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CHAPTER XII.- (Continued.) I glanced around to see that there was nothing Mr. Lynn could pry into or take away during my absence, and seeing all safe, I left him. In my sitting room 1 found Dr. Awdrey waiting to see me.

"I saw Lynn's horse outside, and I dropped in to know if he were here. should like to see him before he goes, if you don't mind my waiting here."

"Go in and see him at once," said I "I have done with him."

He thanked me and went into the office, while I slipped into my dining room, which, as I have said, is divided from the office by a half-glazed door, that intercepts sound so slightly that what takes place in one room is audible in the other. If anyone thinks it is wrong to play at

tion to listening in a case of this kind. They had got through their first greet ing when I reached the door, but as I saw through the old green taffety curtains, they still held each other by the

eavesdropping, let them remember that I

am only a lawyer. I have no compune-

"A mere sprain; that's all. Painful enough at first; just enough to keep me from running about, you know," Lynn

was saying in his bluff, open tone. "Why on earth didn't you write a or two to us?" asked Awdrey.

"Oh, I didn't want to make a fuse about a trifle especially at such a timeand you know what women are when there's anything the matter with a fellow," Lynn replied, throwing himself into a chair.

Your silence made us think that the accident was not a trifle," Awdrey said, half seating himself on the table and facing his friend.

'I see now that I was to blame. I'm sorry for it. That's all I can say, my dear fellow."

"I am sorry also. It must have troubled Miss Dalrymple; it would have offended her had she been an ordinary girl. Old Keene here doesn't like you; I warrant he has put a bad construction on your silence and done his utmost to set her against you. Indeed It taxed my ingenuity to find excuses for your neg-

Lynn toyed with his riding whip in si lence for a few minutes (during which his quick brain had conceived a plausible means of escape), and then he said:

"Awdrey, old fellow, I must tell you all. I can't keep a secret—at any rate, from you. I purposely stayed away-I was purposely silent."

"Why? Let us have the whole matter out from beginning to end."

"Some months ago this old rascal here, Keene for what purpose I cannot imagine let me to believe that I was heir I should before long be in a decent position to maintain a wife, I sought to win Gertrude-Miss Dalrymple. Well, on the sy of Flexmore's death I discovered the seek some more than ordinary means cruth-that I had nothing to expect from him.'

The barefaced effrontery of this lie nearly took my breath away.

"I had been living rather extravagantly," continued Lynn-"beyond my means, In fact-relying on being able to recoup myself sooner or later, and then suddenly I realized that I was thrown upon my own resources, in debt, and incapable of providing the woman I loved with the home I had absolutely offered her a few days before. Of course, I am to blame-I know that. I ought to have been prudent, I ought not to have counted upon Flexmore's generosity, I ought not to have offered my hand before I was assured beyond the possibility of doubt that I had enough to marry upon. But you know what I am-a headstrong, impuls ive, thoughtless, reckless, thriftless, un happy wretch!" His voice faltered, he covered his face with his hands, rose abruptly, stamping with impatience at his own weakness, and turned in silence to the window. It was not a bad piece of acting; it took Awdrey in completely. He rose, went to the window, and, slipping his hand through the other's arm, said

"There's nothing unpardonable in that Lynn-nothing that she will not readily forgive.'

"I know it, Awdrey, and that's the worst part about it. I must break off the engagement, but I know not how with such a generous girl as that. I know what she will say when I tell her I am a beggar; she will say, 'No matter, I can wait till you are rich.' Wait-good graclous! I am in debt now; a penniless beggar I must remain. I haven't the ability to gain fifty pounds a year, and never shall have. No; it must be broken off. I said that from the first. Do you know, I forced myself to affront her, that she might throw me over-I pretended a brutally cruel feeling towards dear little Laure, poor child! that Gertrude might think me unfeeling. I went off to London without a word of farewell, I refrained from writing one kind word-all with the same purpose. Don't you see

"Yes; but all that must be made clear to her," said Awdrey, slowly. "Made clear to her? Is that the way

to break off this unfortunate engage-

"No; but there is no necessity to break off the engagement." "What do you mean? Surely

wouldn't have me ask her to wait till I grow rich-rich! I, who never did a decent day's work in my life."

