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'The imitations of your handwriting 'Meantime, the notes are numbered: sisters.'

said Mr. Dering, whoever he was, means of those notes.' tions. I shall see that hot-headed boy's laid her hand on his—'you are our very they are glad to believe it.' think of as well, remember. You, as gation?'

the way, foaming and raging. No repentance or shame. My dear lady, if he strode away. He had gone. it is the instinct of self-preservation— fallen swiftly waxes dim. ....\$1,250,000 could contain a young man in such a sec. 650,000 rage. His mother lived at Pembridge Mrs. Arundel drove home again. She fort her mother. John Stuart, President; A. G. Ramsay, Vice-Pres. miles from Lincoln's Inn. He walked mind that her son-her only son-and truly do it?' carriage-horses, and cart-horses, with had sat there hundreds of times : she he?' Deposits received at current rate of interest.

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Drafts on all parts of Canada, United States, When he reached home, he dashed into She perceived the enormous improbaback when his innocence is proved. ability: it ruins the chances of the girls: We shall see.'

contempt of the man-their supposed look while Mr. Dering's back was turn. stayed.' people of Milton and vicinity that he great emotions; one proof of their hopes for her boy's career! But that prove so much.

the younger girl, fell into a correspond- and to get him away. she was pained and puzzled; she villain. Oh! He couldn't do it by do it—and that, you think, they will be had been wildness. neither soothed him nor sympathised himself, of course—nobody could be- certain to find out—Mr. Dering, for Now—which was very remarkable— could explain. But he did it—he did

woman of great sense: a practical federates and share the swag. woman; a woman of keen judgment. "Well, mother?' he asked. of these qualities, which are not sup- pale and wretched.

Athelstan, is beyond belief. Mr. Der- hard dry voice. 'But---' ing, of all men, to accuse you—you—of But what?' asked Hilda. such a thing! It is impossible."

What does Mr. Dering say?'

and returned the cheque book. This The two girls went out unwillingly. confess that the blow has been by Pro- talking about the business. is what he says. Do you call that ac. Oh! my son-how can I believe it? vidence most mercifully softened for us Other things happened—important ville Ontario says that a club of young 

your son, and you you have changed. They are all known works of fiction, was tolerably acquaint. about it. Mrs. Arundel showed that

he had got at the facts. As he went on, mother! You believe it, no! Oh! we a wild' young man do not generally Arundels were present, and none of the the mother's heart became as heavy as are all going mad together. What? find it easy to get at the facts of his poor relations. Mr. Dering, the young Before he finished, she was cer. Then I am turned out of this house, as | wildness: these remain locked up in lady's guardian, gave her away; Hilda tain. There is, you see, a way of pre. I am turned out of my place. I go, the bosoms of his companions. No de. became Lady Dering, and has been persenting a case without comment which then-I go; and here he swore a tails could be learned about any wild. fectly happy ever since. Elsie remainis more efficacious than any amount of mighty oath, as strong as anybody out ness—quite the contrary. He seemed, ed with her mother. Her brother was that the lawyer had by this time little you come to yourself to beg forgiveness then, said the philosopher of eighteen, in her conviction that his innocence 'I do not think. We shall, I daresay, | doubt in his own mind that her son had | -you-my own mother !'

8.00 time, these documents will remain in 'I thought it right,' he continued, 'to waiting and trembling. lay before him these facts at the out. Athelstaa, cried the elder, what, Everybody knows that kind of bro- made application to the Bank of Engperson. If he is guilty, he may be led I know myself. I am driven away by personal injury resulting to himself; or so that the actual loss at 4 per cent. Don't be an ass, Checkley. So far to confession or restitution. The facts my own mother. She says that I am the envy that will follow and the per. compound interest amounted to no O as the appearances go, no one could get about the cheque book and the safe are guilty of-of-of forgery.'

