## 'LENA RIVERS.

wearing his life away, but the cowardice of his nature seemed increased by physical weakness, and from time to time was the disclosure postponed, while the chain of evidence was fearfully lengthening around poor 'Lena, to whom Mrs. Graham had transferred the entire weight of her

displeasure. form on his part, and as during all their journey had he never once given her cause for offense, she began to attribute his former delinquencies wholly to 'Lena; and when he proposed a tour to Europe she readily sanctioned it, hoping that time and absence would remove from his mind all thoughts of the beautiful girl who she thought was her rival. Still, though she would not confess it, in her heart she did not believe 'Lena guilty ex."

he asked their daughter Anna in marriage at the same time announcing the start-ling fact that they had been engaged for more than a year. "I do not ask you for her now," said he, "for I am not in a situation to support her as I would wish to, but that time will come ere long, I trust, and I can assure you that her happiness shall be the first object of my life."

There was no cringing on the part of here as a matter of course to the marriage notices.

Meantime the captain, who was sitting by 'Lena, casually remarked, "Oh, I for got to tell you that I saw Mr. Everett in Washington."

"Mr. Everett—Malcolm Everett?" said 'Lena, quickly.

"Yes, Malcolm Everett'" answered the captain. "He is there spending the beautiful girl trust, and I can assure you that her happiness shall be the first object of my life."

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"Yes, Malcolm Everett'" apprinced the captain in the marriage notices. heart she did not believe 'Lena guilty ex-cept so far as a desire to attract Mr. There was no cringing on the part of Malcolm Everett. He was unused to that 'Lena's exclamation of astonishment heart she did not believe 'Lena guilty ex-Graham's attention would make her so.

For this belief she had a good and potent reason. The daguerrectype which had caused so much trouble was still in her possession, guarded carefully from her husband, who never suspecting the truth, supposed he had lost it. Frequently had Mrs. Graham examined the picture each time discovering some point of difference between it and its supposed original. Still she never for a moment. original. Still she never for a moment

On their way home from Havana, Mr. Graham had proposed stopping a day in Cincinnati, taking rooms at the Burnet House, where the first individual whom they saw at the table was our old acquaintative. Not finding his business, and the secret.

"I do," he answered calmly, with a quiet smile, tenfold more tantalizing than harsh words would have been, "I do. Can I have her with your consent?"

Never, so long as I live. I'd sooner acting only for the good of her child. For see her dead than wedded to vulgar a long time Anna appeared to be in a poverty." ness as profitable in Lexington as he poverty." could wish, he had recently moved to Cincinnati. Here his aspiring mind had prompted him to board at the Burnet House, until he'd see the "Ohio elephant," when he intended retiring to one of the cheaper boarding-houses. The moment he saw Mr. Graham, a grin of recognition became visible on his face, bringing to view a row of very long and very yellow teeth, apparently unacquainted with the use of either water or brush. "What is that loafer who seems to know

you?" asked Mrs. Graham, directing her husband's attention toward Joel. Mr. Graham replied that "he had once seen him in Lexington, and that he took daguerreotypes."

The moment dinner was over, Joel came forward, going through with one of his wonderful boy's and exclaiming, with Nancy, only she's lean and you are squatty. S'posin' you give me a call and get your picters taken. I diden't get an all-killin' sight of practice in Lexington, for the plaguy green-horns didn't know enough to patternize me, and 'taint a tar-nation sight better here; but you," turning to Mr. Graham, "employed me once, and pretended to be suited." Mr. Graham turned scarlet, and saying

something in an undertone to Joel, gave his wife his arm, leading her to their room, where he made an excuse for leaving her awhile. Looking from the window a moment after, Mrs. Graham saw him walking down the street in close conversation with Joel, who, by the way of showing his importance, lifted his white beaver to almost every man he met. Instant ly her curiosity was roused, and when her husband returned, every motion of his was narrowly watched, the espionage resulting in the conviction that there was something in his possession which he did not wish her to see. Once, when she came unexpectedly upon him, he hastily thrust something into his pocket, appearing so much confused that she resolved to

