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let down upon your head all the wrath it. She knew him now. that has been accumulating there against you, I believe I would one keener than this gyps; girl. rather see my child lying dead devil in human shape, but should the covery she had made. tide ever change, do not expect any breathed hard, as though laboring under where I met him; but I was wrong.

power over your mind, and resolved to owe much in the past. just as you see.

You have tried rebellion once; be careful how you anger me again; for I am a man by nature unforgiving. I did not come to this place without a deep object in view. What that object is you may brought on by circumstances.

and accept me as your son-in-law, if, in favor on earth. return, I place in your hands all evidence He is as cunning as the fox and as dar- being she was crazed with fury, and would of the crime that lies in the past, and ing as the panther. I should expect to have leaped at him had she known that which, if announced to the world, would find him even in the house of his dead- certain death lay beyond, but neither by put a blot upon the name of Richmond, liest foe, and perhaps eating at the same look nor movemet did he let her see that which has never before been sullied. table with him, You may think me he feared her.

take. If there was, I tell you frankly I hand. no escape for me. I accede to your pro- man! posal, and unless something unexpected and favorable to me turns up-a thing I cannot even imagine, much less hope for -you may consider the affair settled.

I am glad you look at it in that light, for I should have hated to have been forced to extremes.

Bad as I may be, Lawrence Richmond, artist. there are worse men in this world, and I will try to make Carol a good husband, for I have love for her in my heart.

and I sincerely trust that it will be all smooth sailing up to the appointed wedding-day. Ta-ta, father-in-law that is to only gave additional power as a setting be. Believe me, yours truly, John H.

He watched Lawrence Richmond until the old gentleman was almost out of

Upon the face of the dashing duelist Captain was a sneer, such, as might have on the form of the man before her, as should perish, for the earth crumbled that filled his mind were not long in fire that was contained in them, while cry, she went down. finding vent in words.

The two men had stood close to the brink of a fearful precipice, and the view from that point was classed the finest in all the surrounding country, for far below ran the historic Potomac, its waters dance ing in the sunlight or looking black and gloomy where the shadows lay upon

Go, you venerable vil.ain, grated the Captain, at length; you have found your match at last, and in me. Would it not been held out for her inspection, and he How could she have ever again attempt- suffering. have done your heart good to have given seemed to have little fear of her, to thus ed to slay him when this was the case. me a push and sent me over the edge invite discovery; but then she had recoghere? I can imagine your fiendish smile nized him before this, and it had only of satisfaction as you viewed my body been an act of bravado in all probability. now from terror, the great black eyes The Great Blood and Nerve Remedy

as it went whirling down through space to eternity, perhaps to alight in the trees ocean on the Potomac.

I could see all that in his mad orbs, ward for the cloven hoof. but he had dared not attempt the deed that was in his soul, for he knew well well all my plans have succeeded. There them. is not a living soul who will dare come poor fool, I will soon make an end of him. made me the lost one I am. Deny it if that passed over his frame as, in his He does not suspect that in Captain Grant | you dare! lies his old-time enemy, the man who has cursed his life. If I can only keep

is won. Ha! who is this?

mediately after he was himself again, am he. cool and collected.

ed expression, turning upon his hand. that he always wore upon it. As yet she the gypsy queen. had not been able to catch even a glimpse

trouble you, for I have neither the dis- bring us face to face again, and time has position nor the power to harm you or proven how wise I was in my belief. interfere with your plans. My mission searching for a man.

came a most peculiar gleam.

That look betrayed him.

He might disguise his features, alter flashed in the sunlight. his voice beyond recognition, and even To many a man the sight would have Too well, alas! You are a fiend incar- the eyes of hate are keener than those of stood so close to the edge of the precipice nate, Gaptain Grant, and I would that I love, and Barbara Merriles had seen that that it seemed as though a touch would could open the flood-gates of Heaven and expression in his eyes too often to forget send him over, and the enraged girl was

It would have been hard to have found panther.

and foot, must give in. Have your way, tures gave evidence of the amazing dis- to give way to trembling.

I have searched far and wide for him mercy from me. My God! I think I -the man who rained my life, and killed Merriles that he feared her not, or it could tear your poor, palpitating heart out my gypsy mother through his heartless- might be that she would blind herself of your breast with pleasure, and the ness to me. I flattered myself that I with anger. fiery old man shut his teeth together and | would know him, no matter when or | I see you are like a tager-cat, and seek

I tell you it is useless to fight against only after my dagger had almost taken waste my breath with them. Before you your fate, old man. When I first came his life did I realize my mistake and go a step further I wish to warn you, here to see you on business, and on ac- curse my blindness. The man I had fol- girl, that the consequences will fall upon count of our distant relationship was in- lowed so long was not the Roger Darrel your own head. As well might the stars vited to remain for a time, I felt my who wrecked my life, but one to whom I try to rival the moon as for you to think

exercise it, believing that some day it When I found this out I began to des- the last time, Barbara, I warn you to becould be brought to the proper service. pair, for it seemed as though Satan pro- ware. If you come on, it will be to your In this I was right, and, finding that | tected his own; but a little bird whisper- death. paper later, I have planned and executed ed to my soul that we would meet again His face had changed with the rapidity some day, and this was all that kept me of lightning, and in place of the sneering from going mad.

