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gabbling tongue? Yes, and I'll speak Rachel Sandal did not commit suicide as my mother said. She was strangled, and by me."

Sylvia clapped her hands to her face with a scream. "By you?" "Yes. She had a beautiful brooch. stairs attending to your drunken father stole to Lady Rachel's room and found her asleep. I tried to take the brooch from her breast. She woke and caught my hand. But I tore away the she wore, which was already around

moved the brooch from my mouth and unbound me. I was put to bed, and Tray went down and tied a cross stick Jessop revived my mother. Then came the inquest, and it was thought that

"I killed her-I"the wall with widely open eyes. "Bah, you kitten!" sneered Maud contemptuously. "I have not half done yet! You have yet to hear how I killed

her chair, staring with horrified eyes at the cruel face before her. "Yes," cried Mand exultingly, "I

condition would I marry him. I want- I sat beside him and taunted him. pocket when he met with that acci-The Mission Band meets on the second Wed

"How do you know Tray?" at my request. I wanted revenge and came of the race of thugs, if you.

know anything about them." ate them. But he didn't. I strangled cried Maud, clapping her hands, "with sult of remorse. them because I loved to see them suf- you, do you hear? When it was 8, 1 fer and because I wished to learn how went to Judson's. The porter thought to strangle in the way the thugs did." I had been out for an early walk. My

I did not know what to do. I went bandage and shricked aloud in de said, Deborah." she was arranging to prosecute Krill ing shrick. It was the voice of Deb- she rest in a peace she don't deserve, ful tears by his mother.

the savage and baffled woman.

ance I bound his hands behind his only knows if she hoped to escape aftback, and then we enjoyed ourselves." er her failure to kill Sylvia, but she Sylvia rose and staggered to the door. ran on blindly. Into the new street of Jubileetown she sped, with the roaring mob at her heels. She darted "Stop where you are, you whimpering down a side thoroughfare, but Debo-

fool!" she snarled exultantly. "I have rah gained on her silently and with a you safe." Then she continued quick. savage look in her eyes. Several posistance I carried Krill up to the shop. slope that led to the station. She Tray found an auger and bored a hole gained the door, darted through upset the man at the barrier and with of copper wire which was being used clinched fists stood at bay, her back in packing things for Krill to make his to the rails. Deborah darted forward.

escape. I took it up. We laid Krill's

When Tray went down to see after the wire, I knelt beside Krill and told had strangled Lady Rachel.

severely, since the brooch stopped him aside. Then she reeled and fell over prove that Maud was not legally encalling out—as it stopped me-me," she

"Oh, how could you-how could"-

Here Maud broke off, for Sylvia, who Paul solemnly.

At once she heard an answer- "Why that thing as is dead, an' may

was not locked, and Maud, struggling don't blame me," and Mrs. Tawsey,

her sturdy shoulder to the frail door, all that had taken place. The detective burst it open. Beecot flung himself was equally horrified along on the woman and dragged her back, cot when he heard of Sylvia's danger because of her daughter's terrible en But she clung like a leech to Sylvia and set to work to prove the truth of has gone back with her husband with the black handkerchief in her what Mand had told the girl. He sucgrabbed at the handkerchief and tore tively short space of time the whole that she devil to go free too?" it from Maud's grasp. Sylvia, half matter was made clear. Mrs. Jessop, strangled, fell back in a faint, white alias Mrs. Krill, was examined; Tray as a corpse, while Paul struggled with was found and questioned; Matilda orah and laid her strong hands on breasts of it. The evidence thus pro- Jessop was drowned. When he came

the girl she thought to strangle. Hurd

went in his arms and shrank against the young woman."

my mother's no less a woman than Matilda. When "Whatever made her tell Miss Nora girl, and gave up the brooch. Then when he recognized me to struggle. In was being chased by quite a mob of designed to strangle Sylvia. But Mand fact, he fainted. With Tray's assist- people. She ran like a hare. Heaven made use of her to get Deborah out

is nothing but a wicked little imp." "Will be be hanged?" "No, I think not. His youth will