Accordingly, that night, when assured by his heavy breathing that he was asleep, she crept softly from his side, and rummaging his pockets, found a daguerreotype, which by the full moonlight she saw was a fac-simile of the one she had in her possession. The arrangement of the hair-everything-was the same, and utterly confounded, she stood gazing first at one and then at the other, wonder ing what it meant. Could 'Lena be in the city? She though not, and even if she were, the last daguerreotype was not so much like her, she fancied, as the first. At all events, she did not dare secret it as she had done its companion, and stealthily returning it to its place, she crept

The next night they reached Woodlawn where they learned that Mabel was buried felt convinced of that, and gradually the conviction came upon her that another than 'Lena was the original of the daguerreotypes. And yet she was not generous enough to tell Durward so. She knew he was deceived-she wished him to remain so-and to effect it, she refrained from seeking an explanation from her husband, fearing lest 'Lena should be proved innocent. Her husband knew there was a misunderstanding between Durward and 'Lena, and if she were to ask him about the pictures, he would, she thought, at once suspect the cause of that misunderstanding, and as a matter of course, exonerate 'Lena from all blame. The consequence of this she foresaw, and prevented Durward from making 'Lena

the winter, to keep the matter almost it is.' constantly before Durward's mind, frequently referring to 'Lena's agitation when she first learned that Mr. Graham had started for Europe. She had called day of her husband's departure. 'Lena had not met the lady before, since that night in Frankfort, and now, with the and then, too proud to leave the room, do?

Europe, where he will remain three other hand, Malcolm proves untrue, you months, and perhaps longer, just accord. must promise to have me. Come, that's mony a grand and imposing one. In the ing to his business.

The bright flush died away, and was succeeded by paleness, which did not swered Anna. escape the observation of either mother or son, the latter of whom had watched her from the first, noting each change, and interpreting it according to his fears. | ied Anna. "'Lena, 'Lena, how have I been deaunt, who asked what was the matter. that she was faint and dizzy. Death had been but yesterday within their walls, and captain not so bad, after all, as if softened by its presence, Mrs, Livingstone actually spoke kindly of her niece, vise you to watch," said John Jr., when saying, that "constant watching with poor he learned from Anna the result of the dear Mabel had impaired her health."

may affect her," returned Mrs. Graham, Livingstone's persecutions ceased, and with a meaning look, which, though lost on Mrs. Livingstone, was noticed by Durward, who soon proposed leaving ward, who soon proposed leaving.

against it."

throw the least shade of suspicion upon 'Lena. Her reputation as yet is good, and you must not be the first to say grew weary with hope deferred. Smiling-

ham, anxious to conciliate her son, but she found it a harder matter to refrain than she had first supposed.

'Lena was to her a constant eye-sore, and nothing but the presence of Durward prevented her from occassionally giving vent in public to expressions which would have operated unfavorably against the young girl, and then, without once seeing 'Lena, departing for Europe, where business, either fancied or real, called him. Often when lying weary and sick in Havana, had he resolved on revealing to his wife the secret which he felt was wearing his life away, but the cowardice

Loving her husband as well as such as was his original intention, he started for now carelessly glancing at the first page, she could love, she was ever ready to for-give when she saw any indications of re-form on his part, and as during all their

Graham's attention would make her so. and as an equal meets an equal, he met was prevented by a shrick from Anna, them, made known his request, and then who had that moment read the announce-

"And why not, madam?" he answered with Mrs. Livingstone. original. Still she never for a moment doubted that it was 'Lena, until an event occurred which convinced her of the contrary, leaving her, meantime, more mystified than ever.

"And why not, madam: "he answered coolly, while Mrs. Livingstone.

"Fortune favors us," was her reply, as she went back to her daughter, whose long, death like swoon almost wrung from her the secret.

It is wonderful how they do it, but they do ask for my daughter!"

