## STRONGER THAN DEATH RANSOMED LIFE

CHAPTER XIX.

uously into Trevor's room. haste.-E. Wickham.' Not much in ent room when the narrative closed eagerness and exhibaration in the that it's shorter than a wire, at last. Haven't the least notion where he's off to. Thought perhaps you might he said quietly, "is that all?"

"Never 1" "Never! Then in the devil's name story. what has become of him?"

know when he'd be back-"

He's gone to America for good. me?"

anything, old man. Never cared help believing it. You make yourparticularly for Wickham myself. But self out as bad as you can in the he was so set upon Lucy that I story. But even on your own showthought it only fair to give him his ing, the life you borrowed was a life chance. By Jove! though, I'm you had just saved. I don't know amazed he could make up his mind I've had altogether the worst of the to leave her like that."

but she has escaped, thank God. pleasant. It's a comfort, I must Don't let us talk or think of him confess, to know that my mind nevany more. He has passed out of our er really broke down, and that I lives for ever."

thing else I want to say to you, it is horribly hard to say."

"Then don't. I'll take it for granted." "I must." Trevor could hardly

force the words out. "A horrible, guilty secret must be told, though I can hardly expect you will believe I cannot hope you will forgive me."

"Don't talk rot," said Ardel brusquely. "You must be drunk or mad to talk like that. You have been such a friend to me, Harry, as no man ever had before. If I got back something of my manhood after that awful seizure, I owe it to youwholly to you. That time I took the poison you pulled me out of the jaws of death. But that's nothing You've been as patient with me as a mother with her baby. You've helped me in a thousand ways. You're a clever chap, and I'm a dull one. But I'm not dull enough to forget all I owe you while I've life to remember it. So don't go on raving any more like a decent fellow, or I'll send for the docter."

"I'm not raving, I'm speaking the plain, sober truth. I've wronged you as no man ever wronged another in this world before."

Ardel tried to laugh one of his great good-humoured laughs, but he broke down in the middle of it, frightened in spite of himself by the parnestness of the other's face and voice.

"By Jove! you look as if you had a ghost story to tell."

true ghost story, a strange ghost story; too strange I'm afraid to be believed in spite of its truth. Will you listen to it?"

"Fire away! only if it is anything bad about yourself, don't ex-

pect me to believe it." Again there was a long pause. The

two men sat close together at the window, with the grey dawn on their faces. Ardel listened, flushed, curious, excited, while Trevor, with low, forced utterance at first, told the strange story of a stolen life. His voice grew firmer as he proceeded. Throughout there was that in its tone that compelled belief.

Kidneys and Liver

Affected

Symptoms-Cure Comes with the Use of

without word or sign, except the Next morning Ardel broke impetu- | whitening of his face, held silent by amazement. The morning wore on; "Have you heard the news. Harry? the grey dawn blushed into vivid prise. She had never heard that Wickham has gone off like a shot; rose color in the east. But those tone in his voice before. left by the morning train. I never two men, speaking and hearing It was Harry Trevor undoubtedly. was more surprised in my life when strange things, took no account of The boyish figure, the handsome my man brought me this note with time. The whole world was ablaze young face, blue-eyed, and flaxen my coffee: 'Called away in urgent with sunshine which flooded the sil- haired. But there was a youthful

Ardel broke the silence. "Well,"

"Is it possible for you to forgive

Perhaps I should not say that-he "Right away. I don't see myself has gone for life. Don't look so there is very much to forgive after startled, Vivian. I'll tell you all all. I'm bewildered about the busabout it at some time, but for the iness yet. The whole thing seems present I want you to take my word like a fairy tale, and I'm not sure that Wickham was a thoroughly bad | whether I'm myself or somebody else. lot, and we are all well rid of him." No ! you need not sat a word more. "Of course I'll take your word for I believe it right through. I cannot bargain. I've had a good time; "He could not help himself. Lucy life has been very pleasant to me, has had a narrow escape of the man, and you've worked hard to make it don't remember things because they Then after a pause, "There is some never happened to me. Even yet I if can hardly get my head clear. Don't you will hear me out patiently, but look so ghastly about, it Harry; I'm a bit dazed, that's all. I'll get used to the notion after a little

while, I daresay." "You are not angry?"

"Not a little bit. You gave me more than you took from me by a saying to you-?" great deal."

"You are contented then; happy low whistle of perplexity. as you are?"

"Quite."

Trevor's face fell.

"Yet-" Ardel added slowly. "Yes!" broke in Trevor very eag-

tent. Don't worry yourself more about me. Let this be our secret. To the rest of the things can go on as before."

But he sighed regretfully in spite of himself.

