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legraph's Cape Town yn that refugees state ses at Elands Laagte emans, Hollanders and Boers despise. They minently in the front.

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MONT BATTLE. Addresses the Troops

ss well and cheerful.

m for Their Bravery. 25.-The Times pub-

wing despatch from its at Belmont: ment was a complete Guards' attack one of vements in the annals 2. The defenders' fire until the Guards were rds. The Guards did not but used the bayonet

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party which had raisag. Lieut. Blundell was unded Eoer he was at-

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ops, saying I congratulate you on mecess achieved by you The ground over which I we had as an enemy uit. There is a sad side I you and I are thinkof those who have died of their country, and

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ers Were Killed.

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President has been marhad one child by first to by the second. His en number 104. He has hare toward surprising th the size of the Trans-

ich trouble will cease if ke Miller's Compound Iron fter each meal.

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## PLOT VS. PRINCIPLE.

you crazy?"

"Good heavens! Ruby Gordon, are

ise from you at such a time as that?"

miration-yes, and love-long before

that," Rub- said, calmly.

"He had gained my respect and ad-

"You are a little fool, Ruby, and

do not know what you are talking

about," retorted her sister, angrily.

yourself by marrying another?"

"Isn't it enough that you are almost

rather strong language to me. Es-

teile?" Ruby asked, quietly, though

her eyes glittered with a dangerous

light. "No one is a beggar who is able

to take care of one's self. Edmund Car-

penter tried to make Walter one by

turning him out of the home that

had been his for years, and which he

believed he still had a right to share,

Carpenter; but by his own efforts he

sequently can do so in the future."

turned, with an injured air.

ing your birth and education."

would never want for anything."

fore; but if I knew I should have

to live single all my life otherwise,

and work for every morsel I ate, I

would never be his wife. And now

-that you have lent yourself to an

"What do you mean?" interrupted

"You need not feign ignorance, Es-

telle, and I intend to tell you all

that I know, for I have made up my

and for all time," replied Ruby, with

"Pray, who enlightened you to

Carpenter's house. Now, Estelle, I

utterly refuse to remain here; I will

to despise him," interrupted Mrs.

"What I have learned to-night

posedly; "but there are other things.

girl, simply because she did not

"I mean that I shall not stay here;

where else that you may choose, but

. CHAPTER XXX.

An Eavesdropper.

She was aware that Edmund Car-

penter intended to call the next morn-

a point of interest several miles dis-

longs to another."

way, so as to bring this about."

Mrs. Gordon, with an angry flush.

"In other words, your heart is still

"What plans, Estele?"

"You have earned your own cloth-

"I have known her ever since I was ten years old. Ruby, darling, I do not wish to distress you, but I am very mach afraid that there has been a plot laid to part us, and-to compromise you."

"Why, Walter, what can possibly have put such an idea into your head?" Ruby exclaimed.

"Will you tell me just how you happened to come out to this place to spend the summer?" he asked. She told him, relating how her sister had seen the advertisement, and what we a ready know of her account of the circumstances.

"Has it not appeared rather strange that you could secure such a residence all to yourselves, the attendance of servants, and the use of horses and carriage, upon such exceedingly favorable terms ?" Walter questioned. "Yes, I did think we were remarkably fortunate; but I know that some people prefer to have their houses kept open. Estelle said the arrangement was made chiefly to keep Mrs. Coxon

from being lonely, and make her content to remain here while the family was absent. She said also that the owner preferred to have us use his horses, as they needed the exercise." "Have you any idea who the owner of this property is?" Walter question-

ed, wondering to see how completely

she had been hoodwinked. "Yes. Estelle said his name was-Edmunds, I believe," Ruby replied, thinking all this cross-questioning a "Ruby, his name is-Edmund Car-

penter !" CHAPTER XXIX.

Ruby's Decision.

