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strength. on its first discovery, the doctor and 'I his was the telegram, cautious and his wife had departed in hot haste to characteristic :--London, having, they thought, some

clue to the fugitives.' 'Doctor and Mrs. B. have taken the 'I still maintain,' said Malyon, bull by the horns. Their first visit in "that there is no ground for all this London was to Mr. Everard Corbet. fear, and that to give way to anything I have packed up my boxes. Do the in the shape of panic"-here he glancsame ed at Sir Philip-'would be to invite

suspicion, and bring ruin upon all." The doctor's face grows white, the 'There was a time when we might paper is dropping from his hand, have placed matters so that we should when it is snatched by Rockwood. All read it again and again, and have been beyond all fear. Had that coffin-lid never been removed, then consternation reigns in Wentworth one would have suffered, as it was Abbey.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

COMMOTION.

It had not taken long for Jane Mur-

but right she should suffer, for the benefit of all.

A woman, Diana Rockwood, spoke these words; but there was no mistaking their terrible significance. There was a fierce contempt in her upon a plan of action. tone as she glanced around, looking

with angry, scornful eyes into the troubled faces of her companions in Mr. Joe Bradly was drinking out a

'Had you been guided by me, there

Catt was busy in what the doctor call- tion of self-defence, I regard the now,' retorted Diana. 'If, I say, she ed his laboratory, sorting herbs and world and my entire species as norecovers her reason, in what position compounding drugs-a labor of love where!' shall we then stand? She must be

with her-the discharged nurse sought retaken at all hazards-at every haz-Gertrude Wentworth in her room. It was one of a suite of rooms re- doctor, who was, however, half out All were agreed upon this point mote from the other patients, which

Malyon and Rockwood were prepared were kept now constantly locked, and of which Mrs. Prudencealone had the you put it, Popsy, a question of sell-'I,' continued Diana, 'will mysel keys. That is to say, it was her bego to Windlestraw, and learn from lief she alone possessed them, the Mrs. Prudence's own lips all that has fact being that a duplicate set reposed occurred. Ah !' she added, with a in the pocket of the vindictive mat-

sigh, 'we acted like fools from the ron she had so thoroughly ousted out of her former position. 'I have told you that I can answer

Murdoch- during one of her visits to band, as he sat gloomily trimming his the neighboring town of Cinderville to order these duplicates; and though 'And I can do the same by Mrs.

Keeps constantly on hand a large and well Prudence Catt,' put in Malyon. 'A woman of eccentric notions and hab- nite object, she had gone to the expense in the hope that a something time-leave that to me. He has wrigits, but her word, once pledged, permight turn up to enable her to take a

man with the sharp, red eyes.

the lawyer, with the same gloom upon his face, glanced at Sir Philip, who as Miss Mary's, Gertrude was not was, in his restless, shiftless way, there, but as good fortune would have it, was walking in the walled in gar-

confounded sneers, Rockwood,' he the other rooms on this side commun- self. 'We live in a world of chances

This garden had a small door, leadthe pluck to say so outright?' 'I do mean you'-and the lawyer ing out on to the downs, of which the rose to his feet. 'But for your proflig. matron had also a duplicate key.

That she had made some discovery they were sure. If it was what Malvon had often talked to them about in

his liquor, it would prove a ruinous to Mrs. Prudence's message has alone to their employers, a fatal one for ready been conveyed to the reader them. through Doctor Malyon It was with the latter probability

they alone concerned themselves. Long and earnest was the consultation that ensued.

We have before compared these peoany fuss, in fact, but in an utterly ple to two efts in an aquarium. We calm, orderly, and wholly collected may now compare them to a couple of manner, the head matron of Windlevipers, considering what and whom straw set leisurely to work to 'make to strike. up her boxes.'

'Septimus,' said his wife impressive-Her boxes being 'made up' to her ly and raising her pale green eyes to satisfaction, she proceeded to take the doctor's face, 'self-preservation is Powder Blue just a little into her conthe first law of nature. fidence.

'True, true, Tiny ; very true! and, To do so, she invited him into her doch to make up her mind and decide as a man of principle and a houseprivate room, placed a bottle and glass holder, I reverence the law wherever on the table, and bade him be seated.

While Doctor and Mrs. Balm were I find it. Shall we consult with Mrs. Now, next to Matthew Rockwood, taking their after-dinner nap; while Prudence-a most valuable woman?' Joe Bradley stood in mortal fear of 'No !'-- and the little lady made the this diminutive woman, whose ac- at 5 30. Go by that.

portion of the money of which he negative most emphatic. 'For my quaintance he had made years back had so wrongfully possessed himself own part, I have already given the in the Warren. at a beer-shop (there was no inn on matter ample consideration. We Not but that, in her queer way, she Windlestraw Downs), situated some must take measures-strong measures had shown him kindness-nay, once mile or so from the house (he had left -to protect ourselves. I respect the when the cholera was busy with the Mrs. Murdoch to look after cording world, and I hope I have a love for my Warren's foul and criminal popula-

'My sentiments, little woman ! My

ing or being sold.'

id?' hesitated the doctor.

take his chance."

words.

he owed his life. But gratitude was not one of Mr.