at the safe except you and Arundel. So very clear. I am certain that the safe 'If she says so, Athelstan, his sister event. That her brother was perhaps than one likes to lose, yet is not acfar as the ascertained facts go, there is has not been opened by any other key, replied coldly, 'she must have her's shameful criminal might be consider. tually embarrassing to a man whose nothing to connect either of you with The only persons who have had access reasons. She would not drive you out ed by Hilda Arundel later on: at first income is about ten thousand a year. the thing. He is a foolish young man; to it are Checkley and your son, Athel. of the house for nothing. Don't glare she was only capable of perceiving that He ceased to think about the business and if he is innocent, which we must, I stan. As for Checkley—he couldn't do like that. Prove your innocence.' this horrid fact, unless it could be hid- altogether, except as a disagreeable suppose, believe'—but his look did not it, he could not possibly do it. The 'What? You, too? Oh! I am driven den away and kept secret, might very episode of his office.

away by my sisters as well---

'The man who forged the cheque,' we shall certainly find the criminal by kissed her. 'They will make you be- certain pictures of saints and holy had come to some unknown grief, and lieve what they believe. Good Hea- women. Hilda knew many little at- had gone away. There is always some could easily have written those imita- 'Mr. Dering'-Mrs. Arundel rose and vens! They make haste to believe it: titudes. Also, quite naturally, she young fellow in every set of young felmother, and bring him to reason.— old friend. Tell me—if this wretched 'No—no. Don't go, Athelstan.' Elsie ed that her pose was one of sorrow leaves the circle, and is no more seen

And not a word of this business, if you money that remains—if I find the rest show that they are wrong. Oh! you We must blame neither Hilda nor without him: very seldom is such a please, outside. You have yourself to -will there be any further—investi. are innocent. I will never—never— her mother. The case as put by Mr. man remembered long: it is the way rever believe it.' well as that boy, have access to the 'To compound a felony is a crime. He kissed her again and tore himself out any comment, did seem very black over the fallen: we must push on: It is, however, one of those crimes away. The street door slammed be- indeed against Athelstan. In every others fall: close up the ranks: push

omnibus, cab, or conveyance ever built he will confess and restore—we shall Then Elsie fell into loud weeping is to hush up the thing if possible—to Four years or so after the mysterious and wailing. But Hilda went to com- avoid a scandal.

the whole way, walking through crowds, none other, must be that guilty person. What else can I believe? Either plorable, fatal thing. It takes the got through the business letters; then and under the noses of dray-horses. She knew Mr. Dering's room well: she he did it or that old cierk. Where is respectability out of a family perhaps he opened it. He turned first to the

best friend, trustee, guardian, adviser ed; the snatching of the cheque book: Later on, when they were both a would not interfere with her own pros. about the business at all, there always -their father's best friend-who had the quick replacing it. Her very keen. little recovered, Hilda tried to consider pects. It was sad: it was miserable; arose in his mind an uneasy feeling done this thing—who had accused him, ness of judgment helped her to the the subject more calmly. She had not but yet—no scandal. With what a that perhaps the boy had been treated on the bare evidence of two or three conviction. Women less clever would her mother's cleverness, but she was deep, deep sigh of satisfaction did the unwisely. It might have been more circumstantial facts, of such a crime! have been slower to believe. Shame- not without parts. The following re- young lady repeat that there would prudent to have kept the facts from There is something magnetic in all ful, miserable termination of all her marks—made by a girl of eighteen— probably be no scandal!

how can he Mr. Dering—the most clerk of fifty years' service and in. Athelstan is gone. And his future graceful young person, with features of ship and the pests shaken out. We exact and careful of men? I will drive tegrity. And when the facts are laid seems ruined. There is no hope for great regularity: her expression was the sides that shoots the least number to Lincoln's Inn at once and find out. before you both—calmly and coldly— him. I can see no hope whatever. My cold, her eyes were hard, and her lips of birds buys the supper for both sides you fly into a rage and run away, while dear, he was so promising. I thought were a little thin, but these things at Complaints are daily made of the Checkley calmly remains to await the that all the family influence would be nineteen are hardly perceived. She growing nuisance of these birds. Farminquiry.'

