cale, my life love. Bisencirelly artus intitute light with yours Incel to pray, thest seep ou in His car

tows creep like jont ghosts in tender dreas While overhead a comes stealing though the win

sakkic gleatming make stars

sub I am far away. Feel safe and stron, thus dear love dyet The night is longth solding breath p old fond such duality! it keep you

## The Midnight Visor.

or will entur to-hight, ad the or glassing at the clock is the it is it, and planting his feet, the 19 him? der, he began to read.

The servant had, gone to b an emphatically. the cat and dog occupiedhe me to adopt to be rid of him?' demand- safe. tre of the hearthrug, under eir ed the lady. and polored far which had given nank knowledge and judgment. It seen s to

the deep midnight silence in expressed a wish to retract it," and erjoyed his comfortable at thele wenth hour,'

whe to the coal, which left it a heap judgmit,' said the doctor. rected his siky cars, and uttered a that no lys can protect us from.' are we age, presume?

That seemed to commiserate himare we age, presume?

Yes, she replied, and a year be young lady with the medicine and full directions for its use, and also an anticots, and muttering philosophically: tied to act for nyself does not, as I tidote, in case she should require it.

tufe to share it with him.

and a female voice that called from the

'Don't knock! You need not rouse

'I hope they'll make haste and some, then, replied gruff a voice, the tones of which carried with them a strong con-

feetually hid her face.

pere; 'for if so, I'll-

consideration of the bad weather.'

bange his habitual dozy condition would be impossible to stand. for a state of complete somnoleucy. and seated her on the sofa.

'This is dreadful weather for you to

tome on your own account."

'I must ask you to be more explicit,'

said the doctor, quite mystified. the case I must explain all the cirer on the other side of the street, and guessed at any one who had a predilecseveral grown-up brothers; so you tion for me I should have gone to him may easily imagine what an overpow- and asked him to elope with me. Then ering weight of family influence can another and better idea came to my be brought to bear upon my individate. Aid. I had once in play stolen a latchessy. My present marriage was enas will in any case in which it dares key from one of my brothers. I took tirely of my own choice, and if it conto set for itself. Well, urged by the this key, disguised myself in a suit of tinues as happy as it has been hitherwhere of my family, and also, I must discarded mourning, went out into to I shall have no reason to repent of (Formerly the National Hotel.) NORFOLK own, in accordance with my own in- the street, found a nab, and told the it, constion, I some months ago entered driver to take me to a dostor's, reinto an angagement with a gentleman solved to state my difficuties to the genalso was a great friend, or perhaps I tleman to whom Providence or chance should say a constant companion, of might conduct me, and to beg his asmy eldest brother. To morray is the sistance in furthering my plan."

day fixed for the wedding. I am certain that I should not have made this doctor, dryly. my observations has been anything but medicine that will make me ill." favorable to my intended. Daily I 'That is a dangerous experiment. discovered in him traits of character said the doctor, dubiously. perceived in him points of character desperate means. stepper, as he drew his chaclose him; and with such a sentiment in my at present? the fire; settling himself cafort- heart can it be right that I should mer- 'Not at all,' she answered; 'the wed

e'er's legs, in a strangely 'n- 'Would not this be a question for a quire of me,' said the doctor; 'but ested embrace, just us they had 1. clergyman or a lawyer to settle, asked under the circumstances I do not see selesp in the midst their pr, the doctor, gently, 'rather than a how I can refuse you. I will fetch you the cat, having his fore-pa physician, whose skill is mainly dis you something. i Nelson's neck, and Nelson rected to curing the ills of the body aunful young water spanie, wi Nevertheless, as you asked my advice s nose snugly bedded in the thic I cannot but give it to the best of my mercy's sake, don't fetch a policeman!

me that you have one of two courses tion,' he replied, quite unable to re-The doctor laid his book upon histo pursue; either to decline openly to press a laugh at her hasty suspicion; nee, and taking up the poker, gentlykeep your engagement, or to throw I am going to fetch the medicine you tapped and played with a large coal, ourself upon the honor of the gentle- wish for. rough whose fissures the blazing pan. He could not insist on your I beg your pardon, she said, re-A parted with a sputter and fume seping a promise of this nature if turning to her seat. 'Conscience

estmen so seldom have an opportunity of combination of the two, would do you think I am noting wisely and needing. He had in immediate pros- needing. But I have conscientiously? right of free choice.' So be played with the blazing this arriage, from apparent caprice, 'It is very well for a man to talk of

thoughts of setting public opinion at the poir of the bayonet,' replied the petus given by a new affection.' teliance by smoking a cigar. But visitor but an immense amount of 'Then why don't you—' he began,

d before his door. Pulling a long the delicion, said the doctor. You ventures, for anght I know.