"Walter!" exclaimed the young girl, starting to her feet, a look of consternation upon her lovely face. Ruby pleaded, clinging to him as if "It is true, my darling. Edmund Carpenter is the owner of this beautiful place, which was also my home for many years, and now you can understand how Mrs. Coxon happens to be an old friend. She was always very kind to me, and I have been in the habit of visiting her occasionally since Edmund informed me that had been a dependent long enough." "When shall you be obliged to go back to Chester?" Ruby asked,

after a thoughtful pause. "By the first of next week. I have a good many orders to give for our building, and there are some alterations to be made in the plans that will take a day or two." "Then I shall remain here until after you go, and you will see me often until then, will you not?" she felt a new dependence upon him. "Certainly, if I may," he answer-

ed, eagerly. "Of course, you may. I shall tell Estelle immediately of the relations existing between us, and give her to understand that I resent anything like what has occurred to-night, or any further plotting or interference regarding my future," Ruby said, with an air of decision. ter. "I know that you have deceived "You have a strong, resolute will, my darling, if you are slight and frail in body.'

"I am old enough to choose for I do not know just how, nor how far gles yet?" Walter asked. myself in matters relating to my vital interests."

"Well, dear, it is growing late, and | that I have unconsciously incurred is I will not keep you longer," the young | more than I can tamely submit to. lover returned, "I will run out again I know Mr. Edmund Carrenter owns you?" to-morrow evening, with your per- this place and what we pay is not mission, and, Ruby, since you deem it a tithe in return for what we are best to tell your sister of our engage- receiving; that the horses and carment, may I bring you a visible seal riages which we have been using so pany me .to our compact?"

glad to have it.

nance to her remaining an inmate of luxuries upon such easy terms, but come to you. Edmund Carpenter's home, and a re- I never suspected the truth until tocipient of his bounty, for it amounted | night."

after his departure, but just as she don, with angry sarcasm. reached her own door, Mrs. Gordon | "My own common sense, as soon as put her head out of hers, and asked: I knew that we were living in Mr. "Is that you, Ruby?" "Yes, Estelle. Are you still up?"

"Yes, it has been so warm that I not be under such obligations to a have not felt like going to bed. But man whom I despise -- " where have you been? I thought you | "I do not know what right you have retired long ago."

"May I come in, Estelle, if you are Gordon, spirited y. not ready to go to bed just yet?" Ruby asked, unheeding her question, would be sufficient of itself to make and resolving to settle matters then | me do that," Ruby returned, com-

Something in the grave decision of I believe he is a thoroughly unprinthe young voice arrested Mrs. Gor- cipled man; if he had not been, he don's attention, even startling her, never would have threatened a young rim of her spectacles. and opening her door wider, she said: "Yes, come in if you like. But you choose to marry him; or a young man did not tell me where you have been ?" "I have been down in Mrs. Coxon's sitting-room," Ruby stated, as she entered the room and seated herself in a rocker, where she could look her sister full in the face. "Pray, what have you been do-

ing there?" "I had a caller." "A caller! And in Mrs. Coxon's room at this time of night! Who?" Mrs. Gordon questioned. growing a that is neither here nor there; you trifle pale, as she began to suspect have heard what I said, and I want the truth.

" Walter." "Walter!" echoed the woman, her Do you mean to tell me that you ire rising as she realized that she will give up all these comforts and had been outwitted, and was about go back to the hot city?" cried her to be called to account for her de- sister, angrily. ception. "Walter who, pray?"

ardson." But I did not know if you persist in remaining here, I that you were upon such familiar shall leave you by yourself." terms with him that you addressed him by his Christian name." "Why did you treat him so, Es-

telle?" demanded Ruby, ignoring her sister's succeing remark. "You knew where I was, and you should have called me." "I do not approve of his visiting

for you." "Why?" Ruby repeated. "He is as poor as poverty-a nobody -and I do not wish your name to be

coupled with his." "But it will be, Estelle, henceforth, as long as I live, for-I have promised had occurred the previous evening, ter, and he began to grow uneasy,

"That boy will cross my path once | discovery.

too often yet," he muttered, threateningly. "But," he added, "I did not neath the window, learning all that beneath her." "Ruby has some peculiar ideas, re-

garding casie," Mrs. Gordon return- morning because of being obliged to ed. "Money and position appear to go away so early, Edmund Carpenter have very fittle value in her estimation—a stainless name and a noble character are more to her than un. | man. limited possessions would be." Edmund Carpenter started and

flushed. "Not at all. I have been engaged to "Suppose she should suddenly dishim nearly ever since-Robert died," cover a flaw in her idol-if he should The sweet voice faltered a trifle be found guilty of some crime or wrong doing "?" he asked, with a pe-"Ah! he took advantage of your culiar look. weakness, did he, and wrung a prom-

