

"You are, eh? Well, that goes with-out telling. And to think that I did you a great service to-day," he said, with a harsh laugh.

"You did mea service!" she sneered. "It would be a cold day when you would do that, unless it would be to further your own designs." "We'll take that for granted," he

said. she asked, in incredulous and angry then? tones.

every time their hands met an unpleasant sensation would steal over read it." him, and with it, bis doubts of her

sincerity returned. As she passed through the door and up to her apartment, she thought to herself: "It was lucky that he didn't walk down to the gate, or he would | Uncle, this is some fraud!"

have seen me outside the grounds. "You forget, Cecil, that as Ronald "Well, what service did you do me?" What excuse could I have made and I held no communication whatever, that it is not l.kely he would let me know that he had a child," returned the older man. "Who is this man who is interestmany hardy plants almost forgotten, ing himself so much?" asked Cecil. or indifferently regarded by the "Read on, you will understand." present generation. Believe me, our Having finished reading the letter great-grandparents knew precisely penned by Doctor Montford, Cecil Doniphan turned to his uncle with a had a dignity and grace, a significance. watching her movements, when I not altogether pleased expression. which our modern ones lack, but "Well, sir, what do you intend to enjoy a cigar before retiring. But it | do? Take this girl home, here, who seems odd that she should go out may be some adventuress who Knew something of Ronald Danton's life,

tion of surprise.

matters. Here, take this letter and beginning with the delicate tremolo Cecil took the letter and began to of snow drops and crocus, and ending in the grand finale of the chrysantheread it, but stopped with an exclamamum, The "bedding-out plants" "So Ronald had a child and never speak the idle chatter of afternoon apprised you of the fact. Pshaw! teas, the hardy plants the language of poets and philosophers.

LANDSCAPE GARDENING.

summer flowers demand.

CITY BACK YARDS.

gained from windows overlooking

court yards and rear enclosures in

foreign cities. A little splashing foun-

tain encircled with handsome plants,

even one pretty tune, but a symphony, place; Japanese irises, the golden- cattle each year for \$60,000 and even banded lilies (L. duratum), all other \$80,000. John Akers, of New Mexico, varieties of lilies belonging to the who sold over \$90,000 worth of cattle speciosum or Lancefolium family, and last year, and whose landed possesmany others; the delphinum or piant sions are over 70,000 acres, lives in larkspur; the phloxes, pure white an adobe house with his Mexican wife (rose) and scarlet, the achillea, a pure | and nine children. He cannot read white flower resembling the fever-few; or write, and has been out of the territhe August lily, or Funkia; the hydran- | tory but twice in twenty years.

tense cold, very little building of

hours.

vicinity to hostile Indians or crafty "Greasers." Often on these occasions men do not leave their saddles. except to change horses, for thirty-six

Arrived at the ranch, the cattle are branded, and then carefully distributed, some here, a few miles farther on others, and so on, until the whole herd is "turned out." If young Stock-raising in the West began to steers are kept two years be a business at about the close of the range, they can be sold as four-year-Civil War, when meat, as well as other olds at an increase in value of from kinds of food, increased so much in ten to fifteen dollars per head; thus price. The Mexican ranchers in Texas | the rauchman nearly doubles his capiowned immense herds of semi-wild tal in that short time, providing his cattle of inferior breed, which roamed losses do not exceed five per cent. and over the prairies in herds of from fifty he has luck on his side. In connection with the cattle busito one hundred thousand, of little ness the truth that "a man out West value to their owners in the absence of a market. When beef began to be is a man" is asserted by the poorest cowboy. That marked feature of scarce at the North, a few Govern-America, social equality, must never ment contractors drove some small be forgotten by settlers fresh from the bunches of cattle from Texas over the weary trait which has since become East. The cowboy asserts his perfect historic, for the use of the Northern equality with all comers, and let a armies. In those days steers could "tenderfoot" once get the name of bebe bought for six dollars, and sold at ing possessed by unsocial pride, there the end of their two or three months' will not be a man in the cattle region journey for thirty-five. The profits who-while otherwise he would readwere enormous; the secret leaked out; ily share his last bite or sup with the men with large capital and unfettered stranger-will not, for his real or supby Government contracts took up the posed arrogance, be eager to spite and injure him. In no business is poputraffic, and until the easy-going Texan rancheros discovered what profits were larity more indispensable, in no walk being made, and "cut things finer," of life is a man so dependent upon the capital was doublod in a few months. good will of his neighbors as in stock-More than one-half of Arizona's area raising on the plains of the West .-New York Post. offers good grazing. There is no in-

