Gently smooth her restless pillow,

Wet her fevered lips again, For surely love and fond attention May be lavished not in vain.

Tread lightly near her couch of anguish Whisper softly to our girl, For a harsher step or murmur, May the fleeting life destroy.

Alas tis done; the struggle's over. Hope has withered in our breast, Nestled in her Saviour's bosom, Jennie gently sank to rest.

Would we now with tears and groaning, Call our Jennie back to life? Only would selfish love detain her, In a world of care and strife.

Far away from care and sorrow. In that world of bliss above, There our Jennie with the angels Sings the song of heavenly love.

Cease our hearts rebellious sighing For our precious sleeping one, Our Jennie is among the angels 'Tis enough, God's will be done.

Literature.

THE DOUGLAS HEIR

CHAPTER XXXII.

BROWNIE'S STRANGE VISITOR that moment greater consternation could gleam of her eyes. not have prevailed than at this announce

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such a mesalliance as that. "Call it whatever you choose, madam,

Surely a nobler specimen of manhood an Dredmond at that moment; and poor

haughty bow to the assembled company, only keep silence. he withdrew.

"Charles," he exclaimed, seizing his friend's hand when they were alone in the expecting me to come to her, and I know jewels to you." she would never have gone away of her own accord.

"I am constrained to take that view of it now, after what you have told me: al though I must confess, before you came, I was inclined to believe the very worst of

be wrong or Mrs. Coolidge would not few weeks," have spoken as she had done. The future will disclose whether I have

or not, he replied, coldly. "You may depend upon me, Adrian,

not do to speak of them thas in Sir Charles' presence, he stopped. "What?" Sir Charles demanded, with a Isabel, before going to her own room.

said; then added, suddenly: "You may life." unexceptional parentage, and I shall wedding. marry her just as soon as I am fortunate enough to find her.

for the lost one, Adrian departed, his the young girl's stron, true spirit.

love, only to lose her so soon again, and under such mysterious circumstances,

"Mamma, did you ever hear anything like it?" demanded Isabel of her mother, as soon as they could excuse themselves from the drawing-room and retire to their No; things are getting terribly mixed

of course her companion accompanied her,

quite recent, I judge.' "Well, he won't find her again for one

ed, in a frightful whisper. answered, vindictively. "To think that fright that she could not speak. she should win him, while you will only

be a baronet's wife." Isabel flushed angrily.

tongue," she said. "Let us go and see how it fares with her now; methinks the proud beauty his face was pale and haggard, and his long good to relate," was the pained replacement and the manner of your doing.

His face was pale and haggard, and his long good to relate," was the pained replacement and make known the fact of your doing.

And But humbled or not she will have to stay went to her heart at once. there until after your marriage, for if Mr. Dredmond should find her now, there surmounted by hair which was perfectly would be an end to all your fine plans," white, although his general appearance

She shoved the heavy bolt, and the two His head was very large for the rest of draped door. women entered Brownie's prison. They found her sitting upon the floor near the

door, looking pale and wan. eyes at first so that she could scarcely see, all; one hand hung limp, withered, and but she arose as they entered and stood helpless by his side, while one foot and in haughty silence before them, and hold. leg were twisted entirely out of place, the ing the precious casket tightly clasped in her hands behind her, "Well, how do you like your place of

retirement? Quiet, isn't it?" sneered He had a true, good face, full of intelli-Isabel, while she began to walk about the gence and mental power, and while she I am not sure but that prayer is begining place as if to examine it.

one more appeal to you. Are you willing for he said, with his sad smile: to accede to my terms?

" No, madam. persuade you, under any circumstances, to I did not think any one could get in here. let Isabel retain those jewels a while and I was startled at first." longer, and you keep silent about them?" "I ought to have been more careful, more of a prisoner than I have been ever to human endurance, and I have reached to wake you, lest I should be heard," and seen the outside of these buildings, ex- possible that a mother could so far for-**的智力**的一个 that limit." But scarce were the words spoken when she uttered a cry of pain and dismay,

dashed the casket from her hands.

could turn to prevent her, she had capglided from the place.

