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CHAPTER VII. "They are after me!"

NG afterward she recalled his exultant exclamation, checked at its outset-recalled it with a perfect sense of understand-With rare good taste he subdued whatever it was that might have struggled for expression and simply extended his right hand to relieve her of the

"We never have been enemies, Miss Drake," he said, controlling his voice admirably. "But had we been so up to this very instant I am sure I'd surrender now. I don't know what has happened at the villa. It doesn't matter. You are here to ask my protec-



suppose you think I'm perfectly crazy."

tion and my help. I am at your service, my home is yours, my right hand idea of pursuit." also. You are tired and wet andnervous. Won't you come inside? I'll born light in her eyes. "I am my own get a light in a jiffy and Mrs. Ulrich, mistress, Mr. Shaw. They can't take my housekeeper, shall be with you as me, willy nilly, as if I were a child. soon as I can rout her out. Come you know." She held back doubtfully, a troubled, uncertain look in her eyes. stand," he said slowly, his back to "You will understand, won't you?" her.

she asked simply. "And no questions asked," he said from ours?" from the doorway. Still she held back. her gaze going involuntarily to the out the shot, that's all. He's gone. It's started and sat bolt upright to stare at all right. Wait here and I'll get a him comprehensively. light." The flame in her lantern suddenly ended its feeble life.

"Dark as Egypt, eh?" he called out from the opposite side of the room. "Not as dark as the forest, Mr.

"Good heavens, what a time you must have had. All alone, were you?" "Of course. I was not eloping." "I beg your pardon."

"Where were you sitting when I

for the storm to come and dozed away. say. I daresay. I love a storm, don't you?" "Yes, if I'm indoors. Ah!" He had ly. wick of a lamp beside the huge fire-

crazy. I'm horrid."

couch, please. More cheerful, eh? and there was such a pleading look in Good Lord, listen to the wind! You her dark eyes that he controlled himgot here just in time. Now, if you'll self with difficulty. It was only by excuse me I'll have Mrs. Ulrich down imposing the severest restraint upon in a minute. She'll take good care of his susceptibilities that he was able to you. And I'll make you a nice hot approach her calmly. drink too. You need it." In the door of the blg living room he turned to her. I am thinking. It isn't the place. Maya look of extreme doubt in his eyes. be-maybe you can read my thought, be true." She laughed plaintively and Can't you read-oh, there now-I beg back in a minute."

getically. Then she settled back limp most as his hand was ready to clasp ly in the wide couch and inspected the hers-all because her sweet eyes met room, his footsteps noisily clattering his trustingly-he could have sworndown the long hallway to the left. She lovingly. saw, with some misgiving, that it was purely a man's habitation. Shaw bate," she sighed ever so miserably. doubtiess had built and furnished the "You are very good. I'll not forget." big cottage without woman as a consideration. The room was large, comfortable, solid. There was not a suggestion of femininity in it-high or coming?" she asked quickly. He low-except the general air of cleanli- laughed contentedly. ness. The furniture was rough hewn prints, antlers, mementoes of the hunt the whole story?" and the field of sport. The floor was everything, sitting there beside him covered with skins and great "carpet with a hot drink in her hand and a rag" rugs. The whole aspect was so growing shame in her heart. It was distinctly mannish that her heart flut- dawning upon her with alarming force tered ridiculously in its loneliness, that she was exposing a hitherto un-Her cogitations were running serious- known incentive. It was not a comdown the hall and into her presence.

"She'll be down presently. In fact.

so will the cook and the housemaid. Gad, Miss Drake, they were so afraid of the storm that all of them piled into Mrs. Ulrich's room. I wonder at

your courage in facing the symptoms outdoors. Now I'll fix you a drink. Take off your hat-be comfortable. Cigarette? Good! Here's my sideboard. See? It's a nuisance, this having only one arm in commission; affects my style as a barkeep. Don't arm.

stir; I'll be able"-

"Let me help you. I mean, please don't go to so much trouble. Really I want nothing but a place to sleep tonight. This couch will do-honestly And some one to call me at daybreak, so that I may be on my way." looked at her and laughed quizzically. "Oh, I'm in earnest, Mr. Shaw. I would not have stopped here if it hadn't been for the storm.'

"Come, now, Miss Drake, you spoil the fairy tale. You did intend to come here. It was the only place for you to go, and I'm glad of it. My only regret is that the house isn't filled with

"Why?" she demanded with a guilty start.

