There was a moment's awful silence

They had led Lady Ashleigh from

"Quest! Quest!" he almost sobbed.

"The Hands! Oh, my God!" the

"We must not eat or drink or sleep,"

brought this matter to an end. Craig

must be found. This is the supreme

pearance. He spoke in a hushed whis-

The butler made an apologetic ap-

"You are wanted downstairs, gentle-

broad stairs. Their inspiration was a true one. The gamekeeper wel-

comed them with a smile or triumph.

By his side, the picture of abject mis-

"I've imagined this little job, sir,"

Middleton announced, with a smile of

"How did you get him?" Quest de-

"Little idea of my own," the game-

keeper continued. "I guessed pretty

well what he'd be up to. He'd tumbled

to it that the usual way off the moor was pretty well guarded, and he'd doubled back through the thin line

of woods close to the house. I dug

one of my poachers' pits, sir, and covered it over with a lot of loose stuff.

That got him all right. When I went

to look this morning I saw where he'd

a caged animal. Your servants have

telephoned for the police, Mr. Ash-

fessor. Then he turned to the keeper.

Quest suddenly whispered to the pro-

They passed into the bedchamber.

Quest signed to the keeper to bring

Craig to the side of the four-poster

Then he drew down the sheet.
"Is that your work?" he asked,

Craig, up till then, had spoken no

word. He had shambled to the bed-

side, a broken, yet, in a sense, a stolid

figure. The sight of the dead man

however, seemed to galvanize him into

Middleton, the head keeper, is

"My brother!-George, whom I loved

"Absolutely!"

horror of all."

manded.

leigh.

ered round the doorway.

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There was nothing to be heard but the "I must know," she almost shricked distant hooting of an owl, and farther away the barking of some farmhouse "George is d dog. Lord Ashleigh stood there with slowly. straining eyes, gazing out across the

rk.
"There was something here," he Ashleigh. She sank down upon the muttered; "something which has gone. What's that? Quest, your eyes are younger than mine. Can you see anything underneath that tree?"

Quest peered out into the gray dark-

"I fancied I saw something moving tion. in the shadow of that oak," he mut-

He crossed the terrace, swung down Ashleigh was lying there, his body a on to the path, across the lawn, over little doubled up, his arms wide outa wire fence and into the park itself. stretched. On his throat were two All the time he kept his eyes fixed on black marks. a certain spot. When at last he They had l stood and listened for several moments. A more utterly peaceful night or more utter peace it would be hard pression, however, had lost all his at the slip of paper which Lenora had given him. There was no possibility of any mistake: to imagine. Slowly he made his way back to the house.

"I imagine we are all a little nervy tonight," he remarked. There's noth- ly dead?" ing doing out there."

They strolled about for a hour or more, looking into different rooms, of the bedstead. showing their guest the finest pictures, point of collapse. even taking him down into the wonderful cellars. They parted early, but his throat," Quest pointed out. Quest stood, for a few moments before retiring, gazing about him with an air professor groaned. almost of awe. His great room, as "We must not continue to the conti large as an Italian palace, was lit by a Quest declared, fiercely, "until we have dozen wax candles in silver candle sticks. His four-poster was supported by pillars of black oak, carved into strange forms, and surmounted by the Ashleigh coronet and coat-of-arms. He threw his windows open wide and stood for a moment looking out across the park, more clearly visible now by the light of the slowly rising moon. There was scarcely a breeze stirring scarcely a sound even from the animal world. Nevertheless, Quest, too, as re luctantly he made his preparations for retiring for the night, was consciou

Quest, notwithstanding the unusual slow triumph. nature of his surroundings, slept that night as only a tired and healthy man can. He was awakened the next morn ing by the quiet movements of a mar servant who had brought back his clothes carefully brushed and pressed.

"Breakfast is served at nine o'clock, It is now half-past eight."

"I'll be right there." The man withdrew and Quest made a brisk toilet. The nameless fears of the previous night had altogether disappeared. At the last moment he stretched out his hand to take a hand- fallen through, and there he was, walkkerchief from his satchel. A sudden ing round and round at the bottom like exclamation broke from his lips. He stood for a moment as though turned to stone. Before him, on the top of the little pile of white cambric, was a small black box! With a movement of the fingers which was almost mechanical, he removed the lid and drew a moment," he directed. "Follow us, out the customary little scrap of pa- please.' per. He smoothed it out before him on the dressing case and read the mes-

"You will fail here as you have failed before. Better go back. There is more danger for you in this country sternly. than you dream of.'

