Dr. Jack's Wife.

(Continued from 1st page.) He proceeds to push the heavy gate partly open, and Avis enters-the perfume of many flowers greets her-it is overpowering in the night air, and Doctor Jack's wife somehow feels a strange sensation come over her. This is the place to which her husband has been lured, for some purpose as yet unknown, and she seems to associate the perfume of these flowers with the secret mission

of their enemies. Then, with the resolution that has characterized the Avis Morton of old.

"Let us push on, cousin-see, lights gleam through the trees yonder. We will find the house there—the house of Don Rafael. I wish I had thought to ask that officer if by chance he saw Jack enter this street—he could not see him without remembering -but it is too late now.' They advance slowly, for although there is a wide path leading from the gate, a drive-way, in fact, under the shadow of the luxuriant trees, it is impossible to see distinctly, especially when one keeps watching the lights that gleam beyond. Once Avis stumbles and nearly

'Beg pawdon, my dear cousin-I was an idiot not to offer you my arm. Lean on me-you will find Larry Kennedy a tower of strength in an emergency." "Do for heaven's sake talk in whispers, cousin. We are in the enemy's country, you know," she feels impelled to say, and he realizes that even a brave man may be indiscreet at time.

"I am dumb-miserably dumb," he

It is just as well, for the house looms up before them now, though as yet they have had no glimpse of a living being. Here are the stairs-they ascend, no longer groping in darkness, for the illumination is more than sufficient to disclose their surroundings. Should they meet any servants, Avis believes she will be able to manage them, first with magic silver, then by a glimpse of her fair face from behind the veil—women understand the power that lies in their grasp better than most men suspect—and if all else fails an appeal to arms can be made, when valiant Larry will be given an opportunity to show his mettle.

Fortunately it happens otherwise, and they are not confounded by any Cerberus at the door, demanding their business. A strange silence reigns in the house, and Larry likens it to a great tomb. Here are lights and flowers, but where can they find the human occupants—why do they not hear the hum of voices or the

So they pass into the great hall, where hang elegant paintings, relics of the chase, of war—many things that pro-claim the proprietor a man of cultivation

A spirit of unrest has assailed Avissomething seems to assure her that the man she loves and honors is under this roof and in danger. Putting this and that together—the note that came into Jack's hands, the apparently accidental conversation which she heard under her window at the hotel, and Larry's simple explanation regarding what he knows— her woman's wit has been able to figure out something like the truth. At any rate she believes her coming to be an i

A door on the right opens into a lux-urious drawing-room—she runs thither and, holding her breath, looks in. The gas is turned low, and not a sign of human occupancy does she discover. This is only a beginning, however other rooms remain which will undoubtedly prove of a more profitable nature.

eyes around the richly decorated room, she catches the attitude of Larry Kennedy. The New York dude is a picture thing to occupy his attention in another quarter. Voices are heard—and new cane grasped in one hand while the other is raised with the finger pressing his lips. Evidently the little man has himself made a discovery of great importance at least he holds such an opinion.

In an instant, as it seems, Doctor Jack's wife has flown to the side of her cousin-he says not a word, but points through the doorway close by, and Avis Evans, looking, is almost paralyzed with a sudden cold fear at the sight she be-

Imagine a loving, faithful wife being a witness to the caresses a rival bestows upon the man she loves with all her soul —that is what occurs in this grand Chilian mansion, which has been invaded by the Americans.

ports the head of a man seated very close to her, pats his face with gentle little strokes, and murmurs, while she thus caresses, words of love, devotion. The light shines full upon his face, and Avis can see beyond all doubt the well-known features of her husband.

Under such circumstances even the mildest woman under heaven would feel her blood leap like boiling lava through her veins, and Avis does not pretend to move, not forward, but to either side.

She forgets everything save that here is a woman usurping her rights. One thing she does notice instantly, and it gives her considerable satisfaction—he makes no movement to return the caresses thus bestowed-his face, as seen in the gas light, proclaims the fact that he is asleep, or else, God help her, dead-it's pallor

Obeying the impulse that urges even strong arm—Doctor Jack's—would soon the weak to claim their rights, Avis turn the scale. So she works and talks starts forward. Larry trots at her heels industriously, pleading with him to like a faithful little dog-Larry who is ready to fight or flirt at any hour of the and save them from ruin. day, such is the singular conglomeration of qualities that make up his com- who calls, your own Avis. We are beset,

sweep of her garments reaches the ear of them!" she cries, accompanying every the dreamer who thus sits and caresses few words with a shake that makes his the face of the senseless doctor. At any rate she looks up in astonishment, for never a suspicion has entered her head that witnesses are present. Avis Evans looks upon the face of her

rival, the Chilian girl who loves her husband, and whose strange notions of right allow her to plot against the peace of a wife. She shivers as she looks-the wonderful beauty of that face astounds her; but never for one moment does she doubt the faithful love of her Jack-that has long ago been tried in the fire and found to be pure gold without alloy. "Senorita, I will relieve you from fur-

ther trouble-allow me to take charge of my husband," she says, quietly. "You!" grasps the other, her eyes dilated with surprise, and growing fury -"cospita! I know you now—the wo-man he does not love, but calls his wife!"

