

phant.

"You are a young woman, Mrs Grant: but you are not so unverse in the ways of the world as to im agine that such conduct as your has not been noticed in the village.' "My conduct!" echoed Mrs. Gran lifting her head with a momentar nowledge of you-" flash of haughty resentment. "Yes, your conduct in allowing M Litton to visit you so frequently, an a' any hour which suited his conven

ate in such weather!"

for the agony and despair on the

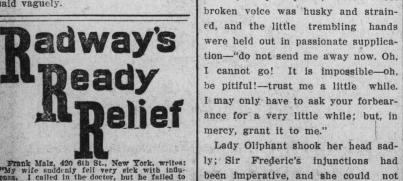
pleading face.

let them pess unnoticed."

ence. Do you deny that he has bee seen leaving the cottage at night, an that you have been seen walking wit him at hours when an action at othe times harmless becomes a perfec impropriety? He comes here, i would appear, three or four times i the course of the day and night, and his visits have given rise to a great deal of talk in the village." "He is a doctor," the schoolmistress

"Yes; but you are not in such need of his professional services; and there can be only one construction put upon his visits here" "And what is that?" Mrs. Grant said vaguely.

said, faltering.





's Pills and a tea teaspoonful of mola

wind. ot send me away. Indeed-indeed I "What shall I do?" she moaned ave done nothing wrong! Oh, will presently, rising and pacing to and ou trust me a little longer?" ro in the little room. "It would kill "How can I trust you, Mrs. Grant" him; and yet, if they insist, of course ou have already abused my conficannot resist. Oh. Heaven, help us! ence; you cannot have forgotter What are we to do? Where can we ow, without references, or any 30? Even Mr. Litton has suffered for his goodness to us. Ah, he was good "I have not abused your confidence indeed not to betray us, and rather -I have done nothing wrong. Lady to let himself be misunderstood by

liphant, if you have any pity, do no the girl he loves! I bring misery sk me to leave the cottage now. everywhere; but some day I will go annot-I dare not face the winterto Miss Venn and tell her, and he h. think-to be houseless and deso will be happy. I must write to Jack -I must write to Jack."

"Mrs. Grant, you are paining me She broke off restlessly, and stood erribly," Lady Oliphant said unsilent for a moment: then she went teadily. "I have no wish but to be into the inner room, bathed her face ust to you; but really Sir Frederic with cold water, and smoothed the s exceedingly annoved at the scandal soft chestnut hair.

which has troubled the village for "He must not see me so distressed," some weeks. Do you know that Miss she said, with a pitiful little smile. Venn, to whom Mr. Litton was pay-"And I am never safe from interruping attention, has been obliged to be tion. Oh, I am so tired!" she added sent away for a time, she fretted so with a long heavy sigh. "My limbs much at Mr. Litton's visits here? Inache with fatigue, and yet I must not deed, I cannot tell you how much has be ill-I dare not be ill." been said, nor is it necessary."



Highest grade beans kept whole disobey them; but her heart ached and mealy by perfect baking retaining their tull strength "lavored with delicious sauces "What can I do, Mrs. Grant? You They have no equal. do not justify yourself. You cannot

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