by the occasional use of Dr. J H TODES OUD DAITOWIY. B. B. B (Botanic Blood Bat he himself felt the bitterness and disan-CGI WHICHE IOT & TEUTER, MAR THE T "Oh, nothing particular. "Ah, had he any children?" asked the there was any abandonment of Temple-McLean's Liver and Kidney Pillets not have believed it of her. ment of finding Mr. Templeton ton's mothe MOND BUTTON "I am not at home to any other callers "Come, tell me," said Tom, If you try this reme! his way so much, that I feared in a mo-"Oh, let me see. We were out the little pills.) Holbrook had been pacing up and "Yes, I think so. A son and a daugh-Disease lies in ambush for the doings since I've been gone." no matter who they may be." ment of passion he had been led into a 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of last month. say as many others have the lown as he was thus reasoning. Upon weak; a feeble constitution is ill it is the best blood parifier She closed the door after her, and sat frightful crime. I must, however, de We went on board the 14th at night, and Tom's remark he turned quickly around and bringing his hands together with a "A daughter," repeated the old man adapted to encounter a malarious tonic. Write Blood Balm Co. At CHAPTER XX. down in such a position that the and now he seemed puzzled. "I think, afied early the next morning." "Of Angust," said Tom, with sudden Jarm, "Hold on; where were you on light cline to answer your question. was upon Holbrook's face, while her own was in the shadow. She waited for adapted to encount of the stanges of lanta, Ga., for book of convincing THE LAWYER CONSTRUCTS & THEORY. ARY OF A LAWYER AND THE Holbrook bowed courteously and re Mr. Bryan, you have information of esounding whack he exclaimed: OOK OF A REPORTER. ROM Holbrook' marked: temperature, and the least robust great value to us-more value than you "Yes, by Heaven, I have! Mrs. Tem-leton told me that her father had left testimony. Holbrook to speak, turning upon him with a polite look of inquiry. citalitan "Of course, that sends me to are usually the easiest victims. Dr. the 17th?" mow. Cannot we go to some qu J. P. Davis, Atlanta, Ga. ittle had been Fountain." AROLAY NORTH. "We ran into Greenport bay, about place where we can exchange confi-I. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla will her on her mother's death to the care of End) writes: "I consider done in the way Her manner conveyed that the call was "If Mr. Fountain determines to o'clock at night, under the brightes an sunt, and went to Philadelphia; that give tone, vitality and strength to ances? 1 should not be surprised if B. B. has permanently cured me R 89, by O. M. Dunham. Publishe to be regarded as one purely of business. Holbrook felt it, and was stung by her form you, I, of course, can offer no obof shedding light sequently a rumor of his marriage I reached them, but was never veriour information were worth paying for on the dark nequatism and sciatics. he entire body. jection." "You are sure of that date?" queried undsomely." Distress after eating, heartburn, "Perhaps you may find yourself able places. He had manner. Upon her part she felt that the R. R. Sulter, Athens, Ga Tom earnestly. Tom felt that he was getting into shall fied. That was after they had heard of applied for letters sick headache, and indigestion are to answer another question?" "Why, yes. Certainly. What's the HAPTER XIX. blow she dreaded so much was about to B. B. B. cured me of an ulcer the ow water, for he had been drawing upon his death shroad " of administration Flora seemed to give him consent by cured by Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver had resisted all other treatment LI & VERY PRETTY STORY. his imagination for his facts, led to go atter with you? "The facts in this case come out alor an inquiring expression of face. "You will perhaps remember," he con for Mrs. Temple Holbrook accepted the situation, fee and Kidney Pillets (little pills.) "This is finportant. You've made no HEN Tom arriv on from the evident alarm he was cau E. G. Tinsley, Columbia, Ma ly," said Tom. "The line of inquiry to follow is the Pierson Mns. Why not ton, and had re-If you feel unable to do your ing that in the end he must win. d in New York nistsko writes : "My mother and sister has ing the old man. ceived them. He tinued. "that on the occasion of our pre work, and have that tired feeling. "I beg you will excuse my urgency "Mistake, no. Here's my diary with It was not his purpose to go further, city it was early push your inquiries with Mrs. Temple-ton? See if it is not possible to confice the Templetons with Pierson." had taken possesvious interview in this house I displayed he began, "but necessity knows no law alcered sore throat and som the entry. See," and he held it up for the morning take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilsion of the propof etiquette or custom. The last time I had the honor of calling upon you, the conversation was wholly, if my memory serves me, upon the then recent mur-der of Mr. Templeton. I desire to renew a diamond button I had found that to be said: "I am always on the make, if I can do B. B. B. cured th. m. for he came in ut Tom to sead. la; it will make you bright, active morning at the place of murder." erty and papers "For heaven's sake!" cried Tom, squarely, Mr. Parker. I have no ob-Jocob F. Sponcler, Newman on the Sound "Fil do it, and at once. You'll go and vigorous. "Perfectly well." us get this straight. When did writes: "B. B. B. entirely cored me that The most popular liniment, is the ection to giving