his—we haven't got a single city soliciwas that sort of a girl who seems
blied-tight these sparrows will get in
and destroy more grain than a flock of all her life to consider Mr. Dering as he was so clever and so ambitious and wearing and beautifying costly raiment, geese or hens. he wisest of men. She felt instinct so eager to get on and make money and and next of sitting in a splendid vehicle. that he regarded her son with be a credit to the family. Solicitors The finer the dress, the more beautiful have established there an Imperial suspicion: she beard all the facts; she do sometimes—especially city solicitors she looked. The grander the carriage, depot for purchasing and training army umped to the conclusion that he was a become so very, very rich; and now it the more queenly she seemed. In rags horses. The municipal c and a profigate: that he had is all gone and done—and nothing left her coldness would be arctic, her hard. board of trade of the town, the Alberta into evil ways, and spent money to hope but the miserable wish that ness would be granitic; in silk and terests have forwarde there should be no scandal.'

ed with the ways of young men and she knew the value of her daughter; The boys wrath was now changed to their temptations—'it would be a satis. but there was no doubt about the con-

quoting from a novel, 'men shelter would be some day established. Outside, in the hall, his sisters stood, each other. They are all bad together.'

> But-no scandal. sonal advantage accruing from that more than 1551. 198. 93d., which is more

materially injure herself. No. Athelstan-no,' cried Elsie, Almost naturally, she folded her hands completely forgotten. His old friends, catching his hand. 'Not both your sweetly and laid her comely head a the young men with whom he had little on one side—it is an attitude of played and sported, only remembered they may be traced: they are stopped: 'My poor child;' he stooped and resignation which may be observed in him from time to time as a fellow who

glanced at a mirror on the wall observ- lows who gets into some scrape, and so Now, Checkley, we will resume work. boy goes away—if he gives back the threw her arms about him. 'Stay, and borne with Christian resignation. or heard of. We go on just the same Dering in the form of plain facts with- of the world: we cannot stop to lament

Atheletan Arundel walked home all which men sometimes commit without hind him; they heard his footsteps as family the first feeling in such a case—on: Time drives: the memory of the

Square, which is four good measured came away fully persuaded in her own 'Mother, she said, 'did he really and a brother for forgery—with a verdict of stamp marked 'Private and Confiden. guilty—is a most truly horrible, de- tial.' He laid this aside until he had at a critical moment, when the family signature. 'Ha!' he said, 'Athelstan the drawing-room, where he found his bility of this ancient clerk's doing such Mother, if he is innocent, why does he it blights the prospects of the boys: it He expected a full confession of the two sisters—Hilds and Elsie—one of a thing. She knew, again, what temp. run away? It's foolish to say that it is drives away friends: it is a black spot crime. We should never expect, says them a girl of eighteen, the other of tations assail a young man in London: because we believe it. I've said no which all the soaps ever advertised the Sage, what we desire, because we thirteen. With flaming cheeks and she saw what her trustee thought of it: thing except that you couldn't believe could never wash off. Therefore, while never obtain what we expect. It would facty eye to delivered himself of his and she jumped to the conclusion that it without reasons. Innocent young the mother hoped, first of all, that the have made Mr. Dering more comfort. story; he hurled it at their heads; he her son-and none other-was the men don't run away when they are boy would escape the clutch of the law, able in his mind had the letter concalled upon them to share his indigna. guilty person. She even saw how he charged with robbery. They stay and Hilda was, first of all, grateful that tained a confession. Of course, Atheltion, and io join with him in scorn and must have done it: she saw the quick fight it out. Athelstan should have there would be no scandal. Mr. Der- stan-had done it. Nobody else could ing would not talk about it. The thing have done it. Yet when he thought