CHAPTER V.

It is a cruel shaft, mercilessly aimed, but the shield of perfect trust and love still protects the heart of that American wife and turns the barb aside. Avis winces under it, but her self-possession returns, and this makes her mistress of the situation. Even in the house of her rival, which she has invaded with-

out an invitation, Avis proves her super-

ior powers. "What you insinuate is entirely false. You lured him here with a letter in which you promised him certain information respecting the business that keeps him in Chili. Under the name of Don Rafael you did this. He came, fearing nothing, and ready to brave all risks in order to learn more. You failed to move him while he had his senses, and you steal these away in some manner so that you may win. But you forgot one thing -Doctor Jack's wife. She has a mortgage on his affection, which you nor any other

woman dare not raise-she is here to press her claim-to prove herself worthy of the love and devotion of a man who never in all his life has done a dishonorable deed. Once again I tell you to leave that seat-I am present to care for my Her words are cool and clear-they do

not speak of passion, such as a Chilian girl might naturally exhibit under similar circumstances, but at the same time there is a light in her gray eyes that warns Senorita Marilla to beware. At first she assumes a defiant air-she is in her own castle, and that gives courage. Then her mood changes-perhaps

she sees Larry, who, struck by her wonderful beauty, has assumed an air of powerful admiration, just as a sun-worshiper might gaze upon the object of his adoration-his singular face when thus set is enough to disturb one's mind Be that as it may, she allows Jack's head to fall upon the side of the chair, as she springs to her feet to face his wifethe shock has some power to partially

dispel the effect of the subtle drug which, given in the cigarette, has stolen the doctor's senses away, for he opens his eyes, stares vacantly about him, catches sight of Avis, smiles in perfect content, and sleeps again.

that he may be overcoming the drug, which has not laid hold of him quite as powerfully as was anticipated. "How did you come here?" asks Marilla, curiosity rising above all else for the

can wife of the man with whom she has become enamored. "My cousin brought me"-it might be more correct the other way, since Larry makes a poor leader—"we put one thing and another together and-well, we arrived, you see, in time to relieve you of all responsibility," and she bends over Doctor Jack, raises his head, caresses his brow, and then gently shakes him to see

whether he may not be aroused. What have you done to him, woman -why does he act this way?" she demands, pausing in her efforts, to look up into the face of the daughter of Don Rafael, who, having recovered her senses in a measures, now shrugs her plump shoulders as she replies:-"Carramba! how should I know-we

were talking of business-he draws his chair closer to mine so that he can look in my eyes"-turning aside, unable to meet the disdainful gaze of his wife-"I feel his breath on my cheek—then I hear a groan, and his head falls on my shoulder. Well, I am surprised, but I am not afraid—I say to myself, 'this man leves me-I will bring him to his senses with my touch upon his face.' Bah! you are so rude as to disturb me before I quite 25 cents. succeed, but I do not despair. He is mine-you cannot take him from me!" deflantly.

"What brazen assurance!" Avis cries

-she has never known its equal.

"Aha! you are Doctor Jack's wife by law, but look at me-do you think he is blind—does your plain face compare with and builds up the system. Price 25c. mine-I have been called the belle of all Chili-at my feet have knelt great men -one only I encourage, and he is my devoted slave. You may hover over him, madam, you may force him to deny the truth, but hark you, he loves me!" What blasphemy this seems in the ears of that wife-and yet not for one moment does her perfect trust falter-she knows the man whom she loves, she had read the depths of his heart, and found there an integrity that all earth cannot swerve. Angels could not make her believe him

guilty of any deceit toward the woman he calls his wife. Again she shakes Jack-if he would only come back to his senses they could | Price, \$1. leave this place. "I do not believe your words-look, in his fingers he holds the end of a cigarette -you rolled that, senorita, and in it I read the cause of this strange stupor.

