Diterature. THE DOUGLAS HEIR.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

BROWNIE LIBERATED.

"You would not suppose that Valling ham Hall concealed such a spot in its very heart, would you ?'' Herbert Randal asked, as they stepped into the court. "No; it is an enigma to me even now.

the strain upon her nerves had been so of the old chapel, where they were screen- which looked up into Adrian's when he great during the last twelve hours that she ed from observation and protected some-"Where you have been to night is a knew she could not endure it much more ; what from the wind.

overtake her. If she remained where she

was, and harm came to her, no one could

CHAPTER XXXV.

CONSTERNATION OF THE COOLIDGES.

hear her cries and come to her aid.

portion of the original buildings. The Then he strove to comfort her by every but she resolved to meet this new danchapel and the Hall have been built ger as bravely as possible, and, stepping fond and endearing epithet which he could around this square, and, as you perceive, forth from her hiding place, she went for think of. there are no windows over-looking the ward with dizzy brain and bated breath. place, which was once used as a burial Another moment and she found herself hands, and kissed the warmth and color his power to make her life very bright. ground, although nearly all evidences of face to face with her lover, Adrian Dred-

What to do she knew not.

that have disappeared." He halted for her, for her sudden fall, the mond weird place, together with the night of excitement, made her so weak and trem bling that she could scarcely walk.

"Are you hurt?" he asked pityingly. She shook her head and tried to smile courageously, but he saw that her lips were white and quivering.

During all those hours so full of adven-He realized at that moment more keen- | ture to Brownie, Mrs. Coolidge and Isabel

ly than ever before his own helplessness, had been sleeping heavily, for both had and he longed with a bitter agony for been well-nigh overcome with the excitethat physical strength and activity which ment of the evening previous, and a sense he had been so cruelly deprived of. He of their own guilt in the matter of the could not even offer to assist her, for it young companion's disappearance. was as much as he could do to carry the They did not wake until quite late the candle and keep his own equilibrium. next morning, when Mrs. Coolidge's first

"I fear you are not able to go on," he act was to order a hot breakfast, telling said, gently, as he waited for her to re- the servant that she did not feel able to if need be, and face them all without a His mother's settlement had been the go down to eat with the family.

"Yes, yes; let us hasten, please, for I As soon as the servant departed, and feel anxious to get out of this dreadful she was assured that the guests were all place as soon as possible," she answered, assembled in the dining-room, she crept startled and surprised to learn that Lady His father also had accumulated quite tions. as she tried to brace herself anew for what into Isabel's room, and together they Randal had another son, and had been a property, so that, if he never received a was to come, though she was so nervous sought their prisoner. she felt that it would not take vrey much They drew the bolt, and pushed the

door open cautiouslyy. All was silent false and heartless wowan. to make her shriek aloud. It was beginning to be light overhead, and dark within, for the candle had burnbut, hemmed in by those towering walls, ed down to the socket, and then gone out fond of her companion, but he knew her perty.

damp, moldy smell, was fearfully gloomy name. and ghostly' while her guide, with his There was no reply, and with a name-

ghastly still in the flickering, uncertain dle, and returned to explore the cell. light of the candle which he bore, made One glance served to show that it was to do' for any length of time. He could "Have you got over your folly, my son, it seem like some haunted spot in which empty! But with the vain hope that all guilty idges were near. restless spirits roamed at will, and Brownie, her teeth chattering, and every nerve people have they began turning over the

"A tale of sorrow, for your eyes may weep ; them. A tale of horror, for your flesh may creep;

she beheld the figure of a man, enveloped and I have roamed over the park and the be the happiest man alive; the only cloud "Grandmother, this is my darling. forth need not have been so very parin a long, dark cloak, coming toward her forest, the highways and byways, all night. being the disapproval of his grandfather, Will you love her for my sake first, ticular, for he himself was once betroth-As daylight approached, I resolved to re- and this he trusted that time would overuntil you come to know her, when, I ed to auntie, and would have married with rapid steps. She stopped, her heart beating like a turn to the Hall and inquire if any clew come. am sure, you will love her for her own ? her if---trip-hammer, and stepped behind a tree, had been gained during the night, and Meantime Brownie, in company with

