BY EDMUND YATES.

CHAPTER I.-No 201. "Midnight! how horribly familiar to me is the discordant clanging of those horrible chimes. For the first three weeks of my vacation they seemed to be constantly ringing in my ears, and was just beginning to forget them, when I am summoned to their awful reality. Ten-eleven-twelve, go on, ring out the knell of my youth, and hope, and love; check off my life hour by hour. and tell me with infernal regularity at this time that another day is dead, that another set of opportunities has been wasted, and that I am so much nearer to my grave! Great Heavens, to think of the miserable manner in which my life is passing from me! When I first entered upon my profession it was not, God knows, the idea of making money that tempted me. I had grand visions of standing by the bedside of the sick, and scaring away the demons of disease and death that were hovering around it; I had hopes of achieving name and fame, with Lucy to share them with me, and what am I now? A man of thirty years of age, a prison surgeon, struggling on with the wretched pittance of six hundred dollars a year, with convicts and jail-birds for his patientsscoundrels without a spark of interest or gratitude, and whose only object, as far as I am concerned, is to endeavor to deceive me by shamming maladies in order that they may escape from the labors of the treadmill and the crank.'

As he uttered these last words the speaker rose from his chair, plunged his hands deeply into his pockets, and began pacing to and fro, looking round the room as though seeking for consolation, but finding none.

To a person mentally ill at ease, as he comfort.

meagerly furnished with two or three chairs, a small 'iron bedstead, an old writing-table, the leathern top of which was ink-stained and knife-notched. On the bare white walls hung a fairly executed water-color drawing, representing a cozy little parsonage standing in the midst of a thoroughly English landscape with a background of high elmtrees, and with a gravel path evidently leading to the village church, the hoary, ivy-covered tower of which was dimly visible in the distance.

photographs; one of an old man, with flowing gray hair, the cut of whose garments and the height and rigidity of whose white cravat showed him to be clergyman; the other of a benign old lady, with a sweet smile, and a soft, tender expression in her large eyes. In a corner of the room stood a huge

wooden press, filled with stoppered glass bottles, arranged in rows, while in an open drawer at its base was a collection of surgical instruments, rolls of lint, plaster, and other appliances of the healing art.

Walter King, the man who was patrolling this chamber with wandering steps, was an average specimen of the young Englishman of the upper middleclass, tall and strongly built; nature had intended him to be good-looking, had given him a wealth of dark-brown hair and brilliant, hazel eyes; but hard work and disappointment in his career had robbed him of the luxuriance of the first, and dimmed the luster of the last. His brow was somewhat bald, and the locks that clustered thickly round his temples were streaked with silver; but the nose and lips were finely cut, and the lines round the latter, and the square wan jaw told of firmness and decision. In his early youth he had lived the life led by most medical students during the time of their engagements at the hospitals; his pursuit of pleasure had been far more eager than his attention to lectures; he was extravagant, not to say dissolute, and after scraping through his examination, and being admitted to the practice of his profession, he had gone down home to the old vicarage in Gloucestershire, with the intention of getting as much money as possible from his long-suffering father, and returning at once to London, to recommence his career of folly and dissipation.

But a different fate awaited him. During his absence in the metroplis, Lucy Travers, the orphan niece of the childless old squire and great man of the parish, had come to keep her uncle's house, and with her at first sight, Walter King fell desperately in love.

with her brilliant red and white complexion, her laughing eyes, her long him back to life; my business is to heal curling chestnut hair, and her sound the sick, not to attempt to raise the strong teeth, she was pretty enough for | dead!" any man; but there was a nameless attraction about her, in her open franktotal absence of any thing like affectation, or the tricks of the world.

even a lower order, Walter King found | Phillimore was still here." himself entranced by Lucy's modesty man had shown her in affording her the I should?" shelter of his roof.

Travers given his orphan niece, and not | would na trust Doctor Phillimore with much more, indeed, had he to bestow. the life of a tom-cat. He's too fond of Open-handed hospitality and devotion to field sports of all kinds, carried on for a number of years, had sadly crip- not say such things; and you have not pled the squire's resources.