you all the information "Yes, I'll go with you, and would h "You seemed to recognize it then with her per murder in Union square occur?" Breakfasting possess on the subject. But I cannot old reliable, Dr. J. H. McLean's of rheumatism in my should reliable. sion had examined all the personal ef-fects of the deceased. He had found les-May I ask to whom you thought it be "Ask Jim there; it's his case." go now; I have an important engage he went straight glad to used six bottles." Volcanic Oil Liniment. "You mean Templeton's" asked onged?" way to Hol. ment at which I am already overdue. "But haven't we already ters in plenty, both at the office of Tem-For a safe and certain remedy "So," said the lady laughingly, bu Chas. Reinnardt, No. 2026 1 me referred te. "On the morning of the Flora visibly paled under this exor brook's office. He "Can we not meet this evening?" enough to begin a judicial inquiry dium. She replied: "The subject is not an agreeable one, partly vexed as well, "your display of the button was a trap laid for me?" or fever and ague, use Dr. J. H. leton and his boarding place, but none tain Street, Baltimore, Md ighteenth, an hour after midnight." was anxious to "No; wait until I have established the "No-engagement again." that threw any light upon the motive of McLean's Chills and Fever Oure; it "I suffered with bleeding piles two "Great heavens!" oried Tom. "To-morrow, then. No, not to-morrow, exchange news. the deed or which even demanded inidentification of Fountain with the man "I confess it. Laid on the impulse but I suppose you have a purpose in re-They all stared at him. I have engagements out of town. This is Thursday; make it Monday next, at 11, vears, and am glad to say that A He felt that the warranted to cure who purchased the clothes. "I'll ge the moment." Many people habitually endure a He took the photographs out of his ocket and handed them to the first newing it bottle of B B. B. caree me end of the search The books and business papers were in excellent and methodical shape. He was certain after closing everything up and paying all outstanding obligations about it now and then meet you." "I have no objections to tell you. "I have, and also a confession eeling of lassitude, because they was growing at this spot.' had seen a similar one worn by Kendrick J. J. Haidy, Toccoa, Ga "But I say, Tom, if Fountain don's make." "All right. This place is convenien think they have to. If they would near, and while MA KAP own the gold button, who does?" "B. B. B is a quick cure "A confession!" she repeated in sur-Noble.' Was this the man-the Fountain who he waited the take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsa-"I'll be hanged if I can tell-that i for me." "Ah!" tarrab. Three bottle cured a coming of the was with you?" "One moment, Mr. Bryan. Do you parilla this feeling of weariness he could turn over - something above "He was very proud of it, as he had one of the puzzles in this most puzzling "Yes, a confession. From your man had been trou ded several "The very same. These are good pict gr. he indulged in know where the son-Fountain, you pleasan thirty thousand dollars to be added to of all cases. inherited it from his grandfather, who would give place to "vigor and viner and from your words at that time, ation he would 3.3. Total of the set res of him?" A. Spink, Adapta, G know-is now?" the fortune of Mrs. Templeton. The Tom hurried off to his friend, the leader writer, who had undertaken to and subsequently from your manner at had received it from an Italian nobleman rgeness of the "scoop" he ality. 'Was he never away from you during 2 . 36, "I do not know, but I could obtain "One bottle of B. B. B. Commission greater part of this money was already the Casino, where I met you some days in whose family it had been for many No liniments is in better repute -4110 on his contemporaries the trip? knowledge easily, I think." "Very well. Don't fail me cured my child of erzema generations. It was given the grand in government bonds deposited in a obtain a surreptitious portrait of Four or more widely known than J. H. afterwards, I arrived at the conclusion an to arrange in hi "Never, from the time he W. A. Peppor, Frederia safety vault. father in recognition of some great serv McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment that you suspected Mr. Fountain of hav Entra ails of the narrative for his e fourteenth The ladies were comfortably situated ice rendered. Concerning Mr. Noble lav. "Well, how did you make out?" aske ing committed the murder." Tom stood like one rooted to the spot. It is a wonderful remedy. writes : "B. B. B. cured man Tom hurried away, glad to escape, for Jt march in Lexington avenue, and he saw then presume you know quite as much as "The dreaded blow has fallen." Com. Persons advanced in years feel In the meantime the others looked teristic of the man that from a sense of pure mischief he of ulcered sore threat," nearly nightly. "First rate. I got two views of him thought, as she gasped out, her face ghastly white, "but you did not know lo. He is but little more than an ache felt no pity for the intended victim. pon him amazed. Finally Tom said: been led into this encounter. ounger and stronger, as well as He had been over to see old George profile and full face." He took the quaintance, a young gentleman of our rht to the distress his expo "I do not think I want to see the dis To Motners. reer from the infirmities of age, by "I'll have to concoct a story," he said Dolwell on Long Island, and had conrom his desk. im: he told me so." rict attorney