The other was quick to notice it. your mind," he cried earnestly. 'Would you have your youth back it to me. There is his name."

Ardel started to his feet, eager, excited, at the very thought of it. "But what you were going to say !" could you do this thing, Harry?"

"I believe I can. I'm almost sure | were ?" I can. I tried last night with Wickham, and found the old power is as strong as ever in me. There may be a risk, of course—are you willing if that pleases you," he said, edging looking soft hat, and starts peram- this evening. I mean to have he

to face it?" "I'd risk death a thousand times | for the mere chance. Cannot you sir. Let that cushion stay just till 3 a. m. see youth means hope and love to where it is-between us." But there He then returns home and reads down and sit in the office with yo "I have a ghost story to tell, a me? It means the right to woo was surprise, rather than displeasure till 6, at which hour he makes it a while you work." Jeannette and win her if I can. in her voice, and he was encouraged rigorous rule to be in bed. He sleeps | Husband-"The dickens-that is t But," with sudden remorse, "it will be very rough on you. My gain is

> "I'm more eager for the change than you can be."

"But what tempts you?" "A brighter hope, a greater love than yours. Forgive me; every man thinks his own prize best, and mine is more than life to me."

"Now, if you are ready." The answer was a smile; and a nod.

"But when must I?"

your loss."

"Then draw your chair closer, Vivian. It's the last time, I hope, I sha'l call you by that name; clos-Ardel listened to the end, patiently, er still; there in the full light. Now

Colds

your will over to mine.'

Again there was silence in the sunlit room, while thought and sensation ebbed slowly away from them, and sleep profound and unconscious as death, came upon both.

## CHAPTER XX.

"Oh ! how you startled me," cried Jeannette, looking up beamingly from the book in which she had been absorbed. "So it's you—is it?" "Yes, it's me. Am I in the

way ?" She looked at him in quick sur-

face that was quite new to it.

The bright black eyes of the girl opened wide as she gazed at Then Trevor looked in his face for him, and the red lips parted slightly the first time since he began his showed a gleaming thread of white between.

"She is not here, Harry. She has love me a wee bit in return?" just gone out for a walk in the de- "I don't know," she said very mesne."

"Who is she?" of course. Do you think I'm quite know that secret-"

blind ?" ioned couch of the great drawing- held the empty air. room, which looked out through a Yet there was hope and love in the

world. But the surprise in her eyes made | Her book lay open on the sofa, and him nervous. He picked up from he deliberately crossed out the name her lap the book she had been read- "Vivian Ardel," and wrote "Harry

"Oh! I'm glad you took my ad-Isn't it ripping poetry! It carries you along like a horse's gal-

"Your advice, Harry! Why you never spoke to me about it, never ! You wouldn't look the same side of the library as Scott."

"Wouldn't I, by Jove! I think regarded as the leader of the Chan-

utter bewilderment.

ter engaged." Though they had grown up as chil-

him as a "boy."

"That's nonsense, Jen."

'Speak out frankly to me what is in of the Lake'; the copy I gave you !" continued, the evil-looking brian

"Well !-am not I--?" "Are not you Dr. Ardel ?-is that

"Would you like me better if

you are-generally." a little nearer to her on the couch.

to bide his time.

Presently they fell into a pleasant talk, easy, lively, unconstrained, Dr. Ardel, but with Harry Trevor, ready for work at 11, when

never before. She was still perplexed by the vague change in him, and ever and again under the long lashes she stole look-half puzzled, half admiring-at the gay young face, that for the first time beamed upon her with overflow-

The blue eyes caught the black in one of those stealthy glances. She blushed and her voice faltered. His young blood took fire with love's longing. But he could find no words to say what he wanted to say. "I wish I could tell you what I

think about you, Jen." "Try it, if it amases you." "I'll get Scott to help me."

Again he picked up the prettily bound volume of the "Lady of the Lake," and turned the pages read,-

"And seldom was a snood amid Such wild luxuriant ringlets hid, Whose glossy black to shame might bring

The plumage of the raven's wing; And seldom o'er a breast so fair Mantled a plaid with modest care; And never brooch the folds combined Above a heart more good and kind; Her kindness and her worth to spy You need but gaze in Ellen's eye." "That's why I like the 'Lady of

the Lake," 'he said, "Ellen always reminded me of-" "Of whom?" with a mocking chal-

"Of some one," he answered timid-"Did you read it? Do you

like it, Jen?" "No, I don't. I have no patience a walking gentleman when there was a real man like Roderick Dhu to be

She looked at him and broke into

"You'd look too killing, Harry, in with one chair. But the sheepish appeal for pity of the pillars.

look me full in the face, and give on, the rebellious laughter still dimpling her rosy cheeks, but with kindness kindling in her eyes. "I don't want to tease you, but you provoke PLAINLY INDICATES THE CONme to it. You are not yourself at all this morning."