"No; you will not ask her that. She did not inquire whether you were rich or poor when she consented to be your wife; she will not refuse you now for any reason of that kind. You must explain your silence, and ask her to marry you at once. Listen to me, Lynn-I am not advising you without reason. Flexmore wished you to be the guardian, with Miss Dalrympie, of little Laure, and to take honest way. She put her hand in his. the interest of the money in trust for her until she came of age. By an accident that wish was prevented from being legally carried out; but, virtually, you are as

I recident had not happened. Miss Dalrymple has consented to take care of the hild permanently-relleving me of a cerain part of my duty. Legally I shall emain her guardian, and shall in fact exercise my function whenever a question trises respecting her welfare, but virtually she is Miss Dalrymple's ward, and her services must be paid for. I shall settle upon her all that is paid me as interest arising from Flexmore's bequest."

"But, my dear fellow, you are robbing yourself-you are carrying generosity beyond all the bounds of reason!" exclaim-

"No, I am doing nothing of the kind. I shall simply be carrying out Flexmore's utentions, and I shall remain as rich as have been . Whether you marry Miss Dalrymple or not, I shall settle the money on her. But now you know you have no excuse for breaking off the engagement."

Did you ever read of heroism to beat his a man relinquishing fortune, and he fair chance of making the girl he loved his wife, from chivalrous consideration of that girl's happiness, and a conscientions feeling of duty?

Those sponsors made a pretty good forecast at his character and disposition when they gave him the name of John Howard; for I doubt if the great philanthropist was ever more loving to the good. more generous to the erring, or kinder to the weak.

CHAPTER XIII.

I should like to know what you would have done, seeing an honest man bamboozled and cheated by a lying, subtle rascal on the other side of a half-glazed door with a taffety blind. If you are an ordinary person, with an ordinary love of truth and an ordinary hatred of decelt, I'll be bound you would have flung open that door and told simple Dr. Awdrey that Lynn Yeames was a liar and a cheat, and proclaimed all you knew about him and his motives; but if you are like me, a wily old lawyer, you would have done nothing of the kind. For Dr. Awdrey believed that my prejudice against Lynn Yeames amounted to a mania; I had no proof whatever to substantiate a charge against him, and in the absence of proof Dr. Awdrey would be fully justified in believing a trusted friend in preference to a biased lawyer. How could I prove that he knew nothing about the will before his mother telegraphed to him after the reading of it? I could only declare that he did not know; he could declare that he did. He had ingenuity to invent reasons as good for his knowing the fact as those I could produce to show that he was ignorant of the real truth. In a case of hard swearing the judge must lean towards the side which seems least capato Flexmore's fortune. In the belief that ble of duplicity, and it would go hard with the lawyer in such a case.

These conditions decided me to leave the half-glazed door as it was, and to discomfiting an extraordinary rascal. felt sure of this-that Dr. Awdrey would insist upon Lynn going at once and telling his story to his sweetheart; and it seemed to me that the best thing I could do was to go to Flexmore House beforehand and prevent Mr. Lynn deceiving Miss Dairymple as he had deceived Dr. Awdrey.

"Mrs. Guttridge," said I to my housekeeper, who is a careful woman, and de livers messages correctly, "I can't wait any longer; I don't wish to disturb Dr. Awdrey and his friend, who seem to be having a nice little chat. If they ask for me, you will say that I had an appointment to keep, but that I shall be at home from nine till twelve to-morrow morning."

With that I trotted off to Flexmore House as fast as my legs would carry me; but there was plenty of time to think on the way, and I had plenty to think about. How was I to warn Miss Dalrymple? To tell her bluntly that her lover was a scamp would not do. Her love would only strengthen in defending him against his accuser.

But did she still love him? Had sh ever really loved him? I was inclined to answer no to both questions. I believed that as yet she had really loved no one. Yet I was not sufficiently sure to feel that I could with safety speak openly on the subject. And that is why I made up a fairy story-a pretty occupation for a lawyer, you will say.

