

For a moment he stood undecided with chair with her quick, bird-like little his hand upon the gate. Had some stops, and put her hand goutly on his terrible calamity-the doubt of the shoulder. "Dear pape," she said in a whisper, "Dear papa," she said in a whisper. failed upon the place like a blight? "don't you remember Mr. King? Ue Should he go back and make inquiries was here in the summer. "ou co at the nearest cottage before he ven-tured to intrude upon what might be "Oh, yes, cortainly I

some great grief by which had once been a toll-house

"Oh, yes, certainly I do: of course-I do, Theodorn," responded the Colonel, There was an ancient cottage close with a slight frown at the implication that he was bosing his n King, and t-il us what the down, Mr.

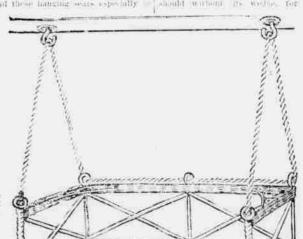
as he noted the effect which Thes an uneasy suspicion whether the Colonel himself was not in some way implicated in the marder of Jeni Stic initial and the robories at the Bine Lion. It was quite elent that paor Miss Theodore had no laking of this, for she chattered away without even noticing her father's unerslass. It was in vain, however, that Clifford tried to imagine any series of circum stances by which the old Colonel ould have been implicated in the rimes. On the other hand, they re-nained just as inexplicable at the

This visit had left an extraordinary impression upon him. There had flashed through his mittel, hands of any other person. It was write a great sinking of the heart that Chiller's begin to feel his own tellet in Neil's complete innothe giving way. He was forced ain to take refuge in the belief that t size had been an agent in these crim nul nets, she had been an unconsciot one. And the thought which was appermast in his mind was. What stops should be take to find her? The cling which was strongest in his leart was the desire to shelter het from the consequences of those acts Eut the question was: How to find her? Clifford had been down to Stronn already to make inquiries, but had been unable to obtain any tidings. of the uncle or the niece more defin-ite than the vague runor that George Claris was "shut up somewaere." Clifford paused for a few moments outside the garden gate of Shingle End, wonlering whether he would opply for information to the police at Second It was a step he dreaded to take, although he began to think i was the culy one likely to lead to bi duratining the details he wanted. As he shoul looking vaguely a alin as road he suddenly perceived an old in, who was standing at the door of the ancient turupike. blinking and nodding at him in a my terious manner. He took a few step in her direction and she came out it

band, "replied Miss Bostal, Clifford could not repress a move ment of starley at these words. Miss Bostal cried to personale bim to come back into the diving room with her back into the diving room with her to the bounds as shown in the account and to stay to tea. But he excused himself and, with a rather colder eave-taking than he had expected, he left the house by the back door, and heard Miss Theodora draw the bolts before he reached the end of the gar

plentiful from apparently the same effort. For creater safe y, if for ne better reason, all work should be done with the armost exercise of carte and indement. Sometimes the extreme is reached, and "care" brings harm, as often iscen in the overwatering of plants, but that should not be a chaon i lichalf of methods

In traing more care, snother consid-craticit presents itself it the direction be along the line of higher cultivation and ready its boundhead. If in the



thought he would knock at the door and try to find out something, and great world is doing was retreating for that purpose, when a burried tapping on the glass of the upper window made him look round Miss Bostal-M it was indeed nguin. she-made a sign to him to go round to the back of the house.

Obeying her mute direction, he called her father to the inxiety which found his way back to the little sidein the palling, passed through into the garden and presented himself Windows, other at the back of the house, that the blinds were drawn down. Surely, then, the Colonel was dend, he thought. He had not time to speculate

as to why, in that case, the upper front rooms had had their blinds up. when he heard the sound of some one within drawin back a bolt and then another and another

Then the door was opened by Miss Bostal, who pat out her head to throw one frightened glance round the garden, and then, seizing his proffered hand, drew him bustily inside, and bemediately to replace the bolts. Clifford could help not feeling nunsed, although he took care not to show it. It seemed to him clear that the recent occurrences in the heighborhood had got on the post little and made for absurdoman's brain nervous nb. own little person and not very valuable property. "You are well seened again i her

glars, I see,' suid he, as he inclused upon doing the work of bolling the r, and was surprised to how solid and strong the protectly

The little woman staticd, time fringseel.