A sudden seriousness fell on him. "No. Jen," he said, "I'm not myself: not the self you knew all your life as Harry Trevor. A change has come to me; more strange than anything you could dream of. Can hope you will not like me less, but more, for the change?"

"I don't know. You give me shiver when you talk in that mysterious way."

"It's the last time I'll talk mystery to you, Jen. I'm not given eyes, rosy cheeks and an elastic step, like to talk something else if I dar- greenish complexion, and a languide

coming a little closer to him. one person in the world." "And she is-?:"

don't you know, can't you see, how blood-renewers is Dr. Williams' Pinl "I thought it was Dr. Ardel; "then I love you? I have loved you ever Pills. Good blood means health, vie with a mocking smile that made her so long, but I never dared to speak gor, life and beauty, and the one eyes dance and her cheeks dimple, till now because - Will you try to way to make your blood good it

softly and slowly, "I'm afraid not, the truth of this may be cited that but—" the black eyes thrilled him "Who is she?" mockingly. "Lucy, with a sudden glance-"I'm dying to Anne de la Perade, Que., who says

At that he would have caught her For answer he seated himself quiet- to him, but the lissom figure slipped ly beside her in the deep cosily-cush- illusive from his clasp, and his arms

wide arched window on the green bright look she threw at him as she

Trevor" on the title-page. (To be continued.)

EXERCISES WHEN HE SLEEPS

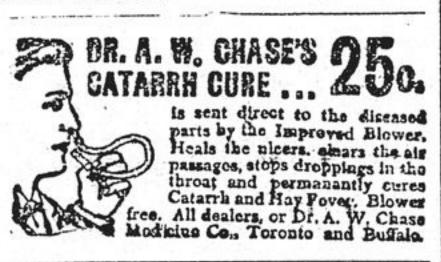
the Irish Bar. Stephen Ronan, K.C., who may be

there is no one to match him. Don't cery bar in Ireland, who was one of you remember only yesterday I was the counsel for The Times in the doctor." Parnell Commission, together with He stopped and whistled, a long the present Attorney-General for Ire- mia, indigestion, heart palpitation land, Mr. Atkinson, is one of the neuralgia, rheumatism, or any of the Again she looked at him hard, in most interesting of men. Among his other host of troubles caused by friends his peculiar methods of work bad blood, Dr. Williams' Pink Pill "Why, silly boy, you never spoke have earned for him a certain notor- will surely cure you. Be careful to to me once yesterday; you were bet- lety. His day is divided as fol- get the genuine, with the full name follows:

beaten pipe completes his equipment, Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. and after some light refreshment he He turned to the title page of the buries himself in briefs and legal tomes till 6, when he takes a short "Why, it's my copy of the 'Lady walk. From 6.30 till 7.30 work is "You gave me! Dr. Ardel gave still very much in evidence, and then dinner brings about a temporary deverce from both.

After dinner (generally a careful meal owing to refractory digestive organs) the pipe once more, and a possible caller; and then bed and got a pleasant surprise for you." "I don't know. He's livelier than sleep till midnight. Awaking punctually at the witching hour, he dons "I'll be livelier too for the future, an ancient waterproof, and a rakish- mother yesterday, and I expect he bulating round the square in which stay with us a long time. She will "You are a little too lively now, he lives, smoking the trusty briar take care of the house at night an

till 10, makes a hasty toilet, gulps say, I couldn't think of you going t down his breakfast, and hires a cab- town." he has not been known to walk to such talk as she had often had with the courts for years. Then he is judge sits. Surely an extraordirary day! His vacation is generally devoted to yachting, of which he is an ardent devotee.



OKLAHOMA HOTEL RULES.

Gents goin' to bed with their boots on will be charged extra. Three wraps at the door means there is murder in the house and you

must get up. Please write your name on the

The other leg of the chair is in the closet if you need it. -If the hole where that pane

glass is out is too much for you, writes: "When my little boy was you'll find a pair of pants back of two months old he began to cry and the door to stuff in.

cause for any alarm. cloth over your head.

but they mustn't burn all night. already.

bricks in the mattress.

the bed. The rats won't hurt you if

If there's no towel handy use

"Oh! you foolish boy," she went piece of the carpet.

## WOMAN'S FACE.

DITION OF HER HEALTH.

How to Obtain Bright Eyes, Rosy Cheeks and the Elastic Step of Perfect Health.