"If anything of the kind should be proved against him, I am sure that her dream of love would be over-or, at least, that she would refuse to marry him. "Do you suppose my prospects would

be any better in that event?" "There would surely be quite formidable obstacle removed from a beggar yourself, without lowering your path," Mrs. Gordon replied, evasively. "Don't you think you are using "It shall be removed, then!" her companion responded, with compress-

ed lips. "Whether I succeed, or not, that proud-spirited beggar shall be removed from my path." "How will you manage it?" "I do not know yet; there must be

some way to accomplish it." "Ceax her to stay," said Mr. Carpenter. even after the death of Mr. Ralph "Coax her :" repeated his compan-

has risen to an honorable position, ion, with an expressive shrug of her and one which promises to pay him shapely shoulders. "Miss Gordon is well in the near future. I do not easily coaxed when there is a not consider that the obnoxious principle at stake, as I have recently term which you have used ap- learned to my mortification." plies to me, either, since I have Play the invalid, then, and keep shown that I am able to provide for her with you. She surely would not leave you if you were ill; it would be out of danger. my own wants for nearly a year, con-

a question of 'duty,' you know." During the next day or two Edmund ing and pin-money, I know; but if you had been obliged to pay for your | Carpenter set himself diligently to board and lodging besides, I imagine work to ascertain what Walter's plans one was ever able to tell; but it you would not speak quite so inde- were. He found what we already pendently. You know that Robert know; that he was only in the city provided for you as long as he lived, temporarily; that he was engaged all my plans for you," Mrs. Gordon re- Ruby had also dec'ded to leave on Monday for Redville.

He did not present himself once sire to see you nicely settled in life- he watched and played the spy upon heavily-laden vehicle to one side, herself with all the pride which usually to have you occupy a position becom- the lovers, and waited his opportunity and released the sufferer from her attends such unexceptional birth and young man, proudly. to spring some trap upon them that perilous and painful situation. should ruin their happiness forever. The last night of Walter's stay he followed him as he went to pay his

set upon my marrying Mr. Carpenter?" "He is very rich; he would make final visit to his betrothed. you an excellent husband. You Reaching his estate he hitched his horse to a tree in a secluded spot out-"I should not want for anything but happiness, which I should never side the grounds, and then stole softly have. Estelle, you and I had better up to the house, like a thief, hoping to overhear something that would the other hand, from which the always open to their needs and suppliunderstand each other, once for all.

I shall never marry Edmund Car- help him in his scheme. He was not disappointed, for, as he drew near, he heard voices upon the

penter. I have told you so once beveranda. belonged, and creeping softly nearer upon the velvet turf he stationed him- for you?" I want to tell you that I know you self behind some vines which grew beve not been dealing fairly with me over one end of the plazza, and where ignoble scheme to entrap me in some passed between Walter and Ruby.

The night was sultry; the sky was heavy with clouds, making it very ladles' room I will thank you.' dark, while low and frequent mutterings in the west told of an approach- lips were white now, and Walter could ing thunderstorm. "Estella has not been well to-day,"

mind to settle this matter to-night drosper settled himself in his position. a resolution that astonished her sis-"I hope she is not going to be ill, me about coming here to spend the for just as soon as I receive a reply to my letter I shall go to Redville." summer; it is all a plot between you "Haven't you heard from Mr. Rugand Mr. Carpenter to compromise me. 'No; and I cannot understand it, you would have carried your schemes.

for there has been ample time." but even the matter of obligation persuade Mrs. Gordon to go with "No; she does not appear to want

to, though I am going to make one last attempt to induce her to accom-"I wish you were going to-morrow," "If you wish," Ruby replied, blush- 'gentleman who is anxious to have Walter said, gravely; "I shall feel far mangled flesh and bruises beneath.

placed at our disposal by him to help with our good friend, though it will be side ing, yet feeling that she should be them properly exercised, have been safer about you when I know you are And then the young man bade her a on an unworthy cause. I have thought take you so far from me; but I shall her side. fond good-night, and went away with | from the first it was rather strange | try to be patient until the time ara light heart, in spite of his repug- you were able to secure all these rives for my vacation, when I shall

The listener behind the vines ground his teeth as he overheard this plan, and mentally vowed that Walter at Ruby went thoughtfully upstairs, such an extent?" demanded Mrs. Gor. least should not spend any portion of that summer at Redville.

