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CHAPTER XVII.

Circe. In a private parlor of the most elegant hotel in Whithaven, Mademoiselle given up all thought of going abroad

lay curled up in a deep fauteuil, with her cheek pressed, like a day lily, if that girl's handsome face has anyagainst the dull, soft blue of the chair. plans?' She wore a trailing tea-gown of del-

"And you mean to stay here in icate faille, garnished with exquisite lace. Her little head was rough with Whithaven and watch him?-you, who a mass of gathered yellow curls that no might be winning new laurels and new lovers in a score of new places?" pins seemed quite able to confine. She looked unspeakably fair and pensive, house bouquets and find hidden therethrow vitriol or play the hypocrite.

Against the wall near her leaned a man, in the bracelet of diamonds, or the persuade, or threaten her?" "No! she is painfully loyal to the brooch of black pearls, or the necklace, with his hands buried in his pockets. Hawkstones-deuce take her! Better which meant financial embarrassment and his eyes fixed attentively on the to the foolish giver; but now I am not count on Jetta!" young rider

sick of all that. Conquest has become "So you've broken your engagement, ma'm'zell?" he said, quietly. "You're 'flat, stale and unprofitable' to me. I want revenge, I tell you! I am the bound not to ride any more at presdeadly foe of that Ravenel girl; I ent? What new whim is this?" would stop at nothing to crush her; In the rich folds of her tea-gown I am Hawkstone's deadly foe-in fact, nestled a tiny lap dog, wearing a collar of silver bells. She stroked him with Jasper, I would rather do mischief just nel. Instantly he was on his knees besnowflake fingers, weighed down with now than win any number of fresh fore her, covering her hands with hot laurels ' diamond rings, and answered:

A rap 'at the door. Madamoiselle "How can you ask, you stupid old Jasper? Did I not fall in the ring a Zephyr called, "Come in," and a servant entered, bearing a card. few nights ago, and sustain injuries that were thought, at first, to be fatal? started slightly

I am too ill to ride for weeks, perhaps "Show him up." she commanded, then months, to come. Do I not look ill, turned to Jasper. "A visitor is com-Jasper?" ing," she said; "get under the sofa." Jasper Hatton's shrewd eyes rested for a moment on the exquisite figure,

Hatton, drvly, on the dazzling face, in its halo of yel-"Then go behind that curtain yonder. low hair, and he shrugged his square He must not see you here." shoulders expressively. "Plague take your whimsies!" "Not in the least, ma'm'zell."

"Well," she pouted, "let me then say hind the curtain, and mademoiselle fell that I do not want to leave Whithaven back in her chair, a vision of pale, lanjust now, Jasper; that I have particuguid beauty, just as the door opened cheek and innocent eyes she looked, in lar business in this vicinity. Cannot again, and Vincent Hawkstone entered. deed, like a suffering angel. you understand? I abandon my dear "I heard that you were ill at this cirque; I drive the manager mad with disappointment; I throw money to the seized with a burning desire to pay my bring my child. I will listen to no lovewinds: I quarrel with everybody, and respects to you, Mrs. Hawkstone-conswear that I am disabled, dving, all for the privilege of remaining a few found it! I mean Mademoiselle heart-till you prove your devotion by mently. Bellevue and Ocean avenues your liver, today?" Zephyr!"

days longer in a horrid Yankee town She looked at him suspiciously where, under ordinary circumstances "Did your cousin send you here" life would be quite unendurable." she asked. Mr. Hatton smiled grimly. He was

Inlet, in answer to my letter, but she now farewell-I positively cannot en- the least-you thought only of my for- disturbance is peculiarly disastrous to lid not fetch the child-she suspects dure you longer." He winced. He pressed his lips to her jeweled nischief." "Don't be too hard upon me, Doris-

fingers, to her dress, to one loose tress Mademoiselle's blue eves flashed. "Oh, does she, indeed? But for her, of her hair: then he went, and Jasper should be holding Bee in my empty Hatton flung back the curtain, and lovers. I now find myself in a very my internal economy may as well proarms at this very moment. She sus- stalked, grim as Fate, out of his hidpects you, her brother?-she knows, ing place.

perhaps, that you are my friend?" "Do you mean to destroy that young idiot?" he demanded, sternly. "Come, "Your lover!" he corrected. "Did you tell her, stupid?" she blaz- Zephyr, I tell you frankly, I don't like