Brownie sprang to follow the artful girl, but Mrs. Coolidge barred the way.

"No, no, miss, you cannot leave this place to-night; you are in too dangerous and she looked perplexed, for she could place to-night; you are in too dangerous are in too dangerous."

"But how did you know I was here?" of me until I was about fourteen years and hired of me until I was about fourteen years af age. They often abused and ill-treat
"You are at liberty to go and come at of the could of me until I was about fourteen years af age. They often abused and ill-treat
"You are very kind; but when the a mood," she said.

"I mean just what I said, that you are too dangerous to be let loose to-night, un. | all to you," he said. less you will solemnly promise not to

make any trouble for us.' "You are very much mistaken if you posite end of the cell. think you can make any such terms with me, Mrs. Coolidge. I do not fear you in continued the least, and unless you restore my jewels, and let me go at once, I shall of stone about a foot and a half in diamemake such trouble that you will rue it ter?" until your dying day."

And Mrs. Coolidge knew she would do stronger than her own; she quailed be which runs clear to the ceiling?" fore it, and knew that victory for her could

this nineteenth century you can keep me in finding the way." be missed, if I am not already, and the here," Brownie said, hesitatingly. whole house searched for me.

house and grounds have been thoroughly scarcely comprehend it. searched for you, but no one has thought of looking here for you, Miss Douglas," place, I will join you; only one can go at and did not feel quite so lonely and wild." those fearful outbursts of passion of "You remember I told you that I Had an earthquake shaken the house at Mrs. Coolidge replied, with a malicious a time, because the platform is so nar. A shudder seemed to shake his whole which I have told you. If my father sometimes go to a little old chapel,

The woman started. She had not base." shrieked Lady Randal, at last. You make before, and it was a good while before the Brownie asked, curiously. grand wedding would come off.

you here for the present. Undoubtedly then added: "Have you courage to step the act, suddenly said: you know that Isabel is to marry Sir upon that narrow platform and go down "How thoughtless in never braved the world's scorn than Adri- Charles Randal very shortly, and I am alone?"

on speaking, in tones of anxiety; she was then, I promise you, we will return the -so. Now you are all right."

The delicate lips curled, and the lovely eyes flashed ominously. "Will you?" asked her enemy.

glc point!" was the haughty reply. "Very well, there is nothing more to shone, dimly lighting the place. easiness, "that you have not been deceived in Miss Douglas."

Adrian's lips curled again.

The state of the stairs and the shaft instantly began to ascend again.

Following the stairs she soon found here-

A few weeks! Brownie thought, with a sinking heart.

and a tray containing a dainty supper, the "Thank you, but I am wild in trying to former having taking care to provide, survey of the apartment, for she was rethink what has become of the poor child. it, knowing that her prisoner had been joined by her strange companion. lam almost tempted to believe—" He long without food. They also brought He smiled at her look of wonder and man remarked, seeing her listless atti- would be reduced to the most abject He was upon the point of saying he then retired, leaving her somewhat anxi- the door, and dropping the tapestry over feared trechery on the part of the Coolidges; but remembering that it would dued.

think what you choose concerning what I "Pshaw! After two or three days of cell. At the right of it she also saw that

"But would you trust her now?"

with hope and love, with not a thought ened she felt somewhat more cheerful. knowledged His hand in leading her forth "And it is her daughter who is to dropped upon her black dress, where but that he should clasp his darling in | She arranged her bed, for she was very from her captivity.

light she could distinguish a strange-look. admiration. ing object kneeling by her side.

up, it seems to me. How, when, where find herselt face to face with a form so her mother would feel the next time they misshapen, so frightful, so weird and un- unbolted the door, and found their bird did he meet her again, I wonder?

