

This last thrust roused the woman the wall, who drew herself together and made as though she were going to speak. She clinched her hands and glared with impotent anger at the man who had thus unveiled the story of her crime, but instead of speaking she uttered a piercing scream and fell in a huddled mass on the floor.

They picked her up and carried her, still unconscious, from the room, Mr. Gifford and Inspector Borderham following her, the latter looking anything but pleased at the turn matters had taken.

> CHAPTER XXVII. AFTER THE STORM.

"Thank God for his mercy in this!" exclaimed Sir Jaffray in a deep voice of intense emotion as the door closed behind Inspector Borderham and his unconscious prisoner. "Thank God for his mercy!"

Beryl first threw her arms round Lola in the excitement of the removal of the strain, and then, sitting still, gave full vent to her tears of pleasure. Lola was the least moved of the three.

The baronet went to her and took both her hands in his and tried to draw her to him to embrace her. But she held aloof.

"I did right to come back, Jaffray," she said calmly, "right to break my vow, for I had vowed never willingly to look upon your face again, but I could not bear that the world should think of you as married to a murderess. So I broke the vow."

"I should have found you, Lola. I would have searched the world through curity with some lying show of affection and then chose a moment to run the knife into his ribs. There's nothing to prove anything either way, but she lled him; that's certain." "When will she be tried?" asked th

barchet. "I doubt if she'll ever reach the dock alive," was the reply. "The shock in this room nearly made her heart leap out of her body, and as she lies up stairs it's pumping away its strength at

asked.

a rate that is dreadful to see. I think she's dying, and I believe the doctor thinks so too." "Then if I wished to leave the coun try for-say for a time-there would

be no reason why I should not?" Lola "So far as that matter is concerned, none whatever, absolutely none."

"That is good," exclaimed Lola, "very good!" The baronet asked a few questions on points of detail, and then Mr. Gifford left the room.

plished, no barrier lay between the con-As soon as he had gone Lola made victs and liberty save the guards, already again as if to go, but before she said anything Beryl got up and stood between the other two, and, touching both, she said:

concerned. One Sunday evening in Sep-"This must not be. I know what tember, when the twilight shadows out-Lola thinks to do-to go away. You must not let her go, Jaffray. There is a side were deepened to darkness inside reason which she will tell you"-her the gloomy cellroom where the prisoncheeks began to flush as she said this. while Lola's flamed like fire-"she has not yet finished telling all her secrets, and this is one which, instead of parting you, must hold you two together for always. There is no bar between

with a bottle, and almost at the same you now, and in its place is a tie. You a slungshot. He fell to the floor, and must not part for want of a plainly half a dozen of the wretches rushed on spoken word. I am going up to the mother, Jaffray, to tell her all of this him to complete the work of death. when one of the conspirators, a small strange story. but powerful man, seized him and Then she kissed Lola and went quickly out of the room, leaving the two threw him into the nearest cell and closed the door upon him, thus saving standing like detected lovers, half his life. All this was the work of ten abashed and yet all longing to fall into seconds and was accomplished in utter each other's arms. They stood thus silent side by side silence without alarming any one on the outside. It was the work of only a for full two minutes. few moments more to climb to the top Then Sir Jaffray spoke. of the upper tier of cells and out through "Beryl is right, Lola. There is no bar between us now." the wall separating them from the other part of the building. "Beryl is wrong, Jaffray. There is the bar of my deceit. I shall be better The first intimation that any of the away from here." guardians had of their escape was when "What is the tie?" he asked, though the lath and plaster ceiling was broken through with a crash and 80 reckless guessing the answer to come. men dropped into the room occupied by She made no reply in words, but, the ladies of the warden's family. Every looking up, shot a swift look of half pride, half fear, at him, and, looking one of them was armed with a slungshot down, crimsoned more deeply than beand a few with knives of their own manufacture. The warden rushed to the He read the look, and his heart leaped scene, pistol in hand, but was instantly felled to the floor with his scalp laid "Come," he said, opening his arms open in two places. The convicts then rushed on him, seized his pistol and

had damaged a passing vehicle in his mad career. The bailie, on alighting handed him his fare, with the addition of a substantial tip, and then, to the

man's astonishment, pressed 30 shillings into his hand, at the same time saying "Here's 30 shillings, my man. You will be brought before me tomorrow for furious driving, and I shall fine you that amount."

til, after an exciting drive, he deposit-

ed his fare at his destination in time

A PRISON BREAK.

ways few in number.