It is wonderful how they do it, but they do her the secret.

said Malcolm, bowing stiffly. "And now ett's name were mentioned in her pres-I will hear yours," turning to Mr. Livingstone, who replied, that "he would leave the matter entirely with his wife—it was some mistake. Anna refused to listen, nothing to him—he nad nothing personal angrily bidding 'Lena desist, and saying against Mr. Everett—he rather liked him frequently that she cared but little what than otherwise, but he hardly thought became of herself now. A species of Anna suited to him, she had been brought recklessness seemed to have taken posup so differently;" and thus evasively session of her, and when her mother one

answering, he walked away. ingstone, as the door closed upon him.
"If I pretend to be a man, I'd be one;" cold, indifferent tone which now marked then turning to Malcolm, she said, "Is her manner of speaking, "Let him. there anything further you wish to say?" am ready and willing for the sacrifice."
"Nothing," he replied. "I have "Are you in earnest?" asked Mrs, honorably asked you for your daughter. Livingstone, eagerly. You have refused her, and must abide "In earnest? Yes—try me and see,"

other since her infancy." of that old man," answered Malcolm. "I fortunes as his wife,

know your schemes. I've seen them all "'Twill be winter and spring," said she, along, and I will frustrate them, too." with a bitter, mocking laugh, "'Twill be, "You cannot," fiercely answered Mrs.
Livingstone. "It shall be ere another year comes round, and when you hear that it is so, know that you hastened it forward;" and the indignant lady, finding that her component was not inclined to ing that her opponent was not inclined to move, left the room herself going in quest of Anna, whom she determined to watch for fear of what arises and now, helieving the move of what arises and the indignant lady, find-name afterward became hateful to him, and now, as he thought of Anne's affecting the move helieving the move helievin

household, instituting a strict search, stars go down, bending far out from rhe which resulted in the discovery of Anna window, that the damp air might cool her beneath the same sycamore where Mal- burning brow, ane when the morning sun Cor. of Queen and Regent Sts., Thirty-Three Million Dollars colm had first breathed his vows, and came up the eastern horizon, its first whither she had repaired to await the decision of her parents.

told of the result, "but it matters not. I mind a terrible conviction was fastening am yours, and I'll never marry another." itself-Anna was crazed! She saw it in the any further conversation, and with a hurried adieu they parted. A few days after wards, as Mrs. Livingstone, sat in her large, easy chair before the glowing grate Captain Atherton was announced, and shown at once into her room. To do Mrs. Livingstone justice, we must say that she large of the same and shown at once into her room. To do Mrs. Livingstone justice, we must say that she large of the same and shown at once into her room. To do Mrs. Livingstone justice, we must say that she large of the eye, in the tones of her eye, in the tone in the saker Brook, on the large Road, 5 miles from the election, fronting on the Baker Brook, on the election, fronting on the Baker Brook, on the election, fronting on the election, fronting on the el Livingstone justice, we must say that she had long debated the propriety of giving Anna, in all the freshness of her girlhood, to a man old as her father, but any hesitancy she had heretofore felt, had now vanished. The crisis had come, and when the captain as he had two on three times. To do Mrs. Livingstone to sacrince her on the alter of mammoth.

But Mrs. Livingstone turned angrily away, telling her to mind her own affairs. Then 'Lena sought her cousin, and winding her arms around her neck, besought of her to resist—to burst the chain which here are the captain as he had two on three times.

that day. Of course 'Lena could not have been absent from home. Mrs. Graham before done, broached the subject, urging of her head, Anna bade her go away. her to a decision, she replied that she "Leave me, "'Lena Rivers," she was willing, provided Anna's consent "leave me to work out my destiny. It is could be gained.

> whiskers-" Bring her in here, and I'll ear." coax her in five minutes." and 'Lena when word came that her

mother wished to see her, the servant adding, with a titter, that "Mas'r Atherent, and if Mrs. Livingstone sometimes of Sacks Rice; and if Mrs. Livingstone sometimes of Bath Brick;

sent for, and turning white as marble, seemed to have taken their place quite an she begged her cousin to go with her. But 'Lena refused, soothing the agitated with the bride elect of Captain Atherton. therefore she resolved upon keeping her girl, and begging her to be calm. own counsel, satisfied if in the end she "You've only to be decided," said she, "and it will soon be over. Captain Atherton, I am sure, will not insist when To effect this, she endeavored, during he sees how repugnant to your feelings him her fears, he smilingly answered, "I

