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Elspeth had feared that, owing to sional voice: "Here is the memoranher delay with Lady Hilary, she might dum you wished to have." McGowan, but to her relief neither looking lovelier than ever. ter Mr. Grant appeared.

'No, he has not wanted you, I "Who is that?" asked Trowbridge shown by Trowbridge.

her what had happened.

"Why, no one knows exactly," said up and unknown." to come here. Anyway, he arrived "She is a great beauty." for everybody goes to bed early here; get" ----

dark and that, though the fellow--a way of my work." tain must have bitten him, the proof. His accent was strongly American you. I didn't dream you were workbeing that when they came to the once more. with blood."

which to connect one affair with society, she moved away. to the mast of Bank of Hamilton, I the other, she said to herself again, 31 . . . had said before, but the thought was in her mind, and she rejoiced more than before than she had gone through her strange ordeal in silence "I really believe there's a mystery of sede sort," Grant was continuing

What kind of mystery do you with his new assistant. "Oh, about Captain Oxford being you," he said, "and I trust you are saving anything about that part of to be kept waiting." if at all. He just managed to get to tired in the least; and five minutes the house, and the night porter called later she was knocking at the door

"Was the wound serious?" asked carrying her own small typewriter in "No He lost a good deal of blood, but he will be about again in a day or two, the doctor says, with his arm in a sling. The bullet was extracted i without difficulty, it was only a flesh yound but being on the left side it might easily, if the bullet had entered the body, have proved fatal " "Strange that a poacher should fire ! at a supposed keeper with a bullet, wasn't it'' remarked Elspeth 'hought-

"Yes That's one of the queer bits of the business, though it will probably turn out to be simple enough at The police are already looking into it, but Captain Oxford hasn't helped them much so far. Mr. Mc-Gowan is exceedingly annoyed that -tieli a thing should have happened here, but, of course, it has nothing to do with the hotel, and Captain Ox-I foul does admit that he was on or Lear that part of the estate which still belongs to Lord Lochrain." At this moment the manager himself came in, but announced that he wanted a little conversation with Mr. Grant before beginning work with . Miss Dean. This gave Elspeth the

chance she wanted, and scribbling on a bit of paper the words, "Not hurt sellously. Will be well in a few days," she slipped out into the hall to find Lady Hilary. As she had expected the girl was there, but two or three people were talking with her, and if she saw Els- He referred to the journey and asked if she beth she gave no signs of doing so. otary, Conveyancer 4 cm 4 cm 4 p.m. 10.25 a.m. 8.35 p.m It was not good form for an employe of the house to linger in the great keep her promise to Lady Hilary, had

not Mr. Trowbridge come up and spok-en to her with an air of marked cornowerful emotion, very different from

the easy gallantry of his look when Lady Hilary Vane had turned of her unusual and high-bred beauty which had lit the new light in Mr. | known each other for a long time. | She could see that in beginning to

be late for her appointment with Mr. Lady Hilary blushed deliciously, he nor Mr Grant was in the room you so much," she murmured, and when the knocked at the door, which moved away, burning with anxiety, stood slightly ajar. As it was empty, Elspeth was sure, to learn the conshe went in, and a moment or two af- tents of the "memorandum." At the speth had told him something about hour. You must find other the for better if she chatted quietly. And so pation. same instant, however, Lady Lambart her life in London. He asked her her Have you seen her the she she did chat, though scarcely quietly, "I hope Mr. McGowan hasn't been came into the hall, her eyes darting questions, and she was led on to an- asked Mr. McGowal to her have about not only her own affairs, but "good mornings"; "I'm five minutes not been in time to see the paper have defined, the difference between slipped from hand to hand.

