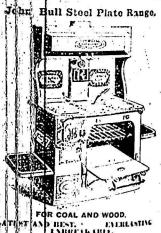
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CHAPTER VII.

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I was not less surprised than the rest of the passengers by the charge made against pilly we will be found them in a murmured may be exclamation of astonishment. The major's message had led me to expect apprehension for being concerned with the burdlars in their attempt upon the house; but it had neverentered my mind that the more acrous orime might be attributed to me, sould Thave committed the murder which had taken place ten or fifteen minutes after I had left the grounds?

This was neither the time nor the place to defend myself, and as A percentrory to defend myself, and as A percentrory the constable of Richmond Hill, I stepped suspect with the platform. The officers on after no attribute the surprise of the platform. The officers on attribute with the more than the surprise of the minutes after in the surprise of the platform. The officers on attribute with the more than the more acrous a coughts of the major's to the burdlars in the burdlars in the major's to the burdlars in the the constable of Richmond Hill, I stepped suspect out on to the platform. The officers on after no sech side, with a light grip on my arms, down to pushed a passage through the crowd of pushed a passage through the crowd of pushes and idlers who had run up to see what whom he was the matter, and hurried me off to the discent station of the Underground Rail be had so why; warning me on the way that any. Ingato thing I might say would be taken in evir days, see any caution; I had nothing to say; hencing It was dark when we reached Richmond; the keep It was dark when we reached Richhond: the nevertheless, a crowd flocked about as well marched quickly along the street, some running on in front to get a full look in my sace as I came into the light of the gas. All we seemed to know me. "They've got him " to "The fellow who shot the policeman last night!" was echoed from side to sic. In the police station I was put in a raise ideal, and a bar closed me in. The inspects took in the constable's deposition, and then took ing to me asked my name.

ing to me asked my name.
"William Smith," I said, hopin "William Smith," I said, hoping real name might never be discovered william Smith," said the inspection william Smith," said the inspection of the wrote, "alias what?" I made no reply.
"Like the rest of your family, dress?" he continued.
"No." Then a description of my persons ance; my height was measured; searched and handed over to the w.

one?" he asked, as he led me into the No. When shall I be tried at "No. When shall I be the so You'll be took before the so morrow. There was a wooden bedstead at of the white-washed wault. I sat do defend myself without casting suspiny wife or implicating the major, wherefriended us.

But I could see nothing clearly, question would be put to me, or how I sanswer them, I knew not. It was fighting in the dark. I grew despet at the cense of my own impotency, at burled my face in my hands I telt the pulsating in my temples as if it won my veins. At length, over one w physical exertion and the mental the last twenty-four hours, I fell ask sank unconsciously upon the plain stead, and there slept soundly trid broad daylight. That did me good; caim and clear headed. I saw at one I had but to hold mly tongue to sawife. There was no power to make tray her. I should be punnished to not umacy, doubtless; but I should be punished to not unacy, doubtless; but I should be by the reflection that I had done not be th the last twenty-four hours, I tell as it at the Psalms, and centred my appearance of the state time has come ? thought 1, cles book and putting it back in its place The door opened and a middle

grey whiskers, a long nose, and a solor as his whiskers. They met as he came to a stand at ed me over in silence; then they we as he said, setting down his attach lang on the shelf-"Your name is Wyndham."
"I don't wish my name to la." section with this affair. 1 though is sure to come on, at the

However, for the present, you Smith. My name is Becton I instructed to "By whom'?"
"A friend," he replied, with a no nificent bend of his eyelgows.

My heartsleapt; I knew that it. Now we have no tin

"Very confortable here, that warder," replied Mrs. Backers, writing material on the haid, and himself before it on the haid.

eye; the cyclrow was a note of a set ton. I had nothing to add.

"Do you deny being on the points the time of these events?" Here has brown fell into a straight line like and account to the points.

and acounted to imply the imposity of Hea. "No! I was there," said I.

"Now, William Smith, how in very loss to clear yourself on the order loss." It yelling the simple truth, "see the "Then out with it, and het me to a whole story," said he, turning round fair the latter shelf, and bending over his blottle held, and bending over his blottle pad, pen in hand.

I told him simply how I had round a rope ladder, how I had been overtaken in the housebreaker, how we had groped to way across the meadow and up the hit, on how we had there heard the sind which companion attributed to Hooky. Mr. 1

sow we had there heard the shot whethere companion attributed to Heoky. Mr. Extendistened attentively, and jotted down alie of two now and then. There was character even in the man's long, thin ear, a moved like his eyebrow, and in its diversifieding I fancied there was expression astonishment, doubt, and satisfact of When I came to the end, lie turned room with a jork, looked me straight in the face, and said..." I better." and asid—

"I believe every word you've said. Keek to that, and we'll get off on the grave charge, and perhaps—I hay perhaps—on the lesser. But you must not expect to be a guitted by the magistrates. If they believe you as I do, they would not take upon them selves the responsibility of deciding in you favor. They'll send you up for trad."

O very well, "said I.

At this moment the sergeant came to say that I must be taken up at once to the court.

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The inquiry was made with closed doors the only witnesses present were Mr. Thank a doctor, the constable, and the detective in which ad approhended me. I was surprised to find that the major was not there.

I recognised Mr. Thane rather by miner consciousness than by anything else. In the finguishable; I had never seen his tree here. Hobe's fear of him and his behavior when I was placed in his custody had ice as to expect in him the appearance of a billy, for ballies I have found invariably creat and cowardly. That heavy, red-faced should mouth.

by her. With these thoughts fiprison breakfast; cheertuilly when handed in through the square trap, door. A good souse in a bucket of added to my vigor, so that I longward without dread to my coming extensionly impatient of delay lest it sap my resolution. There was a table : I the shelf that served as a table : I man in a black frock coat, closely at up, bustled in, followed by the hand He had a thin, butchet face, closes or

"Now we have no time traces timed, briskly, taking oil my development of jerks, and shipping coat pocket. We go before traces in half an hour, and have to hay development of action beforehand."

Saying this he open this log out a small blighting had and a test stand. The door and stood in survenity that the sergoant might grant troom.

Smith, you are charge learning appropriate. You plead not peak to go both counts," What is your line of defended in 1 gard to the burglary, to begin, we is He glanced up sidelong at here

Then, how will you account for into the hands of the police y" "I shall not attempt to account the shall not attempt to account the shall refuse to answer any question that part of the business."

You cannot lone for acquitted as a Vou cannot lone for acquitted as will say nothing whetever referred the toolhouse."

That is your fixed intention "It is."

I thought there was a look of the in the expansion of his eychrows: the toolhouse of the condition of th I shall not attempt to account to

shealthy-looking man with the heavy jaw Do you reali