The old lady had hardly seen Brown- It was now the young husband's turn hoping that he had not seen her and then I saw you coming through this grove Milly, visited a fashionable ladies' furie when she was at the castle, she had to look surprised and puzzled, and he Dearest how cold you are," he added ten- nishing house, and procured the most would pass on without noticing her. Vain hope! The figure quickened his derly, "and how you tremble. Did I suitable outfit it was possible to procure been so much engaged with her com- interrupted her in astonishing tones : steps, coming directly toward the spot frighten you? Come back into the shad- at so short a notice. pany, and she would never have recog- "Dearest, what is this that you are ow of yonder chapel, and tell me how it The next morning a quiet little wedding where she stood. nized her as the same being as she stood saying ?"

is that I find you thus alone and unpro. party alighted at St. George's Church, and If she attempted to fly he could easily tected from the cold night air." leading his beautiful betrothed proudly

He wrapped his cloak about her, for the up the grand aisle, Adrian Dredmond mist was settling down into a fine rain, stopped before the gray-haired rector, and while the air grew more piercing and chill the twain were made one.

She felt that her strength was failing, and he almost bore her back to the door It was a very sweet but solemn face

paused a moment in the vestibule and whispered tenderly:

"God bless my own wife!" But her eyes, as he pressed that first He chafed the little icy, quivering and trust, and he knew that he had it in

back to her pale cheeks. But it was long It was well for him, however, that he had before she was herself again, for now that not betrayed to her the fact of his grand. she realized that she was safe, her strength father's disapproval, else all the pride of all forsook her, and she lay almost lifeless a royal race would have risen within her, in his arms. But at last she was able to and that fair April day would not have whisper something of the story of her fear | seen Brownie Douglas Adrian Dredmond's

pay dearly for this shameless insult to you CHAPTER XXXVI. my dearest," he muttered, between his

LADY DUNFORTH'S VISIT. Then he became isuddenly silent and

thoughtful, but still holding her in his Adrian Dredmond, as he had stated to loving embrace, until she grew warm and his grandfather when he had so wrathstrong again, while a sense of security and fully opposed his marrying, was not quite happinesss began to steal over her, until a beggar, indeed, he was quite indepenshe felt that she could return to the Hall, dent of Lord Dunforth.

generous sum of twenty thousand pounds But he had been revolving other mat- which, of course, after her death became

ters in his mind. He had been greatly his. criminally concealing it all these years, pound from Dunforth's coffers, he was and he classed her with the others as a able to surround his bride with every He knew that Lady Ruxley was very from inheriting the title and landed pro- guest.

the place, with its deep-tangled grass, and They entered and called Brownie by temperament, and was unwilling that The day after his marriage, Adrian read Brownie should remain longer with her in that his lordship was in town for a few that capacity, while, after the events days, and resolved to visit and acquaint misshapen form, and his white waving less fear in her heart, Isabel rushed back which had so recently transpired, he did him with the step he had taken. hair, his haggard face, rendered more into her own room, lighted another can- not deem it wise to seek her as a protec. He was received kindly, yet with some

not feel safe about her while the Cool- he asked,

"No, my lord; instead I came to tell quaking, found herself repeating those mattress and bed clothes as if they ex-startling words of Shakespeare: pected to find her concealed underneath with a look of infinite tenderness, asked : "What do you mean, sir," demanded Finally he raised the beautiful face you that I have only gotten deeper into

"Darling, is is settled, is it not, that Lord Dunforth. Then with horror, guilt, and remorse you belong to me now ?" "I mean, my lord, that I meant

his incredulity, "that he wanted to ness. She was charmed with her marry her, and would, but for some Her quick eye took in at a single treachery on the part of Miss Helen glance every item of her tasteful toilet, Capel, who is now Lady Randal, I be-

the delicate, clear-cut face, the tiny, lieve ; and poor auntie loved him till aristocratic hands, and even the narrow the last minute of her life." little foot, with its arching instep; and "Who told you of this?"