"What would you say if I told you that you had failed in your other attempt to commit murder as you did in this?" he asked, in triumphant tones.

"What do you mean, Carlos Monteri?"

"I mean that Brets Danton is alive," he returned.

"What!" she exclaimed.

"I repeat," said he, "that Brets Danton is alive and well."

"You are mad! Do you think you can make me believe any such story as that?"

"Well, it's so, whether you believe it or not. I met her to-day on the train bound for Brentwood Park, and but for me, you would have stepped down and out by this time-perhaps been in the hands of the law.'

"Carlos Monteri, are you speaking the truth?" as doubts entered her mind as to whether or not Breta Danton might have been rescued after all. "Yes, I'm speaking the truth," he

returned. "Where is she, then?" she asked.

"At present see is locked up in the house of a certain friend of mine, where she will remain until I see fit to give her freedom. But see here, hand over that money. You have failed in your design; so if you don't want exposure pass over the greenbacks."

"Here, then! Take it, and may it do you much good! I have not a cent in the world now," she said, as she took the notes from her pocket and handed them to him, with a look that. if looks could kill, would have felled him dead on the spot.

"Oh, well, the Brentwoods have enough sad to spare."

"Do you think I would ask them for money?" she asked.

"No. Take it without asking." he returned, with a short laugh.

"Why don't you say: 'Stealit,' and

be done with it," she retorted. "As you will. It would not be the first you had stolen," he said, as he

pocketed the money. "Do you think that I would steal

from Eric Brentwood?" "Who is Eric Brentwood any more

than any one else? Oh, I say!" as an amusing thought crossed his mind. "You are not sweet on him, are you?" "That is not your affair. He is a

gentleman, while such as you are not fit to mention his name," she replied angrily.

"And you also," he put in. "You will keep that girl locked up

-- if she really is alive?" she asked, abruptly changing the subject.

"Yes, as long as you domy bidding. Refuse to as I desire, and I'll bring her here to Eric Brentwood, with whom you are in love, and tell him who and what you are. Now go; that is all to-night. When I want you again I'll find a way to apprise you of the fact. And take my advice and make no more attempts in the same direction that you did to-night. After all," he said as a parting shaft, "you believe he would, did he know that fied!" he said, in low, hissing tones. are glad that I came back, are you | Ronald left a child. He used to be "Not until Ravensmere comes into the

While Eric Brentwood was asking himself: "Was she speaking the truth? This is the second time she has been out alone. I saw her last night, after she excused herself from the drawing-room, walking through the grounds, but I forbore following her, lest she would think that I was merely came out, as I did to-night, to alone, when most girls would feel timid in doing so. Last night she and who intends to make capital out certainly did not come out on account of that knowledge?" of a headache, for she was walking as

if she was in a great hurry. Suppose -but, pshaw! I am letting my imagination run away with me. Why do I doubt her, after all?" he said, as, throwing away his half-smoked cigar, | ter all, perhaps I was too harsh with he entered the house and repaired for | the boy," said Gerald Danton, with a his own room.

The following morning Eric was surprised to receive a telegram from New York which read: "Did Breta Danton arrive safe? Please

answer immediately." and was signed:

"JOHN MONTFORD, M. D. "Address, No. 352 Broadway."

