## 

VAN RENSS LAER DEY. Author of "Nor Like Other Men," Etc. 5

Di Freder Van Kensschaer Den. 

there I have willing to do anything that friend. Then do if it doing it I can serve him." In talleve your James. Now, listen sely to what I have to say. Your niffed, and that crime is the result of Conts that happened long ago. I know the blood by my lostory that led to ood, but my information is very I have no doubt that you are tware of many things connected with ethis surrouse listory which will assist the to antervel this tangled skein. We will talk of that later. The death of of this stranger and the subsequent open door, as you believed you had rious pockets about his clothing. closed and lateked it, suspicion will Point its finger at him, but we cannot intently upon the body in the corner. Buf can thing or prove one circumyou may be sure that he has planespect you of the crime." James started back with a cry of hor-

"Respect me!" he almost shouted. es, that is precisely what I want went at once to the desk. world to believe. I want you sus-

"S5 that the person who really did may be thrown off his guard; so that will have time to work out to the colone that I now know so little about; so that I may have time to guard against the revelation of things that F! am sure Parr Pradictor desired never to be known; so that I may be enabled to fulfill wan, I know would be his wish were he still alice to direct us what to do, and feasily so that I may in the end palsy the hand that struck your master to death. Mr. Pendleton fixed in a shadow, James-a shadow of the past. He granded it jeniously, even from me, his closest friend. New it becomes my duty to work if out until I know all that I am sure he menut to tell me tonight. Lastly, James, there is one reason more vital than all. It is more than or bable that suspicion will fall upon me also. I think the nan who committed the deed will endrawer to bring that about. If you From that, also, he removed the naners. you do what I wish you to do, James?" cafe the outer door opened, and the Mr. Wyndham," replied the old man left the club entered. and trusted you more than any other He went calmly on his way to the cafe. found in almost every club of promiperson in the world. Tell me what I

um to de, sir, and I will do it." "Then you must leave the house at once, taking nothing with you. I will write an address upon this card where you are to go. Assume the name of Thomas Judson. Wait: I will write a line for you to take with you."

book, wrote rapidly upon it and passed | caruaccion, Ciudad de Mejico."

"Yes, sir."

"I am ready, sir," he said. "Can I- of Mr. Burr Pendleton?"

"No. James," was the calm reply, ever. Will you be scated, sir?"

raise his head or make a sign, and the diately after you-I took the liberty of old servant stepped sadly into the hall sending my card to you."

and closed the door. tude of one who is listening. He could, when he was called away, doubtless in fact, hear the old man's footfalls as by you. I also expected him here about he descended the stairs; he could hear this time. We will wait for him tothe bang of the outer door when it gether. In the meantime be my guest, closed, and not until then did he make Mr.-pardon me, but I am unused to a move. Even then he only raised his Spanish names. May I ask how you head, so that he could listen more in- pronounce your name?"

tently, and wnited.

the center table. After that, with distinct deliberation. you."

he heat forward and intentiv examined Mexican for the very reason that he, only the message or shatte.

the hilt of the weapon that had taken expected to spend the evening in his It rested. Once he looked toward the to make against the Mexican.

doubt that still possessed him. There was a safe in one corner of the appear at the club that aight.

without hesitation, and with an air of at one of the card tables, played with familiarity that is indescribable se. them until daylight. lected certain bundles of documents which he deposited on the floor beside thing, but that night he had especial him. Then he removed the key from reasons for it, and never had he apthe lock, selected another from the ring peared to better advantage or played that was suspended to it and with that the game with more scrupulous care. one opened an inner drawer of the Always during the game it seemed safe. From that, also, he removed the to him that he could see his friend as papers, but those he placed in his he saw him in the sleeping room of his pocket. Then he relocked the drawer, apartment sitting dead in the chair in replaced the larger key in the safe the corner, and at such moments death-Pendleton must be reported to the led as losed the door again, arranging by faintness stole over him, which reduce and to the coroner at once. If it as hearly as possible as he had quired all his strength of will to conwe say quything concerning the visit found it and deposited the papers he quer. had abstracted from the safe in va-

