A Dark Shadow;

Or, A Coming Vengeance

CHAPTER XXVIII.—(Continued).

"Yes; you must go at once," said Lord Chesterleigh with sympathy. "Of course," he added quietly, "the wedding must be

Clive sighed. "I'm afraid it must," he said. He raised his eyes to Lady Edith, past? and found hers fixed on him with a curi-

her; at times, as they talked, a heetic flush rose to her face, and her voice sounded hard and strained. Clive asked if she were unwell; but she answered in the negative, and with a laugh as strained and

hard as her voice. Of course, they spoke of the wedding; and Clive was anxious to fix an early date; but they knew that it would be impossible for him to leave London until some of the affairs of the Rafborough es-tate were settled; and he left her without any date having been decided on. Mechanically Clivo walked towards the House; but he stopped short at the gates; for he felt that he could not bear the condolences which would be poured upon him; and he went to his rooms; but he did not feel equal to tackling the pile of letters Mina's affairs?" that stood on his table, and, weary as he "If you could was, he could not rest; so he went out again, and wandered about.

His brother's death, his own approaching mariage, the arrears of business, should have fully occupied his mind to the exclusion of any other subject; but he knew that he was trying to thrust Mina from his mind and heart. In this and presently came to the large and busy have—I'll let you see her just once, for enamodically, as if she were in a state of usual, the kerbs were lined with costermongers' barrows, at which the people were bargaining and haggling; and the honcet and strite by Mina—You will ress. Then, as if with an effort, she renoise and the bustle distracted and soothcondition he wandered through the streets,

guilty half-defiant sir.

turned to the man at the barrow, and standing, looking towards the door, one fever. went on with her haggling. "Threepenco hand gripping the chair, the other pressed a pound is too much," she said in a deagainst her bosom. For a moment there was silonce, as he gazed at her, and not if they was quite fresh; and they ain't. The plums look to me as if you'd had melancholy in her eyes. Then he went to leave the bed for a week; and I her, and took her hand.

There per shouldn't be surprised if you 'ad I supposed to her throat as if she were choking. "I want you. I want you to laugh with me," she laughed hysterically "This letter—look at it— read it! The vile thing! It is the second Three per throat as if she were choking. "I want you. I want you to laugh with me," she laughed hysterically "This letter—look at it— read it! The vile thing! It is the second Three per shouldn't be surprised if you 'ad. I sup- "Mina!" he said. "You have been ill, I have received. It is some enemy of his. pose you take me for a lady of title or a you are here, back here: I have just seen I know that, and yet I am fool enough to

would find he 'ad a 'arder nut to crack said. than his grinders could manage. Thrupence is my price, take 'em or leave 'em."

against the mantelshelf, looking down at force, and read it. Lady Edith was
"Well, throw in a cabbage," said Tibher with all his love and all his despair watching her with a greedy, devouring her of days, and divide by 90.

to serve me. I'll go to the next barrer, illness or the loss of my voice. We had | "Read it out aloud," she commanded, alwhich is kept by a man who knows how to be civil, at any rate!" "Ere's the pound, and 'ere's the cab-

bage," said the man, jabbing them into a basket; "an' my gratitude to a mussiful Providence that I don't orften 'ave such customers as you." With a grin of satisfaction, Tibby naid

her threepence, and then turned to Clive.
"Oh, you're 'ere still." she said. "Wot do you want?" "To carry your basket, Tibby," said

"Not for me." said Tibby. "I am quite equal to carrying it. I'm not used to 'av-

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ing gentlemen, specially high Parliamentary swels, waitin' on me. Good night, Mr.

As she turned to go Clive laid his hand on her shoulder. "Are you treating me fairly, Tibby?" he aid. "Have you treated me fairly in the

She looked up at him sideways. Per-haps his haggard face, his mourning suit

is—what has happened to send you back look on here. And you will tell me, Tibby? Come, himself. you owe me something, you know .- Let

me carry your basket."
She resigned it mechanically, and he took it. She was evidently much distressed and embarrassed; but the old spirit showed itself.