after all." arry into the household o to himself, "and meet the old man on aking Dr. J. J. McLean's Sarsapa-NUL versed with him as to Wessing's visit. Tom inspected them closely. ected them closely. "What earthly connection can he hav "I learned who he was that night a He turned on his heel without a word For upwards of fitte vi Monday. I may learn something of Little had come of that visit. Wessing with the matter that puzzles me so?" the Casino," he replied calmly. and walked out, leaving them wonderm was an unkindly may Not th value. But what was it in my lie that One of Dr. J. H. McLean's Little WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYNA had not been by any means commun "What are you going to do them?" asked the leader writer. "I feared so," she said, with a low "That is for your astuteness to dis H- had ing at his strange manner and question been hardened in the prac disturbed him so? Let me see; he is been used by millions of tive, had adroitly avoided direct answers over," replied the lady, not without the moan. "And yet he went to you the Liver and Kidney Pellets, taken at "He's been drinking," he heard one tic. -37 profession and sought his to direct questions, and had tried to draw making a claim on behalf of that old high' before going to bed, will move for their children while to suspicion of sarcasm in her tones. "Pardon me," said Tom, "I am next morning. Fool, fool, fool, that he lessly. as indulging these expects ik came in. endsynupon Dolwell for recollection of the padrunkard on the ground that the old sot desperate hurry, and if I do not wait to explain and thank you for them you will annot help you in that matter." with never tailing safety "One would suppose he thought Foun he bowels; the effect will astonish was! pers of Pierson when in the office. is a brother of the late Pierson. Now, if At this point Holbrook rose to take his "That conclusion," continued Ho cess. It soothes the child. tain had committed that murder," from As these principally related to litiga-tion over the collecting of business debts that is so, one of them bears an assumed cuse me, I know." brook, conscious he was torturing her as eave, and as he did so Miss Ashgrove, Pimples, boils and other humors the gums, allays all pain, regi ave you been for the pas another. name. Which? From his disturbance Then he went to the clothing store and a cat does a mouse, "was strengthened by the report of an interview between are liable to appear when the blood the bowels, cares wind cole ising with him, said: said, without waiting for He paid no heed, but passed on and the settling of partnership enterpr when I said Pierson had once been known "I fear an apology is due you. But found the clerk. "I have been seriousl lescended the stairs like one who had gets heated. The best remedy is the best remedy for do and speculations, wholly com as Fountain, it must have been the dead "What kind of time did you have o yourself and Mr. Fountain on the veran surely you will excuse a woman seeking sent everywhere for you met with a distressful blow of misfor Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla. man. Now what? Why, he is fright "MRS WINSLOW'S financial affairs. Dolwell's recollection your clambake?" t find you." da of your uncle's house at Newport." o protect her secrets?" SYRUP" is for ale by drugge ened about the idea of the marriage and Sick beadache is the bane of had interested him little. "Bang up," said Tom. "See here. Holbrook began to feel ashamed of She sprang to her feet, nerved by the strong tide of anger and contempt that ort." He walked along the street dazed, un every part of the world. wants : know about the issue. Um.' recollect my asking you if you cou identify the man who bought that suit the man outside of U. S. T.'s!" He had asked how much Pierson had many lives. This annoying comhimself under the gentle dignity of her time to go pleasuring," lolbrook. "I found your heedful of all about him. Without knowing just how he had gotten there he found himself in Broadway, opposite left, and Dolwell thought over two mil-lions. His only significant question was Just then he crossed the path of one plaint may be cured and prevented cents a bottle. apology, and felt it almost a rebuke; so swept over her. of New York's most eminent lawyers. "And were you low enough, base he replied: wouldn't tell me any this "Good afternoon, Mr. Bryan," said the "The apologies should be mine fo W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO Intelligent Readers will notice that enough, to spy upon us, or to place a he postoffice. "Had Mr. Dolwell reason to suppos distinguished ornament of the bar. "Well, here's the man I suspect. having performed a delicate task with emotions were difficult to analyze spy upon us?" Holbrook was struck with her grea en ver talls," said Tom, con His that Pierson had ever borne any other "Good afternoon, judge," returned The clerk took the photogram much awkwardness and little kindness. leartfelt gratitude and thankfulne Tom as he stopped him. "Judge, I want GENERAL EXHIBITION 2 hat the story had been told him before beauty as she stood before him, burning with scorn, and he admired her. Thus, with a better understanding me a pretty fright; wh "Ah!" cried Tom, "that is gettin woodshed opinion." The distinguished man laughed. aramined them carefully. etween them than had existed since -OF FALLhe had gone in to the district attorney you ldt me know you were going? warm. What was Dolwell's reply?" "No, upon the contrary he had ever Tom waited in an agony of imy IMPORTATIONS