.

"The pigeons stalking near offered to his shoursally soute understanding the only solution which would leave him absolutely devoid of fear. He might have swung open the lid of the well one more and fung it after its owner, but this meant an afternath of experience from which even he shrank who delighted in the thought that the viotims he saw vanish before his eyes were like something whyse on the to lure birds into his hands), and tying the ring around the neck of the kind to take advantage of old Mother Jane's eyes, of course, was a plucked up from the highway he let it fix and so was rid of the bandle which the bird had flewn before lighting on her doorstep."

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which the outer had newl below lighting on her doorstep."
"Wonderful!" I exclaimed, almost ovarwhelmed with huntiliation, but preserving a brave front. "What invention and what audacity—the audacity of a man totally irresponsible for his deeds, was it not?" I asked. "There is

ne doubt, is there, about his being an absolute maniac?"
"No, madam." What a relief I felt at that word! "Since we entrapped him yesterday and he found himself fully discovered he has lost all grip upon himself and filled the room we put him in with the unmistakable ravings of a madman. It was through these I learned

the facts about the ring and the pigeon. I drew a deep breath. We were standing in the sight of several men, and their presence there seemed intolerable. Unconsciously I began to walk away. Unconsciously Mr. Gryce followed me. Unconsciously mr. Gryce follows me. At the end of several paces we both stopped. We were no longer visible to the crowd, and I felt I could speak the words I had been burning to say ever since I saw the nature of Mr. Trohm ex-

posed.
"Mr. Gryce," said I, flushing scar-let—which I here solemnly declare is something which has not happened to me before in years and if I can help it shall never happen to me again—"I am interested in this which you say be-

microssed in this which you say because yesterday, here in the open road,
Mr. Trohm proposed to me, and"—
"You did not accept it?"
"No. What do you think I am made
of, Mr. Gryce? I did not accept him,
but—I made the refusal a gentle case, and—this is not easy work, Mr.
Gryce," I interrupted Layself to say
with suitable grinniess—"the same
thing took place between me and Deacon Spear, and to him I gave a response such as I thought his presumption war-canted. The discrimination does not argue well for my acumen, Mr. Gryce. You see, I want no credit that I do not

You see, I want no credit that I do not deserve. Perhaps you cannot understand that, but it is a part of my nature."

"Madam," said he, and I must own I thought his conduct perfect for the monos, "had I not been as completely deceived as yourself I might find words of criticism for this possibly unprofessional partiality. But when an old hand like myself can listen to the insinuations of a manine and repose, as I must time myself can listen to the institutions of a manisa and repose, as I must say I did repose, more or less confidence in the statements he chose to make me, find which were true enough as regarded plain fact, but wickely false and ed plain fact, but wioned as regards their suggestion, I can have no words of blame for a woman who, whatever her understanding and whatever her experience, necessarily has seen less of human transport of the second sec man nature and its incalculable surprises. As to the more delicate matter you have been good enough to confide to me, madam, I have but one remark to make. With such an example of wom-anhood suddenly brought to their notice in such a wild as this, how could you in such a wild as this, now could you expect them, sane or insane, to do otherwise than they did? I know many a worthy man who would like to follow their example." And with a bow that left me speechless Mr. Gryce laid his hand on his heart and softly withdrew.

THE END. Malleable Glass. Neri, whose book on glass was published at Florence in 1612, says, 'In the time of Tiberius was invented a way of making glass malleable, a thing afterward lost and to this day wholly unknown, for if such a thing were now known without a doubt it would be more esteemed for its beauty and incorruptibility than silver or gold, since
from glass there ariseth neither smell
nor taste nor any other quality." But
though unknown to the old Italian, the
art was practiced in Persia, if we may
believe Bailey, who says that in 1610
Sophi, emperor of Persia, sent to King
Philip III of Spain six glasses that were
malleable and would not break by being hammered, and Blacout tells that
an inventor, having presented a bust of
malleable glass to Richelieu, 1620, was
rewarded for his insenuity by perpetual more esteemed for its beauty and incorrewarded for his ingenuity by perpetual imprisonment lest the vested interests of French glass workers should be in-

TRUST THRUSTS.

The coolest thing in the way of trusts a combination which takes in all the is a combination which takes in all the business in 12 states.—Clinton Age. The grocers who are organizing a whisky company to compete with the whisky trust propose to fight the trust devil with fire water.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Ten states are said to be in the grip of a huge ice trust. It is possible to be "froze in" all the year round in these days of Ice combines.—Boston Globe. Now the New Jersey supreme court has rendered a decision in favor of a trust, which may be called a new method of protecting home industries.—Tacoma

Ledger.

The solution of the trust question would be greatly simplified if the other 44 states in the Union could devise an effective quarantine against New Jersey.

