BY ANNA KATHRINE GRAEN.

liked her still more, though I do not doubt it was in keeping with her figure, and very described, yet I made one final effort to

prove my suspicions false.
"You have given me the description of a person of some pretensions of gentility," I remarked, "yet from the first you have for borne to speak of her as a lady,"

"An involuntary expression of my dis-trust and dislike I suppose. Then her dress was very plain, and the veil she were quite

I thought of the dress and vell which my self-designated "sister" had worn in the visit she paid to my rooms and wondered if they would not answer to the discription

"What was the color of her veil?" I inquired. it Dark blue

That was the color of the one which had been worn by my mysterious visitor, as I had found from subsequent questions put to my neighbor, and I could no longer have the least uncertainty as to who the woman was who had carried off Mr. Pollard's grandshild. Sick at heart and fearing I scarcely knew what, I asked for the letter which had been left for Miss Merriam, and receiving it from the hand of this amiable woman in whom I appeared to have inspired as much confidence as her former visitor had alarme I tore it open, and in my capacity of guardin read what it contained. Here it is My Drys Mess Minneral's

The gentlerian, in the hope of whose protection you came to this country, is dead. I am his son and naturally feel it incumbent mon me to look after your interest. I'm therefore, coming shortly to see you; but till I do so, remember that you are not to receive any one who may call, no matter what their name, sex, or apparent business. If you desolve me in this regard you may do your of a premanent injury. Watt till my earl is brought you, and their judge for can tree Hains to find you in good health rul as happy as your bereaved con-

PRICES GAYLORD POLLARD.

" th, he wrote a day too late!" Finvolum facily exclaimed; then perceiving the look of curiout, which this unguarded expression had an kenned on the face of my companion. foliand the letter up and put if quietly in my part. "It is a cubappy piece of bush ines, In a discerved, "but I shall hope to

find Miss Merriam very soon, and place her where she will be both safe and happy." And feeling that Fought to know some thing of the appearance and disposition of

one I so fully intended to befriend, I inquire ed whother she was a protty girl.

"I do not know as you would call her protty, sir, she is so pule and fragile; but if ed by my physical, madame, and I shall ghad, she has something unusually attracfive in her face, and I have heard more than one gentleman say, 'Miss Merriam

"Very modests sir, and timid. She thought no one was looking at her." "P) you know her history or connec-

strangely like a woman in many things. An theommonly sweet child, sir, an un-

I felt the sting of a great approach in of my emotion, ease to leave. But the she would do with Mess Merriam's trunk, "What " I exclamed, "is that still

"Yes, sir ; she took, as I noticed, a bat of some size with her, but she left her frunk. In the flurry of their departure I had laid for her subjection. for not to speak about it. I have expected an expressman after it every day, but none

" f do not wonder." Fexelstmed. "Sometimes," she observed, "I have thought if was my duty to speak his such a dreadful thing it any harm had

" f will speak to the police if necessary," soid f. And determined as I had never been before in my life, I left the house and presented directly to the depot, where I fools the first train for 8

> CHAPTER XXIV. CONTRACTER

Stop up the access and passage to remorse; That no compunctions visitings of antere

The effect and it !- MACRETH.

hoing in the confessional. I have not for borns in fell the worst of myself; I will not therefore, hostines to tell the host. When on that very effernoon I entered Mes. Polin that very afternoon I entered Mrs. Potlard's grounds, it was with a resolve to
make her speak out, that had no element of
weakness in it. Not her severest frown, nor
that diabolical look from Guy's eye, which
had hitherto made me quait, should serve to
furn me aside from my purpose, or thwart
those interests of right and justice which I
felt were so doonly at stake. If my core lest were so deeply at stake. If my own attempt, backed by the disclosures which had come to me through the prayer-book I had received from Mr. Pallerd, should fail, then the law should take hold of the matter and arends the truth from this see

and wrench the truth from this seemingly respectable family, even at the risk of my own happiness and the consideration which I had always enjoyed in this town.