"This is strange," he murmured Who is John Montford, M. D.? And why should he wish to know about Breta Danton? I must ask her who he is. She said that she knew no one in America. He must have been some friend she knew in Italy. But turn it which way you will, it seems odd that he should inquire about her arrival after she has been here for more than : month.'

Ringing the bell, he inquired if Miss Danton had arisen.

"No, sir," returned one of the house maids who had answered the bell. "Oh, well," he said to himself, "I'll go to the station and answer the telegram, at any rate. She can explain afterward. Whoever Dr. Montford is. he evidently is anxious to know of Miss Danton's safe arrival, so I'll not keep

him in suspense." Half an hour later Doctor Montford received the following:

"Breta Danton arrived safe. "ERIC BRENTWOOD."

"Ah!" the doctor said. "I feel more at rest now. Somehow or other I couldn't feel satisfied until I knew the child was safe with her friends. told her to telegraph me as soon as she reached the station, but I dare say she forgot it. I feared that she might miss her way, being a stranger, and had it not been for my duties,] would have accompanied her myself. And," he added, "I mean to let Gerald Danton know that he has a granddaughter living of whom he may well

be proud, and that it is his duty to seek her and take her to his luxurious home, which is her proper place. Although Ronald was wild and would have his own way, he treated me unjustly. And now that the poor boy is dead, he should not extend his malice to his granddaughter. I don't really fied with my change of fortune. Satis-

"It must be Ronald's daughter, and Montford speaks so confidently on the subject that I cannot doubt. As my old friend says, I should not extend my malice to Ronald's child, and, af-

note of regret in his tones. "Well, I suppose when this girl

comes to Ravensmere, I can step down and out," said Cecil, the sinister look in his eys becoming more pronounced as he thought what the existence of Gerald Danton's grand-

daughter meant to him. "Certainly not, my boy," said Gerald Dauton. "Of course, if this is Donald's child, I will make her my

heiress; but be sure I will not forget my dead step-brother's son. I know that it will be a disappointment to you, who have expected to be sole heir, but now you could not reasonaably expect me to cut off my only son's child.'

"Of course not, uncle," he replied hastily, fearing that he had said too much.

"Montford says she is with friends at Brentwood Park, and I wish you to go there and acquaint her with my wishes--that she come to Ravensmere. The child scarcely knows that she has a grandfather, I expect; but I want you to insist on her coming. I would go myself, but gout has gotten the better of me, and I don't feel as if

I could undertake the journey." "Very well! When shall I start?" "As soon as you can get ready." As Cecil Doniphan left the presence f his uncle, an ugly look crossed his

face. "I have a nice errand to perform,

he murmured savagely. "To bring a girl here to cut my own throat! If that meddling old Montford had minded his own business, Gerald Danton would never have known that his scapegoat son left a child. I was willing to wait for his death, for his fortune, while many a one would have helped him on. And to think that, after all, this girl should turn up to claim what I would have fallen heir to. I wish there was a way to get rid of her; but at present I see none. Let her come to Ravensmere. I'll find means, perhaps, to get what ought to belong to me, after all. A weak, silly girl as she most likely is cannot cope with me. I must let my uncle think that I am perfectly satis-

The landscape gardener has never gesa, the rudbeckia, or summer chrys anthemum-a great acquisition to any lost sight of those truths, but wherecollection. Most of these last well ever given full scope has availed himinto September. self of the possibilities contained in

QUEEN COMES LAST.