"I have it," said Isabel. Lady Ruxley canny, that the sound suddenly died upon flown! attended the dinner at Dunforth Castle: her lips, and left her paralyzed with fear. "But I don't see how you got the shaft and they met there. It must have been moved away from her a pace or two at plexity. Her spirits were rising every then he appeared to be sunk in reverie. seeing her so terrified.

Have I frightened you? I am so sorry, "It works in the same way from this ly aroused himself, and said: while, that is sure," returned Mrs. Cool- and yet I might have known. But do not room that it does from the other; only "Miss Douglas, you and I are both refrain from weeping as she looked into fear, I would be the last person in the when it got down, I moved around to the Oh, mamma, you look almost as though you would like to kill her! Isabel exclaim. greeted her ears, in tones so soft and gentle that Brownie involuntarily raised her to its place again. I thought it best for my mind that any explanation would within him. "I believe I wish she had died before eyes, and was at once reassured, though you, however, to come up by the stairs, have to be rendered as to your release She sat in deep and perplexed thought

she ever saw Adrian Dredmond," she still so weak and trembling from her first fearing you might fall from the platform from yonder cell, although I should not for several minutes. There was evi-"That all comes of papa's picking up a that the light struck full upon his face, piece of machinery and that riddled wall. but I must tell you frankly that it will letting her disappearance still remain a nobody with a pretty face and a glib and was looking down upon her with a "There is a sad story connected with bring the direct confusion upon the in- mystery, or boldly face them all, and

will be somewhat humbled by this time. smile of patient sweetness upon them that vivid crimson.

His forehead was high and broad, and said Mrs. Coolidge, moving toward the did not indicate that he could be more than twenty-one or twenty-two years of

his body, and rested forward upon his breast, while his shoulders came up so but she looked somewhat disappointed, The light which they bore blinded her high that he seemed to have no neck at heel being where the toe should be. Ah! he was a sad-looking object, but

Brownie felt no fear of him now. looked into it, a great pity came into her to be answered by the events of to-night, brother, although I have never yet look- of herstealing away and hiding herself The insulted girl deigned her no reply. eyes, and the tears involuntarily started. and your presence here. So why should ed upon his face; neither do I remem- from him? "Miss Douglas, I have come to make He was quick to read her sympathy, I not tell you?" "Thank you; I see you don't fear me

any longer. "Will nothing move you? Cannot I "Oh, no," she answered, gently: "but

he glanced toward the door. Then he added: hind her, and with one powerful blow had I came to release you."

admiringly upon her now bright face.

here?" Brownie demanded, almost pas- a nod in the direction of Isabel's room.

"Do you see that semicircular block of seems like heaven to me!"

it; she saw that she had aroused a spirit set close to that small round shaft of stone his forehead was covered with moisture ness to my otherwise blighted life; but to establish your character and justify

marriage. Then she would not care what will find that this stone pillar will begin stances which had so isolated him from "You do not fear me, and I have power descended about four feet you will see a sort of kindred ties. He turned toward these buildings, and I live here in this you trust yourself to me a little longer to keep you here indefinitely?" she re- short flight of stone steps; step upon her, and seeing the pity in her eyes, said: secret chamber, unknown to all but my I shall be obliged to take you from here these and this shaft will return to its "That may be, but there will come a place. Follow the stone steps and they my sorrow—it will overcome me at times. day of reckoning sooner or later," Brownie will lead you to a comfortable room; I But, as I was saying, I used to think I replied dauntlessly. "You do not sup- left the door open, and there is a light should die shut up in there away from pose," she added, scornfully, "that in within, so that you will have no difficulty every one; so, after my passion exhaust-

"You have been missed and the whole ous to her, that for a moment she could in there, I would creep close to this spot, and kindness. In my youth I could yet wondering if some new adventure

row," he replied. "How strange! it does not look as if ful days.

cell, but only this one has the bolt at the nie began to be very beautiful.

rand wedding would come off.