AND PURCHASES me. But," said Tom, "I'll "No, Miss Ashgrove," he replied, quiet their first interview, and perhaps than possessed him, but dominating over tience, his heart beating with suc "They are often the most expensive ever before, they parted after a warm I went on the very busines ly, "you wrong me. You are mistaken other sentiment was his feeling of keep reason to believe he had not; he had first throbs that he thought the clerk must kind of opinions, even if you do get then neglected. Shadow, who and bitter disappointment. His quest in both conjectures. I neither spied on grasp of the hand known of Mr. Pierson twenty-five years WE ARE READY FOR A LARGE for nothing, Mr. Bryan." surely hear it. ses, but only you nor placed one on you. The report had ended in failure, his triumph had ago, and he then bore that name, and "Nevertheless, I'll risk it, with s Finally the clerk said: BUSINESS. CHAPTER XXIII. n a disordered live orms everything out of him, came to me in my professional capacity, turned to ashes. Vertigo, Headache, D was known as a reputable merchan great an authority. I am on the hunt of a mysterious affair. Not five min-"I am certain-positive, that TOM MAKES A LONG STEP FORWARD. after it was all over, and without my astily before I was out o He made his way hurriedly to Ho "This thing is very perplexing," re-By far the most Fevers, Costivences. knowledge that Mr. Fountain was being OM was not dis ys ago, with the informa rook. The lawyer was engaged with a ATTRACTIVE LOT OF DRY GOODS marked Tom thoughtfully. "I cann utes ago I had a conversation with a "Good," said Tom. "He'll find atain had been summor pleased to be lient, and Tom paced the outer office in followed and watched. This, I say, con Celic, Flatulence. make out the connection. Wessing little joke turned upon him. Thank you. man who touches the matter slightly and I made a remark or two which dis Ever within our walls. 5 Neo after considerable tel fever of disappointment, thankfulness firmed the suspicions and strengthened alone for a time here making inquiries with regard Fil tell you all about it shortly. Fil come For these they are not car fallible, but are as nearly to In every department are displayed the latest Fail and Winter novelties. From the thous-ands of styles purchasers will be sure to find those congenial to their tastes and means. The greatest care is bestowed in the selection of all conde my conclusions, but I desire to say to in order that he Tranh spondence with the Ash amiliation and even anger. How could Pierson's papers; Fountain makes the turbed him greatly. He was not at all here to tell you for your kindness. you now that both of us have been might give him-Jpon the impulse of the mo same inquiry, and yet so far as we are he have been such an idiot as to have ible to make a remetly. 5750 241 6 He hurried out of the store. frank or communicative, so I tried t TWIL. mined to go, and I made up supposed Fountain could have been self up to thought COUDE. wrong. I hasten to inform you that Mr. SOLD EV enabled to ascertain there is no relation reason it out, and I ran against a legal "The coil is finally wound about hir t if I started at once with Fountain did not commit the deed." guilty of such a crime? he asked himself, When he parted BY END between the two." Fountain, my boy, there is a surprise in store for you. In two days' time, my gentle lad, your name will be the best wall." f all goods. The fall season of 1889 brings to our count-inusual stractions in "Did not!" The revulsion of feeling int dots ould get there before he did. nd then in the most illogical way h from Holbrook he Holbrook was pacing up and down his CAUTION W.L. Dom "Well, if I can assist I should b had little idea of ound himself growing angry with Foun an untip tion-what you willwas too great. She sank back in her narrow room in profound thought. Fitain for going off on that yachting trip and thus making it impossible for him pleased." BLACK AND COLORED SILKS to go. So not having time nally he said: "Tom, the case stands like this. Now, follow me closely: Templeton is murdered in the open streets and there is no ap going to Founottom. If the dealer ca tapelled in chair, and for a moment Holbrook known in New York town." "Let me put a supposititious case: John eft at once. I made a big C see VI thought she would swoon. tain-that is dit Black Faille, Francaise, Satan Rhadan e, Roy-al Armure, Gros Grains and Black and White Noveltics, Brooades in new and elegant de-signs, Satin and Brooade Stripes and a full line of fancy weaves. He hurried off to meet Holbrook. Smith marries a woman under the name to have committed the deed. tle definite idea strike He started up hastily to go to her of Jacob Brown and raises a family of of what he could you have learned some CHAPTER XXT Unable to contain himself longer dstance, but she waved him back, an children. He amasses a fortune under hing ocom plish sent his card, on which was scribbled after a supreme effort regained control parent motive for the deed. Oirour TOM MEETS WITH A CRUSHER seeing and talking with him. the name of John Smith-living a double MA "Important. All the fat's in the fire," to of herself. stances, wholly arising from Flora Ash--MAGNIFICENT-HE satisfactio life_and dies without a will .Iah The truth is, he was much disturbed. Lime t anything, but I grabbed a Holbrook "How-he is innocent?" grove's manner and words, point the way on my last trip out of to suspicions of Fountain." with which Tom The bitter disappointment in finding that Smith is supposed to be childless. Can