know" Grant reassured her. "He's in a low but eager tone, and in this In spite of the interludes of talk, if to quietly remind the poetess that pretty Hilary" led a terrible life with lay after blinch, a been detained by the doctor, who has moment of sincere feeling it seemed however, they managed to do a good time was being wasted, but Lady such a mother. Somehow or other, while new something come down from the room of a gen- to Elspeth that his accent was differ- deal of work, Elspeth typing from Ardeliffe rushed off upon a new tack. however, Lady Ardeliffe went on, con- a Mr. Kennith, I tleman-Captain Oxford, who had a ent. "Why, I don't believe he's an Kenrith's dictation so quickly that "Tell me, did you admire the fidentially, Ida Lambart had contrivence sarrily kind queer adventure last night, and got American!" she said to herself in beher fingers flew over the keys of the Countess?" she inquired, with an ed to fascinate John Kenrith, the where you will trid at a hurt. Perhaps you've heard about it wilderment. "That's his real way of small and almost noiseless machine eagerness which Elspeth was at a Lancashire millionaire, whom every invilid." from one of the servants. It's all over speaking, the other is put on. But When it was nearly half-past twelve loss to understand "I should like the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much. He was an ex- There was both in the loss to understand the body liked so much the loss to understand the loss to understand the body liked so much the loss to understand the loss to understa the house already. You know how why? Why should be pretend to be Kenrith stopped her, saying that they opinion of a newcomer on that sub-ceedingly clever man, as well as a voice, and at was about to li-jetter. Elspeth replied that she had heard McGowan says he is a millionaire, he would like to hear what he had what he had would like to hear what he had what he had been clever enough, appartiant that the manager of the same of the had been clever enough, appartiant the manager of the had been clever enough. othing, and begged Mr. Grant to tell so he can't have any reason to pre- written, if she did not mind, from ly striking," the girl was replying ently, to see through Ida Lambart like Captain Oxford.

Grant who was evidently more will- All this flashed through the girl's way. ing to be drawn out concerning this head in the fraction of a second, and Elspeth was only too pleased to do story than he had been regarding she answered, without seeming heatas he asked, for not only did she like caught up the words. "I should hardbe think about the should bring off such a seemed, therefore, that who need to do
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and was shot at in fact, struck by other. "Do you know Lady Hilary" he had a struggle with a man in the to do her a very small favor in the threshold. She had had a charming poncher I suppose he must have been, "All the same, she likes you Her it froze at sight of Elspeth sitting and mistook Captain Oxford for a eyes showed that," said Trowbridge cosily at his table with sheets of keeper got clear away. The dog reflectively "You can make a friend manuscript in her hand. which goes everywhere with the cap- of the girl if you like, I would bet "

house the collie's mouth was covered Elspeth laughed. "I am afraid that me last evening that if I wanted a won't come in the way of my work. book to come to your sitting-room Elsteth shuddered a little, remem- She is the daughter of a countess, and choose it when yours have been drapping through her ceiling and With this, and a civil nod, which had splashed upon her book. It was excused herself from Mr. Trowbridge's

CHAPTER IV.

hoped that during her filled the bookcase with the contenthour and a half with Mr. McGowan of my boxes, you see, and you have , she might glean further news of Capin lather a confidential way, and it tain Oxford and his mysterious midher name in a way to make a Low a flutter of excitement. "That mean with a bundle of papers in his hand bithin "If there is, maybe I shall be steadily at work taking down letters the one to find it out." But that idea from the manager's dictation. He was nonsense, too, of course, coming spoke rapidly, as if to test her skill, oul, because her nerves were over- but though she was nervous at strained, and she hastened to ask Mr. first, through overanxiety to give sat-Grant a few more question to which isfaction, she made no mistakes, and the answers might be of interest to at 10.25 exactly Mr. McGowan stopped, declaring himself very pleased "Mr. Kenrith will be ready for

not tired, as I should not like him Elspeth answered that she was not of Mr. Kenrith's private sitting room, its leather case

lingered in her memory; and suddenly, though the girl had been calm heart began to beat very fast, as it had beaten in the strange dark watches of the past night.