"Ob, Mr. King," gasped she, in a tone of acute terror, "Don't role schem about it. It's too dreadful: I never reei mfe! Lust night- Oh" paused, closing her eyes as if on

Then Clifford saw that in a montent the old man had become quite him self, and it was the weight of some care which had given him his changed appearance. The young team was -ry when Miss Theodora at once 13

was pressing upon both of them. "I want you to tell Mr. King, pape." she said as Clifford took the chalt at the back door. He noticed with offered him, "about the terrible person supprise, no be passed the two lower cution we have been subjected to late ere at the side and the lay since the Blue Lion has been shut

> "It's not a very lively subject." objected her father, whose face fell at his daughter's words. "However, I will fell you, if the story is worth telling. Clifford although he was indeed

enrious to hear the narrative, protest ed that he did not wish to do so, as ne saw that his host was by no means anxious to relate it. But Miss Theo dora insisted

"Well, then," and the old gentle man, "it is simply this. At least half a dozen titues since the Blue Lion has been deserted we have been an noyed by knocks and blows on our doors and windows at night. And although we have done our best to find out who it is that annoys us in this manuar the have been unable to do 50

And have you no idea, no sur-

The Colonel shook his head in : troubled and auxious minimer, but Miss Theodora pursed her lips and hooked shrewd.

"I have a theory," she said. And waited to be noted what her they PS WHH.

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"I believe," she went on, with conwhether, "that it is the person who has in in the bostom of the hivsterio we have been suffering here lately

that rout to mean him: To be Continued.

dora's practile made upon her father, panying illustration. Two bundred and keep it alive, disregarding its future For productors of this serie, including for productors of programs of proposition of programs of provide the states will foll store of our real de-site we want more time we are will not be been during the winter even ags. I used them last year for the arst time

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I used them hast year for the irst time fruits, how differently we net, we fer on melons, placing a box over each time protect, pound and spray public hill when the sords were planted. The ly and regularly, taking pairs to avoid ends freed north and south, so that the indistricts. White would think of non-phanes had the benefit of the sam all form equal mesons of fromble with a day and partial shelter from the wind, or two street inces, and yet are the The work germanized nore quickly trees in a cross serve a better purpose than under ordinary circumstances and the plants were stronger and fully one- than those in the other?

were used. After the plants were well that is not very usual? For example, started, the boxes were removed. The we will take a row of Norway maple round was thoroughly entitivated and planted along in shlewalk; the be plants were tinined to three in a work of plantax has been comp The boxes were then replaced. Not a moment should be lost until they bill. The bokes were then replaced Not a moment should be bolt until they were arounding the top. The little Went a pay of is in sec sometime to stripped levels so common and desires a fight but efficient wire guard contained comments dot us light but efficient wire guard can be been were permained production. The is not unlikely that in digging, where the plants had such as a permainent production.

a start that the discuss had very transporting or setting a tree, needed little chance to injure them. One thing will occur and some bark be torn of ϵ **1** noticed, however, that the breaks some limbs may be broken. Cut off a I'm nn all confined their attacks largely upon the plants not covered. These I treated wise as to leave the bark clean cut, and with Paris green, ash is, etc., but they were very small and did nor amount to possible; the wounds on the trust hould have their margins cut sn

I next used the loxes on my with a knife, and the whole surface squashes, which usually have been bad treated with a coat of paint till the new by injured by these striped bectles. All bark ran form and heal over the the insects that could be detected were wound be large, it may prove to re-

picked from the plants by hand before anire painting several times later the bases were put over them. These Weak, spinding branches should be plants made a matvel its growth in a removed, and all others, except the out for the low days, and the boxes had to be re- leader, will be benefited by at least sit neved. By this time the squash plants in his primed away. Mulch the sur-were strong and vigorous and able to face of the soll with long manure of take care of the eserves. I consider straw, Wrapping the trunks with bar these small protector; the most satis- lap or straw is desirable to prevent in tery contrivation I have ever used exaporation during hot and dry for this purpose. In a small garden, weather, but unpulnied wounds should got to 300 are enforcent and invaluable of these are projectly cared for and sound regularly, they will last many. The dentist doesn't deal in perfum-

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