She meditated a moment before reply- or a way of escape, in case of troublous "Call it whatever you choose, madam, but please remember when you speak of Miss Douglas in the future, that you are speaking of the future Lady of Dunforth,"

She meditated a moment before reply. The same of troublous to all appearance scarcely human. She looked at her watch, and found it was speaking of the future Lady of Dunforth,"

She meditated a moment before reply. The same of troublous to all appearance scarcely human. She looked at her watch, and found it was four o'clock, The young man, noting that perhaps the event might open a uplifting of her small head; "it will the sat suddenly said."

"Yes, I will go," she said, and stepped "What is that?" demanded Brownie, upon the semicircular block of stone. trouble? Something is wrong," he went from everybody until after the wedding; There! now plant your foot upon the bolt joy.

Brownie obeyed his directions without a fear, for she saw that he was only intent upon serving her, and she felt herself in another dark closet, or passage, from "No! I will not yield to you in a sin- which a short flight of stone steps led up ing the book of fine engravings which she added, flushing a lovely color, and ing, when she would see another bolt she added, flushing a lovely color, and ing, when she would see another bolt she added, flushing a lovely color, and ing, when she would see another bolt she added, flushing a lovely color, and ing, when she would see another bolt she added, flushing a lovely color, and ing, when she would see another bolt she added, flushing a lovely color, and lovely to an open door, through which a light he offered her. her. I hope," he added, with some un- be said, then. I will arrange a good bed She stepped from the platform upon

> The walls were hung with ancient and been rendered such a blank. faded tapestry, but the floor was carpeted

Would she dare keep her there so long? with bright warm colors, and the room was quite tastefully furnished. "You may depend upon me, Adrian, to do all in my power to unravel this mys- what would they all think had become of in silver candlesticks, and a cheerful fire man?

> She had not time for a more minute her a chair, and left her a candle, and curiosity, and after shutting and locking tude

"Now I will explain how I happened to "We'll bring her to terms before many know that you were in trouble and needdays-never fear," Mrs. Coolidge said to ed assistance.

He moved a few steps further up the ley. "I don't know about it, mamma; she room, thrust aside another portion of the I do not know what to believe, Adrian is the spunkiest thing I ever saw in my hangings, and Brownie saw the same shaft replied, with a painful start, and a vivid or pillar of stone that she had seen in the have told you to-night, and the world may that kind of life she will be glad to go a portion of the stone wall had been hamsay what it will, but Miss Douglas is of away; and hide himself until after the mered or chiseled away, until only a very disturbed by her words. thin surface divided the two rooms, and this had been punctured full of tiny holes then?" he asked, thoughtfully "Yes; she'd never promise unless she through which could be seen the light of "I am companion to Lady Ruxley, After a few more minutes spent in con- meant it. and she'd keep her word," was the candle which they had left behind; although before coming to her I was

He had come with a heart beating high hungry, and the inner man thus strength- good Shepherd, while she reverently ac. of her troubles with Mrs. Coolidge.

his arms, and, with Lady Ruxley's co-ope- weary with sitting for so many hours upon "Yes," the young man replied, while a man asked, deeply interested. ration, be able to place her in a position that stone floor, and then retired, feeling look of infinite pain swept over his feabefitting her station until he could marry rather lonely and sad, but confident that tures, "it is always very quiet here, and her. He had brought a little ring set the Lord, her shepherd, would care for to night while reading I was startled by with a single glittering stone of purest her there as tenderly as in her own room; the sound of voices and a low, mocking water, with which he had hoped to seal their vows, and now, as he carried it away with him, it seemed like a silent mocker with him, it seemed like a silent mocker with him, it seemed like a silent mocker with him at single grittering stone of parest and ere long she was sleeping soundly.