he would therefore escape. By con, bowed head and tight lips, and then certainty, needing like with the affair at all we he went out of the room and sought sulf strengthen the position he is in, the one habitually occupied by James. There he selected a handkerchief, and recoverily to save himself. On the which hore the name of the old valet, ether Hand, James, there are those who and returned with it to the room of course. He felt that he must take the

house, and as quickly as he could to exert in order not to manifest the traverse the distance he re-entered the perturbation he felt during those hours the drines. If you look at it calm. club where he had parted with Pendle. of the night nobody but himself could "you will see that I am right, and, ton less than five hours before. He ever know, and when he left the club



"I will do whatever you think best, very man with whom Pendleton had

CHAPTER V. THE GENTLEMAN FROM MEXICO.

"Wyndham tore a leaf from his note- "Carlos de Escudera y Romero, 4 In- breakfast or dine and regard their said Escudera enlinky.

"Give it to the hidy who will admit join me here," he said to the servant, they are ever ready to perform any that time may be. Will you do it, be had twice seen that evening and obligations to repeat the invitation at

one who is stapeded, found his hat and | eyes Wyndham rose from his chair to invited him to take breakfast. Wyndham was awaiting him. The right hand as cordially as if he did not Wyndham put out his feeler. friend of his master was still standing believe the one it grasped to be guilty "By Jove!" he said. "It is too had called away again." in the middle of the floor and evidently of the foulest deed he had ever known. that Pendleton has not come in. Did had not moved after the instant when "Mr. Craig Wyndham?" said the you see him last night, Carleton?"

would it be possible-I mean are you "Yes," replied Wyndham, noticing willing that I should see-him-before that Escudera used perfect English.

"Go as you are. Forget that you have Thank you. I also claim friendship seen him at all except as you saw him with Mr. Pendleton. I made his aclast in life. What comes after that- quainfance in Mexico, where we had nh, well! Go as you are, James. Do many pleasant hours together. I met not forget your overcoat. The night is him here early this evening-before the dinner hour, in fact-and expected to James besitated at the door. He see him again about this time. I have stopped and looked back, but Wynd- heard him speak of you so often that ham was still in the same position in when the clerk at the desk told me the middle of the floor. He did not your name-I entered the club imme-

"I am very glad that you did so. Mr. Wyndham still remained in the atti- Pendleton and I had only just met ,

"I use the first one of the two, Es-Many minutes passed in this manner, cudera. Yes, I did leave the club with but at last, as if satisfied that there Pendleton. In fact, I went to his was no chance that James would re- house with him, but I remained only a ger boy." to say that he would present me to he said. "I had it in mind to drop in capture, but even such a sensational

fleton's body had been discovered. ment to be a lie. He knew that Pen- It will be a great favor, Carleton, if ceased altogether. aspect. Twice he sighed deeply. Once premised such an introduction to the there anyhow, you know. Will you teld him of a will in his possession by

measuring the distance and relieving last it was the stranger who suggested and Burr left the club with him. I wish: With this my last will and testa. his handwriting telling me to defer all could haine James to change his rewas small chance that Pendleton would

rccm, one of those little iron safes It was Wyndham's suggestion that in the lock, and from it dangled others | strolled along the avenue side by side He threw the door of the safe open number of congenial friends engaged

It was rarely that he did such a ch?"

He knew that he was incurring a deadly risk in acting as he had done, laughed and in every way was just self-suddenly a very rich man, sequence of that encounter on the Then he sighed while he looked again for if it should appear that he had been to Pendleton's rooms suspicion, which For a moment after that he remain- might in any case attach to him, would For a modelle after that he remains in the minds of many take the form of Shortly after noon he met on the screet, to him that he was the intention of the "No doubt, James; no doubt what-

Still for the plan that he had formed during the few moments when he stood him he was pursuing the only logical chances.