Then came the late-blooming anemones, a class of hardy plants almost unknown to the amateur, but onco what they are about; their gardens known never dispensed with, and lastly the chrysanthemum, queen of autumn, and third in rank in the floral which they need no longer lack. First kingdom, the rose being the first, the must come the conviction of our mis- lily second, and how many more betake, then careful study of means and sides these, omitted for lack of space, ends. The first cost may be a little or through oversight. Add to these startling, the desired result not as imthe ever-blooming roses, and see how mediately apparent as under the old eminently easy it is to have a truly system, but a garden once stocked beautiful permanent garden, that will with good, hardy, well-chosen plants be a delight to the artist, and a conwill be the source of inexhaustible | tinual feast to the possessor.

pleasure and artistic development. Add to these, if one wishes, some of In the end the saving in expense and the finer annuals, and foliage plants, labor will be apparent to any one. and, as a matter of course, vines, flow-Not that hardy plants need no care, ering and non-flowering, wherever for some of them require considera- vines can find support. Such a garble, but never that continual fussing den will be the home of bird, bee and over and pottering about that mere butterfly, who will give it its final touch of grace and beauty, and when she or he who has planted it passes on to the undiscovered country it will Once again the writer urges the remain a precious legacy to the living. beautifying of city back yards. The -Washington Star. American abroad finds nothing more surprising than the glimpses of beauty

CURIOUS FACTS.

Game cocks in Porto Rico bring a high as \$100 each.

rockerics and grottoes wreathed in The chance of two finger-prints ba vines and ferns, bits of velvet sand ing alike is not one in sixty-four bil not larger than a dinner napkin, neat lions.

gravel walks, grapes and apricots Milk weed-condemned as poison trained against the dividing walls, in this country-is a staple article of which are never of unsightly planks food in Tyrel.

as with us, but of good, solid masonry. The capital of Herzegovnia has Truly we can learn many a lesson of man named Gjugja, who is 100 years thrift and beauty from the "effete citold, and boasts of 136 descendants. izens" of European countries. Let Seal flesh, though perfectly black, us then rise as one man and banish is matchless for flavor, tenderness, diash barrel and garbage pail from our gestibility and for heat giving power. back yards, and make them little oasis It is believed to be bad luck to cut of verdure if not of bloom. Few are the finger nails on Friday, and manicurists say their business is lightest on that day.

Among birds the swan lives to be the sunshine falls earliest and remains the oldest, in extreme cases reaching longest; note if there is any spot where 300 years; the falcon has been known

> A clock is being constructed for Liverpool Street Station, in London. The interior of its case could allow five persons to dine comfortably.

The stairway leading to the tower of the Philadelphia City Hall contains 598 steps, and is said to be the tallest continuous stairway in the world.

Every inhabitant of the Austrian village of Storbeck is a chess player. The children are taught to play chess | just as they are taught to read and ponies. write.

The longest tunnel in the world is that of St. Gothard, on the line of the railroad between Lucerne and Milan, Italy. Its length is nine and one half miles.

There were in 1760 over threesouth of Philadelphia, and Charleston | fall a victim. The best way for the Plants That Seem to Reason.

barns or corrals is necessary, nor is it "Do plants think?" said a St. Mary indispensable to store winter food. Black and white gamma grass, burch planter. "Have they powers of reaand mesquite grasses, grow on plateau son or any way of determining what and valley, mess and mountain so is going on around them? The quesabundantly that after the rains of July | tions seem rather fantastic, I admit, and August the country rolls a billowy | but they are prompted by some very sea of living green. Gamma grass is curious observations made at my home only a few weeks ago.

particularly nutritions. Stock-raising in the Southwest ter-"My daughter, who is very fond of ritories, where the conditions for the flowers, has a morning glory vine industry are so favorable, and where growing in a box on her window ledge. so little capital is required, is an at- While watering it recently she notractive occupation. The intending ticed a delicate tendril reaching out stockman, supposing him to have toward a nail in the side casing. She about \$3000 capital, either takes marked the position of the tendril in "squatter's right," by building a hut pencil on the wood, and then shifted on unsurveyed land, or buys 160 acres the nail about an inch lower. Next from the Government at a nominal day the little feeler had deflected itprice. A house need not cost more self very noticeably, and was again than \$100. Provisions bought, there heading for the nail. The marking is no expense but the wages of the and shifting were repeated four or cowboys, each one of whom, for \$30 five times, always with the same remonthly pay, will take care of about sults, and finally one night the tendril, which had grown considerably, 250 cattle.

