The Abandoned Room

CHAPTER XXXII.

The Love Spark Burns The silence and the delay increased their weight upon the little whisper because of the sly commun-Silas Blackburn, huddled icativeness of the snow. in his chair, was grayer, more haggard than he had been at first. He appeared attentive to an expected summons. He seemed fighting the idea of going back.

Katherine quieted the turmoil of great misgiving. Bobby's thoughts. If he could only have listened to the whispered encouragement of the forest.

have been no more than good- fault.

Jenkins will have to help," he about that time?

Silas Blackburn arose unsteadily. not going to leave me here. I won't away.

to the hall ahead of him in order that he might not have to witness reached the hall he saw that the man's terror had not diminished. They went through the court and

where they found spades and shovels. Their grim purpose holding how good a friend he is." them silent, they crossed the clearing and entered the pathway that had been freshly blazed that day for the passage of the men in black. The snow was quite deep. It still

drifted down. It filled the woods there was a tragic color to her cowith a wan, unnatural radiance, quetry. Without really illuminating the sooty masses of the trees it made guessed it except you, Bobby." the night white.

van with Paredes and Robinson, the caresses of the drifting snow-The doctor and Rawlins followed, flakes. Graham was with Katherine behind them. Bobby walked fast, fighting an instinct to linger, to avoid whatever they might find beneath the white blanket of the little, intimate burial ground.

Groom turned and spoke to Graham. Katherine waited for Bobby. and the white night closed swiftly about them, whispering until the shuffling of the others became inaudible.

Was she glad of this solitude? Had she sought it? Her extraordinary request in that earlier solitude came to him, and he spoke of it while he tried to control his emotions, while he sought to mold the next few minutes reasonably and justly.

"Why did you tell me to make no attempt to find the guilty person? "Because," she answered, were too sure it was yourself. Why, Bobby, did you think I was the-the woman in black? That has

hurt me."
"I didn't mean to hurt you," he said, "but there is something I must tell you now that may hurt you a

And he explained how Graham had awakened him at the head of the

"You're right," he said. "I was sure then it was myself, in spite of Howells' movement. It followed so neatly on the handkerchief and the footmarks. But now he has come back, and it changes everything, So I can tell you.

He couldn't be sure whether it was the cold, white loneliness through which they paced, or what he had just said that made her tremble.

"Perhaps I shouldn't have told

you that."
"I am glad," she answered. "You must never close your confidence to me again. Why have you done it these last few months? I want to

Calculation died.

"Then you shall know." Through the white night his hands reached for her, found her, drew her close. The moment was too masterful for him to mold. He became, instead, plastic in its white and stealthy grasp.
"I couldn't stay," he said, "and

District Freight Tariff Committee Has First Case

The Omaha district freight tariff ommittee, recently organized, has had its first cases submitted for consideration and will be taken up according to the rules that provide for hearings within 15 days after

filing.

The first case for consideration has to do with class and commodity rates between Grand Island, Hastings, Columbus and Norfolk, and to Mississippi river points, Peoria, Chicago, St. Paul, Memphis, New Orleans and Texas common points.

IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

Clarence E. Weldey has petitioned for a decree of divorce from Maude Ellen whom he charged with extreme cruelty. They were married in South Omaha, Octo-

Anna E. charges Roy Tallman with ex-treme cruelty. She refers in a petition to two minor children by a former marriage and she asks for a decree and restoration of her former name, Anna E. Wilson,

In a divorce action started by Florence against Charles Oliver Murphy, the wife alleges that her husband deserted her two alleges that her husband deserted her two years ago and was guilty of uttering false accusations against her in the presence of strangers. She asks for a decree, alimonyand restoration of her former name. Flerence Lavetts. The Murphys were married in Lincoln, September 13, 1917.

A decree of divorce has been issued in favor of Lillie Jackson, who was married to Albert Jackson in Council Biuffs, No-vember 18, 1916. The wife's former name of Lille Miller was restored by the cour

In a decree issued to John L. Van Cleave, the judge stated that Irene Van Cleave, defendant, was divorced from Charles K. Strong in Sloux City on March 4, 1918, and was married to Van Cleave on June 1. 1918, the intervening time not being sufficient to legalize the Van Cleave

William Hostetter was granted a divorce from Frances Hostetter, who allowed the case to go by default. The husband alleged extreme cruelty. In the decree which has been issued the wife has been restrained from interfering in any way with two minor children whose custody was awarded to the father.

In the diverce case of Urban against Jehanna Reis the husband was awarded a decree. Mrs. Rels, charged with deser-tion, made no appearance,

see you give yourself to Hartley." She raised her hands to shoulders. He barely caught her

"I am glad, but why didn't you say

The intoxication faded. The enterprise ahead gave to their joy a fugitive quality. Moreover, with The proximity of Graham to her very surrender came to him a

"But you and Hartley? I've have foreseen this return he would watched. It's been forced on me. "Then you have misunderstood," she answered. "You put me too Robinson reappeared. Anxiety completely out of your life after our had replaced the anger in the round quarrel. That was about Hartley. face which, one felt, should always You were too jealous, but it was my

"Hartley," he asked, "spoke to you

"Yes, and I told him he was a very dear friend, and he was kind "I'm coming with you. You're enough to accept that and not to go

"He should come by all means," the rift between them made her more precious because of its affectionate The old man put his hands to his er to Graham, more mysterious human quality. She had been kind-"You keep quiet. I'm not going about him, to draw boos, see You keep quiet. I'm not going ever since his arrival at the Cedars Graham had assumed toward Kathmore. He went to the kitchen and called Jenkins. He let the butler go what he hall should of the hall should clearly enough for her sake. For a long time past, indeed, in speaking this new greeting. But Jenkins' cry of her Graham always seemed to came back to him, and when he discuss the woman he expected to discuss the woman he expected to marry.

"You are quite sure," he asked, around the house to the stable puzzled, "that Hartley understood?" "Why do you ask? He has shown

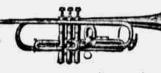
> "He has always made me think," Bobby said, "that he had your love. You're sure he guessed that you cared for me?" In that place, at that moment,

"I think every one must have He raised her head and touched Silas Blackburn stumbled in the her lips. Her lips were as cold as

> "We must go on," she sighed. (To Be Continued Tomerrow.)

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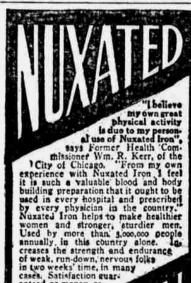
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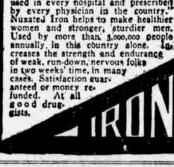
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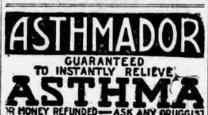
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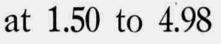
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