"And Mrs. Krill?" "Mrs. Jessop you mean. Hum!

don't know. She apparently was ig- know?" norant that Maud killed Krill, though she might have guessed it, after the way in which Lady Rachel was murdered. I dare say she'll get off. I'm of the terrible death of her daughter.' Paul did not pursue the conversa the business, and, moreover, was too He may improve." would be paid to him by Miss Nor-

ter and told me the goddess would not She jerked the handkerchief tight, but back from the station," said Beecot soever. For the sake of, his mother accept the offering of a maimed man. Sylvia got her hand under the cruei anxiously. "Tell me exactly what she the young man buried the past and

as he had more money than Jessop."

"Oh," Paul shrugged his shoulders,

Purr to come to him, so that she also might be out of the way."

"Well," said Hurd, "I went with the old woman to the address given in that letter which Tray got written for him. He wasn't there, however, I might have guessed it was a do.' "But you have caught him?"

"Yes, in Hunter street. He was He's as bad a lot as that girl, but her days in peace. The government arms. grandmother was a murderess; Tray

Of course, Pash had known for some time that Maud was too old to have been born of Mrs. Jesson's secbigamy. He counted on keeping her the platform. The next moment a titled to the money. But when the train came slowly into the station, and discovery was made at Beechill and immediately the wretched woman was Stowley churches by Miss Qian, under the cruel wheels. When she monkey faced lawyer could do nothhim struck off the rolls; but simply punished him by taking awa, Sylvia's business and giving it

a fierce tenderness which was the re- sessed of nearly five thousand a year, "If that wretch 'ad killed my pretty," creasing. But she was too ill to apstrange sequel to the Gwynne street was staring over her shoulder out of "Serve 'er right," rejoined Deborah mystery. Beecot senior, reading the any more," sne said impioringly.

But she might as well have spoken the window, saw a form she knew heartlessly. "What kin you expect fur papers, learned that Sylvia was once ance of Tray."

to life she preferred to live with Krill, "And therefore Jessop, as you say,

had free quarters at the Red Pig. A her."



feared to ask her. But as the girl was ag'in," cried Mrs. Tawsey, "which my out all night at the time of the murder, sister Matilder being weary of 'er spin had the chance and so Mrs. Jessop, I think, knows more than stering 'ome ave made up 'er mind to she chooses to admit. However, the marry the fust us offers An won't any one. But I expect he'll get a long treasury won't prosecute her, and her she lead 'im a dance neither oh, no. mind is now weak. Let the poor crea- not at all." ture end her days with Jessop, father.

> "That boy, Tray?" "He was tried for being an acces-

"Huh!" grunted the old gentleman, remain abroad. Sandal and Tem- and introduced himself as a police on put it about that Hay was a cheat was lying on the table as stakes in and a scoundrel. Poor Hay," sighed game of poker, saying he would he Paul, "he has ruined his career." "Bah! he never had one. If you pity at the office that evening, but would is

of good people?" "Such as Deborah, who is nursing my darling? I think she's the best wo-

"I suppose that Matilda Junk creature had nothing to do with the murder?" asked Beecot senior. "No. She knew absolutely nothing

and only attacked Deborah because she fancied Deborah was attacking Maud. However, the two sisters have easy conscient made it up, and Matilda has gone back to the Red Pig. She's as decent a creature as Deborah, in another way, and she spoke to him so freely at Christ. the police news to her a

"And the thug?" but the descendant of one. However, as follows:

"I'm not absolutely ignorant," growled his father. "I know that. So this hae found any difficulty in pronouncing Hokar goes free?" "Yes.: He would not strangle Aaron Advertiser.

and Bhowanee won't accept maimed ANXIOUS MOMENT persons. Failing him, Maud had to attend to the job herself, with the assist-