she knew at once that she was in the "Auntie herself, the very day she kiss upon her lips, were full of happiness presence of a true and well-born lady. died, and the jewels which Isabel Cool-Her heart, which had been filled with idge has were most of them given to dread and distress ever since she had her in honor of her approaching marfirst known of her boy's marriage, in- riage with his lordship

before her now in all her bright loveli- "It is true," she answered, smiling at

stantly settled down into a state of rest- More and more amazed, Adrian was ful satisfaction and delight. now eager to hear the whole story, and Love this dainty, bewitching creature ? Brownie, nothing loth, went over the Of course she could, and be proud of whole ground, and then proved her posi-

her, too ! There could be no doubt, tion by reminding him of Lord Dunwith her graceful self-possession, but forth's recognition of the jewels she that she was a lady born. wore the night she attended the opera. She greeted the young bride with the When she had concluded he said, utmost graciousness, and said sweetly, with a little touch of triumph in his as she kissed her : tone

"My dear, I do not think I shall "I think, Mrs. Dredmond, that we even need Adrian's recommendation to are about to turn the tables upon my make me love you. proud-spirited grandsire finely, and we Brownie concealed her amazement at will prove to him that there is such a this new development as best she could. thing as being more nice than wise." She had never dreamed that Adrian With which trite quotation he immewas the grandson of Lord Dunforth diately sat down and wrote out a comuntil that moment, and the knowledge plete history of Miss Medetabel Dougbrought with it various conflicting emo- las and Brownie, and dispatched it at once to Lord Dunforth, feeling assured She gave him one quick, surprised that this explanation would make every-

look, and then devoted herself to the thing all right, and bring his lordship to luxury, while nothing could prevent him entertainment of her distinguished them in rather a more humble frame of mind than when he last saw him.

Her ladyship was beguiled into a His chagrin can be imagined when visit of an hour, and when the little the epistle was returned to him unopenclock struck twelve she started up with ed, and without a word, thus showing surprise that henceforth he wished no communi-They tried to persuade her to remain cation with him ; and while his indigand lunch with them, but she courte- nation for the moment get the better of ously declined. him; he was still deeply grieved to be As she kissed Brownie again at part- thus alienated from his grandfather in ing, she put into her hands a large vel- his old age.

But Brownie, all her pride aroused to vet case "I do not know what you may have arms, vowed within herself that the already, dear," she said, " but I like a haughty earl should yet sue for her just bride to wear pearls. Please accept favor

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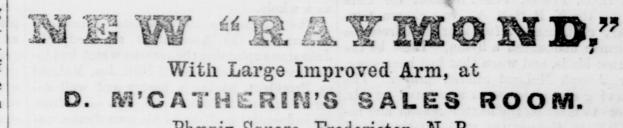
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ful experience, and a mighty wrath arose bride. in his heart against the authors of it all. "I mistrusted they might have had ome hand in it last night, but they shall

written on their faces, they stood trans-A tale of wonder, for the evebrows arch : And the flesh curdles if you read it rightly!" fixed and gazing upon each other in help-

When they reached the chapel there less dismay. "Where can she be? gasped Isabel. was another grating to be removed, another window, from which nearly every white as the wrapper which she wore, and pane of glass had disappeared, to be open. shaking as with ague. Mrs. Coolidge shook her head and look. ed, and they came to another flight of eh up at the small grated window above stone steps.

These they descended cautiously, for them. She monnted upon the chair, and seizthey were becoming loosened from their ing one of the heavy bars, shook it. place, and were falling to ruin, and soon It did not so much as move, and even cannot allow you to be exposed to such found themselves in a vaulted cavern, dismal and goomy enough for the dwelling. had it been possible to remove it their captive could not possibly have reached place of the dead.