Ten minutes later he quietly left the . What nervous ferce he was compelled in the full light of the early morning "Has Mr. Pendleton returned?" he in the company of one of his companpected of this crime, but only for a asked, and on being informed that he lons in the game it brought the first moment of relief he had had from the

three hours' sleep, entered the house where he isved. He knew that he was osition to prove an alibi for every hour that had passed since he parted 19 o'clock the preceding evening—and nearly an hour." for those he must trust to herve and chance in case the question should

As soon as he was in his own room he carefully examined the papers that "I couldn't find him, ch? Well, it he resked of dames partially fergot the awful reason for be examination.

From them he selected several which he concerled. The others he destroyed. Iune accounty how." But after he had braked and refreshed appearance of the effect of the events ed to Biggs again and asked: of the past night upon him, he returned to the club for his breakfast.

He had found among the papers the gone?" disappear, thus convincing others that had not be added: "You may destroy key to many things that he did not un-Fon are guilty, it will leave me free to the message I left for him. I expected derstand, and he felt certain that as work! If I am hannered in any way, that he would be here a half hour ago. soon as he could have a protracted talk that fact will play into the hunds of | When he comes in, say that I am in the with old James he would be enabled to the enemies of Mr. Pendleton. Will cafe." And as he turned to go to the see his way clearly before him. The mystery by which Pendleten was surrounded was beginning to unfold.

nence in New York. They belong to ention of it, RAIG WYNDHAM had been on some committee and have from only a few moments in the some mysterious source income suffienfe of the club when a card clear to pay their dues and purchase was given to him by one of an occasional meal. But they are althe servants. Upon it was engraved, ways ready to accept an invitation to abilities to entertain as sufficient equiv-"Ask the gentleman if he will not alent for the favor. More than that, James, very much in the manner of | With a look of unrecognition in his a service for him, and for that reason



"He was to meet me here during the servant James pointed the finger of sus-I haven't the time. I'll have to write or thought.

the life of his friend, but he did not rooms with Wyndham. It was the it is very important that he should ton had a word the head owned. It was the first tally in the score that he intended to be believed to head owned. It was the first tally in the score that he intended to head owned. It was the first tally in the score that he intended to head owned. It was the intended to head owned. It was the first tally in the score that he intended to head owned. It was the intended to head owned to hea teach the body or the chair in which first tally in the score that he intended meet me at the Lawyers' citto at 2 to a second that name, Mr. Wyndham, b. deer-he had left a jar-but not with the Refreshments and cigars were orderstartled glance of one who expects to ed and two hours passed while the startled glance of one who expects to ed and two hours passed while the startled glance of one who expects to ed and two hours passed while the discover somebody peering in upon men conversed upon every subject that to finish. We were interrupted. A clause: the scene; it was more as if he were either could think to introduce, and at gentleman he knew in Mexico came in, "I make also the fellowing express lowing morning I received a note in ment, but no amount of argument

-at 2 sharp."

"All right, Wyndham."

"If you have business matters to discuss, perhaps" --

"Bosh! There is nothing that you cannot hear-all the world, for that such grave responsibilities upon him I know that he shot home for I learn matter. I'll expect you. You'll see and also for heaping secret from that him ask Captain agranged just be children by that second marriage, Burr seen, won't you?"

"Within balf an hour." Wyndham went down town then and attended to his affairs as stolently and as systematically as he always did. the same as he always was to those who knew him intimately.

Fortune favored him in one respect. near the corner of John, Senor Escu-

hands of old Trinity clock pointed at could not even conjecture. table building together.

Biggs rushed forward and confronted them.

"I thought you'd never come," he been engaged in discussing the fact said, "although, as a matter of fact, denis that in d indigeneed in Ferneleton ther of Mr. Burr, but I promised min am some that no ling else excite bate really the most vital—between 5 and you are on time. I have been here in Mexico and for the third or f would never speak about it, any kept him here waiting."

drawled Wyndham. "I told you that I meen with that of shountern and wan would be here at 2 sharp. Where is of the opinion the two wors not ted.

he had taken from the safe and in the doesn't much matter. Fortunately, I -Yes, slet I saw him two or three Gid not need him."

