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The Sign of Four.

CHAPTER V .- Continued.

"In you come, sir, in you come-you and your friends," he answered. "Very sorry, Mr. Thaddeus, but orders are very strict. Had to be certain of your friends hefore I let them in."

house, square and prosaic, all plunged in cheeks. shadow save where a moonbeam struck one corner and glimmered in a garret window. The vast size of the building, with its gloom and its deathly silence, struck a chill to the heart. Even Thaddeus Sholto seemed ill at ease, and the lantern quivered and rattled in his hand.

"I cannot understand it," he said. "There must be some mistake. I distinctly told Bartholomew that we should be here, and yet there is no light in his window. I do not know what to make of it."

"Does he always guard the premises in this way ?" asked Holmes.

"Yes; he has followed my father's custom. He was the favorite son, you know, and I sometimes think that my father may have told him more than he ever told me. That is Bartholomew's window up there where the moonshine strikes. It is quite bright, but there is no light from within, I think."

"None," said Holmes. "But I see the glint of a light in the little window beside the door."

"Ah, that is the housekeeper's room. That is where old Mrs. Bernstone sits. She can tell us all about it. But perhaps you would not mind waiting here for a minute or two, for if we all go in together, and she has had no word of our coming, she may be alarmed. But, hush! what is

He held up the lantern, and his hand shook until the circles of light flickered and wavered all round us. Miss Morstan seized my wrist, and we all stood, with thumping hearts, straining our ears. From the great black house there sounded through the silent night the saddest, and most pitiful of sounds—the shrill, waten pering of a frightened woman.

is Mrs. Bernstone," said Sholto. "She is the only woman in the house. Wait here, I shall be back in a moment." He hurried for the door, and knocked

in his peculiar way. We could see a tall old woman admit him, and sway with pleasure at the very sight of him.

"Oh, Mr. Thaddeus, sir, I am so glad you have come! I am so glad you have come, Mr. Thaddeus, sir!

We heard her reiterated rejoicings until to door was closed and her voice died ay into a muffled monotone.

Our guide had left us the lantern. Holmes swung it slowly round, and peered keenly at the house, and at the great rubbish-heaps which cumbered the grounds. Miss Morstan and I stood together, and her hand was in mine. A wondrous subtle thing is love, for here were we two, who had never seen each other before that day, between whom no word or even look of affection had passed, and yet now in an hour of trouble our hands instinctively sought for each other. I have marveled at it since, but at the time it seemed the most natural thing that I should go out to her so, and, as she has often told me, there was in her also the instinct to turn to me for comfort and protection. So we stood hand-in-hand, like two children, and there was peace in our hearts for all the

dark things that surrounded us. "What a strange place!" she said, look-

ing round. "It looks as though all the moles in England had been let loose in it. I have

Holmes. "These are the traces of the chemical laboratory. A double line of treasure-seekers. You must remember glass-stoppered bottles was drawn up upon that they were six years looking for it. the wall opposite the door, and the table No wonder that the grounds look like a was littered over with Bunsen burners, gravel-pit."

burst open, and Thaddeus Sholto came One of these appeared to leak or to have running out, with his hands thrown for- been broken, for a stream of dark-colored ward and terror in his eyes.

tholomew!" he cried. "I am frightened. | tar-like odor. A set of steps stood at one My nerves cannot stand it."

the helpless, appealing expression of a ter- of the steps a long coil of rope was thrown rified child.

"Come into the house," said Holmes, in his crisp firm way.

"I really do not feel equal to giving shoulder, and that ghastly, inscrutable directions."

keeper's room, which stood upon the left- hours. It seemed to me that not only his hand side of the passage. The old woman | features, but all his limbs, were twisted was pacing up and down with a scared and turned in the most fantastic fashion. look and restless, picking fingers, but the By his hand upon the table there lay a sight of Miss Morstan appeared to have a peculiar instrument-a brown, close-grainsoothing effect upon her.

"Good bless your sweet calm face!" she rudely lashed on with coarse twine. Becried, with an hysterical sob. "It does side it was a torn sheet of note-paper with me good to see you. Oh, but I have been some words scrawled upon it. Holmes sorely tried this day!"

Our companion patted her thin, workworn hand, and murmured some few words Inside, a gravel path wound through of kindly, womanly comfort which brought desolate grounds to a huge clump of a the color back into the other's bloodless of Buffalo, N. Y., have a stock-taking

> not answer me," she explained. "All that have been returned by the men and day I have waited to hear from him, for women who say that Dr. Pierce's Golden he often likes to be alone; but an hour Medical Discovery or Dr. Pierce's Favorago I feared that something was amiss, so ite Prescription didn't do what they said I went up and peeped through the key- it would do. nole. You must go up, Mr. Thaddeusyou must go up and look for yourself. I have seen Mr. Bartholomew Sholto in joy and in sorrow for ten long years, but I never saw him with such a face on him as that."