It is with the most famous and suc-

cessful of these breaks that we are now

his offense aggravated by breaking out In the early days of its existence the of his place of confinement, an accessory Nevada state prison was so constructed if not a principal in the death of two as to be a very sociable little instituof those who opposed his escape-these tion. The warden's apartments, the were grim facts against him, but his guards' quarters and the convicts' cells good conduct during five years of freeand dining room were all under one dom and his young wife's eloquence roof, and the whole constituted a long seemed arguments potent enough to turn two story stone building, which in itthe scale to mercy. It was on the latter self formed the front wall of the stone that his attorney principally relied and had but little doubt of the effect when quarry and workyard. This circumstance, together with the comparatively he should introduce Mrs. Sessions in person to plead her husband's cause besmall number of prisoners, many of fore the assembled board. them personal acquaintances of the

The fateful Monday arrived, and the prison guardians, tended to induce a board met. Sessions' case was not sort of family feeling and made prison reached the first day, but came first on life, as I have remarked, a very sociable the list for the next. Mrs. Sessions, affair. As may be readily imagined. who had seemed, as was very natural. discipline was not so rigid as it has in a state of nervous expectancy all day. been known to be in other institutions went back to the hotel and to her room immediately upon the adjournment of of the kind, and "breaks" were frethe board. A few moments after the quent and often successful. The favorbellboy was summoned, who soon apite method was to escape through the top of the cellroom, creep along bepeared in the office with something very like a grin on his countenance and ortween the ceiling and the roof until over the apartments of the warden and dered: break through into these. This accom-

"Claret punch for room 14. Mrs. Sessions wants something to brace up on." An hour later one of the sympathizing ladies called and was told that Mrs. Sessions was lying down with a headache and begged to be excused. At 6 o'clock Mrs. Sessions came down to dinner and seemed to be very much unstrung. Her face was flushed, as if with weeping, and when addressed she seemed inclined to be hysterical.

ers were congregated, the captain of the guard went in to lock them in their Her husband's attorney, who had a few moments' conversation with her at cells for the night. As soon as he was fairly within the iron door one of the the foot of the stairs before she went prisoners struck him over the head up to her room again, looked somewhat grave and perplexed as he passed on ininstant another dealt him a blow with | to the office. At about 10 o'clock, when the office was full of loungers sitting around the stove, exchanging yarns and reminiscences, mostly relating to oriminals, and suggested by the events of the day, the call bell rang violently. The bellboy being absent for the moment, it was not answered. Almost immediately the summons was repeated with increased violence. Still a moment more and an apparition appeared in the doorway which at once arrested the attention of everybody. It was Mrs. Sessions, in the most reckless of dishabilles. unsteady of gait, thick of speech, who. holding to the door casing with one hand and gesticulating with the other. poured out a torrent of abuse and profanity upon the devoted heads of the clerk, the bellboy, the proprietor, the architect who planned and the contractor who built the establishment. their female ancestors, and, in fact, everybody nearly or remotely connect ed with the concern. Having somewhat exhausted her volubility in this direction, she paused a moment for new matter. Her roving eye now took note of the assembled commenced shooting at him as he lay, crowd, among whom were many of the wounding him in the thigh. He would legal fraternity and a couple of members of the beard. Advancing into the doubtless have been killed but for the room, she opened her batteries, and heroism of a young man named Deadman, in for life, who was acting as singling out Sessions' attorney and the two honored members of the board waiter in the family's dining room. He caught up a chair, and, standing over directed upon them such a broadside of the prostrate body of the warden, fought select, forcible and original epithets a surpassed all the efforts in that line to like a tiger until he, too, fell disabled. which most of her auditory had ever Meanwhile the main body of the prishad the good fortune to listen. The oners rushed down stairs and seized the silence of breathless amazement reigned armory and were, to all intents and purposes, masters of the prison. It beamong her listeners during this scene and until the clerk and the proprietor, ing Sunday and at a time when the conby physical efforts and threats of a victs were supposed to be locked in their cells, but few of the guards were on policeman, had, not without difficulty. duty or even about the premises. These induced Mrs. Sessions to remount the few stood to their posts and fought like stairs and seek the seclusion of her own apartment. Then a stranger in the corheroes till they fell, disabled with ner behind the stove burst into a loud wounds. The way to freedom was now open for 30 as desperate men as ever esguffaw. "That lets out Sessions," said he. caped from bondage. Some of them 'What a shame she couldn't have held were severely wounded, but their comout a day longer!"



