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would be much easier to deal with the to dark to let her see what he was doquestion as it affected Lola, and this ing she heard the click of the window was the thought which she had when, bolt as it flew back before the thin knife after some two or three hours, she went | blade which Pierre Turrian had passed to her own room, which was next to between the sashes.

that of Lady Walcote's, to go to bed. Fortunately for her, she could not raised cautiously, slowly and almost sleep. The interview with Pierre Tur- noiselessly, save that the draft caused rian had opened up a vein of human by the rush of air from the window to

to see some way out of the tangle. reading now and again in the attempt to break the thread of her painful thoughts; but, finding this vain, she put out the light and lay in the darkness.

ful wind was driving across the sky. her custom, to catch the earliest mornas she lay with her face turned toward grown so accustomed to the gloom that

she could watch every action of his. It was while she was thus occupied, having made another vain effort to get to sleep, that she fancied she minute, looking toward the bed, as it which she might tell as to the attempt could hear a noise, though whether it seemed, and the stillness was so acute on her life and to risk everything on ing known? What secret?" she asked. was in her room or out in the corridor that Beryl could even hear him breathe. the chance of getting a few more days or in the next room or outside she could not say. Thinking that it might his pocket which she thought was a a plan which had been shaping itself in when we met here first, I hope." be Lady Walcote moving, she listened handkerchief and shook it out lightly, his thoughts as a sort of last desperate he laughed sneeringly. "I don't care very intently!

the noise she heard might have made a ing of the sleeper he thought was lying views. there at his mercy. It came from outside in the night,

and it seemed that thieves were break- this. heard was the sound of a ladder being he took something from another pecket. the whole of breakfast. placed close to her window. She heard What it was she could not see, but In whatever direction the conversa-

the house. But with her hand on the door she ward the head of the bed.

paused, and, moving swiftly back across the room to the window, she looked out over the room, and Beryl recognized cautiously, keeping herself well out of | instantly as chloroform. Just as she reached the window the he meant to do.

head of a man who was creeping stealthily up the ladder reached the level of probably suffocate her and then search evitable. the lowest pane of glass, and, putting for the paper which she had told him his hand, he peered into the room. Beryl saw the man and shrank back huddering and cold as she recognized the handsome, cruel face of Pierre Tur- unnerved her, had a quite opposite hour," he said.

He meant to murder her.

head of the bed and stooped lew down,

He had begged for the delay in order only to step out in the corridor and call "Something has happened of which a raven and you as white as a dove!" cident or suddenly in any way you swer—yes or no." all flashed upon her. that he might destroy the evidence of loudly for help to be quite safe, she you know nothing. I want to tell you. He laughed heartily as he said this. his villainy and murder her, the only watched his every movement with in- It affects the whole position here, and "Imagine you white as a dove, the in-

witness who knew of it. CHAPTER XIV. THE ATTEMPT ON BERYL'S LIFE. The instant that Beryl saw who it low, but she could still make out what danger."

was that was threatening to break into he did. visit she shrank back as closely as pos- bed it was obvious that he was puzzled "I shall probably be back some time myself, waiting for vengeance. sible to the wall and waited in breath by something unusual, probably, she before Sir Jaffray and will see you be- tracked you down when you had marless suspense while Pierre Turrian com- thought, by hearing no sound of breath- fore lunch." pleted his scrutiny of the room. slightly she was able to watch him and in the act of doing this the clouds part- Jaffray had come up. "I shall try to

hould hear her and being disturbed to do.

make off. she took ample means to provide for her chose that moment to intervene.

Her nimble wits devised an easy method of tricking him if only he

this, to her intense relief, he did. ladder sufficiently close to the window though the outlined figure had sudden- other people." to be able to open it, the man descend- ly taken life and struck him. He could "No, true; otherwise you'd be riding laid out cold and stark, freed from the ed it slowly and softly, just as he had not tell from where the sound of the with the husband and I should be talk- fretting troubles of this wicked world climbed it, and Beryl, straining every voice came, and he stood irresolute and ing to the wife. As it is, they positively by the blessing of chloroform and my nerve to listen, heard him go down. apprehensive and muttered a half sup- leave us together. It is very droll when strong arm and unable to go chattering With swift, deft movement she so pressed oath.

some one were sleeping in it, and then the moment your face first appeared out- love with you or you with me, their re- Beryl Leycester last night in her bed in she opened the door, which was covered side the window. I have waited only to sponsibility would be enormous." by a curtain, and muffling her head in see what you intend to do. I can see Mrs. De Witt laughed not very pleas- cited agitation. dark shawl she stood in the doorway that plainly now. I know the smell of antly.