1 ----CHAPTER XXXI.

An Accident. A window opened from Mrs. Coxon's fastening a blind and putting her and she even smiled upon him as he head inside saw the woman seated lifted his own pale face to hers, sayat her table darning stockings. "Mrs. Coxon, have you a spare bed to-night?" she asked as the house-

keeper looked up at the intrusion. "Yes, half a dozen. Who wants one?" riage to be here to meet me, but I she replied, suspending her darning saw nothing of my coachman, and operations, and glancing up over the

"A benighted and weather-bound traveler, who is also a favorite of because he saw fit to bestow cer- yours, I believe." is Walter; if he wants a bed he's her commission, and thinking she was is anything that I can do at any welcome to the best in the house," | the bravest lady he had ever seen.

tain attentions upon me. More than all this, Estelle, if the truth were known, I believe he has been with-Mrs. Coxon returned. "Ah, I see," she holding property which rightly beadded, as Walter bent his tall form and looked in upon her, "you've been "You might find it rather difficult caught in the shower. Come in, you to prove that statement," said Mrs. reackless young folk, out of the rain, or you'll caten your death of cold. "I suppose it cannot be proved," She arose, and unfastened the door for them, and her face was aglow baggage to it, noting that the trunks Ruby returned, with a sigh. "But with pleasure and hospitality, as she | were marked "Mrs. M. E. Howland," shook hands with Walter.

you to understand that I shall live up "Where are you going to put me, Mrs. Coxon? Almost anywhere will do," said Walter, not liking to the waiting-room for the injured womake trouble. "I guess 'almost anywhere' won't where he made her as comfortable as

do," she retorted. "You'll have it was possible to do, and then asked to have a young face in the house. So "Estelle, you know; Walter Rich- I will go with you, Estelle, any- your own room, of coarse. No other her address. lovers sat down to enjoy another kindness, but he quickly closed the

chat until she should return. that Edmund Carpenter had erept ing to invite Ruby and herself to visit | learning more of their plans.

He was boiling with rage over tant; but she knew well enough, too, Mrs. Coxon's plain speaking regard. in spite of her pain, which was every that Ruby would refuse to go; while ing his father's will, and began to moment increasing. "Because he is no fit associate she feared that she might betray feel that she might be a dangerous Very gently he helped her into the something of the spirit of the previous person to have about the house. He house, which, a single glance was Howland, in a tone of surprise. "What night to him; so she persuaded her had always felt very secure refor her, in order to gain an uninter- his housekeeper was as suspicious three minutes she had as many ser- the girl began, then stopped, con- and I must do my duty." to go into town to do a little shopping garding the will until now; but if rupted interview with the obnoxious as she appeared to be, there was vants about her, eager to give her fused, while her glance wandered apno knowing to what lengths she the care and assistance she so much prehensively toward Walter. When he came, she related what might carry her interest for Wal- needed.

When he came, she related what might carry her interest for Wal- needed.

Her first order was for her coach- Sarah?" demanded madam, excitedly. ;mand himself.—Pythagoras.

and the man's face grew dark and and to wish that the document was man to go for a surgeon, and then destroyed, and beyond all danger of

He remained nearly an hour bebelieve that Ruby Gordon would was possible of the lovers' plans, and really stoop to marry any one so far | when at length Walter's room was ready, and he took leave of Ruby, knowing he would not see her in the stole away in the darkness and storm, maturing a plan to ruin the young

The storm continued throughout the night, but the morning broke as clear | studied his fine face earnestly. and tranquil as if no cloud had ever obscured the sky.

