One step at a time, and that well placed, We reach the grandest height: One stroke at a time, earth's hidden stores Will slowly come to light; One seed at a time, and the forest grows; One drop at a time, and the river flows Into the boundless sea,

One word at a time, and the greatest book Is written and is read; One stone at a time, and a palace rears Aloft its stately head; One blow at a time, and the tree's cleft

And a city will stand where the forest grew A few short years before.

One foe at a time, and he subdued, And the conflict will be won; One grain at a time, and the sand of life Will slowly all be run; One minute, another, the hours fly; One day at a time, and our lives speed by Into eternity!

One grain of knowledge, and that w stored. Another and more on them;

And as time rolls on your mind will shine With many a garnered gem Of thought and wisdom. And time "One thing at a time, and that done well

Is wisdom's proven rule. Miterature.

CHAPTER XIX. THE FACE AT THE WINDOW.

"I'll give you a description of Tom Drake first, so you will not fail to know him if you should ever see him," John Loker said, when Editha motioned him to

"He's a scamp, if there ever was one don't often see with black eyes. There would turn against him. little finger on his left hand is missing; climbed to his usual post. that was done in blowing open a safe at

"Well, miss," the invalid continued. long, long time before we found a chance moved, waiting to hear the rest. to carry it out. We'd got all the bearings and knew just how every room in the house lay before we ever entered it. "On that night-it was cloudy and dark, if you remember-Tom cut out a

pane of glass from one of the area windows with a diamond he has on purpose, while I watched to see that no one was done before, would irresistibly draw her "We then easily entered by that win-

dow, and made as short work as possible of clearing out everything of value that we could lay our hands on in the house.

"There were the silver spoons and gold lined salt-cellars, and a lot of other stuff in the china closet out of the dining-room all clean, and solid silver, too. We crack. ed the safe in the library, and, though we did not get much money, we got a lot of diamonds belonging to your mother, miss, like enough, and then we went up stairs to see what we could find there.

"I didn't much mind taking the things we found below; I'd got hardened to stealing a good while before that: but when we came to your room where you lay asleep, looking so innocent and pretty, with all that soft stuff ruffled round your

could resume his confession again. Editha beckoned Milly to bring him monds.

"Yes, everything," Editha answered.

"That is right," he said; "don't leave out anything, for I must make a clean breast of it all, now that I have begun; and, miss, if the thing can be done, I want that handsome young chap—and he's a lawyer, I hear—to bring Tom Drake to jus.

In the hand commanded her to do, she he said, with a wistful look at her, as if to see her again would do him good; "but lawyer, I hear—to bring Tom Drake to jus.

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In the had commanded her to do, she lawyer, I he said, with a wistful look at her, as if to do her defiance by a larmed at this startling intelligence, they'll be here; and you have said you'll look at her, as if to look at he tice, for a bigger rascal does not walk the were a fortune in themselves, and we've be good to them," indicating by a glance

we didn't dare hide them with the other stuff, for fear they might happen to be found, and so they were sewed into the lining of our vests; but after a while Tom said he tound a chance to send them off and turn them into money, and took those I had away from me. I've never seen anything of them since—he never would tell me whether he had sold them or not, and I've never had a dollar for my share in that job. I was raving mad over it, until I had that fall, and then since I've losed over the floor, her letters and papers scattered in floor, her letters and papers scattered in every direction; and then it was for the floor, her letters and papers scattered in every direction; and then it was for the floor, her letters and papers scattered in floor, her letters and papers scattered in every direction; and then it was for the floor, her letters and papers scattered in every direction; and then it was for the floor, her letters and papers scattered in floor, her letters and papers scattered in every direction; and then it was for the floor, her letters and papers scattered in every direction; and then it was for the floor, her letters and papers scattered in floor, her letters and papers scattered in floor, her letters and papers scattered in the with a floor, her letters and papers scattered in the with a floor, her letters and papers scattered in floor, her letters and papers scattered i until I had that fall, and then since I've But the invalid resumed, after resting and down the sidewalk, hoping to catch and sent forth a shrill cry for help.