has purchased the coal business form. reality is that they are magnetic. It is she could think of afterwards. For the erly carried on by Mr. J. H. Harrison, only an actor who can endow an as- moment the only thing was to get the better, so long as this suspicion rests cheeks, and a swollen nose. She was better had the facts been put before sumed emotion with magnetism. Elsie, boy away—to induce him to confess— upon him, that he should be away. We rebellious and sharp with her mother. him with a few words of confidence, shall certainly know where he is: he And to her sister she refused to speak. even though that confidence did not ing sympathy of wrath; she was equal. He was calmer when she got home, will want money, and will write for it. The days went on. They became exist. Time only strengthened Mr. to the occasion; passion for passion, but he was still talking about the If it should prove that somebody else weeks, months, years. Otherwise they Dering's suspicious against the young she joined him and fed the flame. But thing: he would wait till the right man did the thing, we can easily bring him would not have been days. Nothing at man. The thing must have been done all persons are not magnetic—the was discovered: then he would have old back as a martyr—for my own part I all was heard of Athelstan. He sent by Checkley or by him. Now, Chockelder sister remained cold. From time Dering on his knees. The thing would should be so glad that I would willing. no letters to any one: he did not even ley was not able, if he had wished, to to time she wanted to know exactly be set right in a few days. He had no ly beg his pardon on my knees—and of write for money: they knew not where imitate my handwriting. No! It was what Mr. Dering had said; this her fear of any delay. He was quite cer- course we could easily get him replaced he was or what he was doing. He dis- done by Athelstan. Why he did it, brother was too angry to remember; tain that it was Checkley—that old in the office. If it is proved that he did appeared. It was understood that there what he got by it, seeing that those

lieve that of him. He had accomplices your sake, will be ready to hush it up though the forger had had a clear run it. That was certain. Then the mother returned, and the \_\_confederates\_behind him. Check- perhaps we may get the notes back— of three weeks, it could not be discover. whole story was told again, Elsie as- ley's part of the job was to steal the he can't have used them all; in any ed that any of the notes had been presisting. Now, Mrs. Arundel was a cheque book and give it to his con- case it will be a great comfort to feel sented. Perhaps they were sent abroad: that he is out of the way; a brother yet foreign and colonial banks would ment may be, it will not be economical. convicted—tried in open court—sen. know the numbers of stopped notes. The estimated expenditure for the next fiscal year is \$42,919,913, an increase of She prided herself upon the possession His mother sat down. She looked tenced—oh! She shuddered. 'We And towards the discovery of the forger \$557,224 over the estimates of the should never get over it; never, never! no further step had been taken. The current year. There is an increase of posed to be especially feminine. She Mother,' cried Hilds, the elder It would be a most dreadful thing for commissionaire who took the cheque \$1,103,196 on railways and canals, and heard the story with disturbed face and sister. 'Quick! What has happened? Elsie and me. As for his going away, had been, as you have seen, easily a decrease of \$680,142 on redempif people ask why he is sone and where, found: he said he should know the old tion of debt. 'Surely,' she said, 'what you tell me, 'He accuses nobody,' she replied in a we must invent something—we can gentleman who gave him the forged Here is a brain twister for some easily make up a story—hint that he draft to cash. He said, being again versing one day with his son said, "My has been wild—there is no disgrace, interrogated, that Checkley was not in son, your age to-day is just one-third He told me everything—everything happily, about a young man being wild the least like that old gentleman. of mine, eight years ago to-day it was 'I wish it was impossible. He ac. and—oh!' She burst into —that is the only thing that reconciles What could be thought, then? Athel- one-fifth of mine, and if we both live cuses me of forging that cheque for sobs and crying, though she despised one to the horrid selfishness of wild stan must have 'made up' as an old till you are twice as old as you are tocuses me of forging that cheque tor women who cry, 'It is terrible—It is young men—and if, by going away in a man: he was fond of private theatri- and if we both live till I am twice as ing is his office for him, a fortnight ago, terrible—It is incredible. Yet, what pretended rage, Athelstan has really cals: he could make up very well: of old as I am to-day, your age will just I took a certain cheque book out of the can I think? What can any one think? enabled us to escape a horrid scandal course he had made up. And then, be two-thirds of mine." What were safe, forged his writing on a cheque, Leave us, Hilds. Leave us, Elsie.' —why, mother, in that case—we may this point being settled, they left off their ages on the day in question?

And yet-on the one hand, a boy of two- most mercifully. We ought to consider things—which made the memory of burg for the extermination of the Certainly. If he says that. But and twenty exposed to all the temptathet, that, mother.'