'Good, I follow you. san linen, and just caught

our point," said Holbrook deeply interested.

sy, my boy, it is not to h Take The beauty of telling a sola that Link to tak it in a sequential manne your points much stronger. oake and a clear r understanding is the re-

your own way." returned Ob. crathreph itably, realizing that Tom driven and that interrupwas not to ed the course of his nar-prise in the following of which is in-volved the exposure of his illegitimacy; third, Providence has removed Templetion only de aved the course of his narrative.

No al a. Of course, if Fountain "Oh, ho, I begin to see your drift."

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passed between himself and the Ash-grove girl, and that Fountain had ex-pressed a desire to remain in New York a few day longer and had yielded in the last telegram from wed urgency. Now much why? That was what I

to Newport to find out if ake it a very poor reason," Holbrook. "The idea of

so many miles upon an imellow, your inability to apcontrolling such impulses re apor se ce temperaments, shows me would never succeed as a an. I make it a rule of life 13881

obey the romptings of my intuitions. CCRES. enca my s Well, get on with your story."

After while I thought I would

and find what I had with oen mv ny surprise I discovered a ue, an a laboring man-a mit of workin Then I remembered that as a disguise some time ago on another affair, and the the reouid 1 fect

w Witherspoon cottage and proundings. I knew what n was to leave New York, e, about what time he would

and to disguise myself as a on the grounds, and risk procaring a pair of garden my working clothes up in a ggled it out of the hotel, ausible pretext secured a tage in the town, where I 38105 1323 com in a ce the change. About the only sould make id on the stage was expertup, and when I issued from as as fit a gardener as you oitered around until about his arrival. I was near the he carriage drove up, and wed it. Fortunately for

ere at work on the grounds and not in the rear. ip the details, for heaven's

to be nervous this morn Tom, who, between a de-Holbrook and an intense

own tale, was indulging his hic recital. "Well, I saw CT. girl waiting for him, saw n, and then sit down and while he entered the house.

me out again, and I had an o get close up to the veranht, on the pretext of trim-

dinary conversation." etailed that scene upon the which the reader is fully in-

buring its recital Tom was

ad finished Holbrook said: es it. Fountain is the man." here is no doubt of it," re-

in! Of course he realized hat she was driving at." thorough!

" said Tom, "but he is sure

"As soon as we set inquiry on foot we run against the dead Pierson. Wessing inquires for his papers, so does Fountain." "Yes, and so does Parker.' "Oh, that is nothing: he is an attorney, probably acting for one or other of them.

Don't interrupt me, you destroy the con-tinuity of my thought. To get back-so does Fountain. Now, in the talk between Flora and Fountain, overheard by you, there are three points made-first

ceed: Note that Wessing is making inquiries because-now mark-because hi mother-his mother, mark you, thinks that Pierson is a relative, and if he is

then she is an heir." "Good. I follow: I follow." "Now, suppose Wessing should be a

son of Pierson's under another name that would account for his inquiries after Pierson's property in so guarded a manner, wouldn't it?"

"Ypa" "And suppose, since Fountain ac-knowledges that he is an illegitimate son, he was another son of Pierson's by another mother, that would account for

his inquiries." "Yes, but I don't follow you closely

"And suppose that Pierson was an assumed name in middle life to escape the consequences of a devious way of living, that son was Templeton-Templeton, whom Providence had removed from

Fountain's path-that is to say, Providence in the shape of a sharp knife in the hands of Harry Fountain." "You take my breath away. And

what then?" "Why, you have the motive for the "But how do you bring Wessing in?"

"I don't bring him in; he is there only from the fact that he inquires for Pier son's papers." "And that he was present at the mur

der; don't forget that in your theoriz "I don't; it is nothing, a mere coincldence, but one of those curious joining of lines and crossing of paths, which if not carefully avoided confuse the judg-ment and mislead you-which makes

truth always so much stranger than fiotion "Wessing would have the same tive for getting Templeton out of the

way? "But he didn't do the deed; and be sides, Wessing is not a man who would pursue any point to death and who could

do deliberate murder; a glance is sufficient to determine that-he is weak. On the contrary, Fountain would. We have both agreed to that."