waiting for it to pass, she happened to cast her eye toward the window back of the bed, and there a sight greeted her heard of, and that seemed to stop the beating of her that seemed to stop the beating of her heard a numbness seized her limbs, render, and a numbness seized her limbs, render, and reeze the blood in her veins, and a numbness seized her limbs, render, and results a numbness seized her limbs, render, and that the wisest thing for him to do would be to get out of the way, here is confess I've had mighty uncomfortable up and confront her, demanding the prescious treasure that lay so close above her dittering heart. But no such person was in sight, and nolone appeared to be follow as a face I—pressed close against the storm.

The villian saw that his "game was up and the the wisest thing for him to do would be to get out of the way, and that the wisest thing for him to do would be to get out of the way, and that the wisest thing for him to do would be to get out of the way, and that the wisest thing for him to do would be to get out of the way, and with another fierce oath, he released his hold upon his victim and beat a hasty and inglorious retreat, vowing levelcake closer about her, and calling all her resolution to her aid, she specific was gone—that was evident, and one appeared to know when nor whither.

The villian saw that his "game was up," and that the wisest thing for him to do would be to get out of the way, and with another fierce oath, he released his hold upon his victim and beat a hasty and inglorious retreat, vowing that she might have fled to Earle.

But he soon dismissed this idea. for the close against the storm.

Drawing her cloak closer about her, and cilling all her resolution to her aid, she were comen in the habit of wearing in stormy weather. Editha for work wearing in stormy weather. Editha no one appeared to know when nor whither.

Mr. Dalton was nearly stupefied at first, and the thought flashed upon him that she might have fled to Earle.

But he soon dismissed this idea.

glass.

He was a "burly-looking man," with "fierce," restless "black eyes.

His hair, too, was red, and there could be but one person in the world answering with a sigh of regret, "and I suppose I'll and where, once reached, she intended In an instant-in that one flash of her eye, Editha had recognized Tom Drake. may be.

the burglar and midnight robber! How long had he been there? How much had he heard, and did he recognize ly, turning his sunken eyes upon the could come to her. Her heart beat light bling to the sturdy policeman who had sible mystery. her as John Loker had done? were the closely written sheets in her lap. thoughts that flashed through her brain during that brief moment that her quick, startled glance rested upon that appalling sight. Her first impulse was to cry out sight. Her first impulse was to cry out from all taint or suspicion—he could hereafter proudly face the whole world, and no one would dare to point the fin-

with fright, but with an effort she controlled it, and glanced hastily at the occupants of the room, to see whether they were in danger of also discovering the were in danger of also discovering the controlled it, and glanced hastily at the occupants of the room, to see whether they were in danger of also discovering the controlled it, and glanced hastily at the occupants of the room, to see whether they could be to be able to give him this evidence when he should give him this evidence when he should return. She had never dared to think chattering and ho one would dare to point the final fine leading ger of scorn at him again.

"No, not much; but, oh! he fright ened me terribly," she whispered, shaking as with the ague, and her teeth, chattering and ho one would dare to point the final fine leading ger of scorn at him again.

"No, not much; but, oh! he fright ened me terribly," she whispered, shaking as with the ague, and her teeth, chattering and holding of the missing girl; and Mr. Dalton was at last left entirely alone and desortion. presence of the listener. She was glad to find that she alone was Editha placed it between his fingers, him such exceeding joy, and she hugged

conscious of it. by the quietus of a full stomach, had fal. already written:

"I swear that this is the living truth.

clothes; whether she also was asleep or and wondering where and how she should

was discovered. that he had another listener to his confession. The man himself, Editha thought that was not the last of him had not seen her glance that way, for his ear had been laid against the hole in the where near, waiting to pounce upon her

After the first excess of fright had pass. from her. until it seemed as if she was literally would yield up the only thing in the swathed in nettles.