The candle flickered and flared, giving in the wall. an uncertain light, but Brownie could see the numerous shelves which were ranged along the side, each containing a silent ner for some other outlet from the place. but although she stopped before each of occupant, in its moldy, worn-eaten coffin. A gasp of fear told young Randal some- those four small piliars, and pounded upon them with her hands, she did not thing of what his companion was sufferdiscover anything which had the least ap face

pearance of a way of escape, and at last. He halted at the foot of the steps, and with a cry of despair, she exclaimed : said, regretfully : "Isabel, I firmly believe that girl is a gravely. witch, for none but a spirit could have es-

"Miss Douglas, nothing but necessity would ever compel me to bring a delicate lady into such a deadful place; and now, caped from this dungeon !" "Mamma," exclaimed her daughter, if I can only persuade you to put you suddenly, "I do not believe you fastened hand upon my arm, and close your eyes, I will guide you safely though this vault, when we were asleep !" and you need never realize what is in it."

"How foolish you are," was the impat-"Thank you. I will take your arm, if you please-I shall feel a little less ient reply. "I am very sure that I show. ed the bolt, and I do not believe it pos- family again. lonely; but I think I shall need my eyes to see where to step, and I will try not to sible that she could have worked upon annoy you with my cowardice any more, the door in any way to have slipped it though the sight of a coffin always did back." However, to satisfy themselves, they

strike terror to my heart," Brownie answered, her teeth still chattering. She laid her hand lightly upon his arm,

forth, to see if the bolt would slip. and he thrilled at the touch. It was a new and strange experience for the lonely boy. and one which he long and a terribly tantalizing one, too. lived upon in remembrance.

They tried all the different doors lead-The abode of the dead was soon traversed, and they came to still another flight ing from their own rooms into the corridors, but all were locked, excepting the of steps.

one by which the servant who had brought Herbert Randal, mounting them first, the breakfast had entered, and Mrs. Coollifted a trap-door, and. setting his candle down, reached his hand to Brownie, and idge had been obliged to rise to admit her in another moment she was standing safe, so that they knew it could not have been but nearly exhausted, within the altar of possible for Brownie to have escaped that on. "I have thought them all over carethe chapel.

They were stunned and bewildered, for It was a very ancient-looking structure, it was a circumstance entirely beyond and apparently had the capacity of seating about a hundred people. It must once have been a pleasant, attractive quaking hearts, and white, worn faces. that they at length prepared to join the place, but neglect and decay were fast family below, expecting they should be doing their work. The young man made her sit down and overwhelmed by something terrible.

went out, shut and bolted the door, and

Several days passed, and still there was

and with every passing hour they breath

The drawing-room concert, or musical

"Where is she ?"

They knew well enough if Brownie had rest, while he talked cheerfully and interestingly of the place, hoping thus to turn her mind from the horrors though which they had thus passed.

After a while he arose, crossed the can-They little thought, however, during their anxious and almost ludicrous search cel, and led the way to a small side door. in the cell, a pair of keen, bught eyes had whose key was in the lock.

This he turned, and pushed the door been earnestly regarding them, while it must be confessed that Herbert Randal open, letting in the fresh breath of mornnever enjoyed anything in his life so much

The relief which Brownie experienced as their anxiety and discomfiture regarding the beautiful maiden whom he had so effort to silence them, do you ?" was expressed by a long-drawn sigh, and, looking up into her companion's face, she opportunely aided. smiled a wan, forced smile, as said ;

"I fear you will think me very coward-conding to the drawing room, to find that ly, but indeed my nerves were nearly un- cending to the drawing-room, to find that to give him a voluntary kiss of gratitude. strung by excitement and anxiety before Brownie's disappearance was still the theme of conversation, together with the shall be proud to call you by that dearest bride. this last experience."

"Yes, Adrian, wholly." His face lighted at her reply.

tremor, with him by her side.

set teeth.

"And you will trust me fully, from this "And you dare come hither and tell me of it!" thundered the angry lord, time forth ?" "I trust you fully," and the little hands starting to his feet. fluttered confidingly in his. "I could not endure to be at variance He drew her closer within his arms.

with you, sir, and I know you would "Then, little one-my Brownie, will bonor me for the course I have taken if you come to me now, and let me make you my own wife to-day-or at least as you would but cousider the circumsoon as that is possible? I feel that I stances.