"But," said Tom, "is not your theory fanciful? There is a great deal to supnes. Then there began the pose. I admit that, so far as Fountain

is concerned, it is plausible." "Only plausible above the rest because you have certain ascertained facts or

statements of himself and Flora to reaed: Holbrook was too anxson upon. Fountain is proposing to seek ested to lose a word.

a fortune; Pierson's fortune lies waiting to be sought; Fountain inquires here about Pierson's papers, and admits to Flora that he called upon me in refer-

ence to that enterprise. Flora is horror tricken at the idea of his coming to me, who saw, the murderer at a distance, and who pretended to see more than I did.

and does not propose to ad-

that Fountain should have b 14 He

obvious thing to was to discover at once where the clothes worn by the murderer were pur-

It was true, he admitted, that he had had an advantage in determining who the purchaser was, through Halbrook's equaintance with Flora Ashgrove, but why had not the detectives of the regular force found out, as he had done, where the clothes had been bought? He was in high glee over his discovery,

reviewed

and much pleased with himself. The facts were indisputable, and were to be recognized at a glance. There was the conversation between

Flora and Fountain on the veranda at Newport, and there was the identification of Fountain with the man who had ourchased the one suit which had not en bought by the U. S. Ts. While these were not conclusive, still they were ufficient to justify the immediate arrest

of Fountain, when the facts necessary for proofs before the jury could be easily ought out by judicious inquiry. To construct the chain of evidence

which would convict Fountain in court was work for the authorities, not for him. He had detected the criminal, and

that was all that could be demanded of him, and all that he had set out to do. It was thus filled with triumph that he sought Holbrook to consult with him

as to the next step-the placing of all he facts before the district attorney. To his surprise no less than to his indignstion, he found the lawyer loath to go further in the matter.

So long as there was a question of loubt involved in the investigation, Holbrook had been earnest and energetic, but now, when all question of doubt had vanished—when the identification was complete, he hesitated, "baulked," at fom said, "right at the finish."

The fact that Flora Ashgrove would be nevitably drawn into the matter disturbed Holbrook greatly. While all the enderness with which he had formerly regarded her was wholly dissipated, still it seemed a horrible thing to him, that she should be dragged to the witness stand and compelled to give the evidence

which would send to the gallows the man she had shown she so deeply, and even wildly, loved. He shrank from the idea that he should be instrumental in putting

her in such a position. With these sentiments Tom could not, or at least would not, sympathize. It might be hard for her, but it was hard also for Annie Templeton that her brother should be struck down and killed, and it

was one of the inevitable consequences of crime that the innocent suffered no less than the guilty, and while it was unfortunate that Miss Ashgrove was in the

position in which she was, yet justice just he done. To all of this argument Holbrook had no reply, and he realized he could make none. In the end, however, he gave a

reluctant consent that everything should be laid before the district attorney, but he positively refused to go with Tom to

that official. If he appeared at all in the matter, it should only be as an unwilling

witness, to tell how his suspicions of Fountain had been aroused, and he sincerely hoped that even that much would not be required of him. So Tom was compelled to go alone. On his way he dismissed Holbrook's scruples as fanciful to the last degree, and busied himself with the order of the narrative which he was to submit to the prosecuting officer. On entering the office he saw the door of the private room was closed, and he was about to send in his card, when a voice called out from an adjoining room:

"Hallo, Tom! Come in. Where have

He looked wonder ingly at Tom, who was mixed bore the visible traces of his crushing dewith wonder "What's the matter, man?" asked Hol this? rook so easily and rap-"Harry Fountain didn't co

idly trapped. urde marveled Holbrook could not have that the police his surprise if he had desired, nor hi authorities had avident relief at the information. not seen that the That increased Tom's bitterness

Holbrook came out immediately.

"Why?" asked Holbrook. "Do they mow who did it?" "No." "How do you know, then, that h

didn't?" "He was not within a hundred mile d Union square when the deed wa one" Holbrook told him to wait a mor and he would diamiss his client at once This he did speedily, and calling Tom in

made him tell all that had occurred. There was silence at the conclusion After a moment Tom said: "We are just where we were ten da

ago. We've been on a false scent." "No," said Holbrook, "not quit There is the motive we reasoned out this morning. We must now follow up the Plerson inquiry."

"Until we get near the finish, when suppose you'll baulk again," replied Tom bitterly.

Holbrook laughed. "Be reasonable, Tom. You know i was a hard thing to bring Flora Ash grove into the matter, and I am sincerely

glad she is out of it." "Unless," said Tom, "Fountain

some one to do it." "Oh, dismiss that idea," replied Ho brook. "Our suspicions of Fountain were caused wholly from our belief tha Flora thought Fountain had himself done the deed. If her manner and words did not mean this, they meant nothing No, the 'handsome Flora' herself ha been on a wrong scent."