and ended my life before I had given up the search," he said vehemently.

"Well, we shall see," she replied evasively. "That wretched woman! What a villain has that man been through all!"

"I don't understand it all now, said Beryl, "but I do not want yet to understand more than that you are cleared. Curiosity will come when I am not too agitated to think."

"I think I can give another clew." said Lola slowly. She had drawn away from Sir Jaffray and was sitting again by Beryl, hand in hand. "I remember, when Pierre was talking to me in the library the morning you came and found him there, he rushed to the door once suddenly, protesting he had heard some one eavesdropping. I have no doubt this woman had been listening and had heard him say that he would claim me as his wife. He had probably deceived her, as he had every one throughout his life, and she has tried to work a double revenge on him by taking his life and on me by making it seem that I had done it. But for Mr. Gifford she might probably have succeeded. The man's life was one long course of crime, infecting all who came in contact with him.

"Mr. Gifford has done splendidly." said Beryl enthusiastically.

"He has saved us all," said Lola, and she shuddered at the thought of how narrowly she had missed the shame and trouble of a public trial. "I can hardly realize now that but for him I should have stood tomorrow in the dock."

"Don't, Lola!" exclaimed Sir Jaffray. "Don't let us think of it."

"I have been through worse trouble than that," she said quietly. "I felt absolutely confident that the truth would be known, and the knowledge that the result would be to lift that load of shame from you strengthened me to face anything. I would to heaven that I could as easily lift the rest!" She stopped and sighed, and then, after a pause, added, "But even that may come with time."

She kissed Beryl, rose from the sofa, and, going to Sir Jaffray, held out her hand.

He looked at her in astonishment. "What do you mean?"

"I will not go away twice without saying goodby. I am going now. Goodby. I have done what I came back to do." While they stood for a moment looking at one another in silence and battling with the feelings which affected both in common some one knocked at

the door, and when it was opened Mr. Gifford came in. "May I come in, Sir Jaffray?" he

fore. with exultation. and trying to draw her in.

head slowly and sadly, "on account of the past." "It must be," he whispered. "for the

child's mother rest save on my heart? Come, sweetheart-wife, come!" that shone from his.

> They staid thus a long time in silence. THE END.

Unsophisticated Parent-Hello there, nurse, what's the baby yelling that way for? I can't read at all. Nurse-He's cutting his teeth, sir. U. P.-Well, see that he doesn't do it my more or you lose your place.-Harem Life.

for his bigamy?" "Yes. He said he was tempted keep on marrying until he got a wife

-Chicago Record. The Army Medical Library. Both library and museum date their

existence from the late civil war, whose horrors and sufferings prompted a profound study of military medicine and surgery. In 1862, Surgeon General Hammond directed all medical officers of

"It cannot be," she said, shaking her hope of the future. Where should my

And this time he took her by gentle force and drew her to him till her heart beat against his, her face lay kissing his and her eyes shrank and smiled and glowed by turns before the hot glances

# Poor Baby.

rades carried them along, and the band

### Experimental. "Did the prisoner offer any excuse

that could make a good cup of coffee.'

shop a few miles distant and compelled the smith to remove their irons, but the

remainder did not apply for aid. The alarm of the community may be better imagined than described. There were mustering and arming in baste, the "Who is she?" demanded Sessions'

"Oh, she's a friend of Jack's," re-OPENING sponded the other nonchalantly. "A good hearted little thing, too, always willing to stand in for any of the boys, but she's a terror when she gets on a spree.'