Walter arose with the dawn and stole quietly from the house in or- in a peculiar tone. "Where do you officer is searching, since I have done der not to disturb anyone, and made | live?" his way as rapidly as possible back to the city, where he partook of an early breakfast, after which he took the 6 o'clock train for Chester, where he was superintending the erec-

tion of a handsome edifice. As he alighted and turned to leave the station he saw an elderly woman just getting out of the Southern Express. She was tall and commanding in figure, with brigh., pleasant black eyes, and rather massive features, yet upon the whole very attractive, while her forehead was crowned with clustering masses of snow-white hair, which gave her a very venerable appearance. She was richly, though not

air of dignity and pride. She stopped as she stepped from the car, and appeared to be looking for

At this moment a heavily-loaded baggage truck came thundering place of business. along. The platform was a little on the down grade just at that eral days, his thoughts were with man inquired, looking greatly dis point, which gave a sudden impetus | that grand woman who had dis- turbed. to the truck, and the woman, see played so much nerve and cour- "It means that I have orders to ing it, stepped back against the age at a time when almost any one take you into custody, and I am simcar to be farther away from it and else would have been prostrated by the ply performing my duty," the man

But whether the man who had passed. charge of it was careless, or something in the formation of the platform sent the truck out of line, no

glove had been torn, was badly cations.

bruised and bleeding.

eyes and searched his face. Evidently he could easily overhear all that she was satisfied that he was trust- besides being badly bruised, while the worthy, for she said:

She spoke composedly, but her very see that it was only by a mighty ef- am desired to see him. fort of her will that she concealed Ruby was saying, just as the eaves- the agony she was suffering. "Certainly," he said, and supporting ond story of the house, where he found Philadelphia. A thorough search was her by the arm, for she was unable

to take his, he led her into the ladies' room and seated her in a chair. "You are very kind," she murmured; "and now have you a sharp

"Yes, madam." And he drew it "Then you have not been able to quickly from his pocket and opened it. "Please cut off my gloves," she said; "my hands are swelling rapidly and they are painful."

Walter knelt before her, and, taking the hand that he had noticed was bleeding, quickly cut the glove away, revealing more plainly the livid and He then turned to the other arm,

I fear, for I have no power over it; he saw her last. but the glove must come off immediately," the woman said, as he hesi- be a literal example of what it is tated to touch it.

He did as she commanded, but the sight that met his eyes when he had him; for the bones of the wrist were still another break farther up. room upon the veranda, and Ruby un- possessed, thanking him for his aid, thing of his history.

> "Let me go for a surgeon." "No, not yet," she replied, "I must get home first. I expected my carfear my telegram was not received. If you will get me a public conveyance and help me into it, I will trouble you

no further." "Have you baggage?" Walter in

my travelling-bag." He found them, and darted from the room. He secured a carriage, and then as sisted the man in transferring the

and that they had come from St. Louis. This accomplished, he returned to man, whom he assisted to the coach

"No. 6 -- avenue." she told him. And she bustled away, while the and would have thanked him for his carriage door, and, springing upon the lightful to have the privilege. box with the driver, told him to get that they had been followed, and her home with all possible despatch. but it was opened before he could Arriving at No. 6 -- avenue, Mrs. reach it by a servant, who came in, had not the slightest appearance of upon the veranda, and close under Howland appeared somewhat surthe still open window, intent upon prised when Walter again presented himself at the door to assist her to alight. But she looked gratified, too,

she calmly gave directions for certain remedies to be brought and applied to relieve her until he should arrive, and was so brave and cheerful, in spite of her helplessness, that Walter was filled with admiration for her. He helped the driver get the trunks into the house, paid and dismissed him,

and then went and asked if there was anything more he could do. "Yes, my young friend; tell me your he asked, turning to the girl. name, that I may know to whom I am indebted for so much kindness,' Mrs. Howland answered, while she "My name is Richardson - Walter

at present I am engaged upon a build- plained."

Richardson," the young man replied.

"Walter Richardson!" she repeated,

ing contract in this place." "Where do your parents reside?" "I have none: I was born in New York city, where both my father and mother died. But, madam, pray do not | added: let me trouble you with my affairs ter leave you now," Walter concluded, | come up stairs." seeing how very ill she suddenly seemed to have grown.

back in her chair, while her face was | but she insisted. ghastly white, though her eyes were | "Of course it is all a mistake," she fastened with a look of eager inquiry | said; "but it may be a mistake that upon his face, "yes, go now, but prom- may cause you some trouble, and I showily, clad, and she moved with an ise that you will come to see me again should not rest until it was exsoon; I must see you again, for-for plained. Go, Sarah." you have been very kind."

