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Small Pill. Small Boss. Small Price. Virgie's Inheritance.

Sir William bent forward and read it, and he did not wonder then that Virgie had felt herself the most wronged of women. He knew that it had been intended as the announcement of his cousin's marriage with Margaret Stanhope, but agrave mistake had been made in prelixing the young man's name with a title, thus making it appear that it was the baronet who had been warried.

name with a title, thus maxim, taylous that it was the baronet who had been married. Virgie did not know that he had a relative by the same name, so, of course, taking everything else into consideration, she must have believed that he had been false to all honor, to his manhood, and to her.

He groened aloud.

"Oh, what must she have thought of me!" he cried, in despair. Then, turning to the proprietor of the hotel, he asked, "Where did you get this paper?"

It was the Hampshire County Journal, and he wondered how it could have got to New York to accomplish so much mischief. "I cannot say, sir. I found it in my office here among other papers, and—and you must confess that such a notice as that was sufficient to stagger me when I read it."

"Yes," Sir William admitted, white to his lips; "and yet it was heartless to send her away. It was my cousin—a gentleman bearing the same name—who was married; but some one made a mistake and added my title. Did shesse that notice?"

"She appeared to know about it, sir."
"It seems as if an enemy had done this to ruin our happiness; but who?" groaned the miserable husband.

CHAPTER XX.

SIR WILLIAM PINDS A TRACE OF VIRGIE.
Sir William asked, a little later, when he had succeeded in somewhat recovering his

"And have you no idea whither my wife went after leaving here?"
"No," Mr. Eldridge said. "I offered to
find some nice, quiet place for her, but she
simply thanked me and declined my offer.
She then ordered a carriage and drove
away, without giving any definite directions
regarding her destination—at least, in my
hearing."

rearing.

The proprietor was careful not to state that he had been so relieved by the departure of his then questionable guest that he had taken no pains to ascertain her plans, being only too glad to be quit of her upon any terms, and to thus preserve the honor of his house and retain the patronage of its other occupants.

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Sir William then repaired to the office of Dr. Knox, the physician in whose care he had left his wife, hoping to glean something from him. But that gentleman knew nothing whatever of what had occurred, and appeared greatly surprised by what the young husband told him.

He simply stated what we already know—that Mrs. Heath had sent him a note saying that she was about leaving the city and wished to settle her bill, and requested him to call for the amount. He had done so and she had paid him in full.

He said that his time was limited, and he had only remained a few moments. He

tinually, and for a while he knew not which way to turn, while he was growing both weary and heart-sick with his fruitless search.

Fnally he decided that he would go again to her home among the mountains of Nevada. He might possibly learn something of her there.

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He reached the place just a year from the day of his departure with Virgie, and a feeling of utter desolation, almost of despair, took possession of him as he wandered here and there over the familiar ground, visiting the grave of Mr. Abbot, and peering in at the cottage where he had first met his love, but where only strange faces met his gaze.

Everything looked the same as when he left, but evidently no one knew anything about his wife; he learned that from the ager inquiries, which met him on every side, for the beautiful git whom he had taken awa with him.

He answered and swaded them as well as he could, without betraying that he was in any troub e, but he was deeply disappointed to find that Chi Lu had left the place.

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He was told that he had left very suddeply, but came back after a time, when he
disposed of his cabin that Sir William had
given him, and then disappeared altogether.
The baronet sought out Margery Foliet,
and was impressed the moment that he saw
her that she had something on her mind.
She eyed him with suspicion, seemed
averse to holding any conversation with
him, and never once inquired regarding his
wife.

him, and neves the wife.

This alone made the young baronet hope that she knew something of Virgle, for. having been at her wedding, and afterward assisted her in many ways during Mr. Abbot's last illness, it would have been but natural for her to wish to know something that the state of th

natural for her to wish to know something about her.

By advoitly questioning her he became convinced of the truth of his suspicion, and finally he charged her outright with having recently seen his wife.

The woman stammered, blushed, and finally assumed a defiant attitude, and Sir William was sure.

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He then told her something of his trouble, enjoining her to secreey, and finally she confessed that one day Chi Lu had come to her and persuaded her to go with him before the county magistrate to sign a paper stating that she had been a witness to the marriage of Miss Abbot with Mr. Heath. Chi Lu had given her a handsome sun for her trouble and to keep silent about the matter afterward.

This confession gave Sir William great hope. It told him that Virgie had been in that vicinity: that she was gathering what proofs she could toward establishing the legality of her marriage, with a view to claiming her rights as a lawfil wife.

He was very much elated over the discovery, and at once repaired to the country town, to seek out the magistrate and learn what he could from him.