She laughed softly, defiantly. "No, she guessed the truth." "Yesterday, Jasper, that young idiot, He was haggard with disappointment and chagrin. The beautiful circus rider as you truthfully call him, sent me a had never held in her toils a more bracelet of emeralds, every stone as big and Mr. Sutton. He has great good is talked of at the clubs, and in pri-

helpless victim than this young southprettiness is totally eclipsed by her erner with great expectations-this previous, his offering at the shrine of rich southern tints. I have just reraven-haired Apollo, who, betrothed to my beauty was a fan of ostrich feathceived news that Basil Hawkstone has one woman, was spending all his spare ers, a half-yard long, mounted on sticks he, or any other person, wish our en-Zephyr, the famous young equestrienne, again-that he has gone down to his time and money in making love to anof solid amber, incrusted with diamonds. Ha! ha; I am a terrible creatother.

She put on a grieved air

down her face.

"It is plain that we shall receive no ure, am I not, and you are dreadfully thing to do with his sudden change of help, directly or indirectly, from Jet- angry with me, eh?" He looked at her from under ta," he muttered.

brows. "By my soul! I wish the simpleton

"Ah," she sighed, "your sister always hated me-she now begrudges me your knew you as well as I do, mademoisfriendship, and I have so few friends, elle! whither are you leading him? "I want no more lovers," she answer- too!" clasping her little hands pathet-You have the face of an angel, you ed, wearily. "There was a time when ically. Hatton, behind the curtain, in- carry all hearts by storm, and at botnot in the least like a woman who could it was pleasure to pick up their hot-dulged in a curious smile. "She will tom you are nothing more nor less than not help us, then ?-- you cannot coax, a little fiend!'

CHAPTER XIX.

Dishonored.

The ready tears began to roll softly "Deadly dull day! Nobody on the venues-life at a standstill! Hope to "Fate is against me!" she sobbed. Heaven old Hypo won't persist in 'All my plans go awry! Basil Hawkburving his household much longer at stone triumphs over me at every turn." Newport. For my part, I find the place Her emotion was too much for Rave- detestable."

> Doris Rokewood opened a pair of earless blue eves. "Newport detestable?-Newport dull

"Do not weep!" he implored, wildly; What has come over you, Gabriel, that 'it kills me to see your tears! Have you can say such things? You have a you no friends? Look at me; I would diseased mind. I am sure, that ought She glanced at the name thereon, and die for you gladly. If that silly Jetta to be administered unto, and at once."

dares to stand in your way I will crush She was what is called a fine girlher without mercy. What is a sister tall, fair, with plenty of firm muscles compared with you? I love you, Vera; and healthy white flesh. She had shot I love you, and you know it, and vet game in the Adirondacks, she could "My legs are too long!" answered you return no answer to the devotion fence and ride and row: she loved offer you. You prolong my suspense

vachting and lawn tennis, and her escruelly; you seem to reject even while pecial pets were dogs and horses, and ou accept my service. Why do you nold me so long in abeyance? Why tricks. An heiress, too, was Miss tered Hatton; but he disappeared be- are you so cold, so pitiless to me?" Rokewood, adored by her guardian, feared by some young men, admired face, and wagged their tails affection She drew her little hands gently from With her pale, tear-wet his grasp. by others, and betrothed to George

Sutton's handsome secretary and heirpresumptive, Gabriel Ravenel. "Gabriel," she answered, softly, The two were standing in the drawhotel." he began airily, "and I was must not talk like this to me till you ing room of Sutton's Newport housecalled a cottage, but, in point of fact, a making till I hold my little one to my palace. Outside, the rain fell vehe-

> accomplishing the task to which I have were deserted. The wilderness of cost-Your reward does not pre

the proper action of the liver! Very well. The mischief is done, and cannot be recalled. My dear Doris leave me

seople.

let us remain friends, if we cannot be alone with Mr. Ravenel. The havoc of awkward position. Old Hypo will be ceed-yes, take the menagerie with furious-he has set his heart on our you, my dear." Then, as the door closmarriage. Try to soften his wrath ed on Miss Rokewood and her pets, his angry eyes' sought those of his secreagainst me-you have no end of influtary. "I am not in the least surprised, ence with him, you know."

Gabriel," he said, sternly: "I only won-There was open contempt, not un mixed with bitter pain, in her large der that Doris has borne with you so long! Your silly infatuation for that frank eves, as she answered: circus-rider is in everybody's mouth-"I decline to interfere betwixt you as the eye of a sea-god. And the day sense. He will not be angry because vate drawing-rooms. Deny nothing! I you have sought release from a bond know how you have followed her about that had become irksome. Why should from place to place, whenever it was possible for you to obtain leave of abgagement to be kept now? Surely you sence from me-I know how you have are willing to abide by the choice you invited gossip, and ridicule, and notoriety-how you have disgraced us all, have made?"