His vast estates were heavily mortgaged; his affairs were in the hands of old man, restraining his contemptuous trustees; and though he clung to his anger, "Doctor Phillimore took great position, and rigidly demanded its ac- interest in No. 201, and when he went knowledgment by every one with whom off duty, asked me to let him know at he was brought in contact, it was felt by all, and by none more than the squire himself, to be merely a nominal

full of youth and health and ambition, When he found he had secured Lucy's love-and with such a frank, ingenuous girl, he was not long in learning that important fact—he wanted nothing else. lessly.

The squire shook his head when the well enough," he said; "he loved Walter's father, his old college chum, and he would even make the sacrifice of and his particular patient.

The deuce he did! As you say, disfigured as they were by the absence of the natural shading of hair which had been cut close, according to the relentless rules of prison discipline.

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not bestow on her even the smallest fortune, and the young man's pride was too great to accept the offer which was made to him, to marry Lucy, and eat the bread of idleness in her uncle's

that he would make his way through the world! Though an idle and a truant from work, he had always been regarded as clever, the authorities at the hospital had pronounced that he had plenty of ability, and only needed application; and now that he had a spur to nduce him to persevere, he would soon find the path clear before him. A pleasant dream, but one not destin-

ed to be realized

Walter obtained recommendations from some of his old friends, applied here and there, passed six months as assistant to an over-worked surgeon, just struggling into good practice in London, passed another six months as drudge to an apothecary and general practitioner in the country, where he had to attend to work-house patients, and was knocked up at all hours of the night to drive miles over the wild commons in the midst of the howling storm, for a fee which in other days he would have given to a cabman. Finally, through friends, he obtained the vacant appointment of surgeon to the Westchester county jail, which, at the time our story opens, he had held for some two years.

This was the first evening since his return from his annual vacation. For one month in the year he was enabled to shake off the degrading effect of the association with convicts, the perpetual sight of the white-washed walls, the long iron galleries, the spiral staircases, the clanging doors, the constant marching and counter marching, inspection, and the wearisome detail of prison life. Then he went straight away home

med to be, the aspect of the apart- the quiet little village, where, all the ment was not calculated to afford any time not actually given up to Lucy, and that was not much, was spent in the It was a long narrow slip of a room, company of hisparents. At such times they were tolerably hopeful, and managed to talk pleasantly of the future.

Something would happen for Walter's advantage, some one would die and leave him a fortune, or the squire's affairs would "get around," and in the meantime they were still young and loved each other dearly.

That was Walter's great joy; he knew that the girl whom he had selected from the rest of the world was perfectly and thoroughly devoted to him; that no matter how long his absence, how ap-Beneath this picture were two small parently distant the chances of their union, however great the attention paid to her by others, Lucy never gave him the smallest cause for doubt or distrust. She was his-his alone; and hugging that thought to himself, as his sole consolation, Walter King had said goodbye to those dear ones, and started back

to the scenes of his dreary labor. But the contrast between his dear old home, rich with so many memories, and lit up with the well-loved faces, and the cold solitude of his cheerless prison hind him. him to bear.

"I can not stand it!' he cried aloud. 'To think," he added, taking a portrait from his breast pocket and looking at it with affection, "to think that only last night I was with you, my darling, holding you in my arms, and gazing into your beautiful eyes, so tender and so true in their long regard, and that now it will probably be twelve months before we meet again. I can not stand it The best part of my life is being wasted and I will bear it no longer. I will throw up this appointment and seek for some foreign service, where I may have the chance of distinguishing myself .-Lucy will not object, I think; and even my dear old father, and my darling mother, would forgive me, if they could only comprehend the misery of my life

He fell into a chair as he spoke, crossing his arms upon the table and resting his head upon them. In this position he remained but a few minutes, and when he raised his head, in answer to a respectful tapping at the door, there were traces of tears upon his face.

