# The Lure of the Mask 

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 all the same.
II san,
anck, what's the matter with
and
 "It was bad," Hillard agreed. "Per.
haps 1 am not talign the miterest in
the game that I I formerty tooks."


 of adventure?'
"Tm sure 1don't know
shan we fintst the game?
anot if you're goling to thsot idechred Merrithew.



 and turned stxty-one in beautirul form.
ITter the tow passed upstars to the ecoluded alcove. Merribeww riled the
glaseses witt the atr of one who would
like to pass the remalider of his days
 Weoded out that crop of Imperishabie
debts. To bit the world grew roseete
and kindiy viewed through the press the aparkling ger hropound the inveraresty
saw fortune beckonlng to the card





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 "The whole story, J Hillard told the yarn simply, omite
thag nothtng essental. Ho even added
that

 "Idon't know, Dan, but this
taken so strong a hoid ont me that
shant forget tit soon. Imagine th yo



 that 1 have talled to solve-sandford' cable and the caretaker's declaration patrolman says that he has seen no
listot tn the house simce the family sot in the house since the tamily
ined tor Atric. It it no raeam, but
begins to look as tr .1 were the vic. Um of some fine hoax"
it
is more than $a$ hoax, in my opln What thin sandford returns and


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be the case he would neerer trust a




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 desire to go becomes less and lesone grows older. Besides, it comp
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go writh we."
no m, Dan, that you ehall "We'th settle this arrament right
here owo. Mertribew crew out a coln
"Call it", ie cried reckeesily.
"Heads"" fickered in the IIght fell
The coln
and proved that all money is perverse
by rolling under the davenoport upon
whlch they were stitugg AD anding
hunt followed. They ran therr hasings
 "Here it is, str,"
"What is it head or tall " asked
Merithew weakly.
 worst of it. And now, Italy! All that
way from home! "Boy, bring up a bot-
te of 96 ."
"And the lady in the mask?' asked
Merrihew as they at length stood up. Merrihew as they at length stood up.
"I must relegate her to the fog she
came out came out of. But it would be a fright-
fult hing if-15"-He heestated to form
the words.
But Merribew had no such scruple. But Merrithew had no such scruple.
"It the siliver and pinte were missing
when the sandfords return
 no dificulty in toodwInktng the stable-
men." declared Merribew.
"By the way," he continued, "recelved a postal from Kitty this morning
from Gibraltar. Fine trip. Vlsited the shops. Says no slga of prima fonna donna
as yet, but belleves her to oe on board
o'Mally's on the water wagon. But
 Kltty aggravates me."
"What has she done now, refused
you by marconlgrappr"
"No, but she promised me her ad-
"Nes., Rom Rome, Venice. Its the popular mail
box of Eurone, and if she has given
them the address they will forward."
"That helps considerably. I'm giad
there's nne Cook which can be relled






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They had riaden op and down the
 rumbe which was thond of dust and a
hani rose trom his seat. Hillard
"The man at the wheel looked a bit
uke sendford."
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"Parnaps they will come this way
agan. Tomass, follow that motor."

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