> He frowned, and dropped his ring sir!' Ravenel pushed back from the table, into his pocket.

> "Yes," he answered, sulkily, "I am white as a sheet. "It is not my intention to deny anynot ashamed of the woman I love. She

is incomparable-the one treasure on thing," he answered, defiantly. "I love the lady known as Mademoiselle earth for me. There goes the luncheon bell. I suppose we shall be expected Zephyr, and she has promised, upon certain conditions, to become my wife to appear before old Hypo as usual." -there's the whole matter for you in a She looked somewhat unnerved, but nutshell!" she answered:

The Mongolian yellow of Sutton's "Why not? The business of life goes on, whether engagements are broken face turned to wrathful copper-red. "Idiot! Can I believe my ears? You or kept. Come! Mr. Sutton is guite savage when he is made to wait, and did not wait to throw off the old bonds before you put on new ones? And you you seem to see the necessity of pleasmean to marry Basil Hawkstone's diing, rather than exasperating him vorced wife-for, of course, I know today.' who this Mademoiselle Zephyr really He followed her out of the drawingcoom, and into another apartment is.

"Certainly I mean, to marry her if where lunch was spread. she will have me. Do I not tell you that A log fire blazed on the tiled hearth I love-ves, adore her?" n merry contrast to the storm outside, The invalid leaned, and laid a thin and before it stood a delicately molded delicate hand on the arm of his secrenan, as yellow as a Mongolian, holding

tary. His voice grew gentle. chronometer in his hand. "You are young, Gabriel-a mere boy "You have kept me waiting two and and much must be pardoned and overhalf minutes," said George Sutton, looked in youthful blood. You are the sharply, as the young pair entered last of my kindred-the sole heir to "For Heaven's sake, shut the door, Ramy possessions. I have made my will, enel!- I feel a draught across the and given you everything without resback of my neck!" I will not be unreasonable.

rvation. He was a confirmed dyspeptic, un lad-I will not ask you to marry a easonable, like all of his kind-slightly woman you cannot love-in fact, Doris grizzled, with aquiline features and an Rokewood is far too good for youan ugly monkey full of mischievous air of ill health. Two or three of Miss vastly your superior in everything. It Rokewood's dogs were stretched at his feet-they looked up into his thin, sour is an unequal bargain-she can do better. I shall not urge any renewal of

your late relations-far from it: but ately one thing is imperative-you must give "Pardon our unconscionable delay up Mademoiselle Zephyr, and at once!" guardy," said Miss Bokewood, in a

Ravenel stood leaning on the table, cheerful tone-her clear eves and smiling lips gave no token of the pain that colorless as ashes. was gnawing her heart. "I am sorry

answered that we have put you out. How is "Then you will leave my very hour, to enter it no more; and "Barbarous"" growled Sutton. "If a fortune shall you

"That I cannot, and will not do! house this

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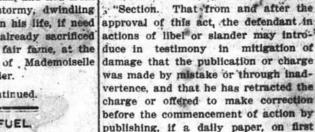
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In substance the bill-is as follows: essly out on the piazza, and fled from the house into the stormy, dwindling "Section. That from and after the approval of this act, the defendant in day-fled, to lay down his life, if need be, even as he had already sacrifice actions of libel or slander may introgratitude, honor and fair fame, at the duce in testimony in mitigation of tiny, twinkling feet of Mademoiselle damage that the publication or charge was made by mistake or through inad-Zephyr, the circus-rider.

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"Certainly not. Prince Lucifer would still flashy in regard to pantaloons, and never choose me for an ambassador. my foes." loud as to neckties. His eyes were still He doesn't like me well enough, you small and black, and all alert, and his know. manners suggestive of the stable-yard.

"Unfortunately, yes.

She held out her hand with a dawn-"You had a rattling fight with the ing smile. manager, did you? Yes, yes, I under-"I remember! Are you two as hosstand it all. Zephyr, and I wonder at tile to each other as of old?" You've carried the world by you! "We are sworn foes, mademoiselle, storm: you've made your pile, as these blamed Yankees say-in short, you've and time only widens the breach between us." had your fling without hindrance; "How delightful! I dare say you make common cause with you against now, what more can you want?" She set her little white teeth. bounty?"