> Then he introduced Biggs all around "Come into the Savarin. We'll have

When they were seated at the table himself, thus destroying all outward and the order had been given, he turn-"Did James tell you where he had

"I couldn't find James either." "That's strange."

"I went back three times and rang ignificant that over the repentedly each time, but notody and on the Person which have and a high swered. Perhaps he did not go to his from the attention of a man who had own rooms last night."

During this conversation Wyndham had glauced in the direction of Escu- -ewe were un the Passes together, At the club he met Carleton Biggs, a dera several times, but if the Mexican we lided. I was a few fest belied Mr. simply. "I know that Burr loved you But Wyndham did not turn his head, character whose prototype may be heard what was said he gave no indi-

"Oh yes, he did," replied Wyndham | located tather farther up the avenue the "last beens" in that they are among in response to the last remark. "Senor U.au periodicing monels so. A lasts the oldest members, are always serving Escadera went there with him from wey in advance of us was a lady and the club. Did I not so understand you. For numbersunt. When we got near senor?" he continued policely, turning, the statue, a man uppeared treatenly

Said Escudera entury.

Craig Wyndham smiled, but he found it difficult to conceal the gleam of sat isfaction that crare into his eyes, for he folt that the Movieur had clicked and the first many factors.

I do not know if that was the remove the first many factors.

I do not know if that was the remove the first many factors.

I do not know if that was the remove the first many factors.

I do not know if that was the remove the first many factors.

I do not know if that was the remove the first many factors and the never saw feel the first many factors.

I do not know if the same winter and the same winter the first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the first many factors are first many factors are first many factors.

I do not know if the factors are factors are first many factors are factors.

I do not know if the factors are factors are factors are factors.

I do not know if the factors are factors are factors are factors.

I do not know if the factors are factors are factors are factors.

I do not know if the factors are factors are factors are factors.

I do not know if the factors are factors you at that address. Wait there for and presently, approaching him, he slight gentlemanly service which will be north that the Mexican had slightly exhibit time of day contribut James?" when there is no matter have been and presently approaching him, he slight gentlemanly service which will exhibit the many on matter have been an extensive to the contribution of day contributions of the contribution of day contributions of day contributions of the contribution of day contributions of day went at that address. Wait there for and presently, approaching him, he slight gentlemanly service which will overdone his part in that counter move the name personage whom place one of their benefactors under when the question was named at the presently approaching him, he slight gentlemanly service which will overdone his part in that counter move.

"About 5 o'cless in the afternoon."

"About 5 o'cless in the afternoon."

then returned to the room where receive the stranger, extending his When they had lighted their clears, to remain there last night, although I there?

and after that we will go up fown to gether. If we do not find Burr at the cine. In the maintipactor were draw- a fine re-blence which is the me point out the bease where he lived, club, then we will go around and look in naccount them. We had almost in naccount them where he lived. bias up. I shouldn't wonder if he was reached them when the lady turned quently disposed of." bins up. I shouldn't wonder if he was suddenly away, as if to heave the man, suddenly away as if to heave the man, seek and it will suddenly away as if to heave the man, suddenly away as if to heave the man are the man as if the man are t admit nobody. He has done that thing the armibefore, you know."

evening and did not come. Then I picion in his direction and naturally disupposed he would blow in for his verted it from other suggestions. Not supposed he would blow in for his verted it from other suggestions. Not supposed he would blow in for his verted it from other suggestions. I think they were made a profound accret and made the With the exception that now and breakfast. I really ought to get word even a faint indication of such a thing to him before I go down town, and yet attaching to Craig Cyndham was heard on the relief to him before I go down town, and yet attaching to Craig Cyndham was heard on the relief to any house to any house the relief to the memory of a reporter, the

a line and send it down by a messen. The coroner's jury found that death "That, sir, is all there was of that until today, sir." The coroner's jury found that death had been caused by a dagger in the incident, but the man who afterward "Do you think that Burr knew of this Tren Wyethern bimself began to dewas no chance that James would return, he closed the inside shutters at turn, he closed the inside shutters at the windows, after which he helped very tired and so agreed to meet him
the windows, after which he helped very tired and so agreed to meet him
the deceased, and every effort of the him to send a challenge was the same