She saw him peer eagerly Into the not flinch, and the impulse passed.

The next instant the lower sash was

He glared across the spot where Beryl now showed herself. -and she had been so profoundly moved | cold and chill upon that part of her face | she got into bed to snatch a couple of at the man's words and manner. would be moving about the manor and

As soon as the window was raised that she need fear no further attack. Early in the morning she was wakly and quietly that Beryl could scarcely ened by a servant who explained that a At that instant a thought occurred to wished her to return home instantly. most brutal frankness with which he so with that infernal sneering manner, not coming in search of her, but were siderations vanished, and, explaining whelmed her, and the host of nervous stand: You married me at Montreux plication in which she had become en- force.

the previous day. The moon had not shone out again Thus when Pierre Turrian inquired This meant a respite for him.

He had come down determined to as he stood between her and the window brazen it all out, to dare Beryl to do her man was really deceiving her and play-He stood quite still for almost half a worst, to deny absolutely any story ing for his own purposes. After a pause he took something from at the manor house in order to complete rubbishy nonsense that we played at

and, solding it carelessly, held it in his act.

Beryl clinched her teeth as she noticed thoughts appear in his manner, and he son means to tell everybody else." was as jaunty in air, light of tongue ing into the manor house. What she Next, and with only a slight pause, and pleasantly chatty as usual during the tone in which the question was

as it was moved into a different posi- and heard a slight creaking sound, as usual with him, whether he knew any- unpleasant antagonist she is, I can asof a cork being drawn, she knew that it thing about a subject or not, and ex. sure you." She could think rapidly on occasion was a bottle, and she was prepared to cept that he looked a little haggard and act as well. Now she jumped out see him pour the contents on to the from a sleepless night there was nothmoved slowly and very stealthily to- happened or was being planned by him. and asked me what it meant." He was annoyed when he heard Sir A faint smell of drugs spread itself Jaffray say that he and Lola were going question, eagerly interposed. to ride out together, because he wanted

He was going to drug her first and porary check with equanimity as in-Before she started, however, he man- sion." his face to the glass and shading it with that morning was the only incriminat- aged to get two minutes alone with her when she stood with her habit on waiting piece of evidence in her possession.

ing for Sir Jaffray. This thought, which might well have "I must see you today alone for an "Thank you. I have nothing what- speak. She spoke to me yesterday, and I he paused and looked very closely ... rock," he said hastily.

everything is in peril. You must be nocent and all unsuspecting Marguerite | She met his look and returned it with here, cr she may write her cursed He had passed now out of the line of warned for your own safety. I'm not a persecuted by an atrocious villain of a one which seemed to hold his eyes fixed knowledge. We dare not delay an unthe window, and his movements in the fool to cry 'wolf' without a very real Mephistopheles, myself! I compelled on her.

Before he reached the head of the spite her efforts.

ing from the bed. He bent forward and "I wish you both a pleasant ride," All I, I, I for the villainy, and you for and it is necessary for your sake and for By stooping her head forward very listened again intently, and as he was he said aloud and with a smile, for Sir the sweet, pure victim. On my soul, mine that the obstacle should be resaw that he was bending sideways from ed again from before the moon's face, the ladder while recognized holding on and the silver light came once more two's work at music." the ladder while seemingly holding on and the silver light came once more And he stood, smiling and bareheaded, boots!" looking after them as they rode away it in silence for a minute, and when he the room she did not move a muscle mutter an oath in French into his musand almost held her breath lest he tache while he stood not knowing what room, where he found Mrs. De Witt ev. idently waiting for him, but he was in But I had a purpose, mark you, and

"Are you going to play or sing, M. would have carried it out and have sisolved that she would if possible let in evident readiness to hold over the Turrian?" she asked. "The lovers have lenced that sly she cat once for all. ridden off together and left us. Lola sought to get delay by making you out into the room, in order that he might There was now no possibility of mis- was full of excuses for leaving me, but as the victim, and I meant to stop that the more clearly reveal his object, while take as to his intentions, and Beryl I told her I would certainly excuse her, fool's chatter for good and all." ing soon this may be the last chance they would have of billing and cooing an ace of death last night; that I went In a low but perfectly clear voice she together, and they are so absurdly hap- to her room in the dead of the night to "It is uselsss, M. Turrian. You will py with one another that I could not save you from her devilment, and, had couple of minutes' preparation, and have to choose some other time and think of letting stiquette interfere. Be- it not been for some resed chance that sides, Lola is such an unconventional kept her awake and let her hear me

you think of it. If anything were to about other people's business." "I have been watching you since happen! If I were to fall violently in

"Because I loved you yesterday after- balf closed. shief hurriedly into his pocket as she said this—"and now if you do not go noon and don't love you this morning" room than on a mountain side that you dress, but he said nothing of this to mark on his face. madame, is a garment to be worn only shudder at the sound in the one case Lola. madame, is a garment to be work only and yet can do the deed in the other? "I was mistaken," he said, returning for a moment, and then, darting forward, and tattered with too much use." "You are insulting."