thoughts flew to Earle, her manly lover confidence of all who knew him.

til this was accomplished, though she for her and gone away. wondered if her weak and trembling fin. A tumult of thoughts like these filled The sudden shock seemed to para- seated in a car, and in less than fifteen look settled over his face, there was a

she was to get home in the fast gathering gloom with that precious paper in her possession; she did not dare to think bosom and buttoned her dress close over "I will do no injury, Editha Dal- some indifference, that she looked pale, whether that dreadful creature outside it. Then she arose to go. would allow her to leave that place and carry with her the evidence that would dying man, perhaps never to see him alive peated, in low tones. serve to doom him to a felon's cell for a again, without a few comforting words. long and tedious term of years.

Had he seen and recognized her while she was talking with Milly outside, and tly, and bending nearer to him, a great a ladder and climbed to the window? know of the low building attached to the

Neither could she know that it had of abroad in the world, and it would be a late been a custom with that wicked man good thing for the public if he should yet have to serve a term of years somewhere.

Somewhis dread secrets was dving.

Telton on the morrow, put the precious at the humble request. She could read at the humble request. She could read at the humble request. She could read be guided by his dread secrets was dving.

is a piece gone, too, from the lobe of his He had heard that day that John Loker insult, and abuse heaped upon him, and left ear, where he was once shot by a was dying, and determined to see for him- the disgrace which had followed him ever any paper signed by John Loker?" policeman, and came near losing his life. self how near he was to his end, he had since? He has a scar under his right eye, and the as soon as the darkness favored him, He was to be free from it all at last.

His consternation can be better imagin. back to him, but all other fetters were to ed than described as he beheld and recog. drop from him. She held the key that Editha did not think she could fail to nized Editha Dalton, of all persons in the was to unlock them, and John Loker, the know him after this description, and she world the last one he expected to find man now asking so meekly pardon, had already felt a sort of creeping horror in there, sitting by the dying man's bedside given it to her. her yeins, as in her mind's eye she saw writing the confession that branded him the thief and robber that he was.

And Editha, notwithstanding that every "about that robbery; we'd planned to do nerve in her whole body was vibrating message of light. the thing-or, rather he'd planned it all with pain from her startling discovery, and I was to help do the dirty work, a still sat there, apparently calm and un sweetly; "and God will forgive you even

last, as if carlessly changing her position. But it was done with a purpose. She was afraid that if she sat directly opposite that window the magnetism and him. fascination, horrible though it was, of that terrible face and those fierce eyes, which

glance in that direction and betray her God when I was a boy, but I have forgot. Drake's ugly face was looking down knowledge of the presence there. "It was about the neatest and most pro breaking the silence that had been so The pathos with which he said it, and fitable job that was ever done in a private fraught with horror to her sent a painful the look of stony despair in his eyes, made house, and not a soul awoke through it shock through her whole being—"we got Editha's heart ache for him. out of the house with our booty, which we "Do you not regret that your life has though it be taken by a hand as pretty Editha with the idea that underneath

> a young chap pounced out upon us and had to lie awake here with the cough, but felled Tom to the ground with a swinging I couldn't see any way out of it." unexpected blow. "He then came for me as brave as a young giant, and I grappled with him. lips. He gave me a tough struggle of it, I can tell you; but I knew the boxing game I can count, but I can't understand it,

better than he, and it wasn't long before some way," he said with a perplexed look. I had him laid out as flat as a flounder. " I did it just in the nick of time, too, loved all the pretty things we saw laying down beside the fallen hero, to turn the which now overshadowed him should

rings and trinkets, and knickknacks, but he growled at my nonesense and grabbed everything he could lay his hands upon, I holding the lantern and revolver all the county in the man went on with a scowl, "for he had only been slightly stunned by his fall borders of eternity, with no hope beyond, holding the lantern and revolver all the county of the man went on with a scowl, "for he had only been slightly stunned by his fall borders of eternity, with no hope beyond, her mouth firmly covered with her had only been though his life of sin had escaped hand.