"But she didn't think so without ther was a reason for it." "You're right there, Tom. Now what

was that reason?" "To find that out would put us on the right track again. By Jove, Holbrook

I've an idea.' "Let us have it, then." "See. The Ashgrove girl thinks Foun tain did the murder. She hasn't told him of her belief, nor won't-you remember the conversation. Now, she still labor under that benet. You can go to he

and earn ber undying gratitude by disabusing her mind of that error." "Well, what then?" "In her joy at finding that the object

of her love is not a guilty man, she will tell you har reason for supposing he was. "You have an idea, Tom."

"Yes, and besides, she'll tell you wh was the owner of the diamond button. "Surely. But she is still in Newport. "No," said Tom, "I saw in this m ing's papers that the Witherspoons hav

seturned to the city." "Then I'll go to her this very day." "Do. And while you are on that lin I'll seek out Fountain, tell him my

former suspicions, and ask his assistance in our effort." "He won't talk to you." "Well, I can try all the same." Having agreed to this plan, and ap

pointed a place of meeting, they parted CHAPTER XXII.

ANOTHER VISIT TO THE "HANDSOM FLORA.

ROM the mann

which Flora

had received him

on the night he

had met her at

the Casino, Hol-

brook had no rea-

his visit would b

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son to suppose

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Therefore, when

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tion

nundred miles of Union the deed was done." "And why do you come to me with all Having repossessed herself, she took

Now everything was astray. He had never failed so before; he had never berefuge in haughtiness, while her manner was an assumption of extreme indiffer-She made Holbrook angry, and it was

"Yes, innocent. He was not within

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could inherit and the mother take her

"Notwithstanding there was an undis-

puted brother of John Smith claimant to

"Yes, notwithstanding there was

laimant in the person of a brother. But

you understand that this is an opinion

"Thanks," said Tom, "I can see through the wall now, and it helps me

elf, "that's what frightens Parker. His

little scheme would go to grass if my lit-

tle romance were true." With this, Tom dismissed the incident

from his mind and set about finding the

Shadow. This was quickly done, and

Tom dismissed him for the day. Then he thought seriously about call-

ing upon Fountain, and finally deter-

mined to seek him. With Tom, to de-

cide was to act, and forthwith he sought

the places where he thought the gentle-

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SOAP.

man was most likely to be found.

given on your statement of the facts."

greatly." "He moved off. "Ah," he said to him

claim to inherit the property?"

riage of which there is issue?"

"No."

lower rights."

the estate?"

ed the m

unsettled him. Beginning in doubt, he

had gradually gone on to a full convic-tion, and had discounted his triumph.

fore been enticed so far upon a false

He began to fear he was losing his

If the story were to become known

how they would laugh at him at police

headquarters; what gleeful stories of his

defeat would his competitors have to

tell; he would be compelled to leave

town because of their jokes and laugh-

ter; his prestige would be gone in the

office of The Sol: he was now conscious

with a feeling of self contempt, that he

had of late been assuming airs of supe

Then he consoled himself with the

thought that after all no one else had

riority among his fellows.

tained, arranged and digested.

nope:

we ever do."

is there in it?"

"Who are you?"

"Bryan, of The Sol."

Finally he said, with an inspiration

"All is not lost yet, and my commis

ceedings on behalf of that driveling old

drunkard in Varick street, how he will

take to cover when we light the fuse-if

Tom chuckled: presently an idea struck

"I'll give him an interview. Perhaps

"Good afternoon, Mr. Parker. I've

heard that notice of a claim to Pierson's

estate on behalf of James Preston has

been made before the surrogate. What

The old man looked at him sharply

"Oh, a reporter, hey," replied the old

man, with a grin and an expression of

relief. "You reporters are very sharp.

The notice was only filed within the

"Oh, yes, we lay pretty close for the news. But what is there in it?"

"Well, I think there is a good deal in

it, or the notice wouldn't have been filed. A lawyer would naturally say

that after he had taken up a client's case.

wouldn't he? However, the matter i

not in such form yet that I can talk about

it, especially without conference with

the counsel who bears the leading part.

I can say this, that the notice was filed

merely as a precautionary step. I don't care to say anything about it or have

anything said now. If you will promise

to say nothing now, when the matter

comes up I'll give you the inside of it ex-

clusively. That's what you young men

"Yes, that's what we are always look-

'ing for," replied Tom. "Til keep my

promise, if you will. I know there will

"What do you know about it?" in

be a great story. The old man Pierson lived a double life."

want-a beat-isn't it?"

quired the old man fiercely.

