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"Jed," she said with secolute frank-"I don't know." "Where were you when he did it?"

"At the edge of the woods. I had gone out for a bit or air-just acress the lawn. Jed appeared." "What did he say?"

"I don't know-something incoherent. violent; and he took me by the sleeve. I was not frightened, but I drew back suddenly. My sleeve ripped out. We were at the edge of the woods. Three men appeared, strangled Jed before he could cry out, picked him up and carried bim off." I spent the evening with Mr. Sidney

and told him that Jed was ill. He was concerned, and I made the lie a kindly one.

"It is insignificant," I said. "With his habits he must occasionally pay a price. A touch of indigestion this time."

To extemporize a few lies to get through the night was easy enough; but Jed was not back in the morning. and Mr. Sidney had to be deceived in more enduring fashion.

I explained to him that Jed had been called away on an urgent matter, which seemed to Mrs. Sidney to justify his going at once. Mrs. Sidney, at my request, made the same explanation later, and Mr. Sidney accepted it. This explanation seemed very lame to me, but it served. Mr. Sidney did not know of any reason why Jed should disappear. We offered him an explanation of the servant's absence, and he accepted it. It was apparent that the Spanlard

and the lawyer had been two of the make his malevolence and cupidity men concerned in Jed's plight, and I thought it best to telephone a discreet detective agency and have the lawyer put under scrutiny. Mrs. Sidney thought this was a proper course-or at least that no better one was available.

> Two days later the detectives report ed that the lawyer had disappeared from all his accustomed places and that it might require some time to get trace of him.

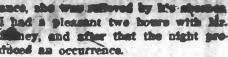
Jed had been gone four days when one of the maids asked for a month's leave. Her mother was very sick, she said. Mrs. Sidney agreed willingly, although disliking to have an unfamiliar servant in the house to fill this maid's place for the time she would be gone. Anna, the maid, said that a very close friend of hers would be glad of an opportunity to have a month in the country. Mrs. Sidney took Anna's recommendation with some relief. The day Anna went away a very

pretty girl was met at the train by the chauffeur. She was the thirty-day maid. I saw her as she came in. I thought her manner did not indicate domestic service, but afterward I was yery deft and competent. With

Ever since Jed had disappeared I had been accustomed to taking certain responsibilities with regard to the house. "The element of security ontered as a question. I knew we were in circumstances which demanded-at least asked-precautions. So I went about the house at night to see to locks, in a supervision of the duties the servants performed in closing the place-one I took on myself without saying anything about it.

Hartley house was large, with many wings. It was nearly a half-hour's work to visit all the entrances and see to bolts. Many of the hails and corridors were dark, and I carried an

electric flash to use when needed. I did not say anything of my assumed duties, but I suggested to Mrs. Sidney that, considering the state of



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you, my friend Jed, and we'll show you

that we do. Where's my cane and

hat? I'm going to get out of here.

"Jed," I said, "show the gentleman

A disappointed shyster went away in

a hurry. I was not only perplexed but

alarmed. Of the rapacity of the little

man, of his lack of conscience and

morals, I had no doubt at all. My

only question was whether he could

Jed showed him to the door and then

came back. I could see that he was

CHAPTER IX.

the lawyer for nearly three weeks.

We had seen nothing of Dravada or

was nuable to think that we had heard

the last of them. Dravada's purpose

had been too long nourished and the

lawyer's cupidity was too great for

either to abandon his intent. Jed's

disposition was resilient, and soon he

recovered his poise. He thought his

It was a relief to me when going to

bed and lying a few minutes awake. to

hear the rush and scurry of the dogs

about the place. They were active at

night. Rabbits, coons, weasels and

occasionally a fox kept them moving.

Jed's courage returned-and with it,

I was disturbed to observe, a threat of

enemies had abandoned their intent.

frightened nearly to death.

where the door is and don't let the

dogs attack him on the way out."

You'll regret it."

effective.

JED ABDUCTED.