Once there, he set her down upon the her feet again, though he still kept had only been slightly stunned by his fall borders of eternity, with no hope beyond, her mouth firmly covered with her her mouth firmly covered with her had only been slightly stunned by his fall borders of eternity, with no hope beyond, hand. chap, instead of coming to my help, he all worldly chastisement. him lay so much as a finger upon your." | slip off with the booty the noise of the you refuse to do as I asked you?"

some more of the warm broth, which she "I coaxed, begged, and threatened, "Friend of sinners!" he repeated mouth and nostrils, and she was ab. obliged to wait two successive meals for did, and this appearing to revive him, he but he kept putting me off with excuses; feebly. "That sounds pleasant. "Have you got all I told you written down?" he asked, glancing at the paper in her lap.

in his dirty work that he knew I would not dare turn against him, I should only get as deep into the mire as he would.

Editha answered, eagerly. "Put your hand in His; it is always held out to all who need help; and He will lead you safe-"As long as I was well, and able to help ly out of all danger."

began to suffer.

"But I thought you told me that you "But I'm dying now; he can't harm if you need anything you can send Milly what to do. wore it concealed upon your person at the me, and the law can't touch me, and I've for it." time of Mr. Wayne's trial?" Editha said, outwitted him at last; his meanness is Editha put a five dollar note in his regarding him in surprise, and thinking half that's made me want to show him wasted hand as she spoke, and then, with his statements did not correspond very up, and if you will only bring him to just a kind good-night to him, she aroused his well. up, and if you will only bring him to just a kind good-night to him, she aroused his wife after which she went away alone into John Loker. aside; dresses were lying over chairs, with their pockets turned inside out "And so we did, miss—the diamonds— clearing that fine young chap, who was as the dark and dismal night. we didn't dare hide them with the other brave as a lion, from disgrace; for I tell

He was a "burly-looking man," with an "ugly face" on him, "heavy jaws," and Editha knew he must have suffered on She had new

get my deserts where I'm going; but I taking a car home.
know I shall deserve it all, whatever it Her courage aros

out his thin hand for the pencil. and then holding her books with the paper to her bosom with a strange feeling of bad place for such as you to be in," he Only one thing was discovered that

knew not what, if the man at the window | She ventured to flash one swift glance should become aware that his presence out of the corners of her eyes toward the window, and, to her intense relief, she The window was at the head of the bed found that there was nothing there. But her heart instinctively told her that

glass, and he appeared to be listening in- when she should go out of that wretched place, and wrest that precious confession

Perhaps he was even now hiding, some.

But she gave no outward sign. Her lover's name from dishonor.

his honor and restore him the respect and But she had been gone much longer

She did not even dare to consider how all the world should know of its contents. Convinced that that face no longer glared upon her, she slipped it within her was the fright she sustained.

His own last words had told her that he She only found herself wondering how feared the future—that he dreaded to go he had attained his position at that win. forth into the great and mysterious etern. her whole fortune! Give up all the ed dinner for her, but she had been undow, for she knew they were in the ity, and she longed to give him a little evidence there was in the world that avoidably detained ed a marvel to her that he should be there moment's delay but increased her own and long-suffering man!

"I must leave you now," she said, genthen fearing what might follow, obtained pity shining in her lovely face; "and I arms to do valiant battle for her noble not trust her dearest interests in the thank you more than I can tell you for the lover and his honor. It was a puzzle to her, but she did not act of justice that you have at last done." house, and which rendered it very easy and with quivering lips, "for being so to this spot, dreading every step lest would oppose rather than aid her in for any one to climb and look in upon kind and gentle to me, and I hope you'll she should meet this very foe. forgive me as well for my share in that night's business," he concluded humbly.

