

A CASE OF CONSCIENCE.

There were, perhaps, a score of people in the drawing-room of Westholme Towers. The assemblage included, among others, young Radson, of the Guards, for whom I had conceived a vast partiality; Wallace Lewin, known to me years ago, when he was consul at Jaffa; Mr. Cannan, the owner of the demesne adjoining my cousin Tom's; and Mr. Cannan's winsome daughter, Dorothy.

the stillness of the night, and this it was, I suppose, that awakened me. I sat up in bed shuddering. Merciful Powers! it was no dream! The long-drawn wail of mortal agony still rang upon the air. It came from the adjoining room—that of my cousin, Tom.

"Only that she is in a state of anxiety and indignation on account of your arrest, nigh bordering on distraction. Her father has gone to see about getting you out of this infernal hole, and it I might advise you, I would suggest that you drive straight to the house, and set her at rest. Hark," added he, as footsteps drew near the cell door, "here comes Mr. Cannan to carry you off."

hold the city marshalship. After the killing of Doc Cummings he had taken to drinking a great deal, which, with the danger he constantly lived under, was beginning to affect his nerve. Under such conditions a shooting man makes an easy mark for enemies. Realizing the fact in time, he left El Paso the next week and came to New Mexico.



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