They saw me, Nurse Gertrude and little Laure, from the drawing room window as I came up the gravel path, and the child darted off to open the door, and both welcomed me with smiles on the

I found opportunity only to begin my story when Mr. Yeames himself appeared. I gathered up my hat, great coat, comforter, and stick, and, tucking them under me arm and little Laure under the other. slipped into the adjoining room, where we shut ourselves in, just as Mr. Yeames was admitted to the drawing room by the other door.

I would have given anything to know what was taking place there; but I could not well put my ear to the keyhole in the presence of little Laure, so I had to content myself with the hope that Nurse Gertrude would see through the wiles of her crafty visitor. It was exasperating to hear the murmur of voices and not to distinguish what was being said, however, I learned later on from a certain source what took place in this interview, and I will set it down here as if I had seen and heard all-which, in my mind, I certainly did when the mere facts of the case

were made known to me. Standing by the door as he closed in Lynn made a grave inclination of his head expressive of respect, contrition-anything you like; then he stepped forward bastily with his hand out, his head erect, his chest thrown forward, in a manly,

"Can you forgive me?" he asked, holding her hand and speaking in that rapid, full undertone that is supposed to express earnest anxiety. "Gertrude!" he added much entitled to the money as though the with a tender inflection, putting forth his left arm to take her by the waist.

Nothing succeeds like audacity with certain women; but Gertrude was not of that set, and, quietly shrinking to avoid his touch, she withdrew her hand and sented herself with the allehtest deprecatory movement of her bead. I can see that graceful, dignified movement as I write a kind of "no-thank-you" movement. With a deep sigh Lynn dropped his hands by his sides and sank into s

"I ought to have spoken out at the very first, I know that," he said, in the tone of a man candidly admitting an amiable weakness. "I ought to have given you an explanation; but I was beside myself that morning.

"As you have not offered any explanation since, I am to suppose that you have been beside yourself rather over a week," said Miss Dalrymple, with sympathy in

"Indeed I have," he said.

"Then I think a little apparent eccentricity of conduct must certainly be forgiven;" and so, as if she had dismissed the subject, she asked in a tone of ordinary civility, "And when did you return?"

"Oh, I er came back this morning,

replied Mr. Lynn uncomfortably. "Dr. Awdrey has asked frequently after you. I suppose you have not had time to call upon him."

"No-that is, yes; I saw him coming along." "How very fortunate! Mr. Keene has

been inquiring about you. Of course, you have not seen him?" Not knowing how much she knew, he

had to admit the fact that he had seer "Er-yes, I have; had to call upon him on a pressing matter of business, you

"Then, now I suppose you have satis fled nearly everybody's curiosity. Isn't it a great relief to you?"

(To be continued.)

TREE-DESTROYING RIVER.

Western Stream that Chews Up the

Growth Along the Banks. The Gila river enters the Colorado fust west of Yums, and we crossed its angry waters through a maze of eddles and whirlpools through which immense quantities of driftwood were whirling in a mad race, says a writer in Harper's Magazine. Escaping the worst of the turmoll, we reached the town at racing speed and made triumphant landing with half our journey accomplished.

At most places along shore the river had reached the line of older growths and was leveling the larger trees by hundreds wherever a bend of the river directed the force of the current against the far shore. Trees ten inches in diameter and twenty to thirty feet high were constantly toppling into the insatiable The fall of these larger trees was

always graceful. The first intimation of it was a distinct shiver that ran through the entire tree, but was most marked in the upper branches; a moment later the tree would bend gracefully forward as if bowing to its rule must never be forgotten: Each enemy. An instant's pause and it length of pipe must be threaded so long would sink slowly into the rushing that it screws into the coupling and hed to the loos and inshore roots.

Tree after tree of this large growth would start down the river broadside to the current. Slowly at first it would roll over and over, tangling its branches into a great skeleton wheel, rolling faster and faster as the branches became more impacted and presented fewer projecting points to catch and hold a moment in the shallower reaches. Eventually the branches would be worn off in such progress, leaving only the tougher roots to retard it. Then the denuded tree would give up the struggle, and whirling into the line of least resistance, would float head on down stream until caught by the spreading roots in some shallow.

A Versatile Musician.

There was "no half-way work" about Abner Riggs' praise for anything he approved. Consequently, the person who asked him about his niece's musical ability was prepared for an enthustastic answer.