She never knew how long she had been unbroken happened before, I threw down my book, he answered, with curling lips. and dreamless, but she was suddenly crept to this spot, and listened, Although To have found his darling and won her awakened by a cold clasp upon her hand! I could not see very distinctly, I could In an instant every sense was unlocked hear, and soon discovered that some one girl replied, gently. and she was broad awake, with that in- had been forced into yonder cell to cover was a terrible blow to him, while the worst of all was the fact that he did not know on the terrible blow to him, while the worst of all was the fact that he did not know on the terrible blow to him, while the worst of a horrible prescale with the did not know of all was the fact that he did not know on the terrible blow to him, while the worst of a horrible prescale with the did not know of all was the fact that he did not know on the terrible blow to him, while the worst of a horrible prescale with the did not know of a horrible prescale with the did no The candle still burned, and lighted the fused to yield to your tormentors, when I am told."

place with a reddish glare, for she had not most young ladies would have begged extinguished it, feeling that the darkness and prayed to be let out upon any terms." Her lips curled in a little michievous With a cry of terror she started up to smile, as she wondered how Isabel and could, and concluded

The creature immediately arose and down to those stairs," she said, in per-

CHAPTER XXXIII.

HERBERT RANDAL. to be inquisitive, or to arouse any unplea-

"During the last few years of my life I have been led to recognize a higher power as guiding my life, and I have been pray. ing that its bitterness might be removed.

Then, with a sudden decision, he went! "Miss Douglas, this place has been my plied, with intense bitterness. home all my life. Yes," as he saw ther "Impossible! Why, it is too hor- right this terrible wrong. She knew look of surprise, and speaking with great rible!" ejaculated the young girl, more he would not allow it to remain longer bitterness, "a galley slave is scarcely and more astonished and shocked.

and sisters! I have read of it, and it he has an invalid sister depending upon beautiful before. His voice, as he said this, was like the port. He has been very kind to me, "it may be this is the way it is to he "And what looks like a huge iron bolt his hands were locked in pain, and that mind aright, thus giving some bright your own judgment. If it is necessary only be gained in one way—to keep her under lock and key until after Isabel's press your foot firmly upon that bolt, you even know his name, nor the circum. to slide slowly down. When you have all humanity, or denied to him the com-

ed itself and I was let out, I used to busy dreadful to be shut up from the beau- Brownie replied, frankly. concealed for any length of time. I shall "But you—you will have to remain myself, when I was alone in this room, by tiful world—for I read of its beauties if "Are your nerves strong?" he asked, cutting away this wall, and puncturing I cannot see them; but it is more dread- with a grave, troub ed face. and with my ear against these holes, I not patiently bear it, and gave way to awaited her.

mutilated thus. It is several years now "May I ask how long you intend to "No; the trap was very cunningly plan- since these holes have been serviceable to such a thing as a relative like me; and growing pale and sick with the Mrs. Coolidge cowed instantly beneath keep me in solitary confinement? You ned probably when the old castle was first me, for the evil spirit within me was long while my mother not only cannot bear thought, and she shivered as if an icy

"Adrian, surely you are crazy!" almost thought of its being solitary confinement hought of its being solitary confinement browning street. She had not be noble man, and I long to know it, and will soon be in. If you would blindthis sad young cripple, who was so there has always been a faint hope in fold your eyes, I could lead you, and t, gentle, yet repulsive, so intelligent, yet my heart that longing might be you need not experience anything

"How thoughtless in me, Miss Doug- could go away by myself and no one I know the dead cannot harm me; las, to keep you standing all this time. ever know who I am. But your con- and you say you have been this way an Dredmond at that moment; and poor Brownie, although in "durance vile" above them, might well look hopefully into the future, which should be reserved.

Brownie into the future, which should be reserved.

Brownie lifted her clear eyes once more that moment; and poor resolved that nothing shall interfere with and searched his face before replying.

It was a noble countenance, and full of for you to get back into the Hell event.

Brownie lifted her clear eyes once more that match. If I should let you go now, and searched his face before replying.

It was a noble countenance, and full of for you to get back into the Hell event.

Brownie lifted her clear eyes once more that match. If I should let you go now, and searched his face before replying.