"Wotever I did, I did for the best," sho said. "Mina's everything to me, and was I to stand by, an' see her made a fool of an' do nothin'? Wouldn't you have done the same if you had been in my place? But wot's it matter! You're going to be married An' that being' so"—she broke off sharply—"wot are you mooching about 'ere for; an' wot business of yours is

"If you could read my heart, Tibby," ask. I have lost her for ever—thanks to you and Fate. But do you think I don't care what becomes of her? I have heard that she has been ill. I want to see her lies writhed as if she were muttering to teeth gleamed, her whole aspect was that of a tiger thirsting for blood and already scenting it.

(To be continued.) said Clive. "you would have no need to

-if for the last time. hard on you, as you say-and perhaps I dress, her fleshless hands opened and shut

"I'm not buying sauce, wholesale or re- p clause in my agreement which protect- conceal itself, Lady Ed tail." retorted "libby. "If you don't care ed the Chevalier against the risk of my cry. and shrank back. saved a little money, not much; and most inaudibly.

Sara moistened her parched lips, and in she smiled—"thought it would be better for us to come back here. We had to wait some weeks until the rooms were vacant."

This is from one who knows Mr. Clive Harvey to be a hypocrite and a traitor, and most inaudibly.

Sara moistened her parched lips, and in the light that the lady have.

And across Clive's mind at that moment this arch-traitor.' there flashed the remembrance of the Sara read to the end; then raised her fect that the girl who sat before him in eyes, and looked with an agony of supplithis poor little lodging room was not a cation at the white, blotched face, as if London waif and stray, but the daughter she were appealing to her mistress's pride of one of the wealthiest of our peers.

CHAPTER XXIX.

that she knew. "Mr. Quilton has told me," she said. "He has been very kind, kinder than any calm! He is not worth a thought, a pang, one would think it possible for him to be. of yours. He is a liar, a hypocrite, and a Yes: he has told me. It is a secret be traitor, as the wretch who wrote this "Then you have decided, Mina?" said

"Oh, yes, yes, indeed!" she responded earnestly, the color rising to her face, her eyes dewy with tears. 'Why should I rob that poor girl of her father; why should I wound him? They have learnt should be a stranger to him."

"You are a peer's daughter all the her." same," said Clive. "You are thinking of the title, the Edith, her bosom heaving, money?" she said. She shook her head. "She is called Mina," sai

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said. He raised his eyes to Lady Edith, and flound hers fixed on him with a curity out expression. "But only for a short time. We could have a very quiet wedding as soon as possible."

She said nothing. They were alone to gether for only a few minutes before he started, and she was very silent. Death had dashed the cup from her lips: would it be witheld from them for every was the thought, the dread that smote across her mind, her heart.

Clive went down to Rafborough, and, as the takes of his father's death, had to make all the necessary arrangements—he could not even communicate with Behavior of the first the say that he was coming, and she was was was coming, and she was was was considered in the could not even communicate with Bewas was waiting for him, looking very tall and queenly in her black frock; and clive noticed a certain change in her face. She was pale, and there were dark shadews under her eyes, which were unnaturally brilliant, as if she were feverish; and there was a certain restlessness about her movements which was unnatual with her: at times, as they talked, a heetic over 100 mary somebody else?" he said clive noticed a certain change in her face, she was pale, and there was a certain restlessness about her movements which was unnatual with her: at times, as they talked, a heetic of the control of the proposed of the I shall learn to be content, if not happy."

both her hands, and trying to smile

lirs writhed as if she were muttering to "For the last time," she caught him up herself. As she put aside the dark cloak sharply. "D'ye mean that? If I've been which almost concealed her Oriental

fty."

Tibby; she has told me nothing; but she be distressed, upset. Read it, Sara, and has let me come to you—for the last time" tell me that I am a fool to take any nome. "The chap as took you for a softy "I—I am glad it is the last time," she tice of an anonymous letter!"

She still held the letter crushed in her in his eyes. "Yes, I have been ill," she glance, expecting, hoping, to hear Sara's "Wot, the whole of a pound!" he exclaimed satirically. "Sure you don't mean
the barrow load?"