Bradley's weaknesses, and he had long ago forgotten that fact.

MENT.

The nature of the answer returned

Without any of that uncertainty of

movement which so often marks the

find themselves in a 'fix ;' without

actions of nervous people when they

sentiments to a comma!' said the Sufficient that he held her in mortal fear (there beeing a very prevalent of his senses with fright, and tremrumor in the Warren that the mumbled in his varnish boots. 'It is, as mified little herbalist was of the witch breed, and had secret dealings with

Satan). Bradley was never his lying. 'And I say SELL! and sell at once. blustering self in her presence; on the Seppy! To lose a moment is to lose contrary, he was all humility, holdourselves!' And the doctor's wife ing himself ready to fetch and carry clenched a tiny fist, and smote it down at command.

into the open palm of the other hand She knew this, and knew how far in order to give additional force to her she could trust Bradley.

It was not far, perhaps; but, as far as it went, the man had often proved his back (he had previously taken up 'But Malyon ?-your brother Dav-'Must look after himself,' was the of him on the present occasion.

firm reply. 'He shall be warned in 'Sit down, Mr. Bradley.' 'Yes'm! but arter you is manners ;' gled himself clear ere now of a worse and, as usual, he knuckled his illmess than this. David's a slippery looking forehead.

eel, that it is hard to hold. He must 'Will you take a glass of this ?' and Mrs. Prudence indicated the bottle. 'Quite so, my little dear,' assented Mr. Bradley was always somewhat the doctor, who at the bottom of his suspicious of the herbalist's concoctions, and there was a tremor in his lies on the table, I should say it con- wentions." mean soul cared not a jot what became of his respectable brother-intone as he asked, 'What is it ?" law, provided he was in safety him-

'Rum.' A pleased expression passed over and changes, and David, like others, Mr. Bradley's sweet countenance, an must go with the stream.' After expression which deepened into a which not very clear utterance, the grin, as the woman filled the glass to turned the bag to her pocket. doctor continued to rub his plump

the brim.

swiftly, secretly.' (She took out her week he put up that new safe from watch.) 'The train I want to catch London in his bedroom. New iron

starts at seven p. m., just one hour safe! Patent-indscribable-everythingfrom this. defying R'yalty Safe, never to be "All right." But how about me ?" he opened 'cept on the day o' judgment !

asked, with a whine, 'Act up to your I think these could do it though.' noble words, missus, and don't let He had opened a drawer, and now one as you've known in h'earlier 'ap- took from it several euriously-fashpier days go to the wall.' ioned instruments, which with admi-

He seemed to like the words 'go to ring eyes and almost tenderners of the wall;' and moved by his old, touch, he laid out upon the table. crouching, animal instinct, fell back | Carefully drawing the curtain of the against the side of the room, and be- window, he lighted a candle, and gan to shoulder it, his ruffian face ex- proceeded with his inspection.

pressive of much alarm; but it was 'There they are, the beantles !-evident at the same time that he trust- brace and bit, drill, file, and skillinged in the 'good faith' of the woman. - tons' (skeleton keys), 'all complete !--'I shall not desert you, because I If a thing isn't to be done scientific.

want you now, and shall want you 'taint worth the doin' at all! Science again. That address will tell you my is what I goes in for when I do go to whereabouts in London. You had work. A man without science is a better not leave immediately at my disgrace to the purfession."

heels ; there is an early morning train He took some pieces of oiled leather from the same drawer, and pro-She drew from her pocket a leather ceeded carefully to polish each one of purse, or pouch (she clung to old the queer-looking instruments, talkways, did Mrs. Prudence), and count- ing the while in an under-tone to ed out ten sovereigns, which she himself.

'He has put most of the plate there, pushed to him across the table. The fellow's eyes glistened at the I know-the genuine 'all mark, and tion, it was to her skill and courage sight of the gold coin, and for a mo- all right! The h'electro is locked up ment they rested with an indescriba- in the pantry, and there it may stop ble expression upon the bulky purse. for me! The h'electro !- yah! 'ow I The expression had not escaped the 'ates such sneakin deception !' And awfully sharp eyes of prudence Catt. this virtuous admirer of the benefits She thoroughly understood it and of science polished viciously at a peculiar fort of centrebit he was holdshe laughed.

'None of that, Powder Blue; It ing.

cipitately from the table.