"That girl is chock-full o' music," announced Mr. Riggs, "chock-full and running over with it. In my opinion, she will be the greatest musician that's ever come out of New England, if not of these United States,

"Sings like a bird, plays the plano, melodeon, pipe-organ, banjo and guitar. Most anything that can be played, that girl plays it-right off, as you might say. Lately she's taken up the fiddle and the cornet, and she's doing fine work with both of 'em."

"She must be remarkably gifted," said the listener. "Is her voice soprano or contralto?"

"Either," said Mr. Riggs, promptly, just according to what's wanted and the nature of the song; she's got both qualities. And as for playing-well, now, I'll tell you, that girl can get more music out of an iron spoon and a tin dipper than most could out of the best harmonica that was ever made!"

No Model for Him.

Dr. Stephen H. Roblin, pastor of the Columbus Avenue Universalist Church, Boston, was calling on an old lady, one of his parishioners, before going away on his summer vacation, when his church is always closed. The old lady evidently does not believe in ministerial vacations, for she said: "Doctor, remember Satan never takes

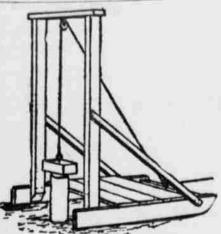
vacation." "My dear madam," answered the doctor, "I never did believe in imitating Satan."-Boston Herald.

Observation in the New York saloons shows that drivers of trucks, vans and persone in the city.



Homemade Post or Well Driver. Posts may be driven with speed and economy on many farms, if well sharpened and the right method is followed. A real post driver is one of the most easily made things and one of the most useful that a farmer can get up. Uprights are bolted across to a sled, or a rough plank sled may be made for the purpose.

The standards may be 12 or 15 feet high. To them is bolted a cross bar which supports the hoist for the weight. For this a block of iron or lead weighing not less than 25 pounds must be obtained, and it must have a staple or ring in it so it may be lifted. The post is placed where it is to be driven and the weight lifted and allowed to fall on it. A little practice



POST OR WELL DRIVER.

will enable one to drive posts in soil that seems too hard. The rig is useful also in putting down driven wells.

To drive a well 114-inch pipe is preferred. The lengths should not be over 6 feet. The first pipe to be driven must have a point of iron or steel. Any blacksmith who is an expert at welding can readily make a point solid in the end of the pipe, and then bore numerous 14-inch holes in it for the first 18 inches of its length above the point. Before driving a coupling must be screwed down tight and fast on the thread that is to connect it to its mate, so the thread may not be injured. Also on top of this coupling must always rest a block of lead or seasoned blokory, to receive and distribute the concussion, to preserve the pipe from destruction.

The pipe is driven the same as a post, another length being attached as fast as one is sunk in the ground. One rests (buts, they call it), on the end of the pipe beneath it. This prevents splitting the coupling and leaky joints. -Julius Brown, in Farm and Home.

Experimenting with Lambs.

The Iowa Experiment Station re cently marketed some lambs that had been fed to determine the value of different rations. Lot one was fed mangels, lot two sugar beets, lot three corn silage and lot four grain and alfalfa. There was no material difference in the condition of the lambs in lots one and four at the finish. While the lot given corn silage was in better shape than the one given sugar beets, it was not as good as lots one and four. It is the claim of English shepherds that succulent feeds are necessary in securing a good finish on lambs, but the above experiment indicated that while the lambs fed such feeds made better gains than others, there was not enough difference to warrant the buying of such feeds.

Seed Per Acre.

It will require 3 bushels of oats to seed an acre; barley, 2 bushels; timothy, 6 quarts; tobacco, 2 ounces; blue grass, 2 bushels; clover, white and alsike, 6 to 8 pounds; clover, red, 8 to 10 quarts; clover, Lucerne or alfalfa, 15 to 25 pounds; red top, 1 to 2 bushels; millet, 1/2 to 1 bushel; orchard grass, 2 bushels; buckwheat, 1/2 bushel; broom corn, 1-3 bushel; corn, broadcast, 4 bushels; corn, in hills, 4 to 8 quarts corn, in drills, 2 to 3 bushels; popcorn, 2 quarts; sweet corn, 6 quarts; peas garden, 2 to 3 bushels; potatoes, 10 to 12 bushels; rutabagas and turnips, 1 to 2 pounds; mixed lawn grass, 3 to 4 bushels; rye, 11/2 to 2 bushels; vetches. 2 bushels; wheat, 11/2 to 2 bushels.