"Never," he interrupted, white with suffering and insult for another hour." passion ; "you have braved my dis-He felt her heart leap against his own the window to escape, it was set so high at his words, but she did not reply. pleasure, and now-begone ! That a Dunforth should have stolen forth like "Darling," he questioned, "am I put-She then searched every nook and cor- ting your love and faith in me to too sev- that to marry a beggar ?" and he groaned aloud

"To day ! so soon-oh, Adrian !" she "But, grandfather, listen---' whispered, and he could see wave on wave "I will not, I tell you, and I comof rich color surging up over her lovely mand you to begone ; you are of age, and henceforth manage your own con-"Will you love me better by waiting a

cerns; but not one shilling of my proweek-a month-or a year?" he asked, perty shall revert to you more than I

can help, and I would keep the title "No, oh, no!" she said, quickly. "Can you bear for a moment to think and estate from you if I could. Go to of going back to the old life ?" your beggar bride and be happy if you She had not thought of its being repulthe door last night, and she came out sive before, but it suddenly came to her can-you have ruined my life. Ob, God ! I thought I had suffered enough that it would be very hard, and no matter how kind Lady Ruxley might be, she at the beginning, without this last blow could never return as a servant into that to crush me," and he turned away from him with a gesture of despair.

She did not speak the thought, but she The young man's heart bled for him, nestled closer to her lover, and he an- and he longed to comfort him, but he swered for her: "No, dear, you cannot, and you have saw that his presence only excited him, nowhere on earth to go, but to the one and he withdrew, sad indeed, but withthen tried, by gently working it back and who loves you best. Brownie," he con. out a single regret for the step which

tinued, with tender authority, "you are he had taken. He knew he had done No; it remained firm and tight, and the mine-you have freely given youreself to right. matter still continued to be a mystery, me, and now I am not willing that you

He was puzzled to know what his should go back to face those wolves until lordship had meant by saying he I have an indisputable right to go with thought he had suffered enough in the you to demand proper respect for you, beginning. He had never heard the and the restitution of your property, without the possibility of a repetition of the story of his early disappointment, so he questioning you as to your ancestry ; I insult and suffering to which you have could not know to what he referred. heretofore been subjected. I know all He sought his grandmother and rethe objections you would raise," he went lated his adventures and their termination to her.

fully. Lady Ruxley's anxiety upon your He found her very kind and willing account; the misconstruction which will be put upon your mysterious absence: to listen to him, and he told her all their comprehension, and it was with the notoriety of a clandestine marriage, about Brownie from the time of his first etc. But I think it will do them all good meeting with her ; but she, too, deemed to suffer a little upon your account, with- it a mesalliance, and was deeply disout it is Lady Ruxley. And as to the tressed on account of it, as well as the other reasons, I do not care a straw for them. In fact, our marriage will not be rupture between him and his lordship. escaped and returned to her post, that so very secret, since I announced the fact But Adrian was her idol-the deed the deepest shame and disgrace awaited of our engagement to the whole company was done and could not now be undone assembled in the drawing room last even. - and he was so high in his praises of

ing, and told Sir Charles I should marry his bride that she was half won over to you just as soon as possible ' his side before he left her, and she pro-"Adrian ! did you do that ?" demanded mised to visit them, if she could do so Brownie, looking up astonished. without incurring the displeasure of "Certainly I did. You do not suppose I could sit tamely by and listen to all their her husband.

remarks and surmises without making an Three days later the happy husband

and wife might have been sitting in "But it was very brave and noble in their luxurious drawing-room in the The two disappointed plotters were, you-few would have braved public opin- Langham Hotel, where everything

what I said several days ago. I made the these, with my love." young lady my wife yesterday. Brownie touched the spring and her lovely face flushed with pleasure as the

cover flew back. Upon their blue velvet cushion there

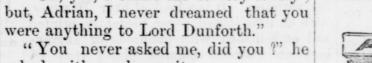
lay a most exquisite and complete set of pearls in the loveliest design-necklace, pracelets, ear-rings, with a beautiful spray for the hair. Adrian was very much gratified at this token of remembrance, and added his thanks to his wife's.