> the way, for Thaddeus Sholto's teeth were chattering in his head. So shaken was he that I had to pass my hand under his arm as we went up the stairs, for his knees were trembling under him. Twice as we And-is there any reason why you should ascended Holmes whipped his lens out of be the one! And-supposing you are his pocket and carefully examined marks what do you lose? Absolutely nothing! which appeared to me to be mere shapeless smudges of dust upon the cocoanutmatting which served as a stair-carpet. He walked slowly from step to step, holding the lamp low, and shooting keen glances to right and left. Miss Morstan had remained behind with the frightened

> The third flight of stairs ended in a straight passage of some length, with a great picture in Indian tapestry upon the right of it and three doors upon the left. Holmes advanced along it in the same slow and methodical way, while we kept close at his heels, with our long black shadows | classics, to William O'Leary, Richibucto, streaming backwards down the corridor. N. B. The third door was that which we were seeking. Holmes knocked without receiving any answer, and then tried to turn the handle and force it open. It was locked on the inside, however, and by a broad and powerful bolt, as we could see when we set our lamp up against it. The key being turned, however, the hole was not entirely closed. Sherlock Holmes bent down to it, and instantly rose again with a sharp intaking of the breath.

"There is something devilish in this, Watson," said he, more moved than I had ever before seen him. "What do you make of it ?"

I stepped to the hole, and recoiled in horror. Moonlight was streaming into the room, and it was bright with a vague and shifty radiance. Looking straight at me, and suspended, as it were, in the air, B. for all beneath was in shadow, there hung a face—the very face of our companion Thaddeus. There was the same high, shining head, the same circular bristle of red hair, the same bloodless countenance. The features were set, however, in a horrible smile, a fixed and unnatural grin, which in that still and moonlit room was more jarring to the nerves than any scowl or contortion. So like was the face to that of our little friend that I looked round at him to make sure that he was indeed with us. Then I recalled to mind that he had mentioned to us that his

brother and he were twins. "This is terrible!" I said to Holmes. "What is to be done?"

"The door must come down," he an swered, and, springing against it, he put all his weight upon the lock.

It creaked and groaned, but did not yield. Together we flung ourselves upon it once more, and this time it gave way

a hill near Ballarat, where the prospectors | selves within Bartholomew Sholto's cham-

"And from the same cause," said It appeared to have been fitted up as a test-tubes and retorts. In the corners At that moment the door of the house stood carboys of acid in wicker baskets. liquid had trickled out from it, and the "There is something amiss with Bar- air was heavy with a peculiarly pungent, side of the room, in the midst of a litter He was, indeed, half blubbering with of lath and plaster, and above them there fear, and his twitching, feeble face peeping | was an opening in the ceiling large enough out from the great Astrakhan collar had for a man to pass through. At the foot

carelessly together. By the table, in a wooden arm chair, the master of the house was seated all in "Yes, do!" pleaded Thaddeus Sholto. heap, with his head sunk upon his left smile upon his face. He was stiff and We all followed him into the house- cold, and had clearly been dead many ed stick with a stone head like a hammer, glanced at it, and then handed it to me.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

time once a year and what do you think "Master has locked himself in, and will they do? Count the number of bottles

And how many do you think they have to count. One in ten? Not one in five

Here are two remedies-one the "Gold en Medical Discovery," for regulating and invigorating the liver and purifying the Sherlock Holmes took the lamp and led | blood; the other, the hope of weakly womanhood; they've sold it for years, sold it the million bottles; sold it under a positive guarantee, and not one in five hundred can say: "It was not the medicine for me!"

St. Joseph's College.

The closing exercises of St. Joseph's College. Memramcook, took place Wednesday. The following are the principal prize winners.

Honor Premium-A set of books donated by Rev. M. LeBlanc, St. Martha, P. Q., awarded to Michael J. Earle, Southbridge,

The Landry prize—Donated by Judge Landry, for excellence in classics, Alfred Trudei, Shippegan, N. B.

Landry Premium-A set of books donated by his honor, Judge Landry, Dorchester, N. B. Awarded for excellence in Silver Medal-Donated by J. A. Mc-

Queen, M. P. P., Point de Bute, N. B. Awarded for English essay, to Thomas P. Ahern, Cape Cove, P. Q.
Gold Medal—Donated by O. M. Melanson, M. P. P., Shediac, N. B. Award-

to Frank Leger, St. John, N. B. Silver Medal—Donated by Rev. C. Lefebvre, C. S. C., superior, for excel-

Hebert, Cape Bald, N. B. Silver Medal-Donated by Rev. C. Lefebvre, C. S. C., awarded as excellence premium in Christian doctrine, to Wm. O'Leary, Richibucto.