Put not thy faith in any sort or told you, protecme from the peculiar | Before leaving she asked his name Robin Gray ?'

> 'My father urged me ar, but my mither didna speak ; Yet she look it in my fac tall my heart was like to break.

'Can you say there was 10 coercion toward the heroine of that said tale? merely counsed in the very indennite be seab; 'if I don't knock 'em up I And it is precisely this kid of ins words: 'Return to the place where that I fear; and I fear my you took me up.' shall be kept waiting here for an fluence that I fear; and I fear my you took me up. own strength to withstand it. On The surgeon returned to his parlor, There is some one coming-I see a every hand I shall be beset wit argu- and with the air of a man fully preght, replied the voice from the cab. ments, anger, reproaches, upraid- pared to laugh at himself for being inquire if the 'gentleman is at home.' ings, lectures, appeals to filis and 'taken in' he opened the little paper Here's the doctor himself, I sup- sisterly affection sobbings, signings which the lady had evidently placed pose, said the cabman as the street- and hysterics. My conduct will be there as his fee. He was agreeably bor opened and showed the figure in ascribed to every motive but the tre surprised to find that she had prowithin.

\*Open the door and let me out!' said

one, because they have seen no change portioned her acknowledgments in the gentleman, and will not allow rather to the service rendered to her that I am blessed with a keener sight. The Very Best Extra Family Flour, the lady impatiently; and no sooner At one moment I shall be told that I bm, and in token thereof had left a had the driver, in his deliberate, am a shameless jilt and an arrant co- tex-pound note behind her, sheepy way, obeyed her commands, quette; that I crave so inordinately 'after all,' said the docor, as he than three light bounds placed her for notoriety at any cost that I can placed it in his pocket-book, 'I don't safely on the door-mat. She seemed cooly sacrifice the most sacred feelings regret having had my rest disturbed. and the doctor, glancing at his slip- such conduct as mine can only be unknown to him, although there were 'No-oh, no!' she interrupted. 'I having formed some attachment so strangely familiar to his ears. wish to speak with you. Wait for me, excessively unworthy of my birth and Have you any recollection of having she added, addressing the cabman; 'I connection that I am ashamed to ac- seen me on rome former occasion, wal pay you double for your time in knowledge it; and this kind surmise Dr .--? she asked him during one of will come from my Aunt Matilda, my his visits. The door was shut, and the driver, maiden aunt, who is so only because 'I certainly recollect your voice,' he directing himself of his waterproof she was stopped when about to run replied, but I could not have forgotcoat, which he threw over the reeking away with my grandfather's valet. I ten your face if I had seen it, and this fishes of his horse, ensconced himself should, in fact, be assailed by an partial recollection has puzzled me in the inside of his carriage to ex- amount of talk, against which it from the first moment I heard you

In the meantime the doctor had po- native I mentioned, said the doctor, ing a visit during a midnight storm itely bowed his visitor into the parlor and throw yourself upon the honor from a lady in black, who came to beg

come out in, ma'am, he began; 'but I the kind to throw myself upon.' she 'Certainly I do-of course I do appose the case is very urgent. I replied. 'If there were I should not he exclaimed; 'and you are that lady should judge from the liveliness of wish to be freed from him. He pos- I wonder that I did not recollect you your movements that you cannot have sesses naither honor or generosity; but sooner. in their place are the most grovelling You are mistaken, sir, she replied; deference to the world's opinion, and I seek your advice and assistance for an intense selfishness. The first of myself, being at the same time in per- these paramount feelings would be inquired; for is Mr. —— 'test health.'

mere woman's wish. To enable you to judge correctly of !I retired to rest this evening racked 'What is that plan?' demanded the

engagement if I had had greater free- . 'Not to ask him to marry me,' she dorn of intercourse with other men, so answered, quickly, with a nod of the as to be able to compare and judge of head that scenard to imply that she character. This freedom I have never detected in him a suspicion of that naenjoyed until lately, and the result of ture. 'I want you to give me some