"How silly I am," she thought." I suppose it must be that I'm wondering how he will feel about yesterday. He may be vexed that I'm the same girl who traveled in the carriage with him yesterday, and heard all the talk about his jewels

and about Captain Oxford." She opened the door rather slowly. ting table. But, judging from his expression, he was rather pleased than annoyed to find that he had already met his new secretary. He referred tired, and was so sympathetic and pleasant that before they began work together the girl felt as if they had The Scotch girl did not wait for most as shy as a boy, and his em-

alone and get on as best I could; but instance, is quite foolish over my case; now, if you like ---

a knock at the door, and again Ken- to don't know what he was doing out of think I must go to Mr. McGowan readily, Elspeth thought, as he had cliffe, "a poor man might wish to sharp scent

smile on her lips for Mr. Kenrith, but

"Oh, I am so sorry to .nterrupt worth reading, so I took you at your "There is no but," Kennith assured her, pleasantly "Miss Dean and I had really finished, and our time for work is over. My man has

only to choose. Lady Lambart came in, ignoring ing replaced her typewriter in its

ed Elspeth, and warmed her heart, ture who got in first-class with us

in clear tones as the door closed. Perhaps, if she had caught Kenfelt so crushed; but she did not catch want you to do, as a great favor to though his ever were fixed intently is experim to the sort of girl to be mistaken for a

after luncheon, was with Lady Ard- another little token later on, if you at last scribed as a "peeress who wished to ed them. Don't look so anxious. It's duling be a poetess." Elspeth had seen her only quite an easy thing I want you

and soon he forgot self-consciousness and warmed to his subject. Elspeth, to would have suited a spoil
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of are lateral and the forgot self-consciousness glasses, did not recognize the girl. He forgot self-consciousness glasses, did not recognize the girl. She was fussy and flighty, with an to women, or if when with him you hear or see anything which makes pleased to learn that there is at least one of a proper will be a self-consciousness. of explaining the great scheme the ed young beauty of twenty-one, and you suppose he cares about Countess dreaded disease that science has been Northern millionaire had thought out though she announced that she was Radepolskon." for the benefit of mankind, and he engaged upon a dramatic poem for a "I couldn't possibly," Elspeth re- Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the must have seen what she felt in the Review, which must be finished with- plied in haste. "I'm sure you are only positive cure now known to the glowing eyes which dwelt often on in a week, she would not settle to speaking thoughtlessly, but if I did medical fraternity. Cataith being a work. Instead she talked about her- what you ask I should be a spy, a tutional treatment I was afraid this would be dull self, and what she had written, and very mean spy, and I should deserve Cure is taken internally acting directly business for a young girl," said Ken. how much all she had done had been to be discharged." rith at last, "but I believe you must admired. "I do think," she said, "Oh, dear!" exclaimed Lady Ard- the system, thereby destroying the fact

ed verses in her own language. I "Thank you," said Kenrith, smil. don't know how successfully. Now been talking for half an hour" pleasing compliment for an aspiring my help. Perhaps she will want you she was in no mood for writing. She author, at work on his first book." to type for her, but if she does, mind had worked herself into quite a ner- sold by all Drugge! And he would not go on until El. I can't give you up a moment of my your state, she said, and would feel Take Hall's Family 1'.

this man's interest in her and that has been said about my working for ribly in debt, that wherever she went moving over their

and that looked rather ommous, as "Of course," went on Lady Ard- trade-men had such an extraordinary

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and dilated eyes, she went on "Look Dean, he said. "You have been But of course you are All normal I want to give you something pretty ther high chock botte to encourage you Perhaps you have