The house, when I had approached it, struck no with an odd sense of change. I did not stop at the time to inquire why this was, but I have since concluded, in thinking over the subject, that the parlor cursains must have been drawn up, comething which I do not remember ever leving seen there before or since. The front door also was appendity answered that I had hardly time to mummon up the determination which I felt will ome late."

would alone gain me admiresance to the house. But my presence instead of seeming unwelcome, seemed to be almost expected by the servant who opened to me. He bowed, emiled, at that, too, in almost a holiday fashion; and when I would have asked for Mrs. Pollard, interrupted me by a request to lay off my overcoat in a side room, which

he courteously pointed out to me. There was something in this and in the whole aspect of the place which astonished me greatly. If this sombre dwelling with its rich but dismally dark halls and mysterious recesses could be said to ever wear an air of cheer, the attempt certainly had been made to effect this to-day. From the hand of the bronze figure that capped the newelpost hung wreaths of smilex and a basket full of the most exquisite flowers; while from a half-open door at my right came a streak of positive light, and the sound of several voices animated with some sentiment that was strangely out of accord with the solemn scene to which this very room had so lately been a witness. Can they be having a reception? I asked myself; and almost ashamed of the surmise, even in the house of one so little respected, I, nevertheless, turned to the civil servant before me and re-

"There is something going on here of which I was ignorant. Is Mrs. Pollard entertaining guests to-day?"

"Did you not know, sir?" he inquired. of thought you had been invited, perhaps; Miss Pollard is going to be married this

any thing have been weese? Shocked, I drew back : Miss Pollard was a beautiful girl and totally innocent, in as far as I knew, of any of the wrong which had certainly been perpetrated by some members of her family. It would never do to mortify her or to mar the pleasure of her wedding day by any such scone as my eriand probably involved. She must be saved sorrow even if her mother -But at that instant the vague but pathetis form of another young girl flitted in imagimition before my eyes, and I asked myself if I had not already done enough injury to the helpless and the weak, without putting off for another hour even that attempt at reiene, which the possibly perilous position of Mr. Pollard's grandchild so imperatively demanded. As I thought this and remembered that the gentleman to whom Miss Pollard was regaged was an Englishman of lordly connections and great wealth, I felt my spirit harden and my purpose take defi-nite form. Turning, therefore, to the ser-vant before me I inquired if Mrs. Pollard was above or below; and learning that she

had not yet come down-stairs, I tore a leaf out of my note-book and wrote on it the foldescending to her marriage. I know also that you do not want to see me. But the interests of Miss Merriam demand that you should do so, and that immediately. If The reply I received was almost one parlor and tell a story to the assembled gnosts which will somewhat slinks your

The servant who still lingered before me

complexes showill find it in the note." And would be complied with. I took up my stand in a certain bail-one tained rocess and waited with loudly heating heart for the issue. She came. I save her when she first put "Then she never talked to you about foot on the stairs, and notwithstanding my strong antipathy. I could not repress a certein feeting of admiration from mixing with the dread the least sight of her always oceafinest, was clad in heavy black velvet, without a vestige of ornament to marits sombre my heart, and anxious to hide the depth richness, and her hair now verging towards food woman, detaining me, inquired what her haughty head, adding inches to a height that in itself was almost queenly. But her face! and her cruel eye and the smile of her terrible lip. I grew cold as I saw her approach, but I did not move from my place or meditate the least change in the plan I

She stopped just two feet from where I stood, and without the least hend of her has come. That is another reason why I head or any gusture of greeting, looked at me. I bore it with anietude, and even answered glance with glance, until I saw her ture p le with the first hint of dismay which she had possibly over betrayed; then I bowed and waited for her to speak. She did so with a hiss like a serpent.

"What does this mean?" she erfectafflice do you hope to gain from me, that you presume to write me such a letter on an

and so am I; so, without expressing any opinion of the actions which have driven me to this step, I will merely say that I want but one thing of you, but that I want immedistely, without hesitation and without deley. I allude to Miss Merriam's address, which you have and which you must give

the on the spot.