"Not in the least," he answered in- Tell me the truth and say you're as colently. "Women in the morning are sorry as I am that I failed. Don't cant. the window and the figure of the man tween his clinched teeth, while he appendages, in the afternoon playmates "As God is my judge," she cried appendages, in the afternoon playmates to appendages, the transfer to appendages, the appendages to appendages, the appendages to appendages to appendages. of being necessary evils, and that only And then, overwrought, she sank on

veen his present mood and that of the he

of the manor be spoke to her.

"Where can we go? We must be ve

out replying and then said with em-"The worst that it could be. Everything is known.

And for the moment Lola lost all 1 nature which was so novel to her- the open door set the curtain rustling, wrapping herself in warm clothes, read self possession in the cold cramp that naked, unblushing, unashamed villainy while Beryl felt the night air strike a book until the morning broke. Then seemed to seize and paralyze her heart

CHAPTER XV.

"IF SIR JAFFRAY WERE TO DIE SUD-DENLY." For more than a minute Lola was which she spoke. messenger had come from Leycester unable to frame a word in reply to Court to say that her father was ill and what Pierre Turrian had said. The al- tempers, or else you'd make me do Before this summons all other con- had delivered the thrust had over- he cried angrily. "This is how things

> It was Pierre Turrian who broke the silence with a jeer. "You seem a good deal upset by a thing was to go on forever?" This speech started the hope that the

"What do you mean by the secret be-"You're not going to hark back to the And into the mud than you were before. what you do, though. You can start to you you may know that I saw that

What she heard next made her heart left hand. Then he stood still, with his In that he needed the help of Lola any fool's tale you like, for that matter, beat quickly. She was a brave girl, head bent forward toward the bed as and resolved to have a long talk with but what I mean is this—that there is that you should be compromised as full of resource and daring at need, but though listening intently for the breaththe voice she beard might bear made a line of the classes to the classes But he let nothing of his darker St. Sulpice at Montreux, and that per-"Who is it?" There was no hope in

"Some one who doesn't bear you the end as it struck the wall and again when she saw him put it to his mouth tion turned he took such share as was much love—Beryl Leycester—and a very

"How do you know that she knows?" "For the best of all possible reasons. of bed, slipped on some clothes and a handkerchief. This done, he thrust the ing in his manner to suggest to any of She told me so. She put into my hands dark dressing gown and turned to alarm bottle hastily into a side pocket and the others that anything unusual had a copy of the register from St. Sulpice "And what did you say?" came\_ the

"What should I say? That it was a to have his interview with her as soon as lie, and that she was the victim of an It was now quite clear to her what possible and had intended to speak to her extraordinary delusion, but she very my account," she retorted. that morning, but he accepted the tem- soon showed me that I was the liar, and when I found that she did know I gave the business up and told my ver-

your tale of the Devil's rock!" cried happen to know, he has in his will, what you ask," said Lola, "I could not Lola vehemently.

Then in an instant the meaning of it from the security of her hiding place, ever to say to you in private," she an- told her my version of the matter. My her and spoke very deliberately—"if faith, but I painted myself as black as Sir Jaffray were to die, say, by any ac- tion. Tomorrow I will give you an ana stamp of the foot to help me. I hid her face.

Then he moved forward again to the no mood for flirting or fooling with her. if the devil hadn't failed me for once I

"That that cold faced cat was within thus, to her intense rener, he did.

Finding that he had not placed the deer sufficiently close to the window though the outlined figure had sudden-"Do you mean you tried to murder

shloroform",—he pushed the handker- "You are a singular man," she said. looked at her aslant, with his eyelids looked out

impatiently. "Don't be a fool, Lcla. him.

chair that was by her, and, leaning her get us out of this mess. What do you do anything, he opened the window very angrily, and she swept out of the His words had revealed to her with hand that I am ready to take part in a

this man of infamy, who held in his re-

for them all? And then she reproached herself bitterly for having sought to escape from the meshes of the net which fate had woven round her. For some time she could not regain her self command; but, recognizing at last how worse than useless with a man like Pierre Turrian was any attitude

but that of firmness, she made a great effort to show a bold front to him. "Better?" he sneered as soon as sh raised her head. "It was rather a hard hit, I dare say, but you mustn't lose

your nerve just now. There's work to You are right," she answered stead-"there is work, but it must not and

