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Secretary. dear Retty, you must leave me to my-C. L. GRANT,

Very pale and sad and startled Betty looked as she approached him. Tears were shining in her soft hazel eyes,

and there was something infinitely pathetic to the big broad-shouldered AT THE CHRONICLE PRINTING HOUSE, GARAFRAXA STREET young man in the girl's small, white, wistful face and thin childish figure in deep mourning.

He drew her hand tenderly within his arm and laid his own upon it. "Tell me, dear," he said gently,

"what is it that troubles you?" "Dudley," Betty began, in an agitated voice, "I can't bear what I am going to do! It seems mean and treacherous of me. But all last night I dreamed of Mrs. Revelsworth. It seemed to me that she stood at the foot of my bed and said to me, 'Betty, you must tell the truth!' I would have spoken before, had they not declared at the inquest that Victor was drowned. But since then, only last night, something else happened which made me certain you ought to be told."

"Told! Told what? Betty, is it something about my brother Victor?" "Yes. Dudley, there is something wrong, some dreadful mystery connected with Revelsworth House. cannot understand it yet, and I am al-

most afriad to try." "My poor child, you are trembling! Is it those ghost fears upsetting you

again?" "No, no-it is something worse, something real! I am so afraid of being missed from the house"-glancing nervously from one end to the other of the arched walk as she spoke-"and there is so little time. One thing you must know first. That dreadful old woman up-stairs-"

"Do you mean Francesca's mother?" Dudley asked, in some surprise. It was so unlike Betty to speak unkindly of

"She is not Francesca's mother. Read this letter. I myself gave it into Mrs. Revelsworth's hands on the afternoon of the day she died. She never told me one word of its contents, although I could see that she was very much disturbed by reading it; but she made me bring Francesca to her as soon as she returned from London, and, after they had had a long interview, Francesca, did not come down to dinner, and Mrs. Revelsworth wrote to her lawyer. That night she died." "What do you mean?"

"Read that letter." Dudley read it, frowning, twice through. Then he gave it back to

Betty. "Where did you find it?" he asked. "Between the leaves of a novel Mrs. Revelsworth had been reading. Before I found it Francesca had hunted for it everywhere, and had offered a reward to Susan, saying it was a letter from Italy addressed to her. But there was no other letter from Italy

except this." "Does Francesca know you have it?" -"No."

"Is that why your manner has altered towards her?"-"In part." "I knew she had been married before,"

he said thoughtfully. "And, as to this old woman, I suppose it must be the nurse who brought her up. This letter must have made aunt Margaret furi-

"So I think." "And then she wrote for Simpson to alter her will! By Jove!"

He paled beneath his sunburn, and stared straight before him for a few moments without speaking. Then he turned to Betty with abrupt sudden-

"What has all this to do with my brother ?" he asked.

"On the day of his death Victor told me that Francesca had pomised to marry him on his return from France. But made me swear I would never tell her that he had confided in me. Within twenty-four hours, he said, every

"She-Francesca promised to marry ing him. Don't you think he must have been lightheaded when he told you such a thing?"

"He was excited, but I think he knew what he was talking about. It was

In low accents and with trembling lips she proceeded to describe to him minutely every incident which had taken place, from the moment when she had entered the quiet house in the absence of the women-servants, to the time when she and Heremon returned to find Victor flown. And Dudley listened with frowning brows and firmlycompressed lips, drawing his breath through his teeth as she reached one point of her story, but never once in-

terrupting her. "Is that all?" he asked in low hoarse

tones, when she was silent. "All but this. Last night Joe Well-TOTARY PUBLIC, COMMISSION- | don had evidently been drinking. He state, and began talking in a confused way about the inquest. He wanted to know whether it would have made any difference to the verdict if the jury had known that, as soon as I left the house that evening to fetch Mr. O'Meara from his mother's house, Mrs. Harold Revelsworth rang for him, and told him to place instantly in Victor's hands a letter which Francesca had left for F him, and a little jewelled box of sweetmeats. Victor received them, and gave Joe a bright half-crown; but Joe told eyes. HUGH MACKAY, DURHAM, me he dared not spend it, feeling al-

"Blood-money! Merciful Heaven!" The strong man staggered and half tell against one of the trees which formed the avenue, breathing hard. "Betty." he said, turning upon her

me! A life for a life.!" "Oh, Dudley, what is it you think?