Cowboys may be divided into two managed to reach the coveted supclasses-those recruited from Texas port, and we found it coiled tightly and other States on the eastern slope, around it. Meanwhile another bunch and Mexicans from the Southwestern of tendrils had been making for a region. Mexicans are unrivalled as hook that was formerly used for a cowboys-splendid riders, hardy, born thermometer. Just before it reached to the business-but they have a bad its destination my daughter strung a reputation, and are quarrelsome and cord across the window sash directly unreliable. Americans are perhaps above. It was a choice, then, beless skilled, but they are more order- tween the old love and the new, and ly. The cowboy tracks his animals as a morning glory always seems to Indians do game; dismonuting, he prefer a cord to anything else, it leads his pony and follows patiently wasn't long in making up its mind. faint tracks in the dust-which, after In a very few hours the pale, crisp all, may prove to be those of unshod little tendrils-which, by the way, convey a surprising suggestion of

human fingers-had commenced to lift The most important matter for the toward the twine. Next day they stockman is how to get his cattle. He can buy them "on the range," which reached it, and took such a firm grip is the quickest but the most expensive that I don't believe they possibly way. The cattle are bought so many could have been disengaged without head, "more or less," but this mode breaking the fibre. Scientists are no leaves a good many openings for sharp- doubt familiar with such phenomena, fourths of a million people living witted guile, to which the novice may and, if so, I would be very glad to somewhat in the middle.) Inform and Baltimore were the only cities of newly arrived settler is to make a con- theory on the subject. To me it seems any importance south of Philadelphia tract with some responsible drover for simply inexplicable."--New Orleans

the spots where nothing will grow, thanks to bountiful nature's adaptiveness. Study your ground. Note where water settles and remains after rains to live over 162 years. or melting snows. This last spot should be given an outlet by draining

it into an alley. Or it may be deeply dug, say three feet, and a layer of stones, cinders or bricks placed at the bottom before anything is planted upon it. No plants can long survive water settling and freezing about the roots.

THE PRACTICAL DETAILS.

Lay out your beds generously, grudgingly allowing for domestic purposes. Examine the soil and supply what it lacks. If you do not trust your own judgment in this, get some one who knows to advise you. Devote at least as much thought to all these preparations as you would to the planning of a new gown or luncheon party, and to the selection of what shall be planted a thousand times more. (All beds and

