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 oy the slirouded 1 orms of the deald, adark- robed follover of funerals. I tad heard of her, and coness that
the tales told me by my garrulous
tandlady were not greatily in her ta-

## "There's lots of mystery about that roman," said Mrs. Hodkes, as she

 אoman,", said Mrs. Hogdges, as shepoured my cofiee one morning, rior
they do say that she sees sperrits, they do say that she sees sperrits,
an in inever so much enjopin' of her-
self as when she is sittir'
no with a corpse. An' then that long bla
veil she wears! They say it's a sign the belongs to some secret society of about, and they don't 'low her to
how her face, though I don't 'bleve the poor soul does any harm." though I plied my landlady with questions, ffailed to elicit any more
definite information regarding this trange woman than is conta he fore ooing paracraph But I inwardy resolved to know better acquainted in the town. I as never bold and curious enough Ceast expected.
I had but recently arrived in the oown; 1 knew no one save my 1 and
lady nnd the man who roomed with hat t can lardly say we sere well equainted. The little I saw of him, apambler. He never confided his
aftairsto me, but his habit of of spend.
nit he room one morning, and the loom which seemed to possess him I remember that he knocked at the
loor somewhat earlier than usual one repared to retire. Without a word he drew a chair near the fire, sat
 "Did you ever
 sad face the year round?" Iasked.
He frowned and semed annoved at reazy hag that haunts. the streets rnishing old women with a them
 of inquiry, "I don't care to discuss her," he
 night.,
In the street?",
In moonts to the same thing. My
 ompanion arose and opened it, an ealed to mF astonished gaze the
lack robed forni of a woman. I leaned forward to get a glinpse of
her faee, but a black veil hid it from man who opened the door on this
dreary figure It was livid with rage.
 oath escape his lips. Then the wom-
an. stepping back into the shadow
or anh wht per were alone. You wanted
to sean me . For Gods sale He the street!", addressing a word of explanation to 1 could not have sat still in that room after that, if my life had demeeting comple ely mastered me, and Out into the dark I followed them, strange dark figures, darker than distinctly hey went. and still I followed, with ould faintly hear their voices in the distance, but could distinguish no How far I followed them I know
Hot. Once or twice I saw the woman


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