She shrank. This cold, confident, imperions woman shrank, and this expression of emotion, while it showed she was not entirely without sensation, awoke within me s strange fear, since how dark must be her secret, if she could tremble at the thought

ton, for instance, who I hear is of a very

"Hush?" she whispered, seizing my wrist with a hand of steel. "If I must tell you I will, but no more words from you, do you

she had given me and then said ;

"Madam, this ad ress is either a true or a false one. Which, I shall soon know. For upon leaving here, I shall proceed immedistely to the telegraph office, from which I shall telegraph to the police station nearest to this address, for the information I desire. I shall receive an answer within the hour: and if I find you have deceived me I shall not hesitate to return here, and so suitably accompanied that you will not only open to me, but rectify whatever mistake you may have made. Your guests will not be gone in an hour," I ruthlessly added.

Her face, which had been pale, turned ghastly. Glancing up at a clock which stood a few feet from the recess in which we stood, she gave an involuntary shudder and looked about for Guy.

"Your son, fertile as he is in resources cannot help you," I remarked. "There is no pit of darkness here; besides I have learned a lesson, madam; and not death itself would deter me now from doing my duty by this innocent child. So if you wish to change this address_" I stopped; a strain of music had risen

from the parlor. It was Mendlessohn's Wedding March. Mrs. Pollard started, cast a hurried look above and tore the note book out of my hands.

"You are a fiend," she hissed, and hurried. ly scratching out the name she had written, she wrote another number and name. "You will find she is there," she cried, "and since I have complied with your desire, you will have no need to return here till you bring the young girl home."

The emphasis she placed on the last word startled me. I looked at her and wondered if Medea wore such a countenance when she stabbed her children to the heart. But it flashed and was gone, and the next noment she had moved away from my side and I had stepped to the door. As I opened it to pass out I caught one glimpse of the bride as she came down the stairs. She looked exquisite in her simple white dress, and her face was wreathed with smiles.

> CHAPTER XXV. THE FINAL BLOW

It was a deadly blow! A blow like that Which swooping unawares from out the

Into a void of cold and hurrying waves.

The distrust which I felt for Mr. Pollard was so great that I was still uncertain as to whether she had given me the right address. I therefore proceeded to carry out my original design and went at once to the telegraph-office. The message I sent was peremptory and in the course of half an hour this enswer was returned.

Person described, found, Condition

There was a train that left in fifteen minutes. Though I had just come from Boston, I did not hesitate to return at once. By six o'clock of that day I stood before the house to which I had been directed. My first sight of it struck me like death. God, what that had befallen the child committed to my are. Numb with horror, I rang the doorbell with difficulty, and when I was admitfed by a man in the guise of as officer, I felt something like an instantaneous relief, though I saw by his countenance that he had anything but good news to give me. "Are you the gentleman who telegraphed

I bowed, not feeling able to speak "Relative or friend?" he went on-"Friend," I managed to reply.

"Do you guess what has happened?" he "I dare not," I answered, with a fearful look about me on walls that more than con-

firmed my suspicions. "Miss Merriam is dead," he answered-I drew a deep breath. It was almost a

of a room at our right. When we were seated and I had by careful observation made sure we were alone, I motioned for him to go on. He immediately complied, "When we received your telegram, we sent man here at once. He had some difficulty in entering and still more in finding the young lady, who was hidden in the most remote part of the house. But by perseverance and some force he at last obtained entrance to her room where he found-pardon my abruptness, it will be a mercy to you for me to cut the story short—that he had been ordered here too late; the young lady had taken poison and was on the point

ly in his.

house," he proceeded; "but she must have been a person of great purity and courage; for though she died almost immediately upen his entrance, she had time to say that she had preferred death to the fate that threatened her, and that so one would mourn her for she had no friends in this country, and her father would sever hear

I sprang wildly to my feet.

"Did she mention no names?" I seked.

"Did she not say who brought her to this hell of hells, or murmur oven with her dying breath, one word that would guide us in fixing this orime upon the head of her who is guilty of it?"

are right in thinking it was a woman, what woman, the creature below eviden

Feeling that the situation demanded thought, I composed myself to the best of "I am the Rev. David Barrows of S-

mid I, "and my interest in this young girl is purely that of humanitarian. I have te purely that of humanitarian. I have never seen her. I do not even know how long she has been in this country. But I learned that a girl by the name of Grace Merriam had been begulled from her boarding-place here in this city, and fearing that some terrible cell had befallen her, I telescential to the salies to be to be the salies to be the s graphed to the police to look her up."
The officer howed.