Synopsis. - Dr. John Michelson, just beginning his career, becomes resident physician and companion of Homer Sidney at Hartley house. Mr. Sidney is an American, a semiinvalid, old and rich and very desirous to live. Mrs. Sidney is a Spanish woman, dignified and reticent. Jed, the butler, acts like a privileged member of the family. The family has come from Montevideo, South America. Hartley house is a fine old isolated country place, with a murder story, a "haunted pool," and many watchdogs, and an atmosphere of myssery. The "haunted pool" is where Richard Dobson, son of a former owner of Hartley house, had killed his brother, Arthur Dobson. Jed begins operations by locking the doctor in his room the very first night Doctor John fixes his door so he can't be locked in. He meets Isobel, daughter of the house, and falls in love at first sight. In the night be finds the butler drunk and holding Mrs. Sidney by the wrist. He interferes. Mrs. Sidney makes light of it. John buys a revolver. John overhears Jed telling Mrs. Sidney he will have his way. In reply she says she will not hesitate to kill him. Mrs. Sidney asks John to consent to the announcement of his engagement to Isobel. The young people consent to the makebelieve engagement. Later they find it is to head off Jed, "Who would marry Isobel. Jed tries to kill John, but the matter is smoothed over. John, though "engaged" to Isobel, conceals his love. Mr. Sidney visits a nearby prison and has Dobson, the murderer, pointed out. Jed tells the story of the Dobson murder. The family go to South America for the winter. John is left at home, but the "engagement" is not broken. John hears the story of a tragedy "that might have happened in Monte-video." The family returns. A mysterious Spanish sailor appears. Jed recognizes him and wants to kill him. The sailor plays burglar. Mr. Brown, "attorney" for the sailor, calls on John and makes de-

"I cannot correct your convictions," "You're going to brazen it out," he

another fit of temper. It showed itself CHAPTER VIII-Continued. first in moodiness and then in inso--10lence. I was glad to find that Jed in this mood this time was not directing

I maid. "You must use your best judghimself against Mrs. Sidney. He had ment. You have our permission to do turned against me. I knew that he anything that suggests itself to you," was in torment again. He had nothing to say to me unless he saw me in

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are here, if that's comforting. Jut of my head at times. My bowels did not move for days and I could not eat without suffering. The doctor could not help me and one day I told my husband that I could not stand the pain any

longer and sent him to the drug-store to get me a bottle of Lydia E. Pink-

to get me a bottle of Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound and threw. the doctor's medicine away. After taking three bottles of Vegetable Com-pound and using two bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash I could do my own housework. If it had not been for your medicine I don't know where I would be today and I am never without a bottle of it in the house. You may

a bottle of it in the house. You may

publish this if you like that it may help some other woman."-Mrs. MARY STENDER, 120 Orange St., Wyandotte,

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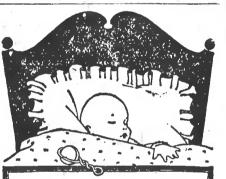
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"I'll Not Be Buildozed," Said the Law ver.

the house, it would be wise to tell the household that all doors would be locked at ten o'clock. Mrs. Sidney thought this good policy and the servants were so informed.

The night which had our : phenomenon as a development I started through the house at midnight. 1 had gone from Mr. Sidney's room to any own, had put on a smoking jacket and slippers, put my revolver in my pocket and had laid my watch on the dresser. I went downstairs and examined the bolt, lock, and chains on the doors at the main entrance. In the halls leading from these doors there were electric buttons, and the house being prefound that in spite of appearance she sumably closed for the night and darkened, I went from hall to hall, from Jeen he, such of his duties as could door to door, lighting my way by push-be dule by the maids were given them; ing the buttons and turning off the and this new servant, Agnes, was so lights when I had satisfied myself. In





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previsions against blackmail." The quiet little man, with his notions of profit evaporating, suddenly became savage and desperate.

"I can't be fooled with," he cried. "I know you. You won't assail me with a blackmail charge, because you do not dare. I know I am guilty and can be punished unless I have a real hold on this family. I have taken the not certain, but now I know it. It



"You Are in for Trouble," He Said. "We Know What You Have, and We'll Get It."

is not enough of a hold, but it is mough to keep you from making trouble for me, and I'll see that soon it will be enough to make you listen to me.'

"You, may do anything you want to do," I swid.

He became quiet and cuming again. "Then, if you don't mind, I'd like to speak to Jed," he said.

I rang for him. When Jed came, the little shabby lawyer became excited again and got ip out of his chair to shake his finger it Jed. ,

"You are in for trouble," he said. We know what you have, and we'll at it. They don't dare stop us, and said to give you notice that you are arked. 'flight's all. You'll be followand houndest and run down in the and there'll be an end to this use a filladisticss here. It may be when

Mr. Sidney's moon. Then he was pleasant. "Jed," I said to him one morning,

"I know you better than you think I do. You'll torment yourself until you do something you'll regret."

"Go to the devil," said Jed. Isobel and I had been progressing

as rationally as two young people could, situated with regard to each other as we were.

One evening I had been reading and Isobel had gone to the plano, I had put my book down on my knees as she began to play. Then I was aroused chance that I have a real hold. It was by perceiving, without seeing, that somebody was near me.

> I turned suddenly and saw Jed. He was not three feet behind my chair. His face revealed disorder of mind. "Do you want a cocktail?" he asked. "No." I said.