said the soldier questioningly.

feeling I have in my heart for him. false lover, base fiend! Here I am renot know at present, but be content with | There are times when, in thinking over solved to avenge the past, and it is just the fact that it had no concern with you the past-all I have been to him, and how as well for you as I would never leave or yours. That was an afterthought, basely he deceived me,-it seems to me you in peace as long as I lived. Ha! Let us now settle these matters finally. and if I could only stand face to face with revenge! You agree to give me Carol for my wife, him once more, I would ask no other He saw that nothing he could say or

crazy, but I was never more sane in my All the terrible wrongs of the past must You know well your power. There is life. True, my heart is trembling, but it have rushed over the young gypsy girl no other course under Heaven for me to is with happiness because the end is at and overwhelmed her, so that she hardly

would sooner risk all than allow such an Yes, my work is nearly done. The object that had been the dream of her infamous proceeding go on. Upon the monster who wrecked my life still lives life for a long time back was in a fair whole, however, it may not seem so bad and I have found him. Heaven be way of being consummated. for the girl's heart is already broken, and praised for this moment. Hold out your | She would have been no mean antagshe will care very little what becomes of hand, fiend, scoundrel! Ha! the black onist for any man in her present condiher. You have schemed well Captain glove! That is the last proof. Here the tion for the fury in her heart had made her Grant, and my curses upon you for it. trail ends. For many weary months I muscles like steel. Her lithe frame was You have won. I am in your power have sought a devil in human shape, and drawn up to its fullest extent, and such a body and soul, as it were, and there is now I have found him. You are the picture of supple grace could not well be

CHAPTER IX.

THE CLOVEN HOOF. The scene was dramatic.

even to the romantic surroundings-the coming at him like a tornado, the duellist great precipice leading down a hundred Captain quickly stepped aside. What! going? Well, we will meet again; feet or so, the beautiful river below glinting in the rays of the sun, the majestic trees and huge frowning rocks-all these

> The gypsy girl, with her wondrous face awful precipice. and peculiar rich garments, stood with

her form drawn up like a tragedy queen, her equilibrium and saved herself but it Her intensely black eyes were bent up- seemed as though it were fated she well become a devil, and the thoughts though she would scorch him with the beneath her weight and, with a sharp her right hand was raised, and the dexter finger pointed at her enemy as if she came to her, for her hands, thrown out

> The expression upon her face was a root that jutted from the face of the cliff most remarkable one, being a mixture of at its very top. crazed delight and trembling eagerness There she hung, unable to help herself. You are the man!

The one to whom this was addressed tween life and death! stood there, a very fair representation of

sneering Satan in his most pleasing dress. His left hand, gloved as it was, had

below, or it might be to float away to the suggestive of Mephistopheles about him one word, Farewell, walked a few paces

The tableau remained unbroken for death grasp. perhaps a full minute, and then it was that should be miss in its execution I Barbara Merriles herself who disturbed would have no mercy upon him. How the spell that seemed to have fallen upon

Yes, you are the man, the fiend, the between me and my prey, and as for him, demon who destroyed my peace, and

The man laughed sneeringly.

I have no choice left me, only to prothe lips of Nora Warner silent, my case test against the endearing adjectives you teeth as he walked away with quick, apply to my joor self. If you ask me nervous strides; she sought her own There stood before him one upon whom plainly, am I the man who once thought doom. Would that Nora Warner had his eyes became glued, and as he looked he once loved you, and, finding out his gone with her. My skies are brightning upon her features it could be plainly seen mistake, deserted you rather than remain with the drawing in of the net ! that he gave quite a start, though im- and bring you to more pain, I answer, I

Then you have pronounced your doom. Who are you, girl, and what do you Your words are plausible enough, and at seek here? he asked, somewhat haughtily. one time might have deceived me, but I am Barbara Merriles, the gypsy. I now they come too late. Think you I seek nothing here, for I was present when have not made many discoveries since you came, replied the girl, her eagle eyes you basely left me when I had made first fastend upon his face wonderingly, every sacrifice a woman could make for expectantly, and then, with a disappoint- the man she loves, leaving my gypsy home, my mother, my all, to become Captain Grant had held his left hand your wife-as I thought! Aye, when I behind him, seemingly in a careiess followed your track, burning with hatred,

manner, and yet there was much method I learned how you had deliberately in his action, for the gypsy maid would planned my ruin, had even made a wager have instantly recognized the black glove that you could lure away the daughter of

Among the peaks of the Pyreness I made my terrible vow to hunt you down Then you overheard all that passed to the death even if it took years to between Lawrence Richmond and my- accomplish it, and I have never forgotten that vow in the long time that has elapsed and who had given him such trusting You have spoken truly; but it need not since then. I knew that fate would

Here we stand, face to face, Roger here is of a far different nature. I am Darrel of the past, and the shadowy wings of Death are darkening the skies above Ah, indeed. And may I inquire what us. I have sought you long, and now my success has attended your search thus own arm shall avenge the past. Traitor. far? asked the Captain, into whose eyes deceiver, villian, prepare to meet your Maker!