"I am quite sure that he did not sit," he had about made up his mind to ga himself to a portion of the brandy on here later, where he did me the honor "I'm going down that way presently," police was exerted to being about his man. Captain Romero, who is called "I be an at the time he went to Mexico being the believed and see Burr anyway, so if I can carry affair was soon partially forgotten, and see, sir, there must have been some "I do not think he ever know of it, when an event occurred which altered he opened again the door which com-municated with the room where Pen-brief instant, for he knew that state-"Would you? That is just the thing."

The newspaper comments diminished a message for you, old man"—

"Would you? That is just the thing."

"Undoubtedly, James." the newspaper comments diminished connection between the two affairs." Mr. Wyndham."

He approached it and for a moment dieton did not intend to return to the stood silently regarding the grewsome club that night and that he had not "No trouble at all. I intended to stop ton's lawyer sent for Wyndham and "Let me hear it, by all means." which Craig Wyndham was made sole

"Certainly not. Just fell him that fegates of an the presenty that Pendle. Pendleton was pusy for some time pre- ACE. Pendleton. We traveled to Moro'clock sharp. That is all. It relates form to be level, and there were several for the for about midnight cause I have forgotten it."

by calculation some mathematical that the hour was so late that there have not seen him since. Don't forget ment I will place in the hands of my action twenty four hours longer than ply to the question, and it was finally attorney a certain scaled covelage he had too me to do when he went shandoned, which will be delivered into the band away, and the note was brought by the "Tell too "And I say, Carleton, make him of my legaler and executor, Conig same person who on the preceding day there, James," he proceeded. that lock with a key. The key was they should go out together, and they come. You know what a lazy duffer Wyndham, as soon as convenient after delivered one to my master in the he is. Come along with him if you he has been made aware of the com- nater of the botel inst as we remed The Show what you mean, sir," attached by a ring—a ring that he had as far as the hotel where the Mexican will and lunch with us at the Savaria, tents of this my will. The contents of ing out for buncheon, and, sir, what is replied fame, family, "I only knew often seen in the possession of his was stopping. After that Wyndham I'll be at the Lawyers' at 2 precisely, "I only knew often seen in the possession of his was the cause perreturned to the club and, finding a but I'll be in a hundred places between my executor certain duttes which I desson who came to me a few hours benow and then, so there'll be no chance sire him to perform in the event of fore Mr. Pendleton's neturn and gave. We did not remain very long-about my death and which I believe he will me a verbal income to have everyperform to the best of his ability and tiding packed and in readiness, Ten- him then, as before, the did not seem care to embady in this document. I not send.

> the fact that I have done so." mediately before Pendleton deported opinion, sir, that the body who was during the remainder of the forencen for Mexico, and only the lawyer who doubtless the remi cause of the deel drew it and Pondleton Einstelf were sent for him that evening when he was such been the case," aware of the contents. Inaspisch as to go to the opera, and I billeve that Not once did he deviate from his usual Burr Pondiston had no near relatives, she tried to prevent the acceting. Whis habits. He went to the same places, the will was probated without object is only guesswork, sir but I cannot saw the same people, cracked jokes, then, and Crack Wendham found him help thinking that the duct was a con-

frequently at the club, on the street Pendleton is somehow related to born Mexican to threw himself constantly ever. But I believe we may so back They shook hands cordially, and occasion of such meetings there was three of the occurrence grow out of by the window while James wept near Wyndham isvited the Mexican to see always exhibited the minimal controller, the causes of your master's journey to be. the pictures at Stewart's. There he Escusiona retained his quest members blexico. We will have as scarce further them, he asked them, in company with oil replies to certain beguises he lead of Burr Pendleton. James, was this the Mexican, to go with blan to the sont out to Mexico and to other places, trip you made with Earr the first time. I know that he was very fond of her, Lawyers' club, where he expected to by specied to him that knowledge had you had been to Mexica?" the air of one who was I along that as | James hesitated and fooled away for "We'll all have lunch together," be best he could while he amales the map a moment. Then, more to himself than said by way of clinching the invitation. paning of some expected event but to life companion, he said;