"You'd be much wiser if you didn' use such ugly terms. You seem to forget that half the actions of the whole world depend for their respectability apon their description. Now, if you've | cure. enough pluck left to listen quietly, I'll soon show you which way your interest

"You can say what you like. It He glanced at her angrily and muttered an oath at her for the tone in

"There is no time now for losing our committed what your law calls bigamy. You did it, as you will say, in ignorance, hoping that you had seen the last of me when the stamp of that pretty but enerbut unfortunately for your plea of ignorance when I came here you went on pretending that you were Sir Jaffray's wife and continued to stay here, though you knew the marriage was bigamous and void. Do you see what that does? It just pricks the bubble of your innocence, and it puts you a deal deeper

from the first, and it suited my purpose He stopped and looked at her in triumph and as if expecting an outburst, but she had mastered her emotion by anger. But she did not let the hot words that rose to her lips escape them. Inthis time completely. stead of this she asked as calmly as she

That's all, and if it's any consolation

"Go on," she said quietly. "That means that you can at any mo- could force herself to speak: ment be put on your trial for bigamy and have to face the whole world from the plan?" the prisoner's dock, and, what is more, that I can put you there and will if you of a hundred drugs that can be got

"I am waiting to know what you tunities which can be as easily found want. I have never doubted either your or made will let us, either you or I, do bullying cowardice or your cunning." "What I want is easily said. I want to clear away from your path the diffi- you or I''-she paused on the wordsculties that threaten to ruin you." "You are suddenly very solicitous on

way in which it can be done," he con- tine. "I can get you the drug, or you tinued, not heeding the interruption. can get me the chance, and tomorrow "Sir Jaffray has settled on you a good should see you free from your troubles." many thousands of pounds, and, as I "Even if I could bring myself to do like a loving husband should, left you do it at once. I must have time to nerve "Nonsense! She had the facts, and it everything that he could leave without myself." was only a matter of when she should touching the entailed estates. Now"-

deeper gloom were more difficult to fol- cause. You know that. There is serious you to marry me. I made your life a "Well?" She uttered the single syllahell. I drove you to rebel. I ill treated ble question without allowing a sign Lola bit her lip and was startled de- you and fell over that rock, with never or symptom of her feeling to be seen in I "I mean." and his voice grew a trifle

> hoarse and unsteady-"I mean that Sir ried. I drove you to this life of lies. Jaffray is the one obstacle in your path, Lola clinched her hands till the nails nearly ran into her palms, and she bit her lip hard in her agitation, and it was

fully a minute before she trusted herself The Frenchman filled up the interval by lighting a fresh cigarette and walking up and down the room. He was glad of the pause, for the strain of the moment told on him. He was very pale, and the perspiration came out in a line of beads on his forehead.

"I think I understand you," said Lola at length when she could trust herself to speak. "And what is to happen after-after what you mean?" He was by the door of the room when she spoke, and he turned and answered, be once more the acknowledged wife of standing still. He tried to speak lightly. a man like you is a hateful prospect. "What should happen?" he cried, with a wave of the hands and a shrug me than the wanton of another." "Certainly," he said masterfully. ou would be my wife"-

He stopped suddenly without finishing the sentence and turned toward the "What's that?" he cried. He rushed to the door and tried to open it quickly, but in his haste fumbled with the

Bahl" He sneered and waved his band to the room and closing the door behind seized her and commenced to struggle

"It must be a devil's plot indeed," said Lola, "when it makes even you He made no answer to this. "Well, you know my plan now," he

"You don't expect me to reply off-

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"And when would you propose that "should do this?" "The sconer the better," he answered as coldly as if he had been discussing "And I mean to show you the only some trifling matter of everyday rou-

> "You needed no time on the Devil's "I will not do this without considera-

would as suddenly be freed from all "You are a fool, Lola! Any hour may bring that girl Leycester back



Sir Jaffray, looking very white and stern, entered the room. not denounce you myself to Sir Jaffray and face all that may have to come. To "Better to be the wife of a man like

raising the riding whip which she held in her hand, she struck him with all her force right across the face, leaving His rage was so violent that he trembled with the force of it, and, rushing forward, he tore the whip from her hand and flung it to the other end of the room. You she devil!" he muttered, glar-

with her striving to force her backward

a crimson wale on his livid check. ing into her face with murder in his He watched her warily and curningly

to a sofa, rage lending strength to his forth all her strength, which was very