return to Dunforth Castle, but I wish you might come to West Malling before very long," Lady Dunforth said, wistfully, when she went away, but she did not invite them to call upon her while she remained in town. She knew it would not do.

tence, Brownie felt it with a sudden pain, and knew that no invitation was conveyed in the words, and her brow grew troubled and her face very grave when they were alone again. Adrian at once divined the cause, and knew that he must explain his posi-

tion; he could not keep it from her

"My Brownie is looking troubled were you not pleased with Lady Dunforth ?" he asked, drawing her into his



asked, with mock gravity. "Of course not-I did not like to be supposed you would tell me all in good time of your own accord. I have heard that you were connected with a titled family, but never supposed you were a

descendant of his, and would occupy such a high position," she said, looking rather uneasy,

"Then it can never be said that you schemed for me on that account," he reblied, with twinkling eyes and an amused smile, "while I, on the other hand, have had the advantage of you all along.

I have known ever since the day I first saw you that you were a descendant of

rovaltv.' Brownie lifted her head and gave him a perplexed look. "What do you mean ?" she asked. "I mean," and he laughed mischievously, "that I have heard Miss Douglas was very proud of having descended from Queen Margaret Tudor. Have

which occupied her thoughts.

with her clear eyes.

marriage





have borne it bravely. And now, if you Dredmond had made. will follow my path," he added, pointing it out to her, "it will lead you directly annoyed, and was somewhat irritable. though this grove, around to the front Lady Ruxley was too ill to rise, being day. I will get a special license, and you of the Hall, where I think you will find overcome with solicitude as to the fate of no difficulty now in entering."

"Thank you. And, Mr. Randal, I feel with the most cheerful resignation by bled face. that I owe you a great deal. I trust it most of the company, since it relieved will not be long before we shall meet them from the sting of her sharp tongue. he read her thought, "you shall not go points. Sir Charles was very grave and preoccu again under happier circumstances," her little trembling hand to him.

He took it, while an expression of in- which somewhat awed his betrothed .finite sadness swept over his face, as he There were some things which he could replied :

deemed myself so useless and almost they became. Altogether it was not the happiest comaccursed."

more good than you think to night. I Every door that opened made Isabel have often murmured at my own lot in and her mother quake with fear, and both life, which has been by no means smooth would gladly have given up every jewel in during the past year, but you have taught their possession to have been freed from no one can say me nay upon this most me a lesson in patience, sweetness, and that horrible suspense. faith which I shall never forget."

His face flashed, and his eyes lighted no news. Their anxiety began to abate. with a beautiful radiance.

"Your words are very pleasant," he ed more freely, yet that puzzling, wearing said gently; then added, hesitatingly, question was ever before them : yearningly : "You say that you will never forget the lesson, as you call it, but, if I may be so bold, will you give a kindly soiree, came off according to appointment thought now and then to one whose fu- but did not prove very satisfactory. It ture can never be so bright as I hope was not really a failure, but there was a yours may be.'

lack of inspiration which made everything How like a funeral knell his words drag, and it was with a uniform sense of sounded, as if hope were dead within relief that at the end of the week the gay him: yet, withal, how submissive and re. company dispersed, while Sir Charles, signed he was, as if beyond and over all Lady Randal, Isabel and her mother de. earthly sorrows his soul cleaved to an un. parted for Paris' intent upon the all-im. seen hand which was lifting him above portaut trousseau. the deep waters which had well-nigh over. The two latter were only too eager to

plunge into the pleasures of the gay powered him. "I shall always remember you, and I French metropolls, and busy themselves believe we shall meet again," Brownie with the cares which the next few weeks said, with quivering lips and eyes which would involve, hoping thus to drive more unpleasant thoughts out of mind. were swimming in tears.