"I want revenge, Jasper-I've had everything but that."

"Pooh! why bother yourself furthe eeth shone through her parted lips. about Basil Hawkstone? You threw him over long ago: you're free of him between us! I may regard you as an and he of you. What made you faint ally, may I not?" at sight of him the other night. Faugh! "Regard me as a person anxious and

I thought you had more pluck, ma'm' zell!" way possible." The jeweled hand that caressed th

lap-dog trembled. "Jasper." she said, sweetly, "you ar

southern beauty, Jetta Ravenel, the yellow curls touched Ravenel's shouldull, you are heavy, you are often exasperating; but I have always got on governess at Tempest Island! Unhap- der, and said: pily, she does not love you, and Prince better with you than with other men Lucifer has cruelly forbidden you to because you never thwart or worry me, you let me have my own way in all urge your suit further. Is it not so?" He colored. things--that is why we remain friends.

"How did you learn all this? You Now tell me, am I still beautiful? Do have spies out, I perceive. Well, I too, you see any crow's-feet about my eyes, any gray in my hair? Am I fad- can state a fact. You went over to ing? Have I lost, in the smallest de- Tempest recently, and played the gypsy with great success, you versatile not hear it-the voice of the siren had gree, my power to charm?" The square-shouldered Englishman creature; but you didn't get possession drowned all other sounds in his ear. surveyed her with a curious sidelong of Bee!"

"A Roland for my Oliver!" she cried. book. gayly. "Go on, Cousin Vincent!" "Your beauty, ma'm'zell, is as it al He pulled his red-gold mustaches. ways was-without a flaw; and it's "I am going to marry Miss Ravenel good. I should say, for a professional -how, I do not know; but I shall marwear and tear of ten or more years

success before I make payment. And at least women like you age slowly." ry her, and to accomplish that purpose I would summon help, if I could, from now you must go, Gabriel. I am ill to-"Well, you see what I am Jasperday, my troubles have quite prostrated you know how I have been adored in the bottomless pit! I need you, mame-I wish to rest." all lands. I cast myself at that man's demoiselle; you have ends to gain at Tempest Island, and you also need me."

feet-I implored him to love me again, She arose from the fauteuil and stood swered. and he repulsed me with scorn. Do before him, her faille gown and soft you are! you wonder that I tried to throw vitriol in the face that mocked me? Do you laces trailing, her yellow hair shining. her eyes brilliant with excitement wonder that I vowed to be revenged, "To sigh for help from the bottomless and that I mean to keep that yow a

it in one breath, and appeal to me for any cost?" it in another, is scarcely complimen-Mr. Hatton shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know how any man living tary," she laughed, "but I forgive you, could repulse you, Zephyr-he must be Vincent. Here is my hand-I think we rom him so often?" something more than human. As for can work together." "We can, and we will!" he said, and the vitriol business, my little lady, you look like a saint-a right down angel. raised the white fingers to his lips, just

as another rap echoed on the door. minus the wings, but I always knew Again the waiter appeared, and again you had the very deuce of a temper. Did you go down to Tempest Island, a he carried a card in his hand. Mademoiselle glanced at it and colorday or two ago, to finish the work be d faintly gun in the cirque?" "You must go now," she said to Vin-She laughed.

"How do you know that I have been cent: "tomorrow, at this same hour, she think?" down to the island? Don't watch me you may come again." too closely, Jasper, or I shall hate you. Scarcely had the door closed upon im, when mademoiselle danced a few as I do the rest of your kind.' steps toward the curtain at the other not conceal it longer. The role of hy-"Somebody has got to watch you, he answered, sulkily; "God knows you end of the room, and then paused with need it-and I am the man for the finger on lip.

"Are you there, you dear dull old with Miss Rokewood!" You may quarrel with me as work. much as you like-you cannot shake Jasper?" she called, softly, "I am here," growled Hatton, from me off. I'm not like the others, as you behind the screening folds. ought to know.

sis in your affairs." "I went down to Tempest Island t "Keep very quiet now, for a lover oming to woo. You must quite erase see my child, Jasper-to take her ourself-above all, don't listen to the away; but another woman foiled melove passages, for those things make old Sutton should blot my name from betwixt herself and her lover. Ravenel The majority of women will consider the Ravenel girl. But for her, I should have succeeded. I carried a stiletto his will?" you absurdly angry." "Zephyr," said Hatton, in a smother-"It is better to be rich than poor," with me-I tried to use it, too; but she ed voice, "how long will you try my she answered, evasively. "I adore was like a lioness-I found myself diswealth myself, and all that wealth he said. armed at once. Jasper, I swear to you patience? that I must get possession of Bee-I "For years and years, I dare say," brings.' Perhaps he detected a false ring in ily:

see my sister."