These he hastily brushed away as he cried out:

"Come in-what is it?"

"Doctor, No. 201." "Well, sir, what of him?" asked Walter King, still shading his eyes with hi

"Dead," said the warder, shortly, repeating the military salute.

"Well, Macpherson, what is that to me?" said the doctor, raising his head Not for her beauty, perhaps, though and looking the officer full in the face. "I did not kill the man, I cannot bring

"Eh, Doctor King," said the warder, a fine old Scotchman, who had been for ness, in her honest sincerity, in the years an officer of the prison, and with whom the surgeon was a great favorite, "I did na ken you had got back, sir, Accustomed to flirtations with bar- and did na recognize you with your hand maids and waitresses, or with women of in front of your face-I thought Doctor

"All right, Macpherson," said Walter and purity, her skillful management of King, with a weary smile, "I know you her uncle's household, and by the at- meant no offense, but why did you come tention and devotion with which she re- to tell Doctor Phillimore, who would paid the not too great kindness the old have no more power in such a case than

"I should think not, indeed!" said Not much more than this had Squire | the old man, warmly. "For myself, I toddy---

"Hush, hush, Macpherson, you must answered my question."

"Well, sir, it is just this," said the once if there were any change in the

"He did not expect me back so soon." "Just so," said the old man, peevish-What did that matter to Walter King, ly. "He's a careless body himself and gives no one else credit for being

"I suppose this man was in the hospital ward?" said Walter King, care-

"No, sir," replied the warder, "Dr. engagement of the young people was Phillimore had him removed from there proposed to him. "He liked Walter to the last cell in the south corridor."

ne. Macpherson, who was No. 201?" "Entered in the name of Russel; five years penal, for forging and uttering bill of exchange," said the man. "Quite a high fellow, I believe, doctor, with easy manners and soft, white hands: No! he had his profession, and with but a bad lot, I should think, to judge by his shifty eyes and cruel mouth." "Why you are quite a physiognomist

> Mac," said Walter King, laughing. "I did na ken about feesonomy, muttered the warder, "but I've had unco experience of villains, not to recognize them at once; and that this Russel is ane, I'll take my bible oath.' "Your remarks of Dr. Phillimore's

interest inspire me with a desire to have a look at this man. The last cell, in the south corridor, you say, Macpherson? Right, you need not wait, I will find my own way to it."

The warder saluted silently, and with-

drew. Left to himself, Walter King again commenced pacing the room restlessly, but the feeling of nervous irritability, under which he had previously been laboring, seemed to have vanished, and, in its place, he was haunted by a kind of inexplicable fear and mental terror. which impelled him from time to time to cast furtive glances over his shoulder, the assistance of some of the squire's as though in dread of finding himself followed in his wanderings by a bodily

> "This is too absurd," he said, half aloud and half to himself. "I am as full of fancies as a sick girl, but a little touch of professional duty will soon put that to rights. What can have made Phillimore take such an interest in this prisoner, I wonder? I thought all he cared for was to draw my salary during the time he acted as my substitute, and, in return, to render as little service for the money as he conveniently could: for-as old Macpherson was just upon the point of remarking if I had not stopped him-my friend Phillimore is a dissipated dog, and if it was to the visiting ustices he were responsible, he could never be employed, even to attend upon such patients as these. However, he seems, for once, to have found a case which has divided his attention with the whisky bottle and the sporting newspapers, I shall be curious to see what it is like !"

He put on his hat as he spoke, and taking a small hand lamp from a niche in the corner, lit it with a match, and, shading it with his coat, passed out of

The warders patrolling the long stone corridors drew themselves up as the doctor passed, and saluted him respectfully, those on duty in the upper galleries, hearing clanking footsteps, leaned over in curiosity, and drew back as soon as they recognized the familiar figure of

On he walked, until he stopped at the door of the cell at the extreme end of the south corridor.