Beechill we should never have known great prevalence about the marriage, you know." "No, I don't know. They're far too

like. It isn't mine." "Nor mine either, father," said Paul

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Mrs. Tawsey also. I'm rather anxa good companion for your mother.' So matters were arranged in this "I am so glad, darling," she sald, holding Paul's hand in her thin ones

"I should not have liked our marriage to have kept vou from your father Mrs. Tawsey snorted. "His frantic par," she said, "ah, well, when I meet 'im if he dares to say a word agin "My father is quite ready to wel

come her as a daughter," said Paul "An' no poor one either!" cried Deborah triumphantly. "Five thousand a year, as that nice young man Mr. Ford have told us is right. Lor', my lovely

queen, you'll drive in your chariot and forget Debby "You foolish old thing," said the girl fondly. "You held to me in my troubles, and you shall share in my

"Allays purvidin I don't 'ave to leave the laundry in charge of Bart an' Mrs. Purr, both bein sinfants of silliness. one with gin and tother with weak

Is there anything else you wish to have much to be thankful for all of us.

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so she soon died. My mother came into came back to me and took the brooch telling me I might be hanged if it was found on me. I was afraid, being only Captain Jessop raised the alarm. and my mother went downstairs, and my mother dropped the brooch on the floor, so that it might be supposed Lady Rachel had lost it there. Captain Jessop ran out. I wanted to give the alarm and tell the neighbors that Krili had done it, for I knew then he was not my father, and I saw, moreover, how unhappy he made my mother. caught me," said Maud, with a fierce look, "and bound a handkerchief across my mouth. I got free and screamed Then he bound me hand and foot and pinned my lips together with the brooch which he picked off the floor. mother fought for me, but he knocked hours, to wa in , 12 to 2 p m., and 6 to 8p.m. ice, two doors east of Bank of Hamilton,

Lady Rachel had committed suicide. But she did not," cried Maud exultant-AFFICE and residence, Corner of Main and and with a cruel light in her eyes. "Oh," meaned Sylvia, backing against

> Sylvia shrieked and sank back in but she never knew for certain. Liswas hiding as Norman in Gwynne hands. "That was a treat for Krill !

Tray, the boy, took it from Beecot's give you a treat by strangling the man "Because I met him at Pash's office several times when I was up. He ran errands for Pash before he became regularly employed. I saw that Tray was a devil of whom I could went to the shop to kill your father

Sylvia was sick with fear and dis- mother"-

"I won't listen," cried Sylvia, shud- fiercely. "I'll kill you!" and she shook confession made by Maud Jessop

then, when I found Tray was like my and left Deborah to deal with Maud, said to Paul, "for I am an ass. told me of the cellar and of the side crashed around the little room, upset- Krill strangled the man, but passage. When my mother and Pash ting the furniture. Paul took Sylvin for one moment suspected that smiling eye. But I searched till I got it. Then she saw Maud in Deborah's grip she man what she had done?" said Hurd. I made an appointment with Tray for flew at her sister like a tigress and 11 o'clock at the corner of Gwynne dragged her off. Maud was free for via would live to tell any one else.

brooch and before Lady Rachel could street. I went back to Judson's hotel, a moment. Seeing her chance, she That was why she spoke and thought scream I twisted the silk handkerchief and my mother and I went to the thea- scrambled out of the window and ran to torture Sylvia, as she did, in the ter. We had supper and retired to bed- through the garden down the road to- same way as she tortured that wretchher throat, tighter. I am strong-I al- that is, my mother did. We had left ward the station. Perhaps she had a ed man, Lemuel. If I hadn't come ways was strong, even as a girl of fif. the theater early, as my mother had a vague idea of escape. Deborah, ex- earlier to Rose cottage than usual, and teen. She was weak from exhaustion, headache, and I had plenty of time. erting her great strength, threw Ma- if Deborah had not met me unexpect-Mother fell asleep almost immedi. tilda aside and without a cry ran out edly at the station, Sylvia would cerately. I went downstairs veiled and in of the house and after the assassin tainly have been killed. And then She was terrified and made me go back dark ciethes. I slipped past the night who had tried to strangle Sylvia. Ma- Maud might have escaped. She laid to bed. Then she tied Lady Rachel porter and met Tray. We went by the tilda, true to her salt, ran also to help her plans well. It was she who in by the silk handkerchief to the bedpost. side passage to the cellar. Thinking Maud Krill, and the two women sped duced Matilda to get her sister to we were customers. Krill let us in. in the wake of the insane creature come to Kensington for a chat." Tray locked the door, and I threw my- who was swiftly running in the direc- "But Matilda didn't know what self on Krill. He had not been drink. tion of the station. People began to Maud was up to?" ing much or I might not have mastered look round, a crowd gathered like "No. Matilda never guessed that him. As it was he was too terrified magic, and in a few moments Maud a Maud was guilty of two murders or