What is it you suspect?" "I think nothing, I suspect nothing antil I know! All we can do is to

watch. At least that is all you can do. But there must be no suspicion of any understanding between us. And, whatever line of conduct you see me take, you must not question, you must not even wonder. I have a certain end in view, and shall not be particular as to the means. Trust me, leave everything to me, and, if you feel suspicion or dislike of any one, fight it down, and

don't show it in your manner. We

must be hypocritical if we want to cope

with hypocrites, and inhuman if we

have to deal with monsters. And now,

self. My brain is on fire with an awfur thought, and, if I am not alone to wrestle with it, I feel as though I shall go mad! I don't want you or anybody to see me break down; but when I

think of my brother-He stopped abruptly, and taking leave of her with a little gesture of the hand, he strode away. Then little Betty, with her eyes dimmed by tears and her heart full of the saddest forebodings, slowly made her way back to the house of mourning.

CHAPTE' XXVI.

"I shall not go to Paris. Do not try to persuade me. I cannot leave you here without me. Above all, try to appear friendly with every one."

This was the erigmatic message, scribbled in pencil on a slip of paper, which Betty found thrust under her bed-room door before dinner that evening.

Dudley reappeared at dinner, and Francesca was startled by his changed appearance. He looked like a man of eight-and thirty, or even more, and there was a steadfast look in his eyes, as though he was putting some violent constraint upon himself all the time. His manner towards Francesca was

gentle, and even tender, while he almost appeared to grore Betty, so that the latter could not help feeling a little hurt, until she recalled his words of a few hours before-"Whatever line of conduct you see me take, you must not question-you must not even wonder." So tenderly disposed did the young man appear towards others in the midst of his own grief that he sent up a message to ask whether Mrs. Harold Revelsworth would see him, and let Francesca lead him up to the close garlic-scented apartment in which her supposed mother spent her days and nights.

The old Italian woman was profuse

in her sympathy. "I do not wonder you wanted to see me, my dear Dudle: !" she murmured, as she leaned back in her chair, with her small, yellow, cow-like hands laid upon the arms, and her black eyes fixed upon him. "In trouble we know -something tells "--whether others are real friends -ho have suffered too and who are in sympathy Ele on years ago, when my beloved husband was taken from me, I fat just as you are feeling now. I idolized him, and Heaven punished me for my idolatry. But I think-I hope that my long years of sorrow and of helpless suffering have mediated for me, and that I have been forgiven!"

"I hope so too," he said. "You have a great blessing in your daughter." Francesca, who was arranging some flowers in a vase on the mantelpiece, turned sharply to look at him. He was seated opposite to Mrs. Harold staring at her intently, and his expression was

sad and gentle. "She is all I live for," said the old

woman simply. "What will you do when you lose her?" he asked. "She is so beautiful and so attractive and womanly that you cannot surely wish her to sacrifice her whole life to you?"

The black eyes vandered restlessly about the room, ar i the thin fingers

twitched nervously. "My daughter tills me you have heard her sad story and know that she is a widow," she sa ' hurriedly. "Her marriage was so wetched-she does not want another experience like

"No, indeed!" he responded heartily. "But she is older now, and will make a wiser choice. And if I don't make a mistake, she had chosen already.' Suddenly a hand "as laid upon his

lips. Francesca har glided up behind his chair and stopped his speech. "Mother is not "ell to-night," she said, "and must no! be excited by any more talk at presert. And you, too,

Dudley, have had a terribly trying and unnerving day. At dinner you ate nothing; you are ret yourself. Come down-stairs with me!"