"A woman's face," said a well known physician, "is a mirror which reflects unfailing the condition of her health. One can tell at a glance if she is well or not and usually one can tell what the trouble is. It so often happens that instead of bright that way as a rule. I should dearly there are dull eyes, pale, sallow or a ness of step that bespeaks disease, "But what is the wonderful secret and perhaps an early death if the of yours, Harry?" she whispered, right treatment is not resorted to The whole trouble lies with the "I have sworn to tell it to only blood, and until it is enriched and invigorated there will be no release from suffering and disease. Un "She is to be my wife. Oh, Jen, questionably the greatest of all to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Out of many cases which illustrate

of Miss Amanda Damphousse, Ste "For more than six months I suffer ed greatly from weakness. bordering almost on nervous prostration. suffered from headaches, palpitation of the heart, and pains in all my limbs. I had no energy, no appetite no color, and my nights were fre quently sleepless. At different times I consulted three doctors, but none of them seemed able to cure me. A friend strongly urged me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I finally followed her advice. With the use of the first box my health began to improve, and five boxes completely restored me. I now have a good ap-Curious Habits of the Leader of petite, headaches and pains have dis appeared, and I never felt better in my life than I do now. If I am ever sick again you may be sure that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will be my only

If you have any disease like anac "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pal On leaving the courts, which close People," printed on the wrappe "Oh! there is no use of talking or dren together it was the first time at 4 in Ireland, he hies home and around the box. Sold by all medi thinking of that; I'm perfectly con- she ever spoke to him or thought of gets into an old hat and a suit of cine dealers or sent post paid at 50 old clothes, time-honored but com- cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 "You know you had eyes only fortable. A huge, black, weather- by writing to the Dr. Williams

> IT ANSWERED WELL. Wife (with solicitude of tone,-"I must be very lonesome sitting all b;

books?" Husband (tenderly)—"It is, m darling."

yourself at night, balancing you

Wife-"I have been thinking abou it for some time, and now I hav Husband-"A pleasant surprise?"

Wife-"Yes, dearest. I sent fo look to the children, and I can g

Wife-"It's my duty, dearest.

ought to have thought of it before but it never came to my mind til vesterday. Oh, John, forgive me fo not thinking of your comfort sooner But I will go and sit with you to night." Husband-"To-night! Why, I-I-

the fact is I got through with m books last night." Wife-"You did? How delightful

And so you can now stay at hom every evening. I'm so glad!" And the delightful wife ran off to make preparations for the reception of her mother, while the husband with sombre brow, sat looking at the picture of a card party, with on member absent, in the glowing grate

## WHEN BABY CRIES.

When a baby cries almost continu ally it is a certain sign that there is something the matter with its stom ach or bowels, and the mothe should at once give it a dose o wall-paper so we know you've been Baby's Own Tablets, which sweeter the sour little stomach, promote di gestion and gently relax the bow els. Mrs. Fred McIntosh, Wabigoon Ont., who has had experience kept it up almost continually day The shooting of a pistol is no and night for several weeks. I gave him medicine, but it did not seem te If you're too cold, put the oil- ease him a bit. I had not at this time used Baby's Own Tablets, but Caroseen lamps extra; candles free, the poor little fellow was suffering so much that I sent for a box. He Don't tare off the wall-paper to obtained ease almost from the first light your pipe with. Enuff of dat dose, and in a few days was quite well. Since then he has grown splen-Guests will not take out them didly, and is a bright, laughing, good-natured baby. I hold the Tab-If it rains through the whole over- lets in the highest regard and cheerhead you'll find an umbrella under fully recommend them to all mothers.

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ry disorders, biliousness, liver com- up wonderfully." Kidney-Liver Pills are used.

Aiseases for several years. She was author, are on every box.

frequent cause of kidney disease. the back and in the side, was grad-Bitting in a draught so as to chill ually losing flesh and growing weakthe feet and legs is frequently enough |er. She got into a very bad state, suffered dreadful pains and her ankles would swell up so that we were afraid of dropsy. We had a book of Dr. Chase's in the house, and, read-lenge in her eyes. ing about Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, decided to try them. Relief ly. soon came with this treatment. My wife has been entirely cured, and says she would not be without Dr. with your Ellen, to fall in love with Chase's Kidney-Liver Pilla for ten

"I am using Dr. Chase's Nerve had." Pains in the back, headache, urin- Food myself, and it is building me "I wish I was like Roderick Dhu!" plaint, dyspepsia and constipation Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one a peal of laughter, voice and eyes

ioon disappear when Dr. Chase's pill a dose, 25c a box, at all dealers, brimming over with merriment. or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto. Mr. Arthur Walden, Ferryville, To protect you against imitations kilt and claymore," she began. Carleton County, N.B., writes: "My the portrait and signature of Dr. A. wife was a great sufferer from kidney W. Chase, the famous receipt book in his face checked her.