

knowing her value, fearing no rival.

and secure in his affections, because she was valuable, even necessary, to him. He cared for her because in so doing he was caring for himself, and placing any "card" in her hands was only the surest means of enlarging his own pack. While she, for whether a woman is good or bad

burned the "languishing of her eye" into

teristics and weaknesses, whereby he might be successfully manipulated by skilled hands. The boldness of his plan made even Cora start, and instead of her usually ready decision and answer, she favored him with a wondering, thought-

can't live forever at the worst, and the estate is a handsome one. You could easily make yourself queen absolute of the situation, and go and come at your own sweet will. I think as a good brother I should be a magnificent success, and an ornament to your country mansion in the lazy summer.'

lation after a trial, I can commit suicide or vanish," Cora said, meditatingly.

questioned "Perfectly sure. There was a step-

foreigner;" here he smiled, and veiled his eyes, less she should read aright his expression. "He would not give her a penny, or a crust of bread, were she to return. He hated her from her earliest day; but she is not likely to re-appear in

you know," she suggested maliciously.

the man who was your escort, or did mere accident put you under his charge?" "The 'accident' that put me in the charge of Mr. Davlin was-myself," said the girl, in a full, clear voice. "And he

eyes again; "and we would all settle down into respectable members of society -charming picture. But, jesting aside, how do you like the prospect?"

rising, paced the room in silence for a few moments.

from a favorite opera; then lighted a fresh cigar, and puffed away, leaning lazily back and watching her face furtively out of half closed eyes.

seat, "that I will take a nearer view of this 'prospect' of yours."

to proceed.

terst me for a little time, so I'll take myself and my 'delicate constitution' down 10 your promising haven of rest. I'll 'view the landscape o'er,' and the prosthe of an opportunity for a little sharp precice will make my banishment more fidurable; of course, my resignation will increase as the situation becomes more interesting,"

"Which it is sure to do," he said, rising quickly and crossing to the winnew. you always accomplish what you undertake; and you'll find the game worth the jowder. The fact is, Cora," he continued seriously, "you and I have engineered so many delicate little affairs successfully, here in the city, that, as a combination, we are pretty well known just now; too well, in fact, for our own ease and comfort. Your supposed trip to Europe was a lucky thing, and will throw all officially-interested ones off your track completely. I shall limit my operations here for a time; shall make this merely headquarters, in fact, and 'prospect.' like yourself, in fresh fields. And now, it being nearly morning, and quire necessary that you should be on your victorious march, let us consider final ways and means."

arranged and discussed, the result of the whole being briefly this:

supurban station, and from thence go by rail to a village midway between the city and her final destination; and there await her luggage, and the arrival of Lucian. He would join her shortly, and proceed with her to Bellair, in his charac er of brother; see her comfortably setulad, and leave her to her new undertaking.

morning a veiled lady, sweet-voiced and elogant in manner, stepped from a close carriage at a little wayside station, and sped away at the heels of the iron horse. THE ADVANCE OFFICE Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, and Chickens. like us?" And thus it was that Lucian Davlin, did you come here as the companion of felt. As we realize the full torture of an Madeline arose and commenced pacing Raisins, Currants, Candied Peels. re-appearing in Bellair and listening in ugly wound, not when the blow is struck, the floor restlessly, nervously. She had Essences, Spices, Apples, Grapes. well-simulated surprise to the story of but after the whole system has been come here with no fixed purpose, nothing made to languish under its effects, so a the sudden disappearance of John -FOR YOUR-Figs, Nuts, Confectionery, Cigars Etc. Etc. beyond the indefinite determination to blow struck at the heart can not make Arthur's step-daughter, effectually put to defy and thwart the man who had en-Best Family Flour, Meals, Hay, Oats, feed of all kinds. LETTER HEADS. flight any idea-forming in the brains of itself fully felt while the mind is still trapped her. She had never for a moment unable to picture what the future will Park, Beef, Herring, Codfish, Molasses, Sugars. Oils, Tobacco, Etc Etc NOTE HEADS, the few who knew, or conjectured, that is my only guardian, and will be." Chatham Oct., 3. feared for her safety, or doubted her be like now that the grief has come. these two had met-that he had aught to BILL HEADS, Olive Girard pushed back her chair, We CHEAPEST STORE IN TOWN, only taste our bitterest grief when the ability to accomplish her object. do with her mysterious flitting. In | and rising, came and stood before her, CARDS, A plan was now taking shape in her mind has shaken itself aloof from the truth, none save old Hagar knew of the | with outstretched hand and pleading, Don't forget the PIANO-each dollar purchase, one ticket. STEEL. mind, and as she pondered, she extended present woe, to travel forward and ques-RAILWAY RECEIPTS. frequency of their clandestine meetings. compassionate eyes. Ready-Made Clothing, Dry Goods, Caps, Robes, Horse-Rugs. her march, quite unthinkingly, on inte WIRE tion what the future can hold for us, SHIPPING RECEIPTS, and she never breathed to others the "Just as I feared," she sighed; "the Boots and Shoes, Overshoes, Rubbers, Moccasins, Etc., Etc., now that our life is bereft of this treasthe adjoining room, the door of which thoughts and suspicions that haunted very worst. My poor child, do you know ENVELOPES. stood invitingly open. The first object to the character and occupation of this ure. At the greatest bargains ever were known. her brain. TAGS, ETC. attract her attention was the light travel-Madeline's condition, after the depart-And thus it was, too, that Cora man?" DONT FORGET the piano; each dollar's worth you buy you receive ling coat which Lucian had worn on the ure of Olive Girard, was an exponent of A full stock of paper, envelopes, tags and Madeline sprang to her feet, and put-Weston, in her new roll of languishing previous day; worn when he was pleadthis truth. Fast and hard worked her one ticket. printers stationary on hand. Come or widow, secluded carefully from the vulting one nervous little hand upon the ing his suit under the trees of Oakley: thoughts, but they only encountered the back of the chair she had occupied, movgar gaze, heard never a word of Made-MERRY X'MAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. send o and in a burst of anger, as if it were a ills of the present, and never glanced beed back a pace, and said, in a low, set line's flight. And when, later, the fact part of him she was thinking of so bit-THE LEADING JOB - PRINTING OFFICE. was revealed to her, none save old Hagar | tone: yond. terly, she seized and hurled it from her. W T HARRIS. "If you have come to say aught against could have named the precise date of the THE ONTARIO WIRE FENCING CO., LTD. D. G. SMITH; CHATHAM. event, So even wise Cora never connect-

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