2 the four gentlemen entered the Equis The interview between Varidiam "it is your duty to tell everything know that he received betters from inc.

time referred to the duel. Wyndham to anybody, and I never have until. "He cla not like you have this con-"That was foolish of you, Carleton," had already connected the mane of Lee and

"Did you ever see the man with | whom your muster found the duel?"

Pendleton the evening we found him-"Not ex all, that I removed say "Now, Jam. 4. ; o back to the magnest you died brow that a duct were to be

fought. How did you have alout fel? wate, Burr told me." "Toll me how he told only oil tar-

offension in a second

known as the indian statue, which 's to the gentleman from Mexico.

"What did you ask, Mr. Wyndham?"

from hebind it or one of the big cypre-s

with great great Captain Reason, the "I think so-parity. I do know that
thees, I don't know which. He walked "The great great Captain Reason, the "I think so-parity. I do know that

When the question was repeated, Es- The size was shinked and there were "Well, what fook you there?"

tail the discovery of the body of the state time utterly ignored the man, married hea."

Burr Pendleton or the effect that As for him, he heshated an instant, and "Ah. I begin to see daylight, James, assessed Wyodham, which, however, the discovery and its consequences , I never saw such a ficulish expression. Tell are all you know about that event." developed nothing new.

tinued on our way.

the deadliest duellst la Mexico; so you feo-at may time before his dueth."

to surmise a little, I have an idea."

told me so, inquirieg for him. The folwhich, for reasons of my own, I do not hast message I am sure my master did. The bimself at all, and he never recus-

do, however, consider it just that I "I know that Mr. Pendleton energy of should here ask pardon for placing in the duel with Captain Homoro, and bits until his double fore our train left the suntian about James?" The will was drawn and executed im- the condition of Romero. It is my in the incutting he met Escadera Pasco, and that the number of Mr.

in his way, but between them on the even farther thus that end say that all

and old dames had taken place - in that will help me to clear up this mys- or at least from Maxico, constantly, They had hardly crossed the thresh- fact, several of these but of these point tery," said Wyndham sharply. "That and I know that he wrote to her very and, saying that he would get two or old of the entrance before Carlet o h, is necessary only to refer to one of was your second visit to Mexico, then?" often. I think it likely that her construct above or old of the entrance before Carlet o h, is necessary only to refer to one of the lower "My within an."

"Not even to Burr?" "No, sign not even to him?"

"Theirway wream, famus," "That may be Mr. Wyodfens, but I Fellevol I was define my dairy?" "We went not aroun that point.

me when you went their first."



discovered the same personage whom he lead twice seen that evening and whom he verily believed to be the assist of Burr Pendicton.

With a look of unrecognition in his eyes Wyndham rose from his chair to receive the stranger, extending his right band as cordially as if he did not invited him to take breakfast.

When the question was repeated, Escuelers and the first opportune moment. Wyndham rose from his chair to receive the stranger, extending his right band as cordially as if he did not invited him to take breakfast.

When they deleve the one it grasped to be guilty of the follost deed he had ever known.

"Mr. Craig Wyndham?" said the "Mr. Craig Wyndham, noticing stranger interrogatively. "The friend of Mr. Burr Pendleton?"

"Your melleton was a finished the part by a man and those were in the continuation of Mr. Burr Pendleton?"

"No. I heard that he was back, but I did not see him."