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constitutional disease requires a constidreamily, "that I have a little of the cliffe, distressfully, "such an idea dation of the disease, and giving the "It's one of the most absorbing divine afflatus. People sometimes ask never occurred to me. Of course, I patient strength by building up the course subjects in the world," answered the me to teach them how to write; but would not have asked you if it had stitution and assisting native in girl, "and I have thought a lot about how can one teach what is as elusive Please forget that I did. But you its work. The promittee interests , since I came to live in London as flame? Countess Radepolskoi, for shall see my jewels some day, in any taith in its curative peace. I never really understood much about work. She's Polish, and has attempt- "Hadn't we better get on with your that it fails to come Some feet det det

work" suggested Elspeth. "We have testimor ing," returned Elspeth, "but nothing Elspeth that Lady Lambart was hor-morning Capter, cixtual has in her." The girl clicked her machine as duns rained upon her, and that "poor and it is to be

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It is taption to present her the tend things, like people who are hard her lips. He believed that he could frankly, when Lady Ardcliffe's face People were saying that she would perverse reason, mode has the years and the perverse reason, mode has the years and the perverse reason, mode has the years and the perverse reason. his wife, and of course it would be a she had heard so name it is "Very, isn't she?" the elder woman glorious thing for her, as well as for terestring and ever textile of

the house after 12 o'clock last night, now, Mr Trowbridge. I won't for done when waiting for her to begin marry her for her money, for she is Elspeth felt very guilty to sit hearsaid to be rich, and I suppose she ing these intimate details concerning Arthur Holmer, Ockyone but be that as it may, he was out, "Wait a minute, please," urged the Quickly the door opened, and Lady must be, as she dresses extravagant- Lady Lambart and poor Lady Hilary," Lambart, looking very handsome, y, and has some very fine jewels, but and would have been glad to stop a bullet in the arm already wounded— "Not at all," Elspeth replied and almost girlish, in a youthfully millionaires don't need to think of Lady Videliffe if she could, although the left, fortunately for him. He says promptly, "except that I was able made white dress, stood on the such sordid things in connection with she could not help being interested It would have been impossible, how "Poor creature," thought Elspeth, ever, for a person in her position to "she must be over fifty, yet I do be- dictate precepts of propriety to one lieve she's in love, and inclined to in Lady Ardeliffe's and she had no be jealous, either of Mr. Kenrith, or alternative save to listen, till her honaires I've heard of as stopping. She had been told, when she had ing," she said. "You know you told in this hotel. I wonder which it is?" thushed work with Lade Ardeliffe, to But she did not have to wonder return to Mr. McGosen's room to long. Lady Ardeliffe's next sentence learn whether or no the time left

helped her to make a shrewd guess, open for extras was to be filled. As being the wet rubies that had come and I-am Mr. McGowan's secretary." unpacked. Hilary and I have nothing "Mr. Trowbridge said last night he the was about to enter, the door was was going to have Mr McGowan's opened abruptly, and Mr Trowbudge new secretary to help him with his came out so suddenly that Elspeth multitudes of letters." the poetess had to start back out of his way. He went on "I suppose he meant you?" begged her pardon, and hurried on, Elspeth replied that she was to as- but she had time to notice a look of sist Mr. Trowbridge from 6 o'clock un- 'extreme satisfiction on his handsome ed rather mischievously he wanted . "He has perhaps got some favor to lend her services to one of his out of Mr McGowan "thought the J

> Countess Radepolskoi." She paused He had not the air, however, of hav a moment, evidently thinking very my been at work with theng Evident to was decase, would have gone quietly out of earnestly. Then, with flushed cheeks, by he was laboring under some streng in a than Kenrith sprang to open the door for here, my dear, I have something to peth, he used all his self-control to the of the her "Thank you very much, Miss ask you Are you fond of jewelry; hade But he could not conceal the What would be hear a sple did, and with such kind help young girls are Now, you are going nervously with the papers, nor the har and we level to as yours I shall look forward to my to help me nicely with my work, and spots of red whom I irned on his tak it total V His words, so evidently spoken to heard that I have rather a fad for Trowbridge must have said omething monthly and Eisteeth could only tures that Me a my, who show Lady Lambart, as well as the jewels, and own a great many Now, to annot or offend Mr. Grant in the P I'm going to get a box where I keep subty criticisting some defect in the Lambert, and butter from the