And she had just fallen back in the her tone-he looked at her sharply. "You love another woman?" ing?" cried the invalid. "Is it possior die!" Lamps suitable for the pur- cost of timber may also account for -Hawkstone has not asked him. What boats. 'Yes. It was all a-a mistake from "Vera"-and his voice grew hoa of interesting colpose, with incandescent mantles, give the small diameter of the galleries, Hatton whistled, softly ble that you can stoop to this, Raveis he to do in your absence, my dear? "So the little kid just escaped the lapse, when Gabriel Ravenel, handsome with passion-"if the day ever comes the first-our engagement, I mean." "I could by no possibility accept Mr. nel?" which if enlarged, would need extra a beautiful illumination. clutches of her fond mamma, eh? as a young Antinous, stood before her. when I find that you have deceived me She drew his ring from her finger, The two men were alone in the room. support. The coal, loaded on low Hawkstone's hospitality, sir," cried One may add that in all probability Lucky for her, say I! How long would "Have you brought my child?" she -when you dare to break your solemn and put it in his hand. Ravenel, loudly. "And it is time, I per- One was young and strong, the other motor boats will before long be pro- wooden trucks, with iron wheels, you be bothered with a lame brat like said, turning upon him her large, melt- promise-mark you, it will be time for "You are free, Gabriel!" ceive, to tell you that I am no longer sick and feeble. Guilt and fear make pelled by alcohol.-Saturday Evening manufactured at Chinlingchen from one or both of us to die!" An old mixture of relief and apprethat? The maternal instinct was nev- ing eves. Miss Rokewood's betrothed husband- a merciless combination. Without a Tienshan iron, is run along the gal-She drew back, growing pale and unleries on wooden rails until the bot-Post. hension appeared in his face. Pale, crestfallen, he leaned against er developed in you, Zephyr. Humph! word Gabriel struck his benefactor our engagement is over." tom of the main shaft is reached, and is then hoisted by wicker baskets attached to a pulley on a framework table by her side, and looked down comfortable. "God knows I would have remained What's the Ravenel girl like?" down. Sutton fell to the floor by the Sutton pushed away his plate. "How can you say such dreadful true to you, if I could. Doris, but"-"Why choose the lunch-table for such rifled safe like one dead. Then Rave-"An Eastern princess-a Cleopatra!" into her maddening little face. "It is not necessary to enter into ex- an explosion as this, sir?" he demand- nel-madman, traitor, thief-threw up weight at the age of thirty, but that built over the mouth of the pit, pullanswered mademoiselle, with a short, "Forgive me!" he groaned; "our things?" she answered, petulantly. "I She interrupted, with cold dignity: than I am, Jasper. My white-and-gold found her!-met me last night at the There! you may kiss my hand; and planations. You never cared for me in ed; "you ought to know that mental a long window, and with one awful of the male not until ten years later. ed by horses. mirthless laugh; "she is far handsomer scheme failed. Vera. My sister-con- wish you were not such a fire-brand!

et vou. ants on the deep piazza glistened cede the service-it follows it. If you with wet. really love me, Gabriel, you will help vexed and depressed countenance, star- ly comfortable. My digestion is in a and that woman, for, by my soul, you me, first of all, to take vengeance on ed out into the gloomy day without seeing it.

Vengeance is an ugly word, but it "One would suppose," said Miss slipped sweetly over her red lips, and Rokewood, as she toyed with some Gabriel Ravenel's dark eyes flashed. creamwhite lilies in a red porcelain Her touch, her look, her vague promises, sent the blood racing, like liquid fire, through his veins. we two were together!"

"And if I bring your child?" he cried. He bit his lip.

Oh, my beautiful sorceress, if I tear "Of course," he muttered; "oh, cerher from Hawkstone's very arms-if 1 tainly!