"The number of her boarding place ?" an

left me. Go where I will, I see ever before me that pure young face, with its weary look hushed in the repose of death. It haunts me, it accuses me. It asks me where is the from this sweet bud, had it not been for my pulsilanimity and love of life? But when I try to answer, I am stopped by that image of death, with its scaled lips and closed eyes never to open again-never, never, whatever

my longing, my angulah, or my despair.

But the worst shock was to come yet. As I left the room and went stumbling down the stairs, I was met by the officer and led again into the apartment I had first entered on the ground floor.

"There is some one here," he began, "whom you may like to question." Thinking it to be the woman of the house, Ladvanced, though somewhat reluctantly, when a sight met my eyes that made me fall back in astonishment and dread. It was the figure of a woman dressed all in gray, with

this ?"

"The woman who brought her here," observed the officer. "Farrell, there, has just found her."

And then I perceived darkly looming in the now heavy dusk the form of another man, whose unconscious and business-like air proclaimed him to be a member of the force. "Her name is Sophie Preston," the officer ontinued, motioning to the woman to throw

up her veil. "She is a hard character, and some day will have to answer for her many Meanwhile, I stood rooted to the ground; the name, the face were strange, and neither that of her whom I had inwardly accused of

"I should like to ask the womanommenced, but here my eyes fell upon her form. It was tall and it was full, but it was not by any means handsome. A fearful possibility crossed my mind. Approaching the woman closely, I modified my question.

"Are you the woman who took this young lady from her boarding place ?" I asked. "Yes sir," was the reply uttered in smooth but by no means cultivated tones, "And by what arts did you prevail upon this young and confiding creature to leave her comfortable home and go out into the

streets with von 935 She did not speak, she smiled. O heaven! what depths of depravity opened before me m that smile!

"Well, sir, I told her," she now replied, that I was such and such a relative, grandmother, I think I said; and being a dutiful

leaning to her very ear I interrupted her. "Tell me on which side of the hall was

the parlor into which you went." "The right," she answered, without the least show of hesitation. "Wrong," I returned : " von have never

been there." She looked frightened. "O, sir," she whispered, "Loth! aush! a spot was this, and what was the doom and instantly cried alond, in a voice that warned me I should make nothing by press. "I lured the your lady from her home

and I brought her here. If it is a criminal

act I shall have to answer for it. We all run

such risks now and then." To me, with my superior knowledge of all the mysteries which lay behind this pitiful tragedy, her meaning was evident. Whether she had received payment sufficient for the punishment possibly awaiting her, or whether she had been frightened into assuming the responsibility of another, she was evidently resolved to sustain her role of abductress to

The look she gave me at the completion of her words intensified this conviction, and not feeling sufficiently sure of my duty to dispute her at the present time, I took advantage of her determination, and outwardly, if not inwardly, accepted her confession

I therefore retreated from her side, and being anxious to avoid the coroner, who was likely to enter at any minute, I confined myself to asking a few leading questions, which being answered in a manner seemingly frank, I professed myself satisfied with the result and withdrew.

> CHAPTER XXVI. A FELINE TOUCH.

Thou hast not half the power to do me harm,

as I have to be hurt.—OTHELLO. great, but my task was not yet completed, and till it was I could neither stop to ana lyze my emotions nor measure the depths of darkness into which I had been plunged by an occurrence as threatening to my peace as it was pitiful to my heart. Mrs. Pollard was to be again interviewed, and to that formidable duty everything bowed, even my need of rest and the demand which my

whole body made for refreshment.

It was eight o'clock when I stood for the second time that day at her door; and, contrary to my expectations, I found as little difficulty in entering as I had before. Inobliging than he had been in the afternoon. and persisted in showing me into a small room off the parlor now empty of guests, and going at once for Mrs. Pollard.

"She will see you, sir, I am sure," was his last remark as he went out of the door, "for, though she is so very tired, she told me if you called to ask you to wait."

I looked around on the somewhat desc-

late scene that presented itself, and doubtingly shook my head. This meaning subon on the part of a woman so in was theroughly frightened or else she meditated some treachery. In either case I needed all my self-command. Happily, the scene I had just quitted was yet vividly impressed upon my mind, and while it remained so, I felt as strong and unassailable as I had once felt weak and at the mercy

you do not sak too much you shall have it. I think it will heal all wounds."