Could she forgive it? "He is a tall, broad-shouldered, burly. looking man, with an ugly face on him, looking man, with an ugly face on him, complice who knew so much of his evil looking to the loss of so forgive the wrong done to Earle? Could look to the loss of so much that was valuable; but could she forgive the wrong done to Earle? Could look to think her payments at additional reduction of the loss of so much that was valuable; but could she forgive the wrong done to Earle? Could look to think her payments at additional reduction of the loss of so much of his evil look and "His hair is red, too-something you course, and whom he constantly feared she overlook those long, weary days of suffering which he had borne-the scorn,

To be sure, those years could not be given

our debtors.' The divine words came to her like a "Yes, I do forgive you," she said She even turned in her chair a little at have of the future, if you ask Him."

> "And cannot you believe them," she He shook his head wearily.

"Well, miss," the sick man resumed I guess I ain't of much account to Him let you get away with that evidence?

at length—and the sound of his voice now."

ves that we had done a wonderful neat "Yes, indeed, miss," he replied, earnand profitable job, when just as we came estly; "I'm bitter sorry, and I've thought around the corner by the front entrance, it over and over again the long nights I've

> light," came involuntarily from Editha's captor. "Yes, I've heard that more times than

Editha sighed. about you. I begged Tom to leave your scent upon him, and took to my heels. never be dissipated until that day when

"Once I thought what should I do if picked up the bag, cleared out and hid it "If you were in some dark and dangeryou awoke and found us there. And, and it was only a piece of good luck that ous place," she said again, and speaking miss, I'd have shot him, bad as I was my. I got off at all. He said afterward that he very slowly and earnestly, "and I should self, and about as much to blame for that I was able to take care of tell you to take my hand, for I knew the wish to harm you, and if you'll give young girl had always made it a point, dirty business, before I would have let myself, and he was afraid if he did not way, and would lead you safely out, would it up quietly I'll let you go; if you ever since Mrs, Dalton's death, to be The sick man was here seized with a rumpus would bring a cop along, and "Truth, no, miss; and you would not that's all. Will you give it up? Nod her place opposite her father promptly violent fit of coughing, which so exhaust. | we'd lose it all. But he'd got it hid be- have to ask me more than once, either. ed him that it was some time before he fore I found him, and I never seen any. But the future is mighty dark to me, and

thing of it afterward, excepting the dia. you can't lead me through that." "No; but the Friend of sinners can." and, of course, I'd been with him so much "That is just what Jesus Christ is,"

She had ample time to do so, for he was obliged to stop every little while to enough out of him to keep us tolerably reply she received to this; and, after waitcomfortable; but after I got sick we all ing a moment, she said again:

"I must not stay longer now, but I will for help. "Miss Dalton," the man said, excitedly, come and see you again soon."
"Tom Drake is a rich man; he's got "You'll not find me here, miss, I fear,"

ting, frightened eyes, Editha, looked up back her head with a violent motion Never had those beautiful rooms been been sick and had a chance to think it all over, I've been glad that I didn't get anything.

"We, Tom and me, went to court every favy him in the sidewalk, hoping to catch sight of the friendly policeman again.

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The invalid was here interrupted by another coughing turn, while Editha was waiting for it to pass, she happened to was clear a case of circum.

The invalid was here interrupted by another coughing turn, while Editha was waiting for it to pass, she happened to be not a sheller having sought it fine fun that the scent had was left standing, empty and open, in its accustomed place, and a upon the pavement, and then the tall very common hat and circular water.

breathe more freely, as she almost flew She had nearly gained a more public street, where she could see the friendly and strength failed her utterly. "I've been a bad man," he continued, lights glimmering and beckoning her on,

Her courage arose with every step; she had only one more low, ill-looking build-"Have you written everything just as ing to pass, then an open space, before ics, nor make any other disturbance, but her own comfort or needs. ly and cried out within her: "Victory!

that she would be the one to bestow upon

by the bedside, her head buried in the breath of relief, hastily folding the paper ing the interrupted thought.