	not?" And with a low chuckle he left	good-hearted enough when we were	possession of Cecil Doniphan."	yourself of the nature of the plants		a number of cattle, breed and age	Times-Democrat.
	her and made his way back to the farm-	boys together, and I never could un-	With a malignant look at the letter	you desire to cultivate. If possible,		specified, about seventy-five per cent.	the second se
	house where he had procured a room	derstand what prompted him to turn	which he still held in his hand, and	visit all the fine gardens and lawns	acut bouting, mo, mo benet day, as	of the cows to have calves, the pur-	Had Cut Away the End.
	and board.	his only son adrift. But that's all	which his uncle had directed him to let	within reach. No matter how inferior	the age of 108, was called the Miss-	chaser to be free to reject any animals	
	Hastening back to the park, a look	past, beyond recall. Nevertheless, I	his granddaughter read, if she re-	your own resources, some valuable	ouri Samson. When he was ninety-	not in good condition when delivered	fathoms of the line, which put his
	of baffled rage on her handsome, dark	intend to inform him of his duty to-	quested it he began his preparations	hints are sure to be obtained, and pro-	eight years old he carried logs six-	at his ranch.	patience severely to proof, as well as
	face, the girl who had represented her-	word Bonald's child She would	for the journey to Brontwood Park	fessional gardeners and florists are	teen feet long from a clearing to his	at his ranch.	anone muscle of his arms he mut-
1	salf as Brata Danton mag in the att a	never appeal to her grandfather, and I	[To be continued.]	generally willing to talk to people who	farm house, where he split them into	The third way of procuring stock,	every muscle of his arms, he mut-
		admire the pride which prevents her		appreciate their work. Study works		which was originally the only one, 18	tered to himself, but loud enough to
		doing it. The only course to pursue		on floriculture, make diagrams of beds	eighth birthday he jumped over the	to go to Texas, Oregon, or Utah, the	be overheard by an oncer.
				and arrangements, plant imaginary		three best sources from which to draft	Sure, it's us long as to-day and
	wood.	is to take matters in my cwn hands	There are fourteen recognized wed-	gardens and, finally, decide on what		cattle, buy the animals in "bunches"	to-morrow! It's a good week's work
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	and see that the child is not cheated	ding anniversaries. At the end of the	seems most likely to succeed well un-		from different owners, and start home-	for any five in the ship. Bad luck to
	CHAPTER IX.	of her proper position in the world.	first year comes the cotton; second.	den the existing conditions Allen		ward with them as soon as the spring	the leg or arm it'll lave last! What!
	DOCTOR MONTFORD INTERCEDES.	No doubt, 1 m a medaling old curmud-	paper; third, leather; fifth, wooden;	der the existing conditions. Allow a	While the Emperor of Germany	sun causes the grass to crop up on the	More of it vit? Och, murther! The
	As Eric Brentwood came face to face	geon; but the poor little orphan has	seventh, woolen; tenth, tin; twelfth,	margin for the evanescent summer	was viewing the drill of the Twenty-	prairies. Riding on trail is an under-	say's mighty deep, to be sure!
	with the girl who he thought had re-	found her way into my heart, and it	silk and fine linen; fiftcenth, crystal;	flowers, annuals, etc., which help out	seventh Field Artillery at Mavence he	taking requiring the natural talent of	After continuing in a similar strain,
		Gerald Danton is the man I think	twentieth, china; twenty-fifth, silver;	"ondering, especially in the most	witnessed the death of a gunner, who	a trapper and some of the estuteness	and conceiving there was little prova-
	tired an hour before, he gave a start	him, he will not refuse to take her in-	thirtieth, pearl; fortieth, ruby; fiftieth,	season or two, and be sure to plan for	had carelessly handled his piece.	of a commander, adroitness, firmness,	bility of the completion of his labor, ne
	and exclaimed in surprise:	to his heart and home."	and down a summer fifth diamond	a succession of bloom. Such a garden	His Majesty was deeply moved and	a onick eve and a onicker hand with	suddenly stopped short, and looking up
	"Why, Breta! What are you doing	So saving he seated himself at his	golden, seventy-min, diamond.	once started is as catisfying as a good,	shook the dying man's hand. He in-	the revolver Great monntains have	to the officer on the watch, he ex-
	out at this hour? I thought you had	desk and penned the letter to his old		solid bank account.	quired what his last wishes were and	to be crossed vast stretches of dreary	claimed:
	retired.	friend stating that his granddaughte:	The population of many South Sea slands manufacture their entire suits	NATURE AND ART.	has since sent the man's fiancee a let-	plains have to be traversed rivers full	"Bad luck to me, sorr, if I don't
	So I had, she auswered, in a solt	111 A A Propiniond Part		Study for natural and nicturesone	ter of condolence, inclosing a large	of dengerous anicksands in which	helave somebody's cut off the other
	voice; "but I had such a severe head-	could be grant in	from the products of the palm trees.	offorte Muss Yone plants a clamp	ter of condotence, inclosing a large	mbala hards have been known to narish	ind o' this line!"-Oxford Democrat.
				effects. Mass your plants-a clump	läntif oi monea.	whole nerds unve been known to perten,	THE CALL CALL CALLER STREET
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