Yes, dear, yes. But he is gone. all came Hilda's case. She was a to many barns throughout the townvelvet she beceme a goddess. It was the It is indeed dreadful. But still- therefore most fitting that she should the attention of the Bris dies no scandal. Mother, I think marry a rich man. Now, to be rich in to the many advantages which Calgary these days, one must be old. It is the pos how he has been price that one has to pay for wealth, short notice, and the saving wh a good deal of Sometimes one pays the price and gets would be effected in t

pouse in Kennington Palace Gardens, a yacht, a country place in Sussex, and piles of papers in a safe, meaning in vestments. He was a widower with out encumbrance: he was fifty-seven years of age, not yet decayed; he wanted a wife to be the mistress of his house, and to look well at his dinner. parties. Of course, when one does want a wife, at any age, one wants her young. Hilda Arundel, his brother's ward, looked as if she would discharg the duties required of the position admirably. He suggested the arrangement to his brother, who spoke about

There was a good deal of taking comment to set forth the case so far as 'You! he cried. 'You! My own The ladies of a family where there is Arundels were present, and none of the

After five years, nothing at all having been heard of the notes, Mr. Dering

business of Edmund Gray, Mr. Dering Such a scandal as the prosecution of received a letter with an American

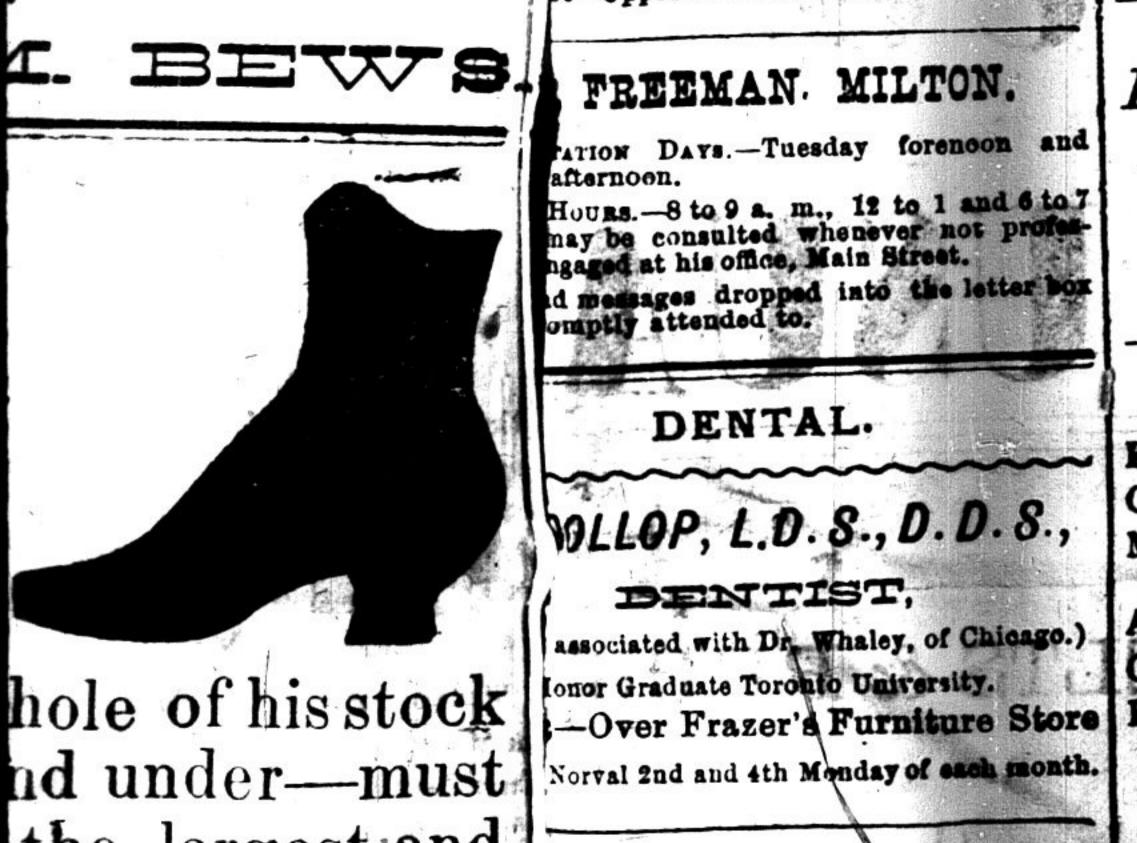
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