But Anna knew her own weakness-she could never say, in her mother's presence what she felt-and trembling like an aspen, she descended the stairs, meeting with her son at Maple Grove on the very in the lower hall her brother, who asked

"Oh, John, John," she cried, "Captain Atherton is in there with mother, and utmost hauteur, she returned her nod, they have sent for me. What shall 1

back with you?" she involuntarily held burst of tears, Anna told him she could her breath for the answer, which, when it not be his wife because she loved an. came, sent the blood in torrents to her other, he said, good humoredly, "Well, face and neck, while her eyes sparkled with joy. She should see him—he would explain everything—and she should be you think me. So we'll compromise the eyes shone brighter than every yes, or I should not do it; pels me, else I would resist.' guiltless in Durward's sight. This was matter this way. If you really love Malthe cause of her joy, which was quickly colm, why, marry him, and on your bridal turned into sorrow by Mrs. Graham's adday I'll make you a present of a nice little ding, "But he started this morning for place I have in Frankfort; but if, on the Europe, where he will remain three other hand, Malcolm proves untrue, you a fair bargain. What do you say?"

"Malcolm will never prove untrue," an-Of course not," returned the captain. So you are safe in promising." "But what good will it do you?" quer-

"No good, in particular," said the capceived!" was his mental cry as she pro- tain, "It's only a whim of mine, to which cipitately left the room, saying to her I thought you might perhaps agree, in consideration of my offer. "I do--I will," said Anna, thinking the f. There's mischief somewhere, and I ad-

interview. "Perhaps there are other causes which But week after week glided by. Mrs.

and when about the first of March Captain voice to stay her in her purpose? No On their way home, his mother asked if he observed 'Lena, when Mr. Graham was mantioned the inst of March Captain she scarcely thought of Mabel now, and with unflinching determination she kept the day long went singing about the on her way. Without saying that he did, Durward house, unmindful of the snare laid for her replied, "I noticed your remark to Mrs. unsuspecting footsteps. At length Mal-Livingstone, and was sorry for it, for I do colm's letters suddenly ceased, and not wish you to say a word which will though Anna wrote again and again, there Screws. throw the least shade of suspicion upon came no answer. Old Cæsar, who always 'Lena. Her reputation as yet is good, carried and brought the mail for Mapel and you must not be the first to say aught Grove, was questioned, but he declared he "done got none from Mas'r Everett," and suspicion in that quarter was lulled. 2 Cases Wood Screws, containing 650 gross and suspicion in that quarter was lulled. Without saying that he did, Durward and suspicion in that quarter was lulled. replied, "I noticed your remark to Mrs. Unfortunately for Anna, both her father

Livingstone, and was sorry for it, for I do and John Jr. were now away, and she had not wish you to say a word which will no counselor save 'Lena, who once, on her "I won't, I won't" answered Mrs. Grament laughing at Anna for what she termham, anxious to conciliate her son, but ed love-sickness, and the next advising

had upon the table. Simultaneously with

CHAPTER XXIX.

ANNA AND CAPTAIN ATHERTON.

Malcolm Everett's engagement with General Fontaine had expired, and as was his original intention he started for

kind of benumbed torpor, requesting to "That is your answer. Very well," be left alone, and shuddering if Mr. Everday carelessly remarked that possibly "Cowardly fool!" muttered Mrs. Liv- Captain Atherton would claim the fulfill-

was Anna's brief answer, which somewhatI "And pray what may that be?" she puzzled her mother, who would in reality

sent, I shall not then hesitate to take her thought, and drawing Anna closely to her without, if you still persist in opposing her."

"There is the door," said Mrs. Livingcould she see her the wi'e of Captain Atherton, who had loved and waited for "I see it madam," answered Malcolm, her so long, and who would leave no wish, without deigning to move.

"Oblige me by passing out," continued Mrs Livingstone. "Insolent creature, to stand here threatening to elope with my daughter, who has been destined for another since her inferer."