"I will come," Walter promised, and ed, accompanied by an officer, who, then went away, just as the surgeon | the moment he saw Walter, apcame bustling in, and repaired to his proached him and arrested him "in

But all day long, and for sev- | "What does this mean?" the young painful ordeal through which she had returned, reading his prisoner's face

CHAPTER XXXII.

An Arrest.

Madame Howland, as she was known suddenly veered to the right, and in the suburban city where she rebefore Walter, who instantly saw | sided, was a very proud and wealthy | spectfully. the danger, could spring forward to woman-or so considered by people and since his death you have been upon a contract at Chester, and would render assistance, it had run direct who only knew her in a general way. my special care, and I shall consider leave Philadelphia the first of the ly into the noble-looking stranger She had belonged to one of the oldest crimson shot over Walter's face, then you very ungrateful if you thwart coming week, and this explained why and pinned her close against the car. families of Baltimore; had been re- quickly receding, left him pale as Walter shouted to the truckman, early life; had been married twice, as he dashed to the rescue, and, ex- each time to a rich and cultivated erting all his strength, pushed the gentieman, and had naturally held

The woman had not cried out or | She had no children-though report made a sign that she was hurt, said that she had lost, years ago, one but her face was as white as the idolized son-and lived alone in her and as for jewels I have no use for hair clustering about her temples, grandeur, with only her servants them," Walter replied, with a scornand as she was freed from the about her; was considered exceedingly ful curl of his lips. crushing weight that had been forc- exclusive and cold-hearted by society, ed against her, one arm dropped though it was whispered among the broken and helpless at her side, and poor that her purse and heart were

Walter called at her door every "You are seriously hurt, I .fear, morning during the week after her madam," Walter said, as he stooped accident, to inquire for her, and He knew instinctively to whom they to recover her travelling bag, which was glad to learn that she she had dropped. "What can I do was doing very well, although her injuries had been of a very Before replying she lifted her keen serious nature. Her right wrist and arm had been broken in two places, "If you will kindly assist me to the ated, though no bones were broken in

At the end of a week Walter was invited to enter, being to'd that mad-

He was conducted to her private parlor-a beautiful room in the secher sitting in a huge invalid-chair, both hands bandaged and helpless, and that she had suffered, but still bearing herself proudly, and with the distinguished air that had so attracted as the house did not have the appear-Walter when he first saw her.

She glanced up as he entered, in a bright and animated way, saying: crippled, and I imagine it will be some man would surely have made way time yet before I shall be able to with. Several days passed, and then shake that good right hand of yours it was remembered that this young that did me such efficient service. man had passed the night in the However, I wanted to see you. So house, having been detained there by draw a chair mear to me, and talk to a severe storm, and having left the me for a little while."

"Yes, if you call it comfortable to leased immediately."

ed, laughingly. She was a charming old lady, and look. removed the glove nearly unmanned entertained her young guest brilliantly for half an hour, and ignoring broken and almost protruding through herself, gradually led him to talk suddenly flashed upon him, as he the flesh, while he was sure there was about his own life, questioned him

He was very much attracted by her, and was surprised at the ear-"What can I do to reward you for ever winning Ruby for his wife. est she manifested in him. your kindness to me?" she asked,

with a benignant smile, when he finally arose to leave. "Pray never mention the matter again in that way, madam," Walter responded, flushing, and drawing himself up a trifle proudly. "I am only too glad that I was able to be of service to you, and I hope if there

"Thank you, and I will take you at will find my checks in the pocket of your word instantly," madam replied, for you have cheered me wonderfully this morning, and I shall command that you come to see me often." "That is a very agreeable order, and one which I am sure I shall take

pleasure in obeying," Walter returned, smiling also. She looked at him earnestly a moment, then said: "I ilke you, young man; you make me think of-of some one whom I used to know; and it will do me good

remain in the city." "I will, thank you," he replied, heartily, feeling that it would be de-He approached the door as he spoke,

looking pale and startled. She cast a frightened look at Walter as she passed him, and going to her mistress said, in a low tone: "Madam, there is an officer below

who wants--"An officer!" interrupted Madame luxurious one, and when in less than | "He says he has come to arrest-"

"An officer to arrest some one here?" Yes, madam." "Whom f Tell me instantly, and end

this supense. "The young gentleman, madam," Sarah faltered, with a deprecating look at Walter.