Medal-Presented by Rev. J. N. Mc-Leod, awarded for excellence in vocal music, to Alfred Trudel, Shippegan. Commercial diplomas were awarded to Langton Cutler, Cocagne, N. B.; Robert Dysart, Cocagne, N. B.; Tilmon LeBlanc, Fox Creek, N. B.; Frank Leger, St John,

N. B.; Damase Richard, St. Ignace, N. Seniors-Michael J. Earls, 1sc premium; Cherles Hebert, 2nd premium; Louis Cyr, 3rd premium; Arthur Meahan, 4th emium; Camille D. Cormier, 1st acce sit : William O'Leary, 2nd accessit ; Alfred Trudel, 3rd accessit; James Lyons, 4th ac-

cessit; Alphee Bemier, 5th accessit. Juniors-Aubry Landry, 1st premium Camille Gautreau, 2nd premium; Denis Gorman 1st accessit; Frank Leger, 2nd accessit; Charles Chapais, 3rd accessit.

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K. D. C. is guaranteed to cure any form of Indigestion or Dyspepsia. A free seen something of the sort on the side of with a sudden snap, and we found our- K. D. C. Company, New Glasgow, N. S. tirely, and by the beginning of the scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are

ANOTHER HAMILTON MIRACLE.

THE TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS OF ISAAC W. CHURCH FROM PARALYSIS.

Crushed by a Fall of Forty Feet-He Discharged Only to Suffer Great Agony-Months Without Sleep and a Victim to Nervous Prostration-An Account of his Miraculous Cure as investigated by a "Times" Re-

Spends Months in a Hospital and is these all out, though, and all the time I all cases arising from mental worry, over-[Hamilton Times, June, 20th, 1892.] "In the spring of 1887, while working on a building in Liverpool," said Mr. Church, "a scaffold on which I was standing collapsed and I fell on the pavement a distance of 40 feet. Bruised and bleeding I was picked up and conveyed to the Northern Hospital, and not one of the doctors who attended me held out any hope of ultimate recovery. The base of my spine seemed to be smashed into pulp and the efforts of medical men were directed altogether towards relieving the terrible agony I suffered rather than towards curing my terrible injuries. I had the constitution of an ox though." and the speaker threw out his chest and squared a pair of shoulders that would have done credit to a prince among athletes, "and as I seemed to have a tremendous grip on life the doctors took heart and after remaining in that hospital forty weeks I was discharged as being as far recovered as I would ever be. For twentysix weeks I had to lie in one position, and any attempt to place me on my back made me scream with pain. Though eighteen months after my discharge Iwas unable to do a stroke of work, and could with difficulty make my way about the house, and then only with the aid of crutches. Twice during that time I underwent operations at the hands of eminent surgeons, who were amazed at the fact of my being alive at all after they had been informed of the extent of my injuries. On the last occasion my back was cut open and it was discovered that the bones which had been shattered by my fall had, by process of time, completely overlapped each other, forming a knuckle that you see here,"and Mr. Church showed the reporter a curious lump near the base of his spine. "All efforts to straighten those bones continued unavailing, and finally the doctors told me that in the course of a few months paralysis would set in and my troubles would

be increased tenfold. Their predictions proved only too true and before long I was in almost as bad a condition as ever. No tongue can tell the pain I suffered as the disease progressed, and eventually I decided to come to America. So in 1890 I arrived in Halifax, so done up was I with the journey across the ocean, that I had to take my bed and was kept a close prisoner for several weeks. Having a brother living in Moorfield, near Guelph, while making my way there I fell no less of his treatment. than eight times, completely prostrated by that if I could only get a little sleep once of the firm replied :life and health my wife here read an ac- that of Mr. Church. count in one of the newspapers of John

used them I did not have even the suspic- work or excesses of whatever nature. from five to six feet. All my renewed strength I ascribe to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which I consider have worked wonders in my own case. For anyone troubled with nervousness, sleeplessness or loss of strength in any way, in my mind there is nothing in existence like those pills for restoring people who are thus afflicted. Yielding to the advice of friends, who claimed that my renewed health was not due to the Pink Pills, quit using them for about a month, but the recurrence of those terrible fits warned me liver. of my folly and I commenced using the pills again, and I will certainly never be

without them in the house." "Not if I know it, anyhow," remarked Mrs. Church. "I know only too well the good they have done you, and you would not have been anything like the man you are to-day if it had not been for those pills, and no one on earth knows better than I how greatly you have been helped and not only you but others in the family who were thought to be going into decline

before they were restored by those pills." Some of the particulars of the marvel- for prospective home seekers. lous rescue of Mr Church from a life of suffering having reached the public, a reporter of the Times thought it was worth benefit of other sufferers, and it was in response to his inquiries that the above remarkable story was narrated by Mr. reports of other equally remarkable cures the particulars of which have been published from time to time-it offers ununquestionable proof that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People stand at the head of modern medical discover-