A heavy hand dropped upon her was a sort o' looking for you as I came matter, and then Mr. Dalton went himnot, Editha could not tell, but she earn- hide it from those fierce, restless eyes shoulder like the stroke of a hammer, along back, and I suspected at once that self to see the wretched family, thinking and a fierce voice whispered in her it was you when I heard you cry out. perhaps some further information might

"Make no noise and I will do you you?" no harm; scream once, and I'll choke "No; but he wanted something which following Editha's visit there, and after so of course the invalid was wholly un. Tom Drake had disappeared as silently you; but I must have the paper that he knew I had, and I wouldn't give it the funeral the family had disappeared, John Loker signed for you.'

She knew the instant she felt the touch of that hand—before even a man, with a little chuckle at her spirit tremely distressed over the strange affair word was uttered-who it was that and resolute tone. "Should you know would be very unjust to him. had captured her there in the dark- him if you should ever meet him again?" He availed himself of every possible he asked, presently.

more than half an hour.

evening's adventures.

Editha Dalton knew that she must

keep her own counsel regarding that

hands of her father. She knew he would

But she had resolved to go to Mr.

in the safe, for she knew that burglars

were not troubled nowadays about open-

"What shall I do with it?" she said.

even for to-night."

making it public to vindicate Earle.

ness and rain. She did not need the aid of a light "Oh, yes," Editha answered, with a but, as we have already seen, he was ed the stagnated blood rushed through But he should not have it—he must not to know that a burly head, with flam-shudder, feeling that it would be im- an utterly selfish man, and it was not her veins in a swiftitorrent, sending sharp have it; she would make a bold fight, ming red hair, and an ugly face, with possible ever to forget that repulsive in his nature to brood over anything a scar under the right eye, and an face that had so startled her at the either troublesome or disagreeable; and world that would clear her betrothed ear with part of the lobe gone, tower- window in John Loker's miserable home. the source from which he at length drew ed above her; she could almost feel | She was now beginning to recover consolation may perhaps be revealed by She had one hope, else her courage that the hand lying so heavily upon her strength, and signified her readiness the following soliloquy with himself, as would have failed her utterly—the police- her was minus a portion of the little to go on if her companion would accom- he sat one night in his library, consider-She held in her hands the evidence which, a little more complete, and signed which, a little more complete, and signed who had been so civil her as it flashed upon her how much the dismal place, and felt as if she would "If anything—ah—fatal—should the dismal place, and felt as if she would "If anything—ah—fatal—should if the dismal place, and felt as if she would in the dismal place, and the dismal place, and the dismal place, and of crime that hand was guilty of, and never dare enter a by-street again as have — happened to Editha — if she than she had told him she would be, and might be stained even more deeply long as she lived. So she resolved to sit quietly there unpassibly he had become tired of waiting yet, before it should be removed from The man readily went with her to the then will be—mine, I suppose."

not have cried out, even if his threat her escape from a ruffian's power. had not intimidated her, so terrible

tarily—that treasure worth more than and regretted that he should have wait- als. By druggists.

second story of the building, and it seem. cheer, even though she knew that every Earle Wayne was an innocent, injured, Her whole soul arose at once to The time had come when she could

> She had been fearful and trembling have no sympathy with her regarding "I thank you, miss," he said, feebly, all the way from John Loker's house the confession she had obtained, and Now that the danger was encountered, and she, a frail, delicate girl, Felton on the morrow, put the precious

and keen to think, her nerves steady ately set herself to work to make a careful copy of John Loker's confession to "How do you know that I have send to Earle. And then, with some-

thing of the fear creeping over her that she quickly demanded. She knew well enough how, but she Draks's power, she looked around for a she had experienced while in Tom asked the question to gain time. safe place in which to hide the original. The man laughed a short, scornful She would not take it below and put it