It was a noble countenance, and full of for you to get back into the Hell event. above them, might well look hopefully into the future, which should be passed by the side of such a noble defender as this.

Turning to Sir Charles he made a signal for bim to follow him and then with a continuous to some condition upon which I would release you," she concluded, with a searching look into the young girl's face, and really that moment recall.

It was a noble countenance, and full of marks of pain and patient suffering, and while she looked it seemed suddenly to grow strangely like some other face which she had seen, yet whose she could not at until the household are astir. If you have to tell how you came to be shut that moment recall.

It was a noble countenance, and full of marks of pain and patient suffering, and while she looked it seemed suddenly to grow strangely like some other face which she had seen, yet whose she could not at until the household are astir. If you have to tell how you came to be shut that moment recall. can be comfortable here for an hour up, and the next inquiry will be, 'how aside a portion of the tapestry hanglonger, I will do my best to entertain did you get out?" "You will only be alone for a moment," you. I have books, and all the latest "I see," said Brownie, with curling ed her to draw back the bolt and push "That you would go quietly away from he said, "for I shall follow you immedi-

really made the somewhat dismal apartment very cheerful. She thanked him and sat down, tak-

She looked at one or two of the pic- "but I honestly believe the time has tures, but she seemed to have no inter-

He knew what he had reference to. Sir Charles believed that something must manage to exist quite comfortably for a solution of his sad history, and why his life had live. It is fearful to think that you in reality a small, ancient buryingof his sad history, and why his life had live. It is fearful to think that you in reality a small, ancient burying-It could not be that he was really in- she concluded, indignantly. sane, and that it was necessary to confine him thus! Was she with a mad- which incloses one side of the little

more in the dark than ever. "You are very weary," the young it not been for my tutor, whom I know blood, liver and kidneys. poverty if deprived of his situation, and "No," she answered, smiling; "but I so pity has kept me here."

am wondering how my explanation re-"But you might go out and assert garding my abscence and sudden reapyour rights. Of course, a portion of pearance will be received by Lady Rux- all this proporty would fall to you, and then you could see that he did not suf-"Ah! I had not thought of that," he fer," interposed Brownie.

"Yes, I might do that, and perhaps flush crimsoning his white face. thereby gain the hatred of my brother. Brownie saw that he way very much I want his love-oh, I crave the love of some human being?" he cried, almost "You are an inmate of the family, passionately; then added, reverently: 'And so I am waiting God's time to

give me what is best.' sultation as to the best means of seeking the tribute which this bitter foe paid to and yet from the room they had just left, governess in the family of that woman events, if you will allow me to be such," heart filled well nigh to bursting with grief, insulted affection, and anxiety.

Left to herself, Brownie's first work was really very to eat her supper, for she was really very she remembered her confidence in the land she then related to him something out her hand to him, while two bright

marry m-Sir Charles!" the young they glittered like diamonds set in jet.

"Ah! then this is the beginning of

good things for me, and I will accept it

as a precious omen," he replied, clasp-

lighted with a deep and sudden joy. "I do not mean to complain," he added

a moment after, "for I have many

my Maker every day that He gave me

calls me into His kingdom. I have

I could be more in the air. But I try

Brownie felt that he had indeed

And still, should the fact become un-

known that Lady Randal had such a

that he was much more disturbed as to

But, Adrian! What would he think

And she knew well enough if she

he would instantly take measures to

concealed. She began to grow very

nervous about the dilemma.

and fit me for better things."