. He bent and touched her hand with his standing alone in the gray dawn, a strange, joy, mingled with dismay, and folded her her his plans, and what he thought necessufferer, whom God had stricken so terly overcome by the reaction from ex- to make them advisable. heavily.

She leaned wearily against the door and that her troubles were all over, burst into when he told her that he was braving his all." dreary than when she han been shut grip so fierce that he was startled. and as to what her reception would be | But she could not tell him; the floodif she should return to the Hall. gates were open, and the storm must

She was cold, and weak, and faint, and spend itself ere the calm would come, the it was quite a distance around to the restraint which she had imposed upon front of the Hall, but after a few moments herself had been so resolute and of such spent in deliberation, she turned into the long duration that, now she had once path leading through the grove.

"What had I to brave, my darling? I cure, had been lavished upon the lovely

"Do not speak of it; I am sure you startling announcement which Adrian name in the world-wife; and since they Adrian had insisted immediately folall know now that I mean to make you lowing their marriage upon her procur-Lady Randal looked anxious and an- such, they cannot say that you have run ing an extensive and elaborate wardrobe away with me. We will go to London to- "befitting a lady of rank," as he laughingly said, although what that rank was shall be my wife to morrow.". her companion, a fact which was received "But-but-" she began, with a trou- he had not yet seen fit to tell her, and she was too happy, as well as too deli-"No, dear," he interrupted, smiling, as cate, to question him upon such minor

Brownie sail, heartily, as she held out pied, and while he was not exactly cool, daughter shall go with us to make every-she had purchased elegant silks and velthing proper. Nurse Clum will do any. thing in the world for me, and keep any vets, costly laces and jewels, besides the secret I intrust to her. Milly, her daugh. many other beautiful trifles which go to not understand, in particular, Adrian's ter, has long been trying to get a situation complete an elaborate toilet

"If He wills it, so shall it be; if other. stern words and manner to Mrs. Coolidge as lady's maid, and we will make one for Upon this particular morning Brownwise, the memory of this night will sweeten the more he thought about them her at once, thus doing a charitable deed, ie was exquisitely lovely in a soft trailas well as make ourselves happy. In a ing robe of white cashmere, trimmed week's time, less if you desire, we will re-with rose-colored silk, and confined at

"Mr. Randal," the young girl returned, pany in Christendom that assembled in perty, and right that other wrong; while the waist by a heavy cord and tassels of very gravely, yet earnestly. "it pains me to hear you speak thus. You have done the Vallingham Hall drawing room that morning. the Vallingham Hall drawing room that morning. the Vallingham Hall drawing room that to hear you speak thus. You have done from the possibility of insult from any one. lace surrounded her neck and waists, Will you go with me, dear ?" and from beneath the folds of her dress "But you have relatives, I fear-' " I am my own master, my darling, and o one can say me nay upon this most ded with bows of rose-colored satin. Her vital point," he replied gravely, yet with hair was arranged simply, but very becomingly, for Milly took the utmost de-

"I will go with you, Adrian," she said, light in her new vocation, and spared

simply. no pains to make her fair young mistress "Bless you, my own !" he exclaimed, look beautiful ; and no one could say, as joyfully, then added, in tones of regret : she sits listening while her husband It is not a fitting way to wed you. I know reads to her from the morning paper, -not as I fondly hoped it would be, when a planned to lead you before my friends, but that the lovely bride was absolutely Ind wed you openly as befits your station perfect, from the crown of her pretty and mine; but," he added, lightly. when head to the sole of her dainty slipper. once we are settled we will make a great Nurse Clum has returned to West feast, and all shall do honor to my wile Malling, since she is no more needed for But we must not delay longer if we would escape observation. But first, I have propriety's sake; but she did not go something for you--I brought it last even. empty-handed by any means, for Adrian ing." He then took the ring from his crowded her poor little purse to its full-

but he stopped her with a kiss. pocket and put it upon her finger, saying est capacity, while Brownie bought the as he did so: "There, that seals our vows very nicest black silk for a dress which pride of that royal race is so strong so far.'

sho could find as a testimonial of her within you that you uever would have He then took his cloak from his own ppreciation of the kindness which she wedded me had you known of this shoulders, and wrapping it closely about opposition ; therefore I took care that had done her.