"Because I could then say to you the things that are in my heart-aye, that are almost bursting from my lips. I-I can't say them now, you know," he said, and she understood his delicacy. For some minutes she sat in silence watching him as he clumsly mixed the drinks and put the water over the alcohol blaze. Suddenly he turned to her with something like alarm in his voice. 'By George, you don't suppose they'll pursue you?

"Oh, wouldn't that be jolly? It would be like the real story book-the fairy and the ogres and all that. But," du blously, "I'm sorely afraid they consider me rubbish. Still"-looking up encouragingly-"my brother would try to find me if he-if he knew that I was

To her surprise, he whistled softly and permitted a frown of anxiety to creep over his face. "I hadn't thought of that," he observed reflectively. Then he seemed to throw off the momentary symptoms of uneasiness, adding, with a laugh: "I daresay nothing will happen. The storm would put a stop to all

"Let them pursue," she said, a stub

That's quite true. You don't under-

"You mean the law? Is it different

"Not that. The-er-situation. You see, they might think it a trifle odd if glasses on the table. He interpreted they found you here-with me. Don't the look of inquiry. "There were two you understand?" He turned to her of us. The doctor was here picking with a very serious expression. She

"You mean-it-it isn't quite-er"-

"Regular perhaps," he supplied. "Please keep your seat. I'm not the censor. I'm not even an opinion. Believe me, Miss Drake, my only thought was and is for your good."

"I see. They would believe evil of me if they knew I had come to you," she mused, turning quite cold.

"I know the kind of people your sister-in-law has at her place, Miss Drake. Their sort can see but one motive in "Here-in the dark. I was waiting anything. You know them, too, I dare

"Good heavens, what a fool I've struck a match and was lighting the been!" she added, starting to her feet. "I might have known they'll say all sorts of terrible things. They must "I suppose you think I'm perfectly not find me here. Mr. Shaw, I'm-1 am so ashamed-I wonder what you "Not at all. Sit down here on the are thinking of me." Her lip trembled,

"I can't tell you now-not here-what "By Jove, I bet I do wake up. It can't Penel-Miss Drake. Look up, please. shook her head in humble self abase- your pardon! You come to me for proment. "Don't be lonesome. I'll be tection and I-well, don't be too hard pure blood, strong nerves, good "Don't hurry." she murmured apolo- place to tell you." He drew away al-

> "Just now I am a poor little repro-"I'll not permit you to forget," he said eagerly

"Isn't the housekeeper a long time in

"We've no reason to worry about her. and built for use, not ornamentation. It's the pursuers from Bazelhurst that The walls were hung with English should trouble us. Won't you tell me And she told him ly toward riot when he came hurriedly fortable awakening. "And you champion me to that extent?" he cried joy-

ously. She nodded bravely and went

"So here I am," she said in conclusion, "I really could not have walked From Friday's Daily. to Ridgely tonight, could 13"

"And there was really nowhere else to come but here?" dublously. "See that light over there up the

"I should say not."

Shaw.

mountain?" he asked leading her to a window. "Old man Grimes and his wife live up there. They keep a light burning all night to scare Renwood's this morning for Murray to visit ghost away. By Jove, the storm will with his son, Ed S. Tutt, for a few be upon us in a minute. I thought it days, had blown around us." The roll of thunder came up the valley. "Thank heaven you're safe indoors. Let them pursue if they like. I'll hide you if business matters at the court they come, and the servants are close mouthed."

"I don't like the way you put it, Mr.

"Hello, hello-the house!" came a shout from the wind ridden night outside. Two hearts inside stopped beating for a second or two. She caught

"They are after me!" she gasped. "They must not find you here. Really, Miss Drake, I mean it. They would down this hall quickly. It leads to the garden back of the house. There's a day. gun room at the end of the hall. Go in there, to your right. Here, take this! It's an electric saddle lantern. I'll head these fellows off. They shan't find you. Don't be alarmed."

She sped down the narrow hall, and ters in the probate court. he, taking time to slip into a long dressing coat, stepped out upon the porch in response to the now prolonged and impatient shouts.

"Who's there?" he shouted. The light from the windows revenled several horsemen in the rondway.

"Friends," came back through the wind. "Let us in out of the storm. It's "I don't know you." There was a

shout of laughter and some profanity. "Oh, yes you do, Mr. Shaw. Open up and let us in. It's Dave Rank and Ed Hunter. We can't make the cabin before the rain." Shaw could see their faces now and then by the flashes of ilghtning, and he recognized the two woodsmen, who doubtless had been visiting sweethearts up toward

"Take your horses to the stable, boys, and come in," he called, laughing heartily. Then he hurried off to the gun room. He passed Mrs. Ulrich coming downstairs yawning prodigiously.