—Indianapolis Journal. THE ROYAL BOX.

The queen of Spain always goes to mass at 7 a. m.

King Charles of Roumania has published his reminiscences in three volumes.

Queen Victoria never signs state papers on a Friday which happens to be the 13th day of the month.

Violets, the pet flowers of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, have become quite sacred in the eyes of his widney.

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in 33% seconds.

Princess Psuline, the Happy Wanderer mare, who won the 2:50 trot at Norfolk a few weeks ago and the 2:40 trot at Baltimore the other day, taking a record of 2:22% wears a shoe weighing 20 ounces and a 6 ounce toe weight.—Horse Review.

POULTRY POINTERS. HARDWARE

Sweet skimmilk can always be given to Feed young fowls five times a day until they are a month old.

One advantage with geese is that they will eat nearly all kinds of weeds and grasses. wls with profit.

Even in summer, if fowls are confined, a dusting and scratching place is essen-tial to health.

Do not permit the setting hens to have their nests where they will get too hot and leave them.

If raw meat is fed too often, it tends to produce bowel disease and does more harm than good. Dean meat only should be fed. Fat does them no good.

In testing eggs at the tenth day of in-cubation observe the air cell. If it seems entirely filled, you can usually rest assured that you are giving too much One advantage with geese is that in adket a regular income may be derived from the feathers. They are easier rais-

ed than turkeys.

Sunlight is good for everything but Away with hangings, either above or below the bed.

Do not fail to provide some means for ventilation during the night.

Beware of a dusty, musty carpet; better sweetness and a bare floor. Keep the head cool while sleeping, but of by a draft of cold air falling upon it.

A Perspective In V.

The class in optics was doing duty before the professor, and that worthy man was looking over his contingent of rising physicists for some one to put through a course of sprouts, as professors have a way of doing when they suspect that every felow isn't quite keeping up with the procession. There was one chap he knew of who spent more money than he spent time on his books, and him the professor tackled.

"Um, Mr. Jones," he said, "what is perspective?"

Mr. Jones hesitated for a moment.
"Well, I should say," he responded, "that it is kind of looking through the other end of a spyglass."

The professor recognized that the answer showed some signs of intelligence and accepted it.

and accepted it.
"Um," he said, "distance diminishe size, does it?"

Again the young man hesitated.
"I don't know about that," he replied.
"The further I get away from a \$5 bill the bigger it seems to be to me."
"Um," said the professor, and asked
the young man to remain a few minutes
after class.—Washington Star.

Pierced by a Swordsh.

When the barkentine City of Paucete was within a few bundred miles of Tahiti, she fell into a dead calm. The men were dreaming on the deck and the captain was sleeping in his bunk when there came a severe shock under the starboard bow. The captain scrambled out of his bunk and on deck as fast as he could, supposing that the vessel had struck on a reef, although he knew of none on the chart within 100 miles. The lead was thrown over the side and the line run out to its full length without touching bottom, and for the rest of the watch the soundings were continued with the same result. So the shock was a mystery, and the sailors were inclined to get superstitions about it until the vessel got into port, and then six inches of the sword of a swordfish was found sticking in the planking. The force of the blow must have been tremendous and probably killed the assallant as well as broke his nose.

Atlanta Constitution.

The Japanese Hot Bath.

Here is a point that English folks might learn from the Japanese. The reason we are inclined in this country to catch cold after taking a hot bath in the daytime is that we do not take it hot enough. If only you have the water as near boiling point as possible, there is no fear of your getting cold afterward. The Japanese revel in these hot tubs. They take them three or four times a day. In some districts of Japan, I believe, the people are amphiblous. For months at a time they live practically in the water. A Japanese once called upon me, and be apologized at the outset of our conversation for being so unmannerly and dirty, for he had only had time to take two hot baths that day.—Chambers' Journal.

A Javenile on "Politics."

A Georgia boy's composition on "The Lull in Politics" is interesting reading:

"Pa says politics is quiet 'cos he quit runnin. But ma says he quit 'cos he got tired an the office didn't offer him any chair to rest in. Pa has been runnin fer office ever since he was born. He was since in congress for a whole night—the janitor forgot him and locked him up. When he gits beat fer one thing he runs fer another, an when he gits beat fer that he comes home an finds fault with the family. Ma says pa talks through his hat, an I reckon it's so—'cos it's got p good many holes in it."—Atlanta Constitution.

Elephants' Memories.

Elephants' memories are the most lasting of any animal's. One trainer had an elephant in his care six weeks, and taught it many tricks. It was then shipped away to a menagerie, where it led a humdrum life for many months. Its old trainer coming in upexpectedly, however, it obeyed his voice and went through its stricks perfectig.



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