A noise at the door-it opened, and are still a poor dependent upon Basil's that man-if I do your bidding in all in pranced Miss Rokewood's pet monthings-if I fling all things away for key, Juno, who knew the trick of turnyour sweet sake-will you listen to me ing knobs without human aid. The Her blue eyes sparkled, her little then? Will you accept my love then? creature was one of the ugliest of its Will you swear to be my wife? Thus kind, tricked out in a little cap and with resignation. "I see! There's a bond of sympathy far you have fed me on husks. I must jacket of scarlet silk, and a short skirt have your sacred promise, Vera, before of spangled gauze. It saluted Ravenel into a menagerie-a circus, if you like.

undertake more." Verily, he was a willing tool in he ity, cut a pirouette, and bowed again el, I must trouble you to ring for a ready to injure Prince Lucifer in any hands! Like the wary little spider to Gabriel-kept on bowing and bowthat she was, she glanced once toward ing, in fact, with satirical deference. hill."

"Ah," she meditated, gravely, "you the curtain, and finding everything "How can you tolerate that wretched hate him, Vincent, and you love that quiet there, she bent forward till her little beast, Doris?" cried Ravenel, in a Juno, who had meandered to the top disgusted tone: "and why, in Heaven's of a Louis XV cabinet, instantly gathname, do you bedizen it in that abom- ered her gauze skirt about her hairy "As surely as you tear my darling inable manner?"

from Hawkstone, and bring her safely "Is it possible that you do not like Juno's costume?" answered Doris seemed gloomy and distrait. Miss Roketo me; as surely as you help me to torment, yes, and if possible, destroy, him, Rokewood, innocently. "I fancied you wood alone preserved the appearance

so surely will I accept your love and would find it to your taste. I am fond become your wife!' There was certainly a movement be from Cairo by a particular friend of across the damask cloth. hind the curtain now, but Ravenel did guardy's-a Mr. Hawkstone, who has some island not far from the coast. Tempest Island with "Vera, I am yours, body and soul. Why, how you glare at me! My darling, oh, my darling"-Mr. Hawkstone, perhaps?"

"Hush!" she interrupted. "I cannot "Not any," answered Ravenel, savisten to you till your work is done, re-"I have heard of him, howagely. member. You failed last night-you ever. may fail again. I shall exact complete "Of course! how stupid of me! Your

ister is living at Tempest Island; you Of course you remember Hawkstone, go there often of late." He colored to his eves.

tastes," he sneered. "One can overlook Juno, chattering angrily, from the cab-"Go! I have but just come," he an your dogs and horses, Doris, but this reproachfully. "How crue inet. Will you not permit me to African simian is too much for ordiremain a few moments at least?" nary forbearance." In a bantering tone she answered: "Not today, dear friend," purred Vera; "I wish to be alone. Ah, I fear "If you loved me, Gabriel, you would I shall yet involve you in no end of not quarrel with my tastes." rouble with that dreadful rich old "Does that follow?" he said, captiousman whose heir you are to be. Does ly. "Bah! turn the vile caricature out,

he never ask what it is that takes you uite unworthy of a lady. You had gift of beauty which Byron wrote Ravenel hung his head-that handsome particular person in mind when about." some, foolish head which an artful you put that toggery on the beast." "Pooh! voman had completely turned. "Whom could I have had in mind?" asked Miss Rokewood, calmly caressing fore setting out on his long exile?" "Yes," he acknowledged, sullenly the monkey. "You are growing incoand I am tiged-of inventing excuses. He thinks I go to Tempest Island to herent, are you not? Poor Juno! I am sure your hard names have lacerated I could only stare at him. In return

"Very good. And the blonde heiress o whom you are bethothed-what does intelligent, too!" Her manner changed suddenly-she

"I do not know-I do not care! lover. Her height was nearly equal to any account knows the Hawkstones, of probably she suspects the truth-I can his own, and she looked like a daughpocrite is growing distasteful to me, ter of the old sea-kings, with her res-Vera. I must cancel my engagement olute blue eyes, and crown of flax-col- him called-don't you know?" ored hair. "Gabriel, I feel sure that you have "Do nothing rash, you tiresome boy!

she yawned. "If you break with Miss something to say to me." Rokewood, you will surely invite a cri-Her engagement was a month The time had not been happy or satis-

"What, then," he queried, wildly, factory. From the first something inwould you throw me over, Vera, if tangible had stood, a separating force, gave a guilty start, then he braced himself for the crisis. "Give me back my freedom, Doris!