There was no one in the gun room The door leading to the back porch was open. With an exclamation he leaped outside and looked about him.

"Good heavens!" he cried, stagger-

Far off in the night, a hundred yards or more up the road, leading to Grimes' cabin he saw the wobbling, uncertain flicker of a light wending its way like a will-o'-the-wisp through the night. Without a moment's hesitation and with something strangely like an oath. setting the housekeeper in his haste.

"Visitors outside. Make' em comfortable. Back soon," he lerked out as he changed his cont with small respect for his injured arm. Then he clutched a couple of raincoats from the rack and flew out of the back door like to spend the day. a man suddenly gone mad.

(To Be Continued.)

In County Court.

From Saturday's Dally,
A petition for the probate of the last will and testament of the late Charles Swan, sr., was filed yesterday afternoon in county court. The deceased was one of the pioneer citizens of Liberty up this morning from his home precinct and left quite an extensive testate.

A hearing on claims in the ter business matters. estate of Henry C. McMaken was fore Judge Beesen.

A Log on the Track

of the fast express means serious trouble ahead if not removed, so and Miss McElhaney of Des and nerve weakness. If appetite McElwain home in this city. fails, take Electric Bitters quickly helped thousands. on me just yet. I'll find the time and digestion. Only 50 cents at F. G. Fricke & Co.

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Local News

I. S. White and wife of Murray were in the city today looking after matters of business.

John F. Wehrbein of west of the city was in town yesterday attending to some business matters.

John D. Tutt was a passenger

E. C. Twiss of Louisville was in the city today looking after some house.

W. H. Seybert and wife of Cullom were in the city today attending to some shopping with the merchants.

Thede Amick of near Mynard was in the city yesterday afterher breath sharply as she clasped his noon looking after some business matters with the merchants. Mrs. John Kaffenberger and

three daughters were Omaha pasnot understand. Come with me. Go sengers this morning to look after some business matters for the Winfield Swan and wife and Mr.

and Mrs. W. C. James and Mrs. Ada Clark, all of Union, were in the city today looking after mat-

Mrs. George Towle, of Wabash, and her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Mc-Hugh, of South Bend, who are visiting here with Thomas Walling and family, were Omaha visitors this morning on No. 15.

C. J. Baker, wife and little child were Omaha passengers this morning, where they go to have an examination made of the little one's arm, which was broken some two months ago, and which has not regained its normal con-

Mrs. W. A. Davis and daughter, Ruth, of Los Angeles, California, are in the city visiting at the home of Mrs. Davis' aunt, Mrs. Phebus, The Davis family formerly resided in this city, removing from here about 1888. They have been very prosperous on the Pacific coast. Mrs. Davis and daughter He called to her to wait for him in the departed this afternoon for New York City.

> Ben Dill of Murray was in the city y sterday visiting with his parents, A. Dill and wife.

Mrs. C. N. Beverage of Murray departed this morning for Omaha, where she will spend the day.

Mark White and wife of near Murray were in the city today attending to some business matters. brought prompt relief to many Raiph, motored to this city today | Triner's American Elixir of Bitter

friends.

Hon, W. H. Puls of near Murray was in the city today visiting with friends and looking after business matters.

Carter Albion of near Union drove up this morning and boarded No. 45 for the metropolis, where he was called on some busi-

L. H. Young of Nehawka came and was a passenger for Omaha on No. 15, where he will look af-

Lee Nickels, from east of Mur-"Yes, I know them," she said uneast. he'd in the court this morning be- ray, was looking after some business matters in the county seat today. The Journal acknowledges a pleasant call from him.

Fred Ethridge of Greenwood does loss of appetite. It means Moines came in this morning on lack of vitality, loss of strength No. 6 and will spend the day at the

Guy H. Bestor and wife of to overcome the cause by toning Cozad, Neb., arrived last evening up the stomach and curing the in- and will visit here for a few days digestion. Michael Hessheimer with Mr. Bestor's parents. Mr. and of Lincoln, Neb., had been sick Mrs. Bestor have been in Lincoln over three years, but six bottles attending the session of the grand of Electric Bitters put him right lodge of the I. O. O. F. and the Reon his feet again. They have bekhas and took this opportunity They give to visit the old folks.

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chambermore than its cost in a single lain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and being double-tracked in order to pleasant to take, and mild and handle the constantly increasing gentle in effect. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

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> HOUSE TO RENT. T. M. Patterson. 9-17-tfd.

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> Charles Creamer, from south of Plattsmouth, was in the city today looking after some business ing his subscription to 1913.

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