The neighbors generally were very outspoken in their astonishment at Mr. to sleep. It brags about the "finest dining Church's remarkable cure, all who knew anything of his case having given him up months ago as rapidly approaching the portals of the great unknown. He looks I with difficulty accomplished the journey far from that now though. His eye is as there and tried to do some work. My clear, his cheek as ruddy, his step as elutmost exertions could accomplish but lit- astic as a youth in his teens. He was for tle, however, and as the result of my seven years a member of the Life Guards trouble, nervous prostration in its worst and for some time conducted a gymnasiform assailed me. I remember once be- um in Liverpool. He expects to get back ing caught in a thunder storm while to his beloved athletic exercises this about a mile away from the house, and season, and is much elated at the success western part of the United States, and

The reporter then called upon Messrs. particularly vivid flashes of lightning or Harrison Bros., James street north, from heavy jars of thunder. About a year and whom Mr. Church had purchased the ed for general proficiency in business class a half ago I came to this city and secured remedy, who further verified his statework at the Hamilton Forge Works, but ments In reply to the enquiry by the before long had to quit, because I could reporter, "Do you sell many of Dr. Willence in religious instruction, to Charles not attend to my duties. I used to think liams' Pink Pill?" Mr. James Harrison,

in a while I would feel better, but even "Well, yes, rather. A thousand boxes that boon was denied me. Night after don't last long. You see our business is night I tossed from side to side, and every largely with men, women and girls emtime my back pressed the bed the pain ployed in the big factories and mills in that shot through every limb was almost this locality and the recommendations we unbearable. The doctors prescribed hear from these people day after day, chloral and bromide of potash, and for month after month, would indeed make weeks I never thought of going to bed at the manufacturer of those wonderful little night without having first taken a power- pellets think he was a benefactor of huful dose of either of these drugs. To | manity. Several cases have come under wards the last these doses failed to have my own notice of women, poor, tired-out, the desired effect and I increased the size over-worked creatures, being made "like of them until I was finally taking thirty unto new" by the use of these pills and I grains of potash and ten grains of chloral see them passing to and from work daily every night, enough to kill a horse. I be- and looking as though life was worth livcame so weak that I could hardly get ing and well worth it, too. In all my ex- der 16 years of age shall be liable to a fine around, and my lower limbs shook perience in the drug business I never saw not greater than \$20 or 30 days. like a palsied old man. When everything anything like these pills," and Mr. Harseemingly had failed me and I was about rison related a number of cures that had to give up what seemed a vain battle for come under his observation in addition to to act as agent to anybody under 16, in

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale Peo-Marshall's wonderful cure by means of ple contain in a condensed form all the Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and although elements necessary to give new life and I had lost all faith in any medicine I re- richness to the blood and restore shattered solved to try once more and accordingly nerves. They are an unfailing specific for procured a box of those little Pink Pills such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial from Mr. Harrison, the druggist, and com- paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralmenced to use them according to the di- gia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the to feel an improvement in my general the tired feeling resulting from nervous health. In a month I slept every night prostration; all diseases depending upon sample package mailed to any address. like a baby. The pains left my back en- vitiated humors in the blood, such as

new year I could lay on my back for also a specific for troubles peculiar to hours and never feel the slighest pain females, such as suppressions, irregularitherefrom. Prior to taking the pills I ties and all forms of weakness. They suffered terribly with fits, many of them build up the blood and restore glow of so severe that three or four men were re- health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the quired to hold me. The pills knocked case of men they effect a radical cure in

ion of a fit, and as for my weight, well These pills are manufactured by the Dr. you will hardly helieve it, but honestly in | Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, that time I gained forty pounds. Well, Ont., and Schenectady, N. Y., and are to make a long story short, I went to work | sold in boxes (never in loose form by the again a few months ago, this time in Ham- dozen or hundred, and the public are ilton Nail Works where I went as shipper, cauti oned against numerous imitations sold and I have worked there steadily from in this shape) at 50 cents a box, or six the first day I went in. Last fall I was boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all too weak to walk a mile, now I work from druggists or direct by mail from Dr. 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., and my work is no Williams' Medicine Company from either child's play either, I can assure you. I address. The price at which these pills handle about 500 kegs of nails every day are sold to make a course of treatment and each keg weighs about one hundred comparatively inexpensive as compared pounds and has to be lifted a distance of with other remedies or medical treatment.

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2. Any man who shall accept any money or other valuable consideration procuring for such persons any cigars, etc., shall be fined not greater than \$50 or 30

3. Any person under 16 who has in his possession, or smokes cigars, etc., shall be fined not greater than \$5 or 7 days.

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