The lawyer gave utterance to one substantial, satisfying oath and left the that evening at a solitary blacksmith room

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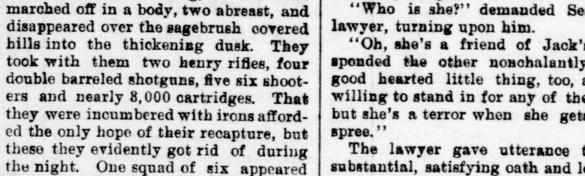
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asked rather needlessly.

"Well, what is it, Mr. Gifford?" said the baronet a little sharply, in consequence of the interruption coming at such a moment, but the detective's glance of reproachful surprise at such a reception recalled Sir Jaffray to himself, and he made haste to add: "Come in? Of course you can. You have done us the greatest service that any one could have rendered, and we all want to thank you. I didn't like and didn't understand your methods, mind you," he said, holding out his hand, "but you've made me your friend for life.'

"And me," said Lola, shaking hands with him as well, "and without any reservation as to your methods. I don't know how you did it and don't care. The result is enough for me."

"As for the methods," answered Mr. Gifford, with a smile, "we can't always please everybody, and this case boked very puzzling. I saw nothing for it but to go my own read. I couldn't even let you know what I was doing, Sir Jaffray. That is a sharp young woman, and if we'd overdone the part we should have spoiled everything and scared her. But I didn't come in to talk about myself. I came to say that she's given up the whole thing. She's better a bit, though the doctor who's been looking her over to fetch her out of that fainting fit says her heart ain't worth a pinch of snuff, and she's told the whole story. It isn't a pretty one. That fellow was a rare scoundrel. He'd been carrying on with this girl under the pretense that he meant to marry her and had had all her savings out of her and had ruined her in that sense as well as in a far worse way, and she overheard him talking to you, Lady Walcote" - he turned to Lela and hesitated just a moment as to what to call her-"about killing Sir Jaffray and then claiming you as his wife. She only half understood what was said, but it drove her

mad, and she set her wicked little with to concoct the devilish scheme of revenge which we know now."

"How did she arrange a meeting with the Frenchman?"