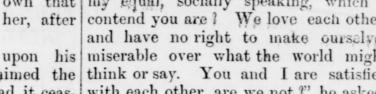
her, led her by an unfrequented path to With all her pride in the old lord- you should know nothing of it until it the spot where he had left his carriage. He drove directly to Nurse Clum's, ship's heir, she had been forced to was too late." Then he added, more lips, then, with a murmured farewell, he When Adrian Dredmond recognized his where, giving his betrothed into Milly's acknowledge that he had made a fitting seriously, as he saw that her face was closed the door and went back to his lone- betrothed in the dim light of that dismal hands to be fed and cared for, he secured choice, and, as she confidentially told still overcast : "But, my darling, what liness and desolation, leaving Brownie morning, he sprang forward with a cry of a private interview with the former, told stand of the deep tenderness in her heart for this poor close within her arms, while Brownie, ut- sary of the circumstances which seemed was the least bit of a twinkle in her future happiness, even if hou were not eyes, that she was " bound to own that my equal, socially speaking, which I

cessive fright to a sense of security, and The faithful old nurse shook her head he wasn't a bit too good for her, after contend you are? We love each other,

looked about her. She felt tenfold more nervous sobbing, and clung to him with a grandfather's displeasure; but she saw The little golden clock upon his miserable over what the world might he was determined upon the course he bracket of carved marble chimed the think or say. You and I are satisfied within the cell, for she was still in some "My darling, my darling, what does all had marked out, and she could not say hour of eleven, and scarcely had it ceas- with each other. are we not ?" he asked, ed when there came a knock upon the fondly.

Milly was delighted at the prospect of being lady's maid to a bride, and was charmed with the sweet lady who was to and the waiter announced : be Master Adrian's wife.

"Lady Dunforth." They took as early a train as possible



Another instant it was swung open, him that she, at least, was content with him; but still knowing all that she did regarding Lord Dunforth, the know-

given the rein to her feelings, it was not from West Malling, to escape observation, Brownie starts and colors violently at ledge that he was opposed to her marane before noon they were all comfortably the name, and glances in surprise at her rying Adrian still rankled in her heart She morning was cloudy and misty, and easy to regain her self-control. JOHN MOORE. November 23, 1884 within the shadow of the trees, most of "My precious one," Adrian continued, settled in London. Brownie and her two husband, wondering how it happens that though she forgot to consider that he assortment of Stoves ever offered in this city, which were spruce and pine, the gloom "I have been searching for you all night companions having an elegant suite of she, of all others, should be the first to could not know who she was, or that which I am offering to the publie at prices considerably less than they have been paying for was most oppressive, while the keen air pierced her scant clothing, chilling her through and through. I came hither to see you last even-ing, and they told me you had disappear-ed in the most mysterious manner. Not 18 lbs. 18 lbs. similar Stoves heretofore Money to Loan. she had any connection with his former Call and see for yourselves, I am not only sell, n Much pleased, Adrian rises and ad-vances to greet her ladyship, and lead-ing her to Brownie he says to her in differ and when he had supposed the \$3,800 Terms to suit, at 7 and 8 per cent. You can get 18 lbs. of good dry Refined Sugar She had not gone many steps when the knowing which way to turn to find you, I St. James street. exchange it and satisfy my customer. crackling of twigs made her start nervous- started for Dunforth again in despair, but Before sundown he had procured the ing her to Brownie, he says, to her in- after, and when he had supposed the GEO. HATT & SONS. JOHN BLACK, Barrister ly, and her heart stood still with fear : s something seemed to be holding me back special license, and believed himself to creasing surprise : matter dropped entirely, " Lord Dun- F'ton, Jan. 7th, 1885-3 ins JAMES S. NEILL. Dec. 17 November 24, 1884