which effectually destroyed all the ro- But one that I am resolved to try, mance of my predilection. But still I replied the high-spirited girl. 'What forbore to break off with him, consol- is a temporary physical discomfort ing myself with the reflection that no compared with the degradation of beman is perfect, and that I must expect | ing linked for life with a man whom to meet with defects in whomsoever I | I despise? I know very well that there might take for my husband. I tell are medicines that will bring on all the you this that you may understand why appearance of disease; but I wish to I did not seek to put an end to this keep on the safe side as much as possible engagement until it had approached and therefore I come to consult you. so near to its completion. I felt dis- Give me that which is the safest to satisfied, and wished that I were free; take, and tell me the proper quantities; but it was not till this evening that I othewise I must have recourse to more

which excited my contempt. I need 'Are you aware,' said he, 'that when not explain what those points are—it the effect of this medicine is over you is sufficient that I feel contempt for will be in exactly the same position as

ding-day will have passed without a 'Decidedly Lot,' said the doctor, wedding, and I shall take care not to fix another. 'All that I want is time. Then what course would you advise Enable me to obtain that and I am

'It is a singular duty that you re-

'Not a policeman!' she cried, springing between him and the door-'for 'Nothing is further from my inten-

does make cowards of us all,' . I know and delear and loud He was 'Under ordinary circumstances, and that I must appear to merit a lunatic's and to the full that sense of 'h ordinary people to deal with,' cell, or a reprimand from a police carry from interruption which medi- sl the lady, 'either of these plans, magistrate; but answer me candidly-

those urgent cases which alady told you what a formidable 'Conscientiously, without doubt,' we no regard for time nor tide, and ark my family can muster to oppose said the doctor; 'but I think more wind that growled in the chimneys me and they would do so, every one wisdom would be shown in refraining he heavy rain that beat turiously of em, if I were to attempt to bring from tampering with your health, and ast the windows premised him suc a disgrace on them (for such in making a bold stand upon your

standing by his rights,' she replied; reade as much as a man can who has 'In matter so entirely concerning 'but you forget that I am a woman yoursef, and in which your happiness brought up in strict subserviency to to the sound of the wheels rumbl- for h is involved, I should imagine the will of others, and never accusslong the street mingled with the that, these enlightened cays, every tomed to dream of possessing rights. the storm he gave an exulting one wald yield to your wishes and The only thing that could make a woman so trained throw off her shackfaming ruins; and then he nest'ed Thelays are certainly past when a les and assert what little independence decper into his chair, with verious lady cold be stormed and carried at the law allows her would be the im-

addenly the spaniel raised his head, coercionan still be used, of a kind but suddenly broke off and hurried into his surgery, muttering : 'What bort magistive back. In next moment Then iseems to me that your own a confounded fool I was going to make e dector heard that the wheelsstop- firmness at resolution should supply of myself ! She may be a mere ad-

kind of coercion hich I dread. Do and address, and put his card safely Then came a ring at the night-bell, you remember to baliad of 'Auld in her pocket-book. Then, with a slight inclination, she laid a folded white paper on a mantelpiece, and requested him to summon the cabman. The doctor listened with some

curiosity, in the hope of guessing whereabouts she lived from her directions to the driver; but they were

to be young but her thick veil ef- of a confiding lover in order to be- Two years after this occurrence the The Best Pure Lard, come a nine-days' talk: And the doctor was suddenly summoned to The Best Sugar Cured Pig Hams, 'Do you want me to go anywhere?' next moment I shall be informed that attend a lady whose name was quite explained on the supposition of my tones in her voice which sounded

'Then why not take the other alter- 'Do you not remember acce receivand generosity of the gentleman?' your assistance in avoiding a disagree-'Simply because there is nothing of able marriage?' she said, smilling.

'I only wonder that you remember so much of me, she replied. 'May I ask if your plan succeeded?'

'No, no,' she interrupted, laughing; niary expectations for the sake of a 'Idid not make such a mistake as in the character of my former suiter, other wise I should not have been so happy by anxious thought of how to escape as I am now. The plan succeeded ad-"Runstances, she said. 'To begin, then: him, and at one time the only means mirably. My apparent illness enabled have a father and mother, two aunts, of steape seemed to be running away me to enlist the sympathies of my one a widow and the other an old with someone else; and really, so great mother and aunts, and to a certain purchases since the first of lanuary, 1878. mand, living with them; a married dis- was my misery, that if I could have extent the sympathies of all my relations. Then I contrived to show ing to the same at once, as the law will be the gentleman's character in its true strictly enforced light. Their eyes were gradually opened, and liberation was afterward

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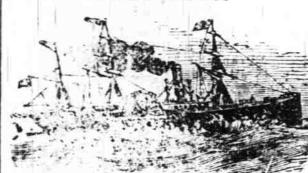
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