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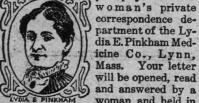
Immediately after the funeral, Vane started to return to the Grange. The lawyers grumbled, and would have detained him; but they found that they had to do with quite a changed man-a man as unlike the old easily yielding Vane Tempest as it is possi ble to imagine. Looking pale and stern in his black

clothes, he reached the Grange late in the afternoon, and inquired of the butler, who somehow seemed even more deferential to the Earl of Weseleigh than he had been to Mr. Vane Tempest, for Lady Florence.



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he felt that if she didn't get out ( ingland she should die-"

"What!"

"You may well look surprised erhaps a note she left for you ma explain her conduct. It's there o he mantel-shelf-don't, for Heaven' akc, touch me!" Vane reached for the note, an ound two instead of one. "There are, two," he said.

"Yes," said the earl; "the othe ame yesterday; a groom brought i Vhat does she sav?" Vane opened the note in Lad florence's handwriting. It was a hort as it was significant.

"I have left England. Our man iage can never take place. You ask d me to release you, and like a foo refused. Since you have gone ave become wiser. Take your free om. This is my last word." Vane handed the note to Lord War

"What does it mean?" he asked. Lord Warlock shook his head an wore again, he was one of the ol 'ory noblemen who used the lang

age of his forefathers. "How the devil should I know but if Florence says this she means e de

ock.

"I must follow her and learn wha he does mean." said Vane.

Lord Warlock smiled grimly. "All right," he said. "Better go a; nce, then; but, upon my soul, if you re a wise man you will go back to

Nestleigh and look after your affairs. for if Florence says she won't marry you, she won't, and there's an end it. I've never succeeded in mak ing her change her mind, and, with all deference. I'm hanged if I think She has always been he fectly and has a pleasant taste-cl entured to interfere with her. Take y advice and don't try it." While he had been speaking, Vane had opened the other envelop.e It contained a sheet of paper with these U.I. I ALA

"A young lady wishes to see you at Vale Hall."

o unsteady, and because her eyes cccasionally a swift sharp showe ere so full of great unshed tears. rain, which made Mrs. Ross shiv hich she would not let fall. When Shirley drew her mother' raps more closely around her and ulled the blind over the windov o keep out the draught, while the nder pity on her young face deep red as she watched the invalid rest g with closed eyes and faintl. rawn breath upon the cushions. Such a lovely face it was! Year sorrow and privation and month suffering had ot been able to ro of its beauty; it was beautiful, an, ould be beautiful to the last. Deli. larm. tely regular features, large lus ous eyes, and soft dark hair withou silver thread among its gloss raids made up a tout ensemble rare lovely and remarkable, even be de the fair young face near her Irs. Ross was still in the prime of er womanhood-she wanted ye ree years of forty; but she wa

ying, and she knew it well-ay, an hirley, although she tried to blin. crself, knew it also-dying, and a period when to many life is at it est and brightest, when the storm

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he returned to her mother the tears ad been resolutely forced back, and here was a brave little smile on the weet red lips. Mrs. Ross tried to mile also, struggling against the seling of faintness which was steal-1g over her, and which made the losed carriage, into which no raught penetrated, seem so chilly. 'ut her daughter's quick eyes saw he increasing pallor of her face, nd she bent over her in grievous "Mother darling, what is it? You re faint-let me give you some hing," she said hurriedly; but Mrs. .oss's gentle hand detained her. "It is nothing," she returned faint "I am a little, tired, a little lint. Don't be frightened, Shirley. ee 'I am better now."

She strove to smile into the loving nxious face; but the beautiful eyes vere dim, and the faintness seemed o shut out the lovely startled face ending over her so tenderly, as she ay back, almost breathless, against

he cushions. With swift deft hands and the selfpossession of an experienced nurse, they may be omitted. The sleeve pro shirley applied the restoratives, and presently Mrs. Ross was able to open her eyes and thank her smilingly; she was better-she was much better. And then Shirley sat down once more beside her, supporting her size apron and sleeve protectors, 4% n her arms and resting the weary ead upon her shoulder; and the rain sped on through the chill gray the making. Detober day, drawing nearer the sea nomentarily-the sea which lay be-

ween them and England. Mrs Ross remained with closed yes, her face resting against Shirey's shoulder ,and looking deathly ale in the gray light against the dark Address in full:rown of the sealskin of her daugh-

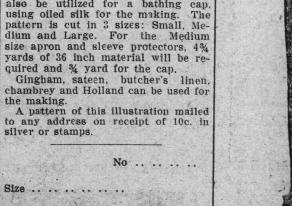
er's coat, but her breathing was Name .. .. .... .. .. .. .. .. .. .. uore even, and Shirley hoped that he slept. (To be Continued.)

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