"Is she anything like her mother?" "Very much like her," Brownie said, ing her hand warmly, and his eyes

"I am very sorry for him," the young things to be thankful for, and I thank "He is very nice, I expect," said the this ugly body rather than a blunted

you possess a very brave spirit, for you re- "He is indeed a very fine young man glorified body in the future when He "Would you mind telling me what other comforts, too. Lady Randal prowould have been too horrible, and by its He concluded with another glance of he is like?" and Brownie wondered why vides bountifully for me. I have my his tones were husky and tremulous.

books, and moderately good health, She described him as well as she though that would be better, I think, if "To sum it all up, he is very hand- to feel that all my privations are sent some, and as good-they say-and noble to teach me some great lesson in life,

A heavy sigh was the only reply, and learned more than one great lesson in After an awkward silence, he sudden- life in the faith and patience which his

if you moved," the young man explained. have hesitated an instant about aiding dently only two things which he could He—for he was dressed in man's apparel, though so misshapen as to scarcely and this stone cut away so?" she asked, that some account of it is about using dently only two things which he could you had I thought of it I see now do; either leave the Hall altogether and this stone cut away so?" she asked, that some account of it will be necessary bide. resemble a human being—had turned, so feeling deeply interested in the strange that some account of it will be necessary hide, as Mrs. Coolidge had proposed, pair of the saddest gray eyes she ever saw. that Miss Douglas, which I fear it would mates of Vallingham Hall, when you let the guilty suffer for their own wrong-

> "I expected it would be somewhat son, and had wickedly concealed it, deembarrassing to Mrs. Coolidge and her priving him of all that makes life worth daughter, but how else will it bring con- the living for so many years, what a fusion!" Brownie asked, wonderingly. tempest it would raise about her head?

"Because it will have to be known and, if she were capable of such a crime "I beg your pardon. I did not mean that I was instrumental in it, and there might she not do worse and wreak fatal are but two or three people in the world | vengeance upon her already unhappy who know of my existence; consequent- victim? ly it would involve some very awkward Should she go away and hide? He saw it, and, after a moment's thought explanations on the part of at least one | For a moment, as she looked into continued, speaking more to himself than individual, and that is my own mother. that patient, suffering face opposite her, Miss Douglas, my name is Herbert she thought she would, as it was evident

> What! are you Lady Randal's son? the issue of the matter than he liked to lemanded Brownie, in astonishment. "Yes, and Sir Charles is my own ber having seen my mother more than half a dozen times in my life," he re- should make these things known to him

You cannot, madam; there is a limit but I did not like to speak loud enough since my unfortunate birth. I have never "It is even so. It does not seem cepting four blank walls which inclose a get her motherhood as to willingly con- these struggles in her troubled face. small court; I know not what my surdemn her own flesh and blood to what I "I believe that there is but one The next instant, and before Brownie eagerly. "Oh, yes, I can trust you fully !" formed disposition as well as a distorted one summer, but I was such a mis- haps if you could conceal the fact from

He seemed gratified by her confidence, body; for, as a child, I was subject to fits shapen mass of humanity that she went all but the immediate family that tured it, and with a low, mocking laugh, and smiled again, while his eyes rested of passion, so furious and of such long into convulsions upon first beholding was Lady Randal's son who released duration, that those who had charge of me, and has seldom been able to bear you, it might save some scandal." She had struck the arm that had been broken, and being weaker than the other the blow had benumbed it, causing her to release her hold upon the casket and to she had struck the arm that had been able to bear the how did you get in here?" she asked, the next instant.

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"I have been here many times, and yet release to me deemed me insane and unsafe for the time, and used to confine me in fyonder the sight of me since. While my father those who has seldom been able to bear the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. The bolt is released to the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. The bolt is released to the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. The bolt is released to the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. While my father the sight of me since. The bolt is released to the sight of me since. The bolt is released to the sight of me since. The bolt is released to the sight of me since. The bolt is released to the sight of me since. The bolt is released to the sight of me since. The bolt is released ed, pointing to the door by which Brow- so that the shaft will not move, and I my existence; but after his death my shall never rest content until I know With all her spirit roused to battle, nie had come in, and speaking somewhat could not get out until they released me. mother had me brought here, and hired you are at liberty to go and come at

"I overheard all that passed between you are in too dangerous a rat-note anywhere that in those days I was more order than those days I was more order to the thorder than those days I was more order to the thorder than those days I was more order to the thorder than those days I was more order to the thorder than those days I was more order to the thorder than those days I was more order to the thorder than those days I was more order to the thorder than those days I was more order to the thorder than those days I was more order to the thorder than thorder th nod in the direction of Isabel's room.
She looked more astonished than ever. had no father to lead me to the Great down professor has had the principal way to accomplish it—He has sent me "Come this way and I will explain it Healer of souls, or everything might have charge of me and my education, He to be your liberator," she said, smiling. all to you," he said.