"Your men is not known to me, how-form me ls not known to me, how-form mem ls not known to me, how-form mem ls not known to me, how-form mem as not known to me, how-form mem as a contract of the minimum of the first opportune moment. Wyndham as decided and extended the first opportune moment. Wyndham described bigs to perform just such as service for him, and for that reason the first opportune moment. Wyndham described bigs to perform just such as service for him, and for that reason invited him to take breakfast.

When the question was repeated, Escudera repeated, Escudera replied:

"When the diver new in the first opportune moment. Wyndham described bigs to perform just such as service for him, and for that reason the first part he will be not have the first properly adversarial to he will be not have the will be not have the will be not have the first properly adversarial to he will be not have the first properly adversarial to he will be not have the will b

discused the lady in Spanish, as though Mr. Wyn hom, but the fact is he had Wyndlern and Escudern continued to

produced upon the community and par- on the face of a man as that which "I know very little-only that be The letters sent to Mexico by Wyndticularly upon those who knew him in- swept over his at that last cut. But be married within a month after we are hum were answered, but from them he timately.

The mysterious disappearance of the distance of the mother. Perhaps it was for that reas deficut mystery that had shrouled the

"Undoubtedly, James."
"Do you know the family name of ultimately to a climax.
"And now, sic, if you will permit me the lady who became Mrs. I radiation?"

He was shiring ally in the clubbouse.

"No, sir, and, besides, there is an one afternion, wearily flutting over other thing, sir, which may be temper all that had occurred and endeaveding "The evening before the duel Mr. tant - the lady was never known as

"Forgetten it, James?"

Wyndham did not believe this state-

"Tell me about your speend trip

"We were called there by the illness wife. She died and was buried before ten days, I think, I saw very little of ered from the shock. Although the lived bintry years afterward, it afrected

"Was there a child or were there

"No. sir - that is, I don't really know, but & think not. I think Mr. Pendleton would have told me had

"Let me sem this business as a little, According to your stateday is, Mr. Pendleton fived with his second wife two mostles and then came porth again. Is that right?"

"About that, sir," "How long after that was it that you

made the second trip to Mexico?" "About a year-a fittle more than that, I think. No. sir, pardou me: it was something less tion a year. My memory is not as chere as it used to

"How do you account for the fact that he remained so long a time away

"I hardly know how to reply to that, north and left her there he expected that she would follow him very zoon. I think there was some trouble of some Thus it happened that just as both what that event might be Wyndienn "It can do no harm for me to tell kind, but I never know what it was, Lie was overwhelt -! with business. ! ing was delayed from week to week "I was there twice, sir, with the far her during that year at her request. I

dence in this porter, then?" "No, sir; only constraing the marrings itself."

"Dil you ever see the lady?" "Never sit."

"Nor a picture of our?" "I wish you could remember the "It was shortly niter I breams a many noder which your number fixed

"I am sorry that I cannot," repliedthe old man ebstimilely, "but it has gone from my entirely. I would not mountine it com if I should hear it." 14 was plain to Wyndiam that James had determined that he would not reyear the penus and lord adopted the plan of forgetfulness as the best marries or avoiding argenness, and the eldners's resolution could be accounted for its only one way, which was that he leri given an absolute promise that

he would never left h. "Robert Pendleton must have had a strong reason for bluding his servant to such tuviolate secreey," nused Wyndham, and he also must have had a strong reason for adopting it is the first place."

He turned to James again. "Why did Mr. Pendleton make use of an assumed name at all?" he asked. "He meter told me that, sin" "The you know?"

went there on some business that had been his forder's. He believed that he could best attend to it if he were not

WYNDHAM'S CAME OF DOUBLES. "That was more than Mr. Pendleton did by a subjection for justing the bouse and why which lasted several weeks, stopped instantly, raised his but, sel- -i did not know until forgulaterward. T is not necessary to describe in describe

emustances. I have kept that premise tragedy of which Pendleton was the

the solution of the offair was located. all his plans and which brought though

(COSTINUED ON