She grew pale, but answered, stead-

nage to exist without not a Choose betwixt my mone Gabriel Ravenel, with a that wretched organ, he might be fairever see! state of absolute ruin. Moreover, this cannot have both! If you wish to och, I tell you, is full of draughts. I come the Marc Anthony business of wint I had the architect here-I would throwing the world away for love, that outch some fresh ideas into his head." is your affair, but the will that I have I fear you might find the exertion made in your favor I will burn before vase, "that you would find any place or the great for you," smiled Miss Roke- you-are an hour older. Think a moany day delightful, Gabriel, so long as wood. "Let me spread a tiger-skin ment, Gabriel-I would be glad to save across your lap. How heartless it you if I could. Is that creature of seems for Lealthy people to seat them- paint and spangles worth all that you selves at table with a man who sighs must pay for her?"

Ravenel staggered a little. Wealth for an extinguished liver? Here comes ase-position-these were offered him that naughty Juno. Do you think she by one of his own blood-offered eawill annoy you guardy?" gerly, too, and with genuine feeling in The monkey had slipped into the eye and voice. And over against them oom with her mistress. was set a woman's fair, little face in "Not in the least," answered Sutton, a frame of yellow hair-a pair of blue

"The house is at eyes, full of delusive lights. your disposal, my dear. Transform it "Love like mine cannot be bought he groaned; "to live without her would and its mistress with ludicrous grav- Heavens! that draught again! Ravenbe a monstrous impossibility-it can-

muffler-congestion is sure to follow a not be thought of for a moment!" "You will not give her up?" thundered Sutton. The muffler was brought and put on

"No."

"Then, sir, you are no longer heir of mine. I also relieve you from further duty as my secretary. Leave my house, throat, and gave a clever cough. and never enter it again. We are It was a dull luncheon. Ravenel

henceforth strangers." The sword of Damocles had fallen of cheerfulness. Presently George at last! Under the unwelcome stroke

of Juno because she was sent to me Sutton passed a letter to his ward he bowed, but his dry lips refused to utter a word. "Go to my safe and take a quarter's "Here is an invitation," he said, "for

been a great wanderer and who owns you and me to spend a few weeks at salary," pursued Sutton. "You will my friend need it, for women like Mademoiselle You know Hawkstone. It seems that he has Zephyr have expensive tastes. I have abandoned the idea of going abroad given you without stint since you came to me, but I dare say you have spent again, and opened his house to guests. Fancy the flutter which this piece of everything upon that creature. Farewell, sir! There may be in the world news will create among managing a greater fool than you are, but I have mammas and marriageable daughters! never seen him."

It was over. He had made his choice my dear?" -thrown away his great expectations She flung a bit of chicken to an Eng--lost his world for love! The blow "The girl of the period has strange lish poodle-a favor which brought was none the less bitter because he had The monkey gave the canine a expected it. He dashed out of the blow that sent him yelping under the room. Juno, the monkey, was prancing about the hall in her scarlet jacket mahogany. Some slight confusion en-

and spangled skirt. He gave the poor sued. When it was over, Miss Rokebrute a tremendous kick, then darted wood answered, sweetly: into the library, closed the door, but "Yes, I remember him-an Edga forgot to lock it. Ravenswood, gloomy and grand, with

The table was strewn with books whom the world had gone ill. He posand papers. He put these in order, and Doris? I call this an execrable jest sessed, in a marked degree, that fatal gathered up such documents as belonged to himself. Empty-handed, disin-

herited, he must go! He looked around Do you recollect that he the library. Across a recess near him dined with us six years ago, just bea drapery of rich Eastern stuff was drawn; behind this was Sutton's safe. She nodded.

unningly built into the paneled wall. "And he fascinated me so much that Ravenel went forward, and opened it. The rich invalid was careless about his her feelings, and she is so amiable, so for my dumb adoration, he sent me valuables-his secretary was careless, Juno from Cairo. Without doubt, his

also. Many things were in the safe return to the world-our world-will which should have been at the banker's turned and swept straight up to her make a stir in society-everybody of -a box crowded with bonds, great rolls bank-notes-jewels brought from course. But there's a shadow hanging strange lands. And he was to take a over Prince Lucifer, as I have heard quarter's salary and depart! As he

stared in upon the treasure, a sharp, She spoke very steadily, ignoring the ringing suddenly filled Ravenel's ears fact that Gabriel Ravenel had rapidly -mist gathered under his eyelids. An changed countenance at this turn of awful temptation shaped itself before the conversation.

him. Instantly he was wrestling with "That does not signify," answered Apollyon—he was overpowered! He Sutton; "some people have scruples snatched the bonds from the box, and concerning divorce-others have none thrust the jewels and rolls of money wildly into his pockets. As he did so the shadow of which you speak rather he heard a noise at his shoulder, and

interesting than otherwise. Shall we turning, with all his guilt resting conaccept Hawkstone's invitation?" sciously upon him, he looked straight "By all means guardy!" into the horrified eyes of George Sut-The invalid cast an irritated look tovard Ravenel.

must tear her from Basil Hawkstone, she laughed. "Hush! He is here!" "In God's name, what are you do-"But here is your betrothed husband

to alcohol. of said notice and request in said Already in Germany denatured alcohol is being produced in enormous newspaper with prominent headlines, quantities, mainly from potatoes, at then and in said event recovery of twelve cents a gallon. But a much nothing more than actual damage shall more striking illustration of the possi- be allowed."