"Not very much, to be

and not with a pleasant expression

As the old man was

scent.

cunning.

with difficulty he could control himself. "You will pardon me, Miss Ashgrove I hope, if I remark that your tone and manner are particularly offensive to me, and neither wise nor just. It is far from my purpose to descend so low as to

threaten a lady, but prudence should suggest to you that it is not wise to show such contempt, whatever you may feel. toward a man who is in possession

such knowledge as you know I am." "And pray, what may that be?" "That you love the man Fountain with strong, powerful love-a love which excites my respect and admiration; that the object of that love is a man who

made the progress in the affair that Hol-brook and himself had made. Then he recollected, with another wave of self bears a name by sufferance daly, not by right; and that even when you believed contempt, that when he thought triump him to be a murderer you shed the bright was theirs he had attributed all to his own efforts and shrewdness, and now in light of your love upon him."

"How do you know these things?" failure he was quite willing to take Hol brook into partnership. After all, say "They come to me professionallywhat might be said, the affair was deep intricate and mysterious, back of which am the legal adviser of the dead Temple on's mother and sister." lay a mass of facts which must be ascer

"Mother and sister!" she exclaim "I thought he had neither mother nor sister—nor any relative."

"That is strange, since he was a relative of yours-a remote one." Flora blushed.

sion has not been recalled." "That was a fib, Mr. Holbrook, I free By that time he had reached the City confess it; I confess also in the game Hall park, with a view of hunting up of wits I am beaten. Though I am no the Shadow and relieving him from duty pleased that you know so much." for a time at least, or until he was want "Be not alarmed. But one other per ed again.

As he passed the city hall he saw th son possesses these facts, and you can rest assured neither he nor I have any old attorney, George Parker, descenddesire to use the knowledge thus obing the steps. tained to your disadvantage or to that of "There's the Shadow's friend." he Mr. Fountain." commented. "That old fellow is slosh-

ing around with a claim against Pier-"Thank you. But may I not a k what son's estate, not knowing against what your purpose is in telling the th momentous affairs he may be knocking. things? If there is anything crooked in his pro-

"I might fall back on the statement replied Holbrook smiling, "that having a feeling of regard for you I desired to relieve your mind of unjust suspicion against one you love so well and the tertaining of which must have given

you so much torture; but such statemen would not be the whole truth, for I have I'll elicit something." another purpose as well, not an entirely unselfish one." "And that purpose is?" Tom checked him.

pleton, and perhaps it may be said also in an effort. feeble as yet, to connect the

late Mr. Templeton with the late Mr.

Pierson. I shall be very frank-brutally

so, I fear, Miss Ashgrove. The fact that you suspected Mr. Fountain of the mur

der of Mr. Templeton-that Mr. Fountain

had remarked, with reference to an en-

terprise he was engaged upon, that Provi

dence had removed Mr. Templeton from

his path, and the final fact that that en

terprise was made known to me by Mr

Fountain's call upon me, to be an effort

to obtain the late Mr. Pierson's property

shows that in some way, unknown to

me, Mr. Templeton was connected with

Mr. Pierson, and the interests of Mr.

Fountain and Mr. Templeton were an

tagonistic. I have the audacity to ask

you in what way Mr. Fountain touched

Mr. Pierson, and how it was that Mr.

to those of Mr. Fountain? In that point

lay your reason for accusing in you mind Mr. Fountain of the deed."

"May I ask to what use you would pu

the information were I to give it to you

-always presuming I had such informa

"I believe I had the honor of inform

ing you that I am the legal adviser of

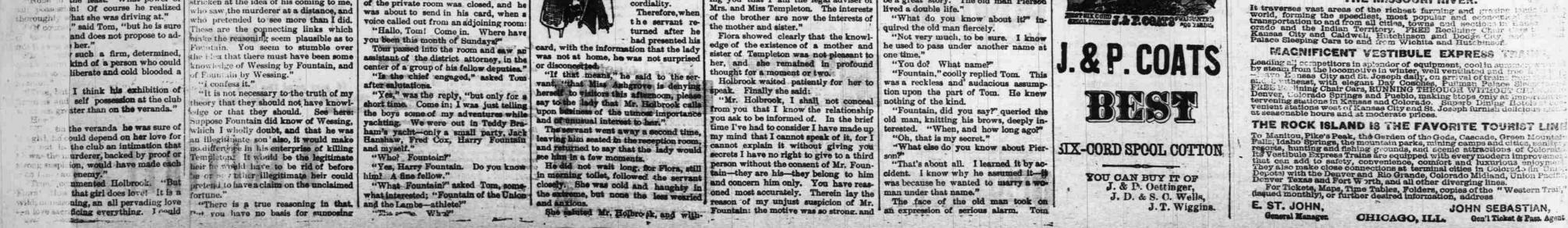
Mrs. and Miss Templeton. The interests

of the brother are now the interests of

Flora showed clearly that the l

Templeton's interests were antagonis

"Let me explain. The fact of Mr Fountain's innocence came out incidentally in the pursuit of certain inquiries and the proposed initiation of some ac-tions touching the murder of Mr. Tem-



the mother and sister."