STEAM "He arranged it with her, unfortu-VARIETY. ated. He took it very hard, as was to nately for him. He wrote her that letsheep per annum. Arrived in the Cable Address: Deravin be expected, and said some bitter things Thames, the barges come alongside the ter which I found. I expect that as a about its being useless for a man to try TRUNKS AND VALISES. LEON DERAVIN, Consular Agentfor France. vessel, and the sheep is transferred to a matter of fact he didn't know what to Following are our Prices for Dyeing. Orders Promptly to live a decent life. When the circumcold storage station. Here it may lie for make of her and what she'd do. He stances became known, the demand for Attended too. Satisfaction Guaranteed. weeks or for months if necessary, so wanted a few days in which to mature his pardon was universal. People genthat-an important commercial advan any plans he could make after he'd had erally expressed the opinion that those A Large Stock of Ladies' Gents' and Children's Boots PRICE LIST. tage-there is no necessity for immedito leave the house, and he wrote that who had been the cause of returning DYED letter to make the appointment before he had seen Lady Walcote, of course. ate sale on a depressed market .-- Good CLEANSED C. WARMUNDE him to prison were overofficious in their SUITS, PANTS, \$2.25 Words. ..... ..... ..... ..... \$1.50 Shoes and Slippers. zeal for justice and had much better ..... ..... PANTS. His object was no doubt to keep the ..... ..... VESTS, OVERCOATS leave well enough alone. In due time The Fare and the Fine. ..... ..... girl from blabbing anything, seeing ..... ..... **IS OFFERING** 1,50 UNDERCOATS .... ..... COATS A good story is told of a certain ..... the pardoning board met. Sessions' OVERCOATS, .... 1.00 ..... that he had been kicked out of the place 1,25 ..... Scotch bailie who, on rising one morn-SPECIAL BARGAINS friends felt confident of his release; but, LADIES' WEAR under such circumstances. When they ing, found that he had overslept him to make assurance doubly sure, his met, the girl says he tried to persuade DRESSES DYED. WHOLE ..... \$1.50 ..... OUR GROCERY AND PROVISION DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS DRESSES DYED, RIPPED. self and had but a few minutes in which young wife had followed him from Ore-----IN-----..... ..... 1,25 ..... her to let him into the manor that night SKIRTS DYED, WHOLE, SKIRTS DYED, RIPPED, WAISTS DYED, WHOLE, to keep a most important appointment. ..... ..... 1.00 ..... gon, and, establishing herself at a hotel so that he could have his revenge on WTCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELLRY WELL STOCKED AND ALL GOODS SOLD AT LOW-..... ..... ..... Making a hurried toilet, he rushed from in Carson the week before the crisis, ..... ..... ..... you, Sir Jaffray, and that when she re-WAISTS DYED, RIPPED, ..... ..... fused the whole thing came out, and in the row which followed she says she struck him the blow which killed him the house and hailed a passing jebu. besieged the powers that be with ap-..... SHAWLS Silverware & Novelties, EST PRICES TO MEET COMPETITION. 50c. 25c. .... .... ..... ..... to 1.00 "Drive me," he said to the man, "to peals for mercy. She was a pretty, trim CLOUDS ..... ..... to 40 SHAWLS, (Berlin,) the courts of justice with all possible little body, modest in appearance, and All new goods. Give hima call .... ..... ..... 40c. SILK DRESSES, ..... \$1.00 ..... to 2.00 speed. On no account delay an instant." always plainly though handsomely and SACQUES, in self defense. I don't believe that part We are glad to welcome visitors, pleased to show ..... 50c. DRESS GOODS, per yard, WINDOW CURTAINS, per yard ..... to 1.00 Eaithful to his instructions, the becomingly attired. ..... ..... of the story myself. I believe she went our goods and ready to make close prices to all. ..... SNOWBALL. В. ..... ..... driver urged his steed to its very ut-She was overwhelmed with grief and out resolved to murder him, and that WARMUNDE. EXPERIENCED WATCHMAKER .... 25c. ..... most. Faster and faster they went unanxiety for her husband, but clung to she lured him into a false seuse of ses 150 ..... ..... Pallen Corner Chatham N. B. GOODS CALLED FOR : AND DELIVERED.

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the army "to collect and forward to the militia was called out, and the telegraph wires clicked the night long, sending office of the surgeon general all speci the warning to all parts of the country. mens of morbid anatomy, surgical or Messengers and aids-de-camp rode to medical, which may be regarded as and fro, and by night an organized posse valuable, together with projectiles and was mounted and off. For four days the foreign bodies removed, and such other country was scoured, and the result was a solitary captive, who was wounded in the leg. Plenty of people saw the fugitives, but they kept together, were known to be well armed and were not to be molested with impunity. Most of them, however, were recaptured during the next few months, as cold and hunger or in some instances wounds forced them to seek for succor. Some few made

their escape for good and all, and still others were hunted down after the lapse of several years.

have to do. Jack Sessions was his name, aged 20, in for 20 years for highway robbery. He was supposed to be

badly wounded when he made his escape, and as time went on and he was not heard of many believed that his lifeless body was lying in some clump of willows where he had crawled to die. He was one of a noted gang of four who had committed many highway robberies and bullion thefts before they were brought to justice. One of his pards, by the way, distinguished himself on this

of law and authority and earned his pardon thereby. He was killed not long after while attempting to rob a stage in eastern Nevada. But to return to Sessions. What adventures were his in effecting his escape and where he found refuge until his wound was healed we have no means of knowing. How or where he passed the greater part of the

> five years which elapsed before his recapture we know only from rumor, and in this instance for once the dame speaks uniformly to the credit of her subject.

occasion by fighting bravely in defense

At the end of five years Sessions was found in Oregon, leading a respectable life, in fairly prosperous circumstances. and recently married, it was said, to a young lady of good family. He was brought back to Carson and reincarcer-

answered her husband very U. positively.

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