He stooped and picked up the candle, the Saviour's own great love and mercy has been paid a high salary upon the "Like the angel to Peter," he replied, and then moved with difficulty to the op- that I found him at all. Oh! I wonder condition that he would never betray quickly, his eyes devouring her levely what it is like for a child to have the love his trust. I think he would be glad to face as if he almost deemed her an Holding the light close to the floor, he and care of a father and mother, brothers see me in different circumstances, but angel. He had never seen aught so

> him, and he has no other means of sup- "I don't know," he added, wistfully passionate cry of some lost soul longing and has done the utmost to train my done. However, I shall leave it all to caused by his anguish. Her heart bled I have been kept a close prisoner all my yourself, of course the secret will have for him, and she longed to comfort him. days. I am never allowed to go out, to come out. You can judge how much most secrecy, and then only into a little soon as you return to the Hall. And court hemmed in by the blank walls of now, as daylight is approaching, will "Forgive me for disturbing you with mother, my tutor, and my servants." by a secret way, since the other doors "Dreadful!" murmured Brownie, al- are all locked, and the professor has the most moved to tears by the sad recital. keys in his keeping.

"You may well say that. It is "Certainly, I shall trust you,

frame at the remembrance of those fear- were living, things might be different, and that the entrance to it from here for I have heard that he was a good is through the vaults-it was through

tages possible. I have heard that my and it would not do for you to remain But the more she heard him talk, the brother, like my father, is a true and here much longer, for the servants

way of escape for me also, and that I undoubtedly be very unpleasant, but

ings, revealed an iron door. He ask-

Randal, who has also been kept a close steps He led her toward the fire, which prisoner for over twenty years by a He limped down these, she followheartless mother's decree, liberated me, ing, and soon came to what appeared it is going to make it very uncomfort- a grated window. able for Lady Randal. Pardon me," He told her to slide back the grat-

dropping the scorn out of her voice, which fastened the window. She obeyed, and slipping the bolt. come when it is right that the world the window swong open on hinges, should know of your existence, and that when, descending two or three more Her thoughts were filled with this you should know something of your steps, they found themselves in what have never been outside these walls!" ground, surrounded on three sides by the walls of the Hall, and on the "I sometimes go to a little old chapel fourth by that of the old chapel.

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I have rarely met her. Believe me you Mrs Coolidge soon returned, and Isabel some beautiful drawings hung upon the face, with its deep, intelligent eyes, com- trance to it through the vaults, and I disease, Burdock Blood Bitters is the pletely banished all fear, and left her sometimes go there to read. I might cheapest and best blood cleansing tonic have escaped long ago in that way had known for all disordered conditions of



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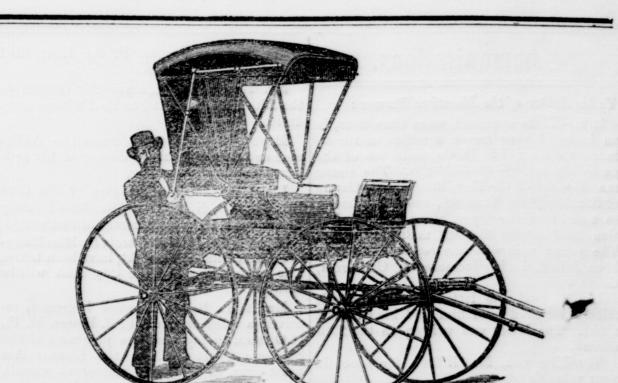
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