laugh; then he said: "You are a brave little women, and a good actress;" and there was a note ing such things, let them have ever so "Forgive us our debts as we forgive of admiration in his voice as he spoke. glance up at the window back of John Loker's bed half an hour ago," he went on, in quick, low tone; "you more freely, and take all the dread you did not scream nor make any fuss, as "Something tells me I must hide it A.F. Randolph & Son. most women would have done on see-"Thank you again, miss; those are ing a face like mine peering in upon good words," he said, with a sigh of relief them; you knew it was your only and thankfulness that she had forgiven chance to get evidence that would clear an innocent man from the sus- and for a long time it was a matter that asked—"that God will forgive you, too?" picion of a crime; you showed a plucky spirit, Miss Dalton, to sit there "My mother used to teach me about and so quietly, when you knew Tom ten Him, and been bad for so long, that upon you. But did you think I would Not much-my business is too profit-

carried in a bag, without disturbing any been so full of wrong, and such a fail as yours. So make haste and pass it this would be a safe place to hide her afflictions. over," he said, not unkindly, for her dauntless spirit had really inspired evidence? him with admiration for her. "You cannot have it!" Editha said, firmly, while she made an effort to

"Jesus is the way, the truth, and the free herself from the grasp of her The next instant she would have screamed for help in spite of his threat, but he anticipating this, threw one powerful arm around her slight What could she say to comfort him? form, placing his other hand at the neck and wrists, my heart failed me, for I thought of Milly here, whom I suppose thing was up, came running down the all, she would rather be in Earle's place, lifting her from her feet as easily as I love just as well as rich folks love their street; so I dropped a bracelet, which having patiently and innocently suffered if she had been a child, he carried her is certain, and that is that it was well children, and, I knew just how she'd have Tom had made me stuff in my pocket, a great wrong, even though the cloud within the shadow of a door-way in the low building before referred to.

> "I've got to have it, d'ye hear?" he said, fiercely; "if not by fair means, why, then, by foul. I've no

won't it will be the worst for you. your head if your mean yes.' Editha could scarcely breathe, his hand was so heavily pressed over her Mr. Dalton, angry at thus being

She knew she was at his mercy, but for her. she knew also that he could not get | The girl hastened to do his bidding,

possession of ber treasure without but soon returned, with pale and affrightremoving his hands from her face, ed face, saying that Miss Editha was which would give her an advan- not in her chamber, her bed had not tage over him, because she could call been occupied during the night, and So, instead of nodding her head as were in the direct confusion.

he had commanded her to do, she Mr. Dalton was, of course, instantly The man uttered a round oath at matter.

there is left in that trator out of him." shaken out, and then thrown hastily

ed when he attered a suppressed writing-desk was overturned upon the

Her nerves had received a terrible openly, and in defiance of the whole shock, from which she of necessity had would; moreover, she never would have now to pay the penalty. She did not faint, nor go into hyster- that style, taking nothing with her for

I've told you?" he asked again, anxious. she would be where no possible harm she clung in speechless terror and trem. No, it was a deep and imcomprehen-

chattering audibly. "Poor thing! poor thing! this is a late in his beautiful home.

Milly, overcome by the genial warmth laid on them so that he could write, he after her exposure to the cold, and also laborously scrawled beneath what she had was to accomplish all this. watch for you," he continued, "until ter, and that was her adventure with The low building was nearly passed—

you came from John Loker's house, and the unknown ruffian after her visit to then take you safely through this dismal John Loker's house. against the side of the house, while Mrs.

Loker still kept her motionless position

Loker still kept her motionle here apiece, and I had to go. But I gave an account of what he knew of the

Did the wretch steal anything from be gleamed from them.

and no one knew anything of them.

means to solve the dreadful mystery;

next street, and waited to see her safely And even while he spoke a strange gers would be able to hold the pencil and her mind and nearly bewildered her, but lyze her for the moment, so that she minutes she was once more in her own queer quaver in his voice, and he was trace the words that yet remained to be above and over all was a stern determinwas powerless to resist. She could luxurious home, heartily thankful for as white as the immaculate tie which he wore about his neck. Mr. Dalton expressed some surprise

(To be continued.)

at her being out so late-remarked, with ton; but I must have the paper; and and asked if she was not well, and then are made pallid and unattractive by Yet she could not bear to leave that be quick about it, too," the man re- added that dinner had been waiting for functional irregularities, which Dr. Give up that precious paper volun- She simply replied that she was well, infallibly cure Thousands of testimoni-



complicated a lock, and she could not "You thought I did not see you sleep until it was safely disposed of cal than the ordinary kinds, and earned be sold short weight, alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Co. 106 Wall street, New York. with flushing cheeks and anxious brow.