The purpose of this bill is to prebilities of cheapening the fluid may be vent the securing of larger verdicts for ound nearer home-that is to say, in Cuba, where vast amounts of molas- punitive damages in cases where the ses refuse are available for distilla- libel or slander was published innocently and with no intent to injure, tion. Alcohol derived from this source costs, on the island, less than ten cents and if properly presented to the gena gallon. It is by all odds the cheap- eral assembly the committee in charge of the bill on behalf of the Press assoest fuel in the world, gasoline being ciation believes it will be enacted .--- Co-out of competition with it. Now, the obviousness of this fact has lumbia correspondent of News and

led our navy department to undertake Courier. CHINESE COAL MINES.

Anthracite Taken From the Beds By can import the fluid from Cuba with-Primitive Methods.

out paying any duty, and, utilized as a valley of Poshan in which are substitute for coal, it might save a The good deal of money. At the present the distinct towns of Poshan and Tzuetime Germany and Great Britain, with chaun, is about 20 miles long and the same idea in view, are building from 200 yards to nearly six miles fighting vessels which will be equip- broad, says a consular report. The ped with engines specially adapted for whole of this valley is a vast bed of the use of alcohol as the motive power, coal, situated at a deeper level in the and they are inclined to the opinion middle and appearing on the surface

at the edges, where it has been that "high wines" will, in the not distant future, furnish propulsion for forced upward by the pressure against warships of all classes, excepting, per- the limestone of the surrounding hills. At the northwest exit of the valley haps, the battleships. Meanwhile, a large plant has been established at the coal bed is interrupted by a chain Meriden, Conn., for turning out great of limestone hills, but it commences again and continues in undiminished quantities of lamps, stoves and other quantity in a westerly direction for contrivances adapted for the utilization of denatured alcohol. The fluid cannot another 20 miles between the main range on the south and the Changbe employed as fuel, or as an illumitaishan on the north. In this valley nant, in any kind of apparatus suitable for oil, and on this account it has been and its branches are situated the minecessary to invent for the purpose ing centres of Puchi and Puchuan. The best quality of anthracite coal special and peculiar devices-all of hem depending fundamentally upon is found near the surface in the the idea of burning not the alcohol di- Halsham valley, and it is on account rectly, but the gas generated from it by of this coal that Poshan has been famous. It is principally used in manuheat. Among these is a kind of street facturing coke, which, owing to its lamp, exceedingly brilliant, which used

lightness, can be transported farther with an incandescent mantle, has a by wheelbarrow than the heavier coal. power of 300 candles. Unfortunately the Chinese have of The new alcohol stoves are very

to cope with the ompact, with broilers and other atlate been unable tractive attachments, and will be water in the shaft, and most of the than gasoline mines have been obliged to suspend cheaper to manage work. The method of removing water stoves, when the fluid fuel employed comes down to its normal price. Be- is extremely primitive. A basket woven sides they are decidedly cleaner. Of of willow twigs is passed from one man to another and is then emptied heaters, there is quite a variety, run by alcohol, one style being intended for into a ditch at the mouth of the coal automobiles. This, indeed, is quite an pit. As the galleries are low and narinteresting improvement; and it is row-the miners are obliged to worth mentioning, incidentally, that work in a sitting position, and during the time that water is being removed the motor cars in the future will be provided with a modified carbureter for from the mine other work has to burning alcohol, thus getting rid of all cease. The side galleries are short and are shored up with millet stalks sup-

disagreeable smell. Out-door heaters and cookers, burn- ported by short wooden props. In a country devoid of timber the cost of ing alcohol will soon be on the market; shoring up extensive galleries, and in and special contrivances have been devised for the use of the same fluid in addition the difficulty of removing the kitchens of yachts. It seems likely, the water is so considerable that the indeed, that alcohol will be used for Chinese miners are prevented from the lighting and heating of such going far into a seam of coal. The