my rings, and I will point out some management, with medence, which Joine Grant but she was not to leave the room from among which you may take your Mr. Grant, as subsectionate had not the was "Oh, no. Lady Ardeliffe please for the pale young man, and emiled art a attime?" not" cried Elspeth "You are very at him in a sweet and friendly was ent I am paid by the management of for her to do between three and four He did not an wer at first, or even as a mond 

it, and so she went away with ting- me, something the management has upon her, a it he would have pokling cheeks, wondering if she really nothing to do with, and will hear no- en Jumping up be began walling in his till did look common, and if she were the thing about, if you are the nice, sen about the mall reom in a testle sage of the sage of sible girl I take you for," broke in uneasy way, like an animal in a case [ . . . . gent ], i Lady Ardeliffe "You needn't hest "I am glad you have come glad have a The Fig. Her next hour of work, directly tate to have the ring, and perhaps you have come. Mr. Dean," he said to explanate the cliffe, whom Mr. McGowan had de- use me good, for you will have earn- "Were you wanting mer" and in it, might, with

opt winter total of the contract out "Yes no I mean I am glad you out was shot in in the morning talking with Hilary to do, and it won't interfere with any have come to locking I am not the aim that had be in Lambart, but Lady Ardcliffe, who duty All I ask is that you will tell happy here I am a man with bounds That a moually so, i at a H les embittion. This has been no place be able to be him him a to satisfy it. I have been earing my day or two at hough it is a heart out with he one to speak to be too he has local a ; . : a fineral no one I would have cared and is rather work 4 of the care a to speak with in uch a way. But better not let him a sagar the first moment you boked up into ie, this afternoon, the and face yesterday I felt the presence at mo t; and I m - a .

a kindled spirit. I want to have your advice and of tor a triend. May I think of you though he die in t varid Now Series .... "Please do," said Elspeth, rather See, there he is an a puzzled and not quite at case, but there still with kindness in her heart for Kennith led appet a consider her fellow employe. She was very room toward a come one far from sure that she was a kindred with cushions among and a conspirit of Mr. Grant's, but she was seen the back for a contract of quite willing to be his friend well-naped held, to a "Thank you. Shake hands upon with close-crowded, a good, as a second that," he said, seizing her hand and bur. In another in a second crushing it so hard that she could be face, which have a bound in a conscarcely refrain from crying out "Re she approached at Kenenth" in the

fore long I may test your friend-hip, as the handsome eye arefully maded by asking help such as only a woo faintly in greeting, the gull good aman can give. But I shall not make slight start of surprise 'selfish demands upon it Don't fear "Why," she linked bereit out a you have promised to promote your exactly like him, only a short time advantage and advancement I can't ago:" explain how at this moment, though you will know what I mean before

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Grant seemed to wake from a feverish dream, "Yes yes" he said "I A medicine that will kee had forgotten Captain Oxford the voung children plump man I told you about this morning - tured, with a clear eye and has sent to know whether there is blessing not on vato the long any one who can write from his die- to mothers as well, Ball tation a few letters which he is very le's a'e just such a medici anxious to get off as soon as possible, all the minor all ments of a second that I might do what was wanted, one is needed. Mrs. G but he thinks he has some work which el'a, Man., says : "Baby

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I suppose you will have to go to him, make them eat well, see, well though I don't quite like the idea, well. They are justed in Indeed, I suggested to Mr. McGowan thousands of homes when a I, and nobody else, must do for him le's are the most satisfacture this afternoon. Rather inconsider have ever used for ills of very ate, I call it. However, patience is the word for the present. Everything may be very different soon. Captain Oxford has a little room opposite Mr. Kenrith's. and Mr. Kenrith—who is

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