"I'm not buying sauce. wholesale or re"I'm not buying sauce. wholesale or retail." retorted Tibby "If you don't care

and who thinks it right that the lady he It all seemed so commonplace, so banal; has deceived should know it also. Let her but tragedy is always hedged round by ask him why he goes to a place called the commonplace, the banal. Here were Benson's Rents, and what business he has these two with their love for each other with a young girl there. He has been burning like a devouring flame in their acquainted with her for some time, inhearts; and they could say nothing, speak timately and claudestinely acquainted, of nothing relating to the tragedy of and visits her frequently, but cautiously, their lives, though one of them knew that He was there to-day. Let Lady Edith he had but a few minutes for this last Chesterleigh make inquiries, secret infarewell.

she were appealing to her mistress's pride and spirit. Lady Edith met the gaze and

"Is it true?" she demanded inaudibly. "Speak, Sara! Tell me the truth, the

impulse, "there is something I must tell you, something you ought to know. It is not right that you should be living here, in something like poverty, while—"
She raised her eyes to his, and he saw that she knew.

"It is true, it is true, dearie!" she cried in a kind of wail. "Light of my life, be tween us, and I should not have told you of my knowledge if you had not spoken. have been watching, dogging Harvey Salt must be a secret still."

It must be a secret still."

There is a girl. I have seen her. I went to her months ago, and warned her, bade her cast him off."

Lady Edith writhed with humiliation; then grew rigid with impotent rage.
"You went to her—how dared you!"
"Dared!" Sara laughed. "Is there anything I wouldn't dare to win happiness to love each other as father and daugh- for my soul's love, my child? I thought ter. To me he would be a stranger, I it was all over between them. But no! he it was all over between them. But no! he still cares for her; he meets her, goes to

"Who-who is she?" demanded Lady "She is called Mina," said Sara. "She "They are nothing to me. I should not know what to do with them. No; if God will only give me back my voice—" Her smonget the people. As this man says, words failed her, and she turned her head the sahib—the fool-beest—was with her Clive did not speak for a minute or two. "Fate has been very hard on us. Mina," ure. "Dearie, you will cast him off, you he said hoarsely. "It has sentenced one will have done with him! He is not of us at least to a living death: there is worthy that you should touch him with no appeal, no escape. When I parted your finger tips, not worthy that the from you that morning at Brimfield I saw the folly, the wickedness of this loveless marriage of mine—yes: I must speak plainly: it is due to you You know that I love you, Mina, and shall love you while life lasts. I had resolved to go to Lody Edith, and tell her the whole truth: but almost on my way I discovered that she held the place in the world which belongs will marry this viril this girl of the gutheld the place in the world which belongs will marry this girl, this girl of the gut-to you. ter, in which he is so fond of dabbling.

Clive turned away, for he could not "What can you do?" she demanded look on her face and retain command of scornfully. "We are both helpless women, himself.

"It is good-bye?" he said hoarsely at at their happiness."
"No, no!" crooned Sara. "Sara is not "It is good-bye," she echoed, holding out helpless. She comes of a different race from the mem sahib's. They endure and He took the trembling hands, and bent bear and do nothing; but Sara's people over her; but he felt that to kiss her take not a blow in such fashion. We would be to outrage her sense of purity, strike back, and strike quickly, if the to insult her grief. He looked long into blow is for ourselves; how much more her eyes, then lingeringly dropped her surely and quickly if it is given to the Daughter of Earl Spencer, who will hand, and quickly went out.

Tibby was waiting for him in the street. She opened her lips to speak to him; but the agony in his face struck her dumb; and with scarcely a glance at her he pass.

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Consumed by surprise and anxiety. Clive waited for pause; and, finding the sorbed, to pause; and, finding the door in the days before Mina's success.

Consumed by surprise and anxiety. Clive waited for pause; and, finding the sorbed, to pause; and, finding the sorbed with a sarried and sorbed. Consumed by surprise and anxiety. Clive waited for no more, but walked by an anni and, as he numered an applogy and with a sarried exclamation. Sara locked the door swiftly, and range in the door sar softly, but at the thresh door. There was no answer, and smooth, to the rest on any principal for any punitors of any principal for any punitors. The following will be found to be excellent rules for finding the increase or non any principal for any punitors. Succeed the thresh down with a sterile exclamation. Sara locked the door swiftly, and range in the door swiftly, and range in the door swiftly and range in the door swiftly and range in the door swiftly and range i Two per cent .- Multiply the prin- "Lanark Declaration" was made by the Covenanters at the Market Cross in 1682-a declaration which denounced Charles II. as a perjured king, and solemnly excommunicated him .- London Daily Chronicle.

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