leaving him time to say "Good night" to her mother, she led him from the room. Outside in the passage she stopped, and laying her hands upon his shoulders, she gazed up into his

"Dudley, my darling," she whispered, law! "if you love me as ! love you, you will say nothing about it before my mother! She adores me, and she is jealous-it is only natural." "But, if you become my wife," he

said, gripping her hands to sightly that he hurt her, "she will have to know." A lovely blush cuerspread her fair face and neck; but she shook her head at him reprovingly. "Is this a time for talking of marry-

ing and giving in marriage?" she asked. "Only to day our poor Victor was buried!" "But he is dead!" Dudley exclaimed.

"And dead men tell no tales, you know. 'Le roi est mort, vive le roi!'" Francesca glanced up at him, alarmed by the harsh ring of his voice. There was a look in his face which she had never seen before, and which she wholly failed to understand. But the increased hardness in his expression attracted rather than repelled her, and she clung to him with tender demontrativeness, raising her face to his, and hoping that he would kiss her. Instead, he held her a little way from him and looked steadfastly into her

"I hope, dearest, that you will be as happy as you deser-e!" he said. And with that he left her and locked himself in his own room.

But long after the rest of the house hold had retired to bed he stole from his room, fully dressed, and made his way down to the billard-room. There he lit the lamp and remained for several hours, absorbed in the study of certain volumes which he took down

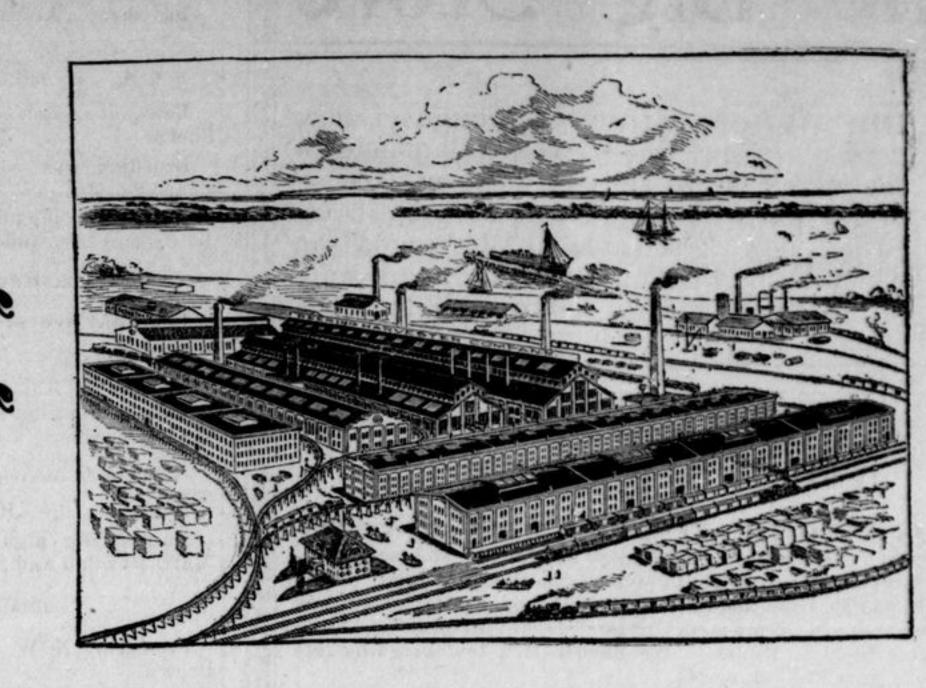
from the dusty book-shelves. It was but natura: that on the night following his brothers funeral he should not be able to sleep. But his choice of literature was somewhat remarkable. For the four books which absorbed him until daykreak were an encyclopaedia. a French volume of Causes Celebres, a London directory and a Peerage of 'e United Kingdom.

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By Alfred Mansell, Shrewsbury, Eng.