> "No more no more" the long hand of which now pointed to a quarter to 4. "With Tray's asin the floor. Then I picked up a coil

hands away. "You shall hear, you him that I knew I was not his daughter; that I intended to strangle him as

shricked with horror. That was the ten. When Hay told me that Krill pected that," cried Maud, clapping her any more for assistance by pinning his mouth together, as he had done mine over twenty years before. Then ed the brooch to pin Krill's lips to heard the policeman pass and the gether as he had pinned mine when I church clock strike the quarter. Then was a helpless child, but your fool of I heard footsteps and guessed you a lover would not part with the brooch were coming. It occurred to me to

cried, striking her breast. "You feeble thing," said Maud conto the cellar and fastened the door behind me. Tray was already pressing "Oh," moaned Sylvia, covering her you said. I prolonged Krill's agony,

not much time left before your fool the beast. Then, with Tray, I locked arrives. Hokar saw that I loved to the cellar door and left by the side hurt living creatures, and he taught passage. We dodged all the police and me how to strangle cats and dogs and got into the Strand. I did not return things. No one knew but Hokar that to the hotel, but walked about with I killed them, and it was thought he Tray all the night, talking with—joy,"

Mand gave a wild scream and sprang under his thumb by threatening

was picked up she was dead and alcut to pieces. Lady Rachel and self for such a time as I thought it shock and the remembrance of the was not difficult. The two women it was many weeks before she recov- in a very wasteful manner, but the

> she said to Paul, "I'd ha' killed her, preciate this good fortune. If I wos hanged fur it five times over." | The case got into the papers, and "God has punished the woman," said every one was astonished at

Maud whipped the black silk hand- down on 'em. Oh, Mr. Beecot," Deb- over, the frantic old gentleman, went to the shop, but when he saw kerchief round the girl's neck. "You orah broke down into noisy tears, "the L what Sylvia let drop when we came forgive Paul on no conditions wha

"No, I ain't, sir. That thing guy my though he intended to huri it at h

At the same moment Deborah, putting Paul went to find Hurd and related not going to prosecute him for his at- should never be used except on prescriplive at his house in Stowley."



"When?" he asked, taking her in his ness of brain. It's well I made Bart

that child and shielded her from the Mr. Beecot, the same as you must do loafing about there at night waiting consequences of killing Lady Rachel, to my own lily flower there." for Maud and quite ignorant of her The Sandal family don't want the case "No, I am to love, honor and obey death. I made him tell me everything revived, especially as Maud is dead, Paul," cried Sylvia. of his connection with the matter, so Mrs. Jessop—as she is now—can end "When?" he asked, taking her in his she had some excuse, seeing her decided to let her go. She knew that her "As soon as I can stand at the al-

daughter had killed Lady Rachel and tar," she replied blushing, whereat shielded her. But she was never sure Deborah clapped her hands. if Maud had strangled Krill, as she "Weddin's an' weddin's an' weddin's

Let us try and show our grutifule in our lives."

scoundrels, Paul, what are you to think obliged if they would do so the nextheir disgustiathat this police consum sione; of the n efit before had to be

ried off by a gang of thieves. So line