Should Be More Hedgerows.

There ought to be more hedgerows than there are on central western farms, for when grown they not only serve as a fence which will turn live stock, but provide birds which nest in shrubs the best possible protection during the summer season. Of all his friends in the animal kingdom outside of the farm animals none render the farmer more valuable service than the many birds which range over his land, and he is not only doing them a kindness, but helping himself in a very definite fashion, if he so manages things that they can have as many nesting places as possible.

Exhausting the Soil.

When a country has been farmed for forty years or more strictly on a grainfarming basis, things begin to look have been raised extensively; and, as ice wagons are the largest consumers a rule, where such short-sighted meth- in bunches of twenty-five and delivered of spirituous liquors of all classes of ods of farming are in practice the value at the ratiroad station. A crop can of legumes is given little heed.

tre grown on land, say two-fifths of the time, which certainly should be the case, the nitrogen supply is held. It is also well known that the feeding of the crops grown on the same farm, the proper care of the barnyard manure, and its application to the lands, will return all the fertilizing ingredients with the exception of such as compose the animal body, and such other products as wool, cheese and butter as are sold from the farm. They are actually lost to the soil forever. This loss is represented on phosphorus and potassium compounds, and can be supplied in three distinct ways only. They can be purchased in the form of feeding stuffs for farm animals, finding their way to the soil through the manure; or, they may be secured directly by commercial fertilizers; and again by the subsoil running down to a depth of 3 or 4 feet from the surface.

Roots of all crops go down into the soll from 2 to 6 feet, and take directly the ingredients from the subsoil, and upon their decay tend to Increase Its porosity. This assists the capillary movements of water, which reacts as an agent to earry fertilizing ingredients as they become soluble in the lower soils up to near the surface, where they are readily available to the feeding roots of succeeding crops.

For Picking Cherries.

With the aid of an improved fruit gatherer designed by an Indiana man, the most delicate of small fruits, such as cherries, can be severed from their stems without mutilation, infecting or soiling of the fruit in the least, and without the necessity of the hands

fruit. As shown in the illustration, the gatherer is of a size to be easily manipulated by CLIPS OFF FRUIT. the hand. In one end is an opening, to freely admit the fruit, a stationary blade and a movable blade being placed In advance of the opening. By this novel arrangement of the fixed blade and the disposition of the movable blade and its arm, the movement of the one blade past the other, besides effectively severing the stems, tends to impel the severed fruit into the opening. In practice the device is held in either hand, and as the stems of the fruit are cut it slides down the incline

of the person coming

in contact with the

Be on the Safe Side.

and into the receptacle. When the lat-

ter is filled the contents are easily dis-

charged through the binged lid at the

If the herd milk is separated on the home farm and only the cream sent to the factory there is no danger of the patrons getting an infected supply of skim milk from a source outside their own farms. The farm separator will protect him from acquiring tuberculosis from the neighbor's herd, which may be spread through the medium of the skim milk returned from the creamery. Farmers and dairymen who are

feeding young stock the creamery skimmed milk should by all means have a good separator and by so doing insure their herd against infection.-F. L. Risley.

Odds and Ends.

Sheep growers near Roseburg, Ore, are offering \$40 per head for every coy-

There are more than six and a half million of farm families in the United States, and they produce enough food for themselves and the other 12,000,000 familles who live in the cities and The telephone is now being largely

used in the country districts for the benefit of the bedridden persons, who are connected with church pulpits and are thus enabled to hear the sermon and singing. Luther Burbank's thornless cactus,

which promises to be a valuable forage plant, grows to a length of about three feet by one foot wide, three inches thick, and has a surface similar to that of a watermelon. A twenty-three-acre apple orchard re

cently sold by John Touchette of Centerville, Ill., for \$25,000 cash. The orchard is twenty one years old, and its annual crop has brought from \$5,000 to \$8,000 for several years. A bill has been introduced in Con-

gress to establish postal savings banks which are to pay 2 per cent to the depositors and to be under the superviaion of the Postmaster General and Secretary of the Treasury.