His teeth came fiercely together and his hands were clenched. His thoughts had gone like a flash to Lenora. Was it possible that harm was intended for her? He put the idea away from hir almost as soon as conceived. The thing was unimaginable. Craig was here, must be here, in the close vieinity of the house.

The simes bers ct the pleasant breebfast to have which in due course he descended, was che erful enough. Lady Ashleigh had alies ly taken her place at the head of the table.

She touched an electric bell under her foot and a moment or two later the butler appeared.

"Go up and see how long your mas ter will be?" Lady Ashleigh directed.

"Very good, your ladyship. The man was backing through the doorway in his usual dignified manner when he was suddenly pushed on one own servant, rushed into the room

"Your ladyship-the master! Son thing has happened! He won't move! He-he-

They all trooped out of the room and up the stairs, the professor leading the way. They pushed open the door of Lord Ashleigh's bedchamber In the far corner of the large room was the four-poster, and underneath the clothes a silent figure. The professor turned down the sheets. Then he held out his hand. His face, tco, was blanched.

"Julia, don't com. ' he begged.

as they glared at those small black marks. His lips moved backwards and forwards, helplessly at first. Then a last he spoke.

"Strangled!" he cried. "One more! "That is your work," the criminologist said, firmly.

bent over him. It was clear that he possession, property, claim and de had fainted. They led him from the mand either at law or in equity, of

suppose there is a safe place some | mprovements situate thereon, namely:

"George is dead," the professor said

"Telephone for a doctor," he ordered; "also to the local police sta-

"He, too, approached the bed and reverently lifted the covering. Lord him there and turned the key.

#### CHAPTER XXI.

Quest stood, frowning, upon the reached the tree there was nothing the room. The professor and Quest pavement, gazing at the obviously there. He looked all around him. He stood face to face. The former's ex-

> Mrs. Willet, 157 Elsmere Road,

like nobody else on earth! Is he real-Hampstead. This was 157 and the house was empty. After a moment's hesitation The professor gripped the oak pillar he rang the bell at the adjoining door of the bedstead. He seemed on the A woman, who had been watchin him from the front room, answered the "The mark of the Hands is upon summons at once

"Can you tell me," he inquired "what has become of the lady who used to live at 157—Mrs. Willet?" "She's moved," was the uncompro

mising reply. "Do you know where to?" Quest

asked, eagerly. "West Kensington-No. 17 Princess Court road. There was a young lady here yesterday afternoon inquiring for

Quest raised his hat. It was a relief, at any rate, to have news of Lenora. "I am very much obliged to you,

"You're welcome!" was the terse reidea, both Quest and the professor hurried out of the room and down the

Quest gave a new address to the taxi driver and was scarcely able to restrain his impatience during the long drive. They pulled up at last before a somewhat dingy-looking house. He ery, his clothes torn and muddy, was rang the bell, which was answered by a trim-looking little maidservant. "Is Mrs. Willet in?" he inquired.

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"We'd better lock him up until the police arrive," Quest suggested.

"I was clear that he roosession, property, chann and define at law or in equity, of lida E. Stockford, in, to or our of the following described leasehold lands and premises, and the buildings and moreovements situate thereon, namely: "All that certain piece or parcel of The professor awoke from his stupor.

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of the house into a dry cellar which had the appearance of a prison cell.

"This place has been used before now, in the old days, for malefactors," the professor remarked. "He'll be safe there. Craig," he added, his voice trembling, "Craig—I—I can't speak to you. How could you!"

There was no answer. Craig's face was buried in his hands. They left was buried in his hands. They left street aforesaid forty-six feet to the him there and turned the key. Morse lot, and thence southerly along the said line to King street, at the place of beginning." The same having been seized, levied upon and taken by me under and by virtue of an execu-tion issued out of the York County Court against David J. Stockford and the said Ida E. Stockford, at the suit of Leslie White.

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