'It does contain more,' she said.

tained more.

wouldn't pay you in any way. You 'There must be some of the brads are just the very man to get into too !' he continued meditatively .-trouble, and the very last to pull 'He's been drawin' out of the bank yourself out of it. Besides, you forget pretty heavy, in case o' h'accidents, I Mr. Rockwood! Your only hope is s'pose. Lor', lor'! what a world it is ! in us. There !'-- and she placed the If I was to be borned over agin, and leather bag on the table-'am I to con- had my ch'ice, it should be in some tinue to trust in you or not?' other planet, where there warn't no

temptations, and consequenshily, no Mr. Bradley's feelings were deeply hurt. He clasped his hands behind perlice !'

He continued his rubbing for some useful, and she intended to make use the ten sovereigns), and retired pre- time; then pronouncing everything in 'first rate' | condition, put the tools 'Oh, mem ! it's cruel to be so 'ard on into a bag.

'Unless this wonderful safe as I've a poor feller as is tryin to see his way to do the best for hisself in a world as heard the doctor brag o much on is is full o' trouble. "Taint in my natur something as" was never heerd on afto fly agin my h'own interests. I as- ore, the job oughtn't to take me long. sure you. No, not though there was I can get into the room by climbin' thirty pund in that beast of a bag; and over the werandah. It's altogether at a rough guess, looking at it as it too h'easy a crack for a man o' my in-

He glanced at a sallow-faced Dutch clock that was ticking sullenly in a And poor Powder Blue, the incorner.

'I shall 'ave more than time to pack stincts of the Warren strong upon him, gave a plaintive gasp as she re- the swag, and take mossel of brekfust. for next to a h'empty 'ouse I 'ates a

'I'll see to all you want,' he said, h'empty stomach; and then I starts 'I looks to-wards you, mem ! mean- briskly, with an air of cringing apolo- by the 5.30 as I promised the old 'un. So saying, he blew out the light, afed down his throat as if it had been for him to master his feelings. 'You ter having first of all provided himself water. 'You knows my taste, that can make allowances for a cove, Mrs. with a dark lantern from his seemingly inexhaustible drawer, opened the added, his eyes watching her with a 'Every allowance for you. What I door of the lodge, and sneaked off on his burglarious errand.

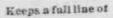
It had been no difficulty for Mrs. for the man Bradley,' said her husat the time it was without any defirevenge upon the odious little wo-'We've more to dread from the

weakness of the principals than the With one of those keys she opened treachery of the subordinates;' and the room known to the establishment 'If you mean me by any of your den, with which her room, as well as

burst out, savagely, 'why haven't you | icated.

would have been no such danger as menaces us now. If that girl should I am prepared to furnish GOOD recover her reason-' 'Which would be little short of a miracle,' said the doctor. her boxes); and while Mrs. Prudence species; but when it becomes a ques-'Miracles have been worked before







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under my own roof.'

well

'Come, come !' And the old steward hurriedly interposed, 'For every that she should follow her.

one's sake, let there be no quarreling. Wrapping about her a large plaid Philip means well-he always meant cloak, Jane Murdoch opened the side door, and they set off together across

'I'll not be bullied by any one,' said the downs.

the Baronet, blustering; especially A small cart, belonging to a friend of hers, a neighboring blacksmith,

'Your roof!' laughed the lawyer. was in waiting with her boxes, to 'Why, but for my money when your take her down to the station.

father turned you adrift, your roof The blacksmith's son, a half-witted would have been the parish work- youth of the true chawbacon class, IN BROWNVILLE THE house. A dog-kennel, as regards was to drive her. It mattered but litproperty of your own, was then be- tle to him whom she brought if the cart would hold them. He was to

yond your reach !' 'It's a lie! You first lured me into drive her, and that was enough. every sort of extravagance, and then. Jane had already got through the when a fellow was hard up and des. ceremony-a very brief one-of leave perate, furnished the means for more taking with her fellow-servants ; and extravagance, but at what a price you it being known that she was out of know! But for you, things might favor, and leaving in disgrace, none have gone better with me-must have had thought it worth while to go begone better; for, by Jove! they look yond the gates to say a second goodbad enough now.' bye to her.

'You ungrateful, ill-conditioned Ten minutes saw her at Windleeur! cried Rockwood, making a step straw Station, where she took slugle towards the Baronet, but pausing as tickets for Gertrude and herself to Malyon laid a hand upon his arm. Cinderville, a large, populous, manu-"The terms were all too easy. To buy facturing town, in which she had rea bracelet for some painted creature. lations, and from this place she diswho laughed at you and despised you patched a note to Dr. Baim, then as you clasped it on-to pay some debt having arranged a means of communof 'honor' to a billiard-sharping lord, leation with her relatives, departed,

who patronized while he swindled together with Gertrude, by a cross-NEAR THE BUSINESS CENTRE OF THE you-you would come grovelling at country coach to another and more right. open day and night; busses running to and House making connection with all trains my feet; nay, to gain an extra few distant town, and then off to London West, North and South. We solicit a share o

the patronsee from Southern Nebrasks, and the traveling public generally. Give special rates to U.S. Jurors, or any parties remaining with us any knees and licked my boots had I per-Her: E. T. PAGE, Proprietor, | mitted it. You a gentleman ! lows :

hands, and glance nervously at his Her power over the poor gentle girl wife, whose guidance he was prepared was immense, and Gertrude rendered implicitly to follow. a ready obedience to her command