This he unlocked with a pass-key, which he took from his pocket, and holding the lamp above his head, entered the cell, closing the door softly beapartment, was almost too much for CHAATER II.—THE DOCTOR'S BARGAIN.

The same strange, inexplicable terror which had beset Walter King while in his own room, came over him now, as he gazed around him. The cell was an ordinary whitewashed, narrow slip, with walls bare, save for two or three Scripture texts hanging on them, and devoid of all furniture except a small table, on which stood a few medicine bottles which had been used by the dead prisoner during his illness, and a low truckle

Stretched upon this, and covered over with the coarse prison sheets, through which the dull outline was distinctly visible, lay a something-still, motionless, indeed, but in its dumb immobility, perhaps, more calculated to strike dismay into the breasts of those beholding it, than a raging maniac or bounding beast of prev.

Something of this kind must have struck Walter King, for, accustomed as he was to the sight of the dead, he hesitated before undertaking the task which had brought him to the spot, and seeking to discover, by an inspection of the corpse, the cause of the interest which Dr. Phillimore had taken in the

patient when alive. It was strange; but he could not understand the reason, and yet he felt it almost impossible to proceed with his duty after his ordinary easy fashion. He placed the lamp upon the floor, and seating himself on the edge of the table, looked hard at the figure stretched mute and motionless before him.

The wind, which blew in fitful gusts down the long corridor, found its way under the door of the cell, and the light of the lamp, thus disturbed, flickered to and fro upon the sheet, giving the idea that what lay beneath it was stirred in temporary unrest.

So vivid was this delusion that Walter King, calling his senses to his aid, and shading his eyes with his hand. peered long and earnestly at the ghastly object before him, in order to convince himself of the fantastic deception into which his nervousness had betrayed him. At any other time, not merely would he have laughed away the creeping terror which beset him, but would soon have destroyed its origin by ocular

inspection of what he now stood aloof from, and only regarded with curious. awe-stricken gaze. But to do that at that instant he felt was impossible. A chilling horror, such as he had not known since the ghost-

haunted nights of his childhood, was stealing over him, and when he managed to withdraw his gaze from the spot | Cinger Wine, on which it had been so long fixed, he found himself nervously glancing over | Old Tom Gin, Fine Old Brown Sherry, his shoulder, while his blood ran cold, just as he remembered it to have done when, as a little child, he listened in fear and trembling to the goblin legends of the nursery. The clanging of a door in a distant

corridor had the effect of startling him into something like self-possession. "This is too absurd," he said, placing his hands on his head, and tightly pressing the temporal artery. "The quiet home life which I have been leading would seem to have had the effect of deranging my nervous system, and instead of coming back refreshed by the rest, and set up for a renewal of my dreary labors I am as unstrung and as shaky

as I used to be after a course of drink and dissipation in the old student days. "However, there is an end" to it he muttered, rising from his seat upon the table, and advancing towards the bed. 'Now, let us have a look at this patient whose case was peculiar enough to excite an interest in such a very easy going practitioner as our friend Philli-

As he bent over the bed a return of his tremulousness seemed impending, and he hesitated for an instant. Then, with one strong effort, he regained the mastery over himself, and with steady fingers seized the sheet and slowly withdrew it from the features which it cover-Cold, clear-cut features, eminently

light in hue and very tnick, growing down into a peak upon the low, narrow forehead; the nose was straight and thin, with lithe, almost transparent nostrils; the lips small, compressed, dried, and almost colorless; the chin narrow pointed. The eyes, which were wide open, were of a steely blue, like the frozen surface of a pool, Walter King thought, as he bent over and looked down into them.

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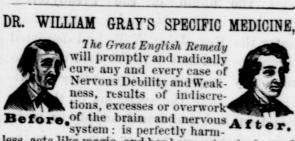
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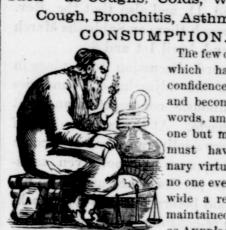
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