The objections to the proposed Government Bill are rather strongly put by the Textile World, a paper judging from its name, which has its sympathies mainly with the manufacturers. They state that if the Bill becomes law no fabric containing the slightest proportion of wool will come into the United States, for there ing and artisan classes, who practi is no method known to man of de- cally never get anything except sonot been, subjected to a manufactur- called low-priced goods. It is coning process before it reached the mill tended that even if the price were where it was last converted into somewhat enhanced, the genuine cloth. This, I am informed, is incor- woollen garment would give greater rect. The Bradford Conditioning comfort and health, wear much long-

is made of by actual percentages. It is stated that the Custom House officials can distinguish cotton, linen, silk, and certain other fibres from wool and woollen shoddy; but they will be forced either to refuse admission to the goods or accept the statement of the importer as to how much

wool shoddy there is in the cloth. The next objection has reference to the enactment that all goods manufactured prior to the passage of the Act, and which had passed out of the Cramps, Colic, Indigestion, Hearthands of the manufacturer and the burn, Billiousness, Sick Stomach and ingredients of which are not known. Summer Complaint, is a few drops of shall be labelled "Manufactured Nerviline in sweetened water. Nervprior to the Pure Fibre Act; compo- liline at once relieves pain and suffersition not known."

that the manufactured goods thas son's Nerviline is the best general placed under a ban would approach purpose remedy for internal pains New Pumps and Repairs, Dril She spoke imperatively, and laid a in value 850,000,000 dols., and by known; it acts so quickly that no firm hand upon Durley's arm. Barely labelling them they would be cast household should be without it. Buy under suspicion regardless of merit. a 25c. bottle of Nerviline to-day, it's This, I take it, could ne meninised to all right, a great extent by postponing the Bill coming into operation until a year or so had elapsed from its becoming

When margarine was sold as butthe cow, and now, forsooth, because Hill Farm, in the suburbs of Marka simple nicroscopic examination (as dale. is the case with margarine) will not Mr. Armstreng was born in the solution of this problem.

himself muloted in a heavy fine.

As before stated, undoubtedly some shoddy is far better, and would make a better cloth than some sorts of for-Armstrong and all the family are eign, low-grade Kempy wool, but these aione, and not adulterated, would not make a cloth to deceive tives anyone, and therefore would not ated goods. That there are many difficulties in

the way of getting practical legislation on the subject cannot be denied, but the importance of promoting honesty amongst manufacturers and protecting the people from imposition demands the serious attention of the Legislature of all civilized countries, Bros., has occupied many public because as a matter of fact, it really positions in this town, being, among concerns the masses of the people others, reeve for a number of years. more than the sheep men who are di-

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disclose the fraud, we are told in County of Monaghan, Ireland, 77 this article that no attempt must be years ago' and came to Canada at the made to protect the public and ensure age of 20. The first seven years of their being able to purchase a pure his life in this country he spent in woollen garment. Difficulties were Toronto and vicinity. At the age of made to be overcome, and we should 27 he married Margaret, daughter of not be content to sit down and take Jos. Strain, of Artemesia Their it as an accepted fact that there is no wedding tour was taken on the stage to Mono Mills, thence on foot, follow-Another difficulty that the writers ing a mere trail through woods to see is that honest manufacturers of the site of their present home, which goods containing 90% of wool would was then the unbroken forest. Their tag them as mixed or shoddy goods, children numbered 11 in all, of whom whilst the dishonest manufacturer of | 10 are now living. The two eldest of goods containing 90% of shoddy the boys from the firm known as would tag them as all wool. This Armstrong Bros., of this village, who difficulty may arise, but I am under do an extensive business in the manthe impression that to work up 90% ufacture of woodenware, one of the of shoddy a considerable amount of best industries of the town. The cotton must be used, and the dishon- other brothers are all connected with est manufacturer would probably find the same business in one way or another. The farm originally taken up by the father some 50 years ago is pronounced one of the best in the County of Grey. In religion Mr.

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