That gentleman confirmed what he had already learned. He said that several weeks previous a young woman had come there to obtain a copy of the record of a certain marriage, and that after a Chinaman and an elderly woman had signed a paper in his presence, testifying to having been witnesses of the ceremony.

Sir William reasoned that, since Virgie was seeking all these proofs, she would doubless apply to the elergyman who had married them; so to Virginia City he straightway hastened, to seek the Rev. Dr. Thornton.

He jound him readily enough. The clergyman appeared to be in feeble health, and received him with coldness and evident displeasure.

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"I suppose you are somewhat at a loss how to account for my visit. Dr. Thornton," he remarked, in his genial way, and ignoring the frigidness of his host's greeting; "but I have come to make some important inquiries of you."

The reverend gentleman simply bowed, and then waited for his guest to proceed.
"You will be surprised that I have lest my wife and am searching for her," the baronet continued, thinking it best to come to the point at once.

"Which one?" demanded the divine, with an accent of scorn in his usually mild tones.
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"I have but one wife—the lady to whom you married me only a little more than a year ago!" Sir William replied, in a voice of thunder, his handsome face flaming with righteous anger, though his heart bounded with new hope at the question.
"I beg your pardon, sir," the clergyman replied, seeing at once that there was some mystery, and there must have been some fearful mistake to cause the separation of these two young people in whom he had been so deeply interested.
"You will understand my untimely sarcasm, perhaps," he went on, "when I tell you that I have been led to believe that you had done that beautiful woman the greatest possible wrong."

He then proceeded to explain all that he knew of the matter.

Mrs. Heath, he said, had come to him, about a month previous, to secure a written statement from him to the effect that he had performed the marriage ceremony in a legal and authorized manner between herself and Sir William Heath, of Heathdale, Hampshire county, England. She was looking very sad and ill, and she confided to him that she had been deserted by her husband in New York, he having been called to his home by a cablegram, ostensibly because of his mether's illness, but that she had learned of his marriage with another lady in England, and she feared that his union with her might have been a farce. She had, however, learned to the contrary, and she was determined to gather all the proofs possible, for the purpose of securing the rights and position of her child.

(To be Continued.) she had paid him in full.

He said that his time was limited, and had only remained a few moments. He thought she was looking rather pale and worn; but she said she was well, and, being calm and self-possessed, he did not imagine calm and self-possessed, he did not imagine that she was in any trouble.

It was evident that from this source Sir William could gain nothing to aid him in his soarch for his wife.

He then tried to discover the nurse who had been with her, but she was not to be found at her usual address, and no one could tell him anything about her.

He went to the bank where he had deposited money for Virgie's use, but disappointment awaited him here also. He was told that she had sent word one morning that on a certain day she would need the whole amount due her. She had called according to her appointment, received her money, and that was all that was known there regarding her movements.

Sir William was in despair. Failure methim on every hand, and he feared the worst for his loved ones.

He remained in New York for more than a month, searching the city from end to end, employing detectives, advertising in the lapers, and using every means be could think of to gain some clue to Virgie's hiding place; but all to no purpose; and he finally came to the conclusion that she had left the metropolis. But whither flad she gone? He knew that she had not a friend on this side of the Rocky Mountains; it was all a strange country to her.

Would she be likely to remain East and hide herself and her supposed sname in some obscure place, or would she was all east and hide herself and her supposed sname in some obscure place, or would she was all east and hide herself and her supposed sname in some cobscure place, or would she was deternable to gain some clue to Virgie's hiding place; the condition of the proposed sname in some obscure place, or would she was deterned to gath the same time plays baby tunes.

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The treasurer's report was as follows:

Officers were elected as follows:
President—A. W. Porte (re-elected).
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Directors—George M. Reid, ex-Mayor Spencer, Wm. Yates, George Taylor, J. D. Sharman, J. H. Brown, Col. Lewis, W. R. Hobbs, and W. M. Gartshore. The only change was the substitution of ex-Mayor Spencer for Mr. James Douglass, who has removed from the city.

Delegates from the eleventh division to the Agricultural and Arts Association to Ontario — Robert McEwen, of Byron (unanimously).

The directors met subsequently and appointed the following as representatives to the Western Fair Board: A. W. Porte, A. M. Smart, Col. Leys, Wm. Yates, Geo. M. Reid, Geo. Taylor, J. D. Sharman, James H. Brown and W. M. Gartshore. Mr. Gartshore replaces Mr. James Douglass.

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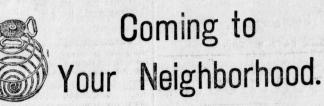
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