Nor was he far wrong in his resolve. 'Tiny,' as he called her, was a woman to develop, spon an emergency, extraordinary firmness of character. She rose with the occasion, and the occa-

sion had never presented itself in so threatening a form as now. It was no secret at Dripsey Bridge,

and therefore it was no secret to them -Balm and his wife-that a love-engagement had existed between Everard Corbett and Gertrude Wentworth. It was also known to Mrs. Balm, durses ?'

ing her last visit to London, that 'What doctor ?' Jane Murdoch's daughter, the too cel-'Doctor Malvings.' ebrated Totty Fay, had in some case of 'disputed engagement,' been represented in Court by Ihat rising barrister, Mr. Corbett, who had brought ness.

her through triumphantly. It was one of those theatrical cases which have so curious an interest to all classes of the public, and had been accordingly much talked about.

Now-so Mrs. Balm reasoned-it was likely that Jane Murdoch, an utter stranger to London, would, under the circumstances, seek out her daughter, and that Everard Corbett would be the person to whom she would appeal for Gertrude's protection. Such was the 'little woman's' idea, and she acted upon it.

The results will prove that she was

To Everard Corbett, then, the

second

in' respec's;' and the spirit disappear- gy; for it had required some minutes you do, mem, to a nicety !' Then he Prudence ?'

demure, not to say sheepish look, as want is what no one can better manshe poured out a second glass, 'When | age than yourself--secrecy and silence. a man is real thirsty, there's nothink The rest concerns yourself."

like rum for a coolin' drink-its more 'And for which thoughtful kindsofter and more mellerer -than bran- ness umble thanks is returned to Mrs. dy; and as for gin, you must drink Prudence. And a kindness which such a lot of it afore you rightfully has its value is never forgotten by feel that you are a tastin' of onythink. 'yours truly.' May I take another You know, mem, what the doctor glass of the soother?"

like.' 'Thank you, I will.' 'Ha! I was thinking of Doctor Baim, He did so very promptly, conceal-

and he has more to do with water ing it under the large flaps of his livthan with rum-in the way of busi- ery coat. 'Nothing h'up with the doctor, I I know it's a hard one, or I would 'ope, mem ?' at the same time glane- not trust you with the liquor. I am ing at her with a furtive quickness, now going my rounds among the pa-

Prudence's tone that alarmed him.- herself. 'Has the gerl-the young lady, been

found ?! have the best right to her." Powder Blue gave a terrific bound dropsical establishment ?'

selfout a glass of rum.

"That'ull be bad for the guv'nor-Her note to Doctor Balm was as fol- the race for betrayal come in at least Rockwaod think about it ?'

TO BE CONTINUED

Herndon's herd of tame buffalo cowa on the South Platte, numbering twenty-two, have given birth since March 17th, to eighteen calves, not one of which has died, or cavorts as though it wanted to. Some of the

cheese and butter manufactured by You may take the bottle if you the product of this herd, and put upon the Sidney market, compares fa-

vorably with the Orange and Genesee county. New York, manufacture. A stock dairyman from Peoria, Ill., is in

Sidney and negotiated for a portion of 'Keep your head clear for business the herd to take home with him.

Jennie has strict ideas about equity for he had caught something in Mrs. tients-the last one,' she muttered to in little things. When she first heard the story of the Savior's miracle in

'At seven I'll be at the station. But feeding the multitude with the few missis, just a moment afore you go. Is loaves and fishes obtained from the 'Yes; and by those, I imagine, who things really bust up with those two young lad's basket, she was awed inh'amiable covies as keeps this 'ere to thoughtful and solemn amazement. Some time afterwards, in the midst of

in his chair, attered a prolonged 'I don't know-I should think not. a talk about other matters, she sudwhistle, and then, as seeking to recov- I fancy they know how to look after denly paused and asked with special er from the shock his nervous system themselves, even at the sacrifice of concern, 'Did they give back the baskhad received, this time poured him- others. Now you've no time to lose, et to that boy?"

nor have I, so obey orders.'

Even if a boy is always whistling 'I Bradley, privately hugging his bot-Balms determined to apply, and in for all the guv'nors. What does Mr. tle, knuckled his forehead with more want to be an angel," it is just as well respect than ever as she left the room. to keep the preserved pears on the top 'I don't know. I leave Windle- 'What a woman she would be in the shelf of the pantry.