Wake up, Jack, and tell this woman she plots in vain—that when she next seeks to trap a man let her make sure he has no wife to interfere." The third shake grows more energetic, and Doctor Jack even grunts, as a man will at being disturbed in a delightful nap—grunts and settles himself down in the easy-chair as though he is contented to be let alone, which his faithful spouse does not mean shall come for the right.

does not mean shall occur, for she gives him other and more vigorous turns, just as one might use a dear friend who had swallowed certain drugs and must be kept awake, as slumber means death. This peculiar proceeding is watched by the two persons in the room, though of course with different emotions-Larry desires to see his friend and cousin arouse himself, while the senorita sneers at the apparent futile efforts Avis puts forth.

"Spare yourself the trouble—he will not respond to your appeals," she says.
"It is false—see, he is even now showing signs of returning consciousness." She renews her endeavors—the massage of love may yet win-it is a wife who As she turns, after sweeping her eager thus strives to arouse her liege lord. Larry has been an interested spectator to this spectacle, but now he finds some-

actors appear upon the scene.
"Great Scott! how is this?—the lady it is Avis, and here!" says Lord Rackett as he pushes his great athletic figure through the door, followed by Colonel

Was ever fortune so cruel? What has sent them here at this particular moment, when Doctor Jack lies helpless in his chair with Avis hovering over him, leaving only Larry, small of statute but a giant in nerve, to stand against them. He grasps the situation at once and pushes himself forward so as to come in front-what conversation he heard between these men on the Plaza Heelright has warned him concerning their attenby the Americans.

A woman sits in a chair—she half supdenly darted down upon the dove-cote, threatening its fair inmates with harm. "Stand back, fellows!" snaps this animated dwarf, as he whirls his heavy cane in the faces of the advancing couple, who, startled by the unexpected bar placed upon their further progress, come

If looks can kill, their scowls will do the American up in quick order. They be an angel, even if Jack has many Such a division of forces will nave a distines called her one. astrous effect upon his case, as it leaves him unable to watch both men and pro-

tect front and rear. While this little affair takes place Avis still wrestles with the stupefied doctor she spares him not, since the stiuation has become so critical in its nature-Larry is devoted, but even such bravery when in a small body cannot stand out long against overwhelming numbers. His arouse himself, to shake off this lethargy

"Wake up, Jack, dear Jack! It is Avis and need your help. Wake up, or all is As she enters the room perhaps the lost, for Larry cannot hold out against teeth rattle, and by this means she is slowly but surely causing the drugged doctor to throw off the incubus that has for a while paralyzed his brain—he gasps for breath, opens his eyes, and stares in a stupid manner about him.

"Larry-how in the world-oh, yes,

we're in Spain yet—I see—and things look dused ugly for us. Bless me, I can't keep awake—it's agony to try, Avis; there's a dear girl, let me have a cat-nap and I'll be feeling wonderfully better. But the same "dear girl" is just as determined that he shall not have a relapse-the change, if any occurs, must be in the other direction, and so this singular massage of love continues, while Doctor Jack groans and expostulates; presently, perhaps, she will succeed in getting through his benumbed brain the real cause for it all, when the man must be-

Aready Larry struggles in the arms of the enemy; the two men, turning, have come at him from different directions. His heavy cane does youman service, and the first whack sends Colonel Leon Garcia, that noble exponent of "how to win glory from behind a tree or stone wall," to the floor, with stars dancing before his eyes.

come himself.

Unfortunately Larry is not an Irishman wielding a shillelah, and before he can recover himself after making this ten-strike, the second of his enemies has descended upon him as might an avalanche in the Alps. Lord Rackett is so large, and his antagonist of such diminutive stature,

that it would seem as though the latter must be crushed at once; but the battle is not always to the strong nor the race to the swift, and Larry is so exceedingly nimble that he manages to elude the punishment meant for him, while at the same time he keeps up a vicious fusillade of savage kicks at the shins of the Briton, which must be very exasperating Garcia picks himself up from the floor

-Garcia, who is a beautiful sight to be-hold, for the heavy cane thumped him on the forehead, and already a lump has arisen the size of an egg. From his eyes flash the fires of hatred and revenge. The hot Spanish blood demands retaliation, and woe to Larry if he once feels this man's grip No wonder Avis increases her cries and

the fury of her massage. He must arouse himself or they are all lost. And it happens that while she thus entreats and exhorts she by chance gives utterance to the name of the man whom he has learned to despise—the man who has sworn to wed Doctor Jack's widow. It electrines him as might a galvanic bat tery, He springs erect. "Ah! where is this British lion, this

plotter against a woman's peace?" he cries; "let me show him how an American can defend his own. I see him, the rascal. Avis, dear, step aside, and don't fear, for your Jack is on deck, and him-Yes, thank heaven! Doctor Jack has

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