Expert peach growers of Michigan say that the hard freeze of last year will prove a benefit, as it really cleared out and rid the State of hundreds of worthless orchards. New ones will be planted to take their place.

The International Harvester Com pany has been found guilty on fortytwo counts by a Kansas jury at Topeka for violation of the trust law. The penalty is \$1,000 on each count, but the company has taken an appeal.

New England farmers make good money by selling ferns, which grow pretty desolate, unless legume crops plantifully in the rockyh ighlands. Pickers are paid 40 cents per 1,000, tied up only be picked every second year.



1782 British House of Commes solved to end the war with the l States. 1789-First Congress of the

States under the constitution 1791-District of Columbia organial 1805 -Napoleon issued orders for projected invasion of the 1808 Portuguese royal family arrise

Brazil, havnig fled from Portugal 1800 Francois Blanchard, who the first balloon ascension is to ica, died in Paris. 1815-War declared between the few

States and Algiera. 1817-William H. Crawford of Ge-became Secretary of the ba States Trensury ... James Mar

inaugurated President at Corn-Hall, Washington, the capital his been destroyed by the British 1829-Martin Van Buren of New le became Secretary of State. 1834 Toronto incorporated as a co-

1841-Daniel Webster became Sec of State. 1843 - Tunnel under the Thames rings London opened . . . John C. See of New York became Secretary

the United States Treasury. 845-Florida admitted to the Union Mexican minister protested and the admission of Texas into Union and demanded his paupers

1848-Income tax riots in London. 1849-The "Wilmot proviso" panel Congress . . . Gen, Zachary Tayers augurated President of the Day W. Crawford of Georgia because in retary of War.

1854 Homestead bill passed by the

1857-The Dred Scott decision delines by Chief Justice Tancy. 1861-Czar decreed the emancipates the serfs in Russia.

1862-Gen. Beauregard assumed a mand of the army of the Minis 1865-Inauguration of Abraham Link and Andrew Johnson as Profes and Vice President of the limit States.

1868-President Johnson summed appear before the courts of inpass ment, on March 18.

1870 Thomas Scott shot at Fart Ger by order of Louis Riel. 1871-Paris evacuated by the German

1878-Disastrous fire in Hot Spring 1891-Conservatives victorious is 5 Canadian elections. 1893-A revolution broke out is lie

1805 - Japanese captured Neuchwart 1902-Lord Methuen wounded and tale prisoner by the Boers.

NUBBINS OF FARM NEWS Uncle Sam received \$11,500,000 in year for public lands of all kinds. An apple orchard near Albany, On

fifty-two years old, is still producing A gardener at Tacoma, Wash, in se son marketed \$750 worth of celery is one acre of ground.

Calvin D. Rogers of Iron River, Wa has just imported from Italy twenty or which he paid \$5 each. The explosion of a cream separate nearly killed Earl Adams and his make

living near Trempealeau, Wis. On one ranch near Ventury, Cal. 2 000 bushels of lima beans were raised in season. They were all thrashed of one machine. Oregon hop growers are protestly

Congress against the passage of the merous prohibition measures now bell that body, as likely to injure the is Emperor William of Germany sent teen coach and cavalry horses to the

ternational show. They were amout most beautiful animals ever seen is is Night riders in Tennessee who as shooting at farmers were set free bed a jury could not be found in the con-

to try them. Wyoming is sending a large number her tough little bronchos to Alask it has been found that they stand rigorous climate up there better that si

other breed. The government reports that 2,000 cattle died in the United States last 18

over half of them succumbing from all posure. The total losses from all cast. are estimated at \$24,000,000: One of the sights at the Internal Stock show was a pure white Gallers aired by Scottish Standard, a thereof bred Galloway bull out of a pure bewhite Galloway cow. This is a feat

but may produce a new type of The famous Riverside dairy and the farm owned by the Pierce brothen Stockton, Cal., is to be sold in small? and the thoroughbred cattle, which famous the world over, are to be persed. The owners say the difficulty securing labor has made fancy growing unprofitable.