My indignation flared up through all my horror and dismay. "Money?" I cried, "money? what good will money do the dead? you have killed her

"Killed her!" No wonder she grew pale, no wonder she half gasped. "Killed her?"

"Yes," I returned, not giving her time to think, much less speak. "Lured by you to a den of evil, she chose to die rather than live on in disgrace. The woman who lent you her clothes has been found, and I see I have reached you atlast," I broke in. "I thought God's justice would work."

"I_I_" She had to moisten her lips before she could speak. "I don't understand what you mean. You say I lured her, that is a lie. I never took her to this der of evil as you call it."

a dark-blue veil drawn tightly over her fea-"But you knew the street and number of the house, and you gave her into the hand of the woman who did take her there." "I knew the number of the house but I did not know it was a den of evil. I thought

it was a respectable place, cheaper than the

one she was in. I am worry-"Madam," I interrogted, "you will find it difficult to make the world believe you so destitute of good sense as not to know the character of the house to which such a woman as you entrusted her with would be likely to lead her. Besides, how will you account for the fact that you were a dress provisely like that of this creature when you enticed Miss Merriam away from her home. Is there any jury who will believe it to be a coincidence, especially when they learn that you kept your veil down in the presence of every one there ?"

"But what proof have you that it was I who went for Miss Merriam? The word of this woman whom yourself call a creature?"

"The word of the landlady, who described Miss Merriam's visitor as tall and of a handsome figure, and my own eyesight, which assured me that the woman who came with her to the place of death was not especially tall nor of a handsome figure. Besides, I talked to the latter, and found she could tell me nothing of the interior of the house where Miss Merriam boarded. She did not even know if the parlors were on the right or the left side of the hall."

"Indeed !" came in Mrs. Pollard's harshest and most cutting tones. But the attempted sarcasm failed. She was shaken to the core, and there was no use inher trying to hide it. I did not, therefore, seek to break the silence which followed the utterance of this exclamation : for the sooner she understood the seriousness of her position the sooner I should see what my own duty was. Suddenly she spoke, but not in her former tones. The wily woman had sounded the depths of the gulf upon the brink of which the had inadvertently stumbled, and her voice, which had been har-h and biting, now took on all the softness which hypocrisy

But her words were as excenstic as ever. "I asked you a moment ago," said she, Is it revenge? It is a sentiment worthy of of your cloth, and I can easily understand the desire von may have to indulge in

"Madam," I cried, "can you think of no other motive than a desire for venceance or gain? Have you ever heard of such a thing

"And do you intend-" she whispered. "There will be an inquest held," I con tinued. "I shall be called as witness, and so doubtless will you. Are you prepared to answer all and every question that will be put to you?"

"An inquest?" Her face was quite ghastly now. "And have you taken pains to publish abroad my connections with this

"Sheis known, however, to be a gra

child of Mr. Pollard?" "No," said I.

"What is known?" she inquired. "That she was Mr. Pollard's protege." "And you, you alone, hold the key to her

"Yes," I assented, "I."

She advanced upon me with all the venom of her evil nature sparkling in her eye. met her glance unmoved. For a reason l will hereafter divulge, I no longer felt any fear of what either she or hers might do. "I alone know her history and what she

ownes to you," I repeated. She instantly fell back. Whether she hold upon me was gone, that the cowardice she had been witness to was dead, and that

she, not I, must plead for mercy. "Mr. Barrows," said she; "what is this girl to you that you should sacrifice the liv-

ing to her memory?"
"Mrs. Pollard," I returned with equal intensity, "shall I tell you? She is the victim of my pusilanimity. That is what she is to me, and that is what makes her memory more to me than the peace or good

Was it the word I used or did some no tion of the effect which a true remorse can cold heart at last? I cannot teil; I only know that she crouched for an instant as if s blow had fallen upon her haughty head, then rising erect again-she was a proud whatever her fate or fortune—she gave me

"Your sympathies are with the is That is well; now come with me, I have another innocence to show you, and after lving or is nocence dead has the most claim upon your pity and regard." And before I realized what she was doing, she had led me across the room to a window, from which

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