The keen stiletto of the gypsy girl

pass his brother without recognition; but been one full of horror, for the Captain half-crouched, ready to fly at him like a

Not a nerve of his frame trembled, and Though the knowledge had come to yet he knew full well his danger. At such before me than your wife; but I am her like a thunder-clap, she did not be- a time every faculty was needed to save in the meshes of fate, and fettered hand tray herself. Not a muscle of her fea himself, and the soldier could not afford

He even smiled in her face. Perhaps this was done to show Barbara

my life. Explanations would avail Once I thought I had found him, and naught with such as you, and I shall not of overcoming a man of my caliber. For

smile had come a savage look, while his Then you must hate this man terribly? brow was corrugated and his eyes flashed like little lightnings.

Hate is a feeble word to apply to the You waste your breath, Roger Darrel, I must go mad if I do not meet him soon Here is Barbara Merriles' blow for

do would keep her back; for the time

knew what she was doing, save that the

found elsewhere.

At last the tableau was broken.

With a cry like that of an enraged animal, the gypsy girl sprang forward. She had been close to Captain Grant, Such a striking tableau, if it only could and this movement would have hurled be transferred to canvas, would surely her form upon him had he remained in bring both fame and fortune to the his old position-which he did not.

forced to marry another against her will. When he saw that time for action had Everything was propitious for the scene arrived, and that the vengeful girl was

The movement was so abrupt that there was no time given Barbara Merriles to recover herself, and as a consequence. not meeting with the resistance she had to what was already a most wonderful expected in the shape of her foeman, she tottered upon the very brink of the

Even then she might have recovered

When hope seemed indeed lost, a ray would send a poisoned dart to his heart. with a clutch of despair, fastened upon a that were transpiring at the Terrace.

hanging between heaven and earth, be-He could have saved her if he would. One exertion of his muscular power,

and she would have been lifted to life But he was a man without a heart. Kneeling down, he saw her face, white

He was dressed in black, and, stand- looking up at him in a bleading way, but ing thus, there was, indeed, something so he even smiled sardonically, and uttering that one would naturally glance down- away to where he could only see the small brown hands clutching the root in a

Spite of his satanic nature, the arch-

plotter could not but feel the shudder

mind's eye, he saw the poor gypsy girl

whirling down to the awful death below.

CHAPTER X.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

Carol Richmond suffered in silence.

and her quiet manner was only evidence

an insane person would be supposed to

Conflicting doubts arose in the mind

as much from the uncertainty of know-

ing the truth as from the facts them-

She was not to be allowed to remain

nor long remain in ignorance of them.

Then her broken heart had to be in

arms against the oppressor and she

found some relief in being able to forget

for the time being that which was bear-

Lawrence Richmond was like a tiger at

and although he squirmed under the

For the first time in his life the proud

Virginian felt the iron heel of oppression,

and his soul groaned beneath the pres-

of his persecutor, and yet all the while he

was blindly hoping that something would

occur to change the tide of events, and

place this man in his power. When that time came, as he fervently hoped and

prayed it would every hour of his exist-

ence, he would show the Captain the

same mercy that had been extended to-

The Captain knew he was hated, but he

The situation had not been a very

pleasant one, manaced by those two

women of the dead past as it had been;

but he was a man who believed firmly

in luck and fate, and something seemed

to tell him that all would come out well.

So far as Barbara Merriles was concerned, this had come true, for she would

trouble him no more, unless her spirit

come back to haunt the man who had

been the curse of her life, a thing that the

Thus affairs were allowed to drift along

in their own way, and the fatal hour

had given her to understand just about

how it was, and why he was forced to do

Still it was not so had as it might have

been at a former time. Her heard lay

half the inferest in matters that she

might otherwise have done, but yet the

idea of marriage with that man was quite

There was one, however, whose inter-

est in her never flagged, and that person

loved him, and, if her scruples would not

permit him to marry her, he was at

least determined that she should not be

There was one of the servants at the

terrace who had become aware of the

love that existed between his young mis-

tress and the master of Darrel Chace,

and whom, some time previous, Roger

had been in a situation to assist in a

The man, therefore, owed him much,

and he had been well pleased at the

aspect of affairs up to the time the ex-

After that event Andrew had taken it

upon himself to convey all that he saw

and heard in reference to Miss Carol to

Roger Darrell. He did not act in a mean

manner, but, believing that his object

was good, and that the end justified the

means, he was continually on the lookout

Thus the young master of Darrel Chase

was aware of all things of importance

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for something hinging on the case.

Captain had no fear of.

such an unnatural thing.

enough to horrify her.

material way.

plosion came.

was too bold and reckless to heed it much

and let events shape themselves.

ward him, and yet, instead of coldblooded cruelty, he would let passion

caused by the telling of the story.

long in this state, however.

ing so heavily upon her.

Captain wished.

master him.

of the pain within.

young life were shattered.

Though her heart seemed broken, she made no moan: but still waters run deep,

It is all over, he muttered between his

Then he turned his back upon the spot. He heard no sound no cry; but when he turned a few minutes later, the hands

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