> No drawer with any common lock would be a safe place she reasonedcaused her much perplexity. All at once her eyes lighted. In her jewel-box, which was quite a large one, there was a raised velvet cushion, with places on it for the different articles of jewelry CURES PAINS-External and Internal. she was in the habit of wearing.

able to be stopped by having my like-botton of the box. What omen of Best Stable Remedy in the World CURES Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Hoarseness

She carefully pryed it from the box, folded the papers just to fit the bottom, then, pressing the cushion firmly back into its place, she once more arranged her jewels in their accustomed position, and then, apparently satisfied with her selling medicine they have, work, she resumed her seat and began BEWARE OF IMITATIONS to write an account of her adventures to

her dear one across the sea. It is said that "coming events cast their shadows before;" whether this be true or not, I cannot say, but one thing for Earle Wayne's honor that Editha Dalton was guided by her impressions to so adroitly conceal John Loker's con- best medicine made, as it does all it is recom-

make her appearance at the breakfast-

This was something unusual, for the neatly and attractively dressed and in every morning upon the ringing of the breakfast-bell.

solutely prowerless in the strong her, curtly ordered a servant to go and awake her, and tell her he was waiting

that both sitting-room and bed-room

earth. Why, miss, if you will believe me he pocketed all the swag, and I never got so much as a penny's worth of it for my share in that night's job."

Were a fortune in themselves, and we've been starving and freezing here for the his wife and child, who were both now he good to them, indicating by a giance been starving and freezing here for the has wife and child, who were both now heavily sleeping.

Evidently he had not anticipated wouldn't give us a dime to buy a loaf of breadlwith.

He found it was even worse than the heavily sleeping.

Evidently he had not anticipated any such determined resistance and breadlwith.

for a moment he appeared undecided of their contents, and lay scattered in every direction upon the floor, chairs, "I'd like to strangle what little life and bed. Clothing had been unfolded, His sentenced was hardly complet- rifled of their contents. Editha's costly

But he soon dismissed this idea, for

With succor at hand, and the disap- he knew her character well enought to pearance of her captor, Editha's courage know that if she was bound to marry Earle Wayne she would do it boldly, gone away voluntarily and left things in

was at last left entirely alone and deso-

But John Loker had died the day

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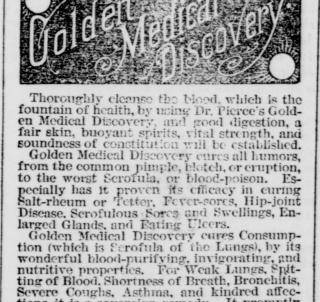
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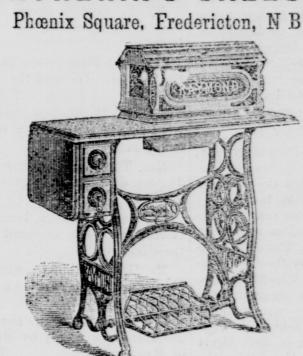
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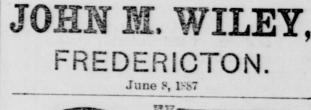
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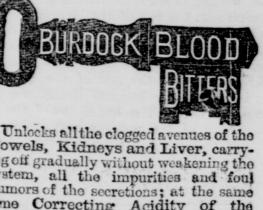
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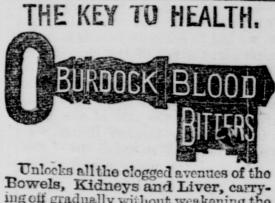
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