Isobel touched the keys of the piano, as a player done with a mood may do to express surfeit or conclusion. "Not a mild one?" Jed asked, per-

sisting. "Well, then, very weak," I said.

I took up my book again and forced myself, as discipline, to read. I had not been able to do it so long as Isohel played, but now that she had stopped I might at least try.

I made an effort. I tried to keep my attention on the type. It was no use. After fifteen minutes' reading I found that I had not turned a page. Neither had Jed brought the cocktail. got up and walked about the library. I went to the front entrance to find if. a few deep breaths in the open would not produce tranquillity.

As I stood at the entrance Isobel came running toward it. I heard her before I saw her. She was running and gasping. She came up the steps, saw me, controlled herself and tried to appear undisturbed. She might have succeeded, but a sleeve of her gown was torn from her waist and had fallen to her wrist.

What has happened to you?' I asked.

"Nothing," she said. "You are running.".

"A little exercise."

"Look at your sleeve," I said. She clutched at it as if she had become conscious of it for the first time, and then ran by me and indoors. We met at dinner twenty minutes later. Isobel had on another gown. Jed did not serve us. Dinner was delayed ten minutes. Then two maids undertook the service. Mrs. Sidney asked for Jed. One of the maids said

that he had not appeared and they were doing the best they could with out him. "Why, what can have happened to Jed?" Mrs. Sidney exclaimed. "What did happen to Jed?" "I a isobel after dinner when we we

alone. "I don't know," she said. "Who here

efficient in the dining room that she took over what Jed had done there. Mr. Sidney liked attractive women about him, and Agnes pleased him with her bright, pretty appearance and goodhumored serviceability. In three or four days he was glad to have her assigned to duties which Jed had done for him. In little over a week Agnes

had fitted into the routine of the house perfectly. Up to this time nothing had been heard of Jed, but on the ninth day of his disappearance the detectives telephoned that they had the mayyer. Mc-Guire was the detective-superintendent's name.

"I am not to understand what is back of this case," he suggested, telephoning. "It is not necessary," I said. "If he

is willing to come here in your custody, that is enough."

The next day, McGuire, the detective, came with the lawyer, who apparently was trying to keep from looking as frightened as he felt. "I'll have you understand I came of my own volition," he said. "With Mr. McGuire representing your volition," I suggested.

"I think I'll look about the grounds for a while," said McGuire. "What do you expect to gain by

this?"-the lawyer asked when the detective had gone. "What did you fear to lose by not coming?" I usked. "Suppose we make our dealing plain. You*were one of a party of three that abducted the servant Jed. We want him released and returned here where he is needed." "You are talking nonsense." said the lawyer. "I came with your detective

because I thought that at last this household was prepared to deal reasonably with a reasonable man." "Where is Jed?" I asked.

"That's none of my business." "It will be made yours." "Barking dogs-moonshine-things

to scare babies," said the little man. McGuire came back. "I guess I've seen all I want of the grounds," he said, "and there's a train back in half an hour. We've our rig

waiting." "I'm not going back," said the lawyer. "I stay at Hartlev." "What is he to do?" asked McGuire.

"Merely leave the house," I said, and rang for a maid.

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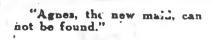
two wings, one to the north and one to the south, there was no electric wiring. In the halls of these wings I went along easily enough with an occasional flash of the little light I carried.

Jed's room was in the south wing on the second floor. The windows of the hall toward the east showed the waning- moon just rising above a grove of oak mixed with larch, and I stopped at one of the windows to admire the quiet scene. I was attracted -not startled but turned-by a noise at the farther end of the hall. At that end of the hall were the stairs to the second floor, where Jed had his room. There were no windows at that end. and it was in complete darkness. although three faint rays of moonlight raversed the hall from the windows nearer me.

I listened, and it seemed that the sound I heard was the creaking of old stairs under a light and stealthy step. That interested me, and I went as quietly as I could toward the sound. I must have made some noise. The creaking stopped. I stood still-in one of the shafts of moonlight. There was an instant of silence. I took another step toward the stair and hit my foot against a chair, amost losing my bak ance.

There was a scurry of feet and rustling of skirts from the bottom of the stairs across the dark hall. I flashed my electric light, and within ite rays saw a glint of white which tostantly disappeared down a side corridor which led to a small door used by servants. I started in pursuit, but a blow on the head, sharp but not powerful, coming from behind, knocked me down.

It dazed me a bit and felled me, but was not enough to make me unconscious. Nevertheless I got to my feet unsteadily and made my way slowly down the corridor into which the flash of white had turned. I came to the door with my electric light illuminating the hall, and thus I knew no one was in it-it had to recesses or furniture to offer concealment-and found the door locked from the outside,



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