The young man looked astonished.

"Did I understand rightly-that there is an officer below who asserts that he has come here to arrest me?" "Yes sir; so he says." "Madame Howland," Walter continued, turning to his hostess, and speakhave you so annoyed, and there is

ing regretfully. "I am very sorry to surely some mistake. It cannot be that I am the person for whom the nothing to be arrested for. I will go "In Philadelphia, usually; but just at once and have the mystery ex-

"No," said madam, making a little authoritative gesture; "stay where you are, if you please," Then, turning to the girl, she

"Sarah, go down and ask the ofwhile you are suffering so. I had bet- ficer if he will do me the favor to Walter protested against this, for

he could not endure the thought of "Yes," she returned, leaning wearily her being annoyed on his account;

The girl retired, but soon return-

the name of the law."

with a searching glance. What is the charge against him " demanded Madame Howland, haugh-

"I regret to say, madam, that it is-robbery," the officer returned, re-

"Robbery!" exclaimed both of his listeners, in one breath, while a vivid

"Yes, that is the charge," the man answered. "Whom have I robbed ?-what am I accused of having taken?" cried the "Money and jewels." "Money and jewels! I have no money

but what I have honorably earned, "That may be, my young friend, still I must do my duty, and you must prove your innocence before a judge

and jury," the officer answered, but not unkindly "Pray, Mr. Officer, explain what this proceeding means?" madam now interposed, looking flushed and anxious-"This young gentleman has been very kind to me, and I am interested in him; he has been coming to my house nearly every day for a week, and he

certainly does not appear like one who has committed so grave a crime." "That is true, madam," the officer returned, studying Walter's frank, manly face, and beginning to feel very favorably disposed toward him, "But quite a sum of money and some valuable diamonds were missed a week ago to-day by a lady, Mrs. Robert Gordon, who is at present living in the house of Mr. Edmund Carpenter, of at once instituted for the missing valuables-the servants and housekeeper looking somewhat worn from the pain were questioned and examined, but no clue could be discovered, and at first no one could account for the robbery, ance of having been forcibly entered, and nothing else was taken, though there was much in the house that was "We'l, young man, you find me still valuable which a practiced cracksplace very early in the morning be-"Lift it into my lap. It is broken, so much more comfortable than when the man added, in conclusion, "he can

"This is very disagreeable," said to have your hands tied," she respond- Madame Howland, turning to Walter. and regarding him with a troubled

He was still very pale, and his face wore an anxious expression, for it had remembered Mrs. Gordon's treatment about his business, and at last adroit- of him, and all that Ruby had told But she was very brave and self- ly managed to draw from him some- him regarding her wishes, that she should marry Edmund Carpenter, that this might be a plot to entangle him and to ruin him in the eyes of the world, and thus blast every hope of "Mrs. Howland," he sald, lifting his troubled eyes, and meeting her gaze frankly, "what the officer has told you is true-I did pass the night in Mr. Carpenter's house a week ago last night. I went there to call upon Miss Ruby Gordon, the lady to whom I am betrothed, and who is the sister-inlaw of Mrs. Gordon, who, it is asserted, has been robbed. A severe thunderstorm came up while I was there, and I was prevaled upon to remain until morning. I left very early, as Mr. Carpenter's residence is quite a distance from the city, and I wished to catch the early train for Chester in order to be on hand here when my men began their work. I did not leave my room after entering it until I left the house, and you can testify that I came directly hither, as that was the morning on which your accident occurred. More than all this," Walter added, with a disdainful look, "it is not likely that I would be guilty of robbing the sister of the lady whom I

hope to marry." "Of course not," replied madam; "and, Mr. Officer, what he says is all true; the train in which I was coming from St. Louis reached the station just about the time of his arrival here. I met with a severe accident just after alighting from the car, and he came at once to my assistance. He having done anything wrong then, nor since, for he has been coming here nearly every day, and I believe I could vouch for his integrity under any cir-

"No doubt, madam, no doubt," returned the official, blandly, "and it will probably all come out right; but my orders are imperative. I have a warrant for the young man's arrest, (To be Continued.)

"What are you talking about No man is free who cannot com-

cumstances."

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