Insolent creature, to there asked, and when next the captain came, she laid her feverish hand in his, and other since her inferer." with a strange, wild light beaming from "But she shall never become the bride her dark blue eyes, promised to share his

move, left the room herself going in quest of Anna, whom she determined to watch for fear of what might happen,

But Anna was nowhere to be found, and done.

in a paroxysm of rage she alarmed the That night Anna saw the moon and streamed across the window-sill, her only "I expected as much," said she, when pillow the livelong night. On 'Lena's The approach of the servants prevented wildness of her eye, in the tones of her

decreed that I shall be his wife, and I may "Pho! that's easy enough," said the not struggle against it. Each night I captain, complacently rubbing together read it in the stars, and the wind, as it his fat hands and smoothing his colored sighs in the maple trees, whispers it to my

"Oh, if my aunt could see her now," Anna was sitting with her grandmother thought 'Lena; but as if her mother's presence had a paralyzing power, Anna, on thar too." missed her merry laugh and playful ways, Instinctively she knew why she was she thought the air of dignity which improvement, and far more in keeping

About this time Mr. Livingstone returned, appearing greatly surprized at the phase which affairs had assumed in his absence, but when 'Lena whispered to reckon you're mistaken. Her mother would have found it out-where is she?" In her chamber at the old place by the

open window they found her, and though she did not as usual spring eagerly for. ward to meet her father, her greeting was wholly natural; but when Mr. Livingstone, taking her upon his knee, said gently, "They tell me you are to be married soon," the wildness came back to resumed her sext near the window, directly opposite the divan on which Durward was seated with Carrie.

She did not know before of Mrs.

Graham's return, and when her aunt

"Be a woman, answered John Jr.

"Tell him no in good broad English, and if the old fellow insists, I'll blow his brains out!"

But the captain did not insist. He was please you? Do you enter into it willingly?"

Too supplied for that, and when, with a long there was a wavering.

For a moment there was a wavering, and Lena held her breath to catch the answer, which came at last, while the eyes shone brighter than ever-" Willing? yes, or I should not do it; no one com "Woman's nature," said Mr. Living-

stone, laughingly, while 'Lena turned Dec. 11-52. away to hide her tears. Day after day preparations went on, for neighborhood, the fast approaching event was discussed, some pronouncing it a most fortunate thing for Anna. who could not, of course, expect to make so eligible a match as her more brilliant sister, while others-the sensible portion-wondered, pitied, and blamed, attributing the whole to the ambitious mother, whose agency in erican Cutlery, etc. her son's marriage was new generally known. At Maple Grove closets, chairs, tables, and sofas were loaded down with Buck and Hether finery, and like an automaton, Anna stood up while they fitted to her the rich white satin, scarcely whiter than her own face, and Mrs. Livivgstone, when she saw her daughter's indifference, would pinch her bloodless cheeks, wondering how she could care so little for her good fortune.

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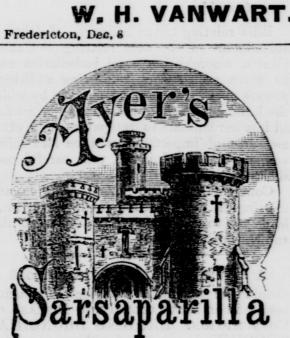
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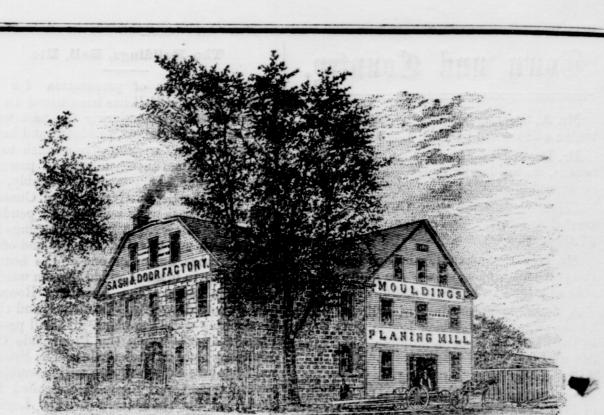


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