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nize he. But for the honesty that I read

"Young man," said Rev. Mr. Knowles,

It was the one article of conspiccous

'Rat look at me more closely; look

pproached Drane with a gries de-

nto my face!" he exclaimed.

nee he was properly inspected.

saveon vincoil.

for denying your wife I do not know.

You have the instincts of a gentle-

man, the old elergyman said, alowly,

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fore; especially then, I may add, for

your behavior to-day has left much to

emphasis, "and I regret that his repu-

tation should suffer during my tempo-

rary use of my own name."
"Come, come," said the genial pastor,

cheerfully; "let's have no more hard

words. Come, Nellie, give your hand to

your husband once more in my presence.

and start anew on what I trust will be

vanced to Drane, who stood in sulles

dismay, wondering what the woman's ob-

ject was and how far she would allow

Meanwhile Rev. Mr. Knowles had

the ridiculous game to proceed.

Nellie rose with great alacrity and ad-

a happy life together."

"I can greatly indebted to the abomin-

to entrap me."

then he does there's any thing furny in agent themes with the larges Mrs.
Dense upon his arm passed some thou sands of them, or at least he could have aware that he did, and they all looked out of the corners of their eyes, and prime. "This is preposterous." grinned with the corners of their

It is increasing to be the object of per thirty of a practical jober's placard | you, and you have pretended to recogon one a back, or a black mark alongside one's now Dynne investigated the subjection well as no could by feeling stealthily up and down his back, and using his handker-blef with great vigor. But for the life of him he couldn't find any thing calculated to create so much insocont annecessati

"I suppose I look funny without my musiache," he thought, "but hang me if I should expect people to notice it who never saw me before."

Then be glanced down upon his companion, and beheld upon her countenance an expression which at once explained the situation. She looked as no woman ever does except when she's either was sick or in love. A honeymoon smile of the anet aggravated type transformed her rather comely face into the familiar mask of imbecility; and not even the blank stare with which he met her upturned eyes, moved her w modify a single detail of her ridiculous

"She must be crazy, too," he thought, with a shidder; unconsciously molding the phrase of his idea to fit the popular judgment regarding his own mental condition "Poor girl; her disappointment has turned her brain."

She steered him into a side street; on, how he did identify that necktice and just as he was trying to think of a Haw he reached in and pulled its secret disquicting fashion, she paused before: gate and said:

This is the minister's house, the Rev Mr. Knowles, the man who married

us, you know." There was a painful ambiguity about her words which perplexed Drane to such an extent that a servant had ushered them handrily into the good pastor's study before he recovered his self-pos-

A venerable gentleman rose from a large chair, and greeted them with cour-

You remember me, don't you?" said the girl, before Drane could open his mouth. The Nellie Blake, or I was before you married me to Mr. Drane, last

simpored in a most distressing way and booked up at Drane. He felt his hair scirring at the roots, for he saw now that foracy was the only explanaman of the girl's conduct. "I ought to explain-" he began.

But the minister stopped him with a

No explanation is required, Mr. Drang," and he. "I remember you perfortly, and I do trust that nothing has happened in this short space to mar the happiness which I sincerely wished you when I made you one,"
"Hat my dear sir-" eried Drane, in

horror. Notice interrupted him with a

"You see, sir, it isn't really much of any thing," she said, "and perhaps we ought not to have bothered you about it: "I noticed that when you were here bebut the truth is I've lost the certificate you gave me. I'm just as stupid as I can be, but I can't help it."

"But it isn't all. It isn't half of it." Drane exclaimed. "The truth is-"Now, you naughty boy," cried Nellie, putting her hand playfully over his month, "I shan't let you go on this

"Some triffing disagreement," said the Rev. Mr. Knowles, smiling good-natured-"I have no doubt that it can be repaired as easily as the loss of the certiffente.

"Sir," said Drane, breaking loose from the restraining hand, "I assure you that

it is your duty to -" "And I assure you, sir," said the old elergyman, with dignity, "that it is your duty, as it is your privilege, and should be your delight, to be ever kind, forhearing and gentle with the woman who has given you the honest affection of her heart, and whose hand I joined with yours in this very room. Look at.

able tramp who personated me on that occasion," exclaimed Drane, with bitter Nellie had fallen upon a sofa and was sobbing with Industrious vigor. have brought tears to her eyes." Nellie protended to uring out her handkersuch a light faint with the disap-

policinamia at your very feet?" If this began to light with a rigid determination which clarmed Drane, and called forth more remoustrances from the kind-hearted old man. Together they raids her comfortable upon the soft and farmed her till there was a small cycles in the study. When she was quiet Brane saw his opportunity. and, is a color as value as he could make

thoughtf possible. na to what has brought you to to companied the policemen out of doors. vil course for the better war."

kissed his venerable hand, and his and their convoy satting down the

Now Haven are full of pretty girls. They are married this young woman, and I have unter inability to atrustle against of the first states. know her own husband?" asked the

"She knows perfectly well that I am not her husband," said Drane. "For their attitudes changed by a hair'ssome purpose of her own she has fured this knot of attention. It suggests the me here, and has claimed me before waited in. Drane saw her out of the further know that the Kansas City men nize five But for the honesty that I read in your face, sir, I should be tempted to neck, but they were clasped hard and train from New York and will free this may that this was all a great conspiracy Bessie gave a little sigh which was as post a sob, and sank upon the sofa with deep severity. "I never forget a There were first-rate prospects of a gen-face. I knew you by your neektiet" after the faint now, and Drane's agony was proportionately increased. ppurel which he had retained since

At the sound of her late mistress or first exchange with the tramp in sob, Nellio turned her head, and when the Turkish bath. He cursed it in his she saw who had entered her dismay was so plainly written on her face that Lawrence by the hand and exclaimed even the faint-sighted old pastor saw it. He ministerpreted it, of course, and cast Rev. Mr. Knowles pulled a pair of spectacles down from his forehead and a look of disapproval upon Bessie. "Young woman," said he, "are yo

the unhappy cause of difference between | Lawrence, as the policemen paused. rmination to make sure of him writ- these two?"

en all over his usually benign coun-But Bessie paid little attention to his the to-ter-board at present. words. She rose unsteadily from the sufa, threw-up-her head with a pitiful olied straight at the glittering gold in of the glasses. He felt certain little attempt at dignity and said:

out he should not fail of an acquittal if But Rev. Mr. Knowles made an error trouble, and I hoped to help you as you bich is alarmingly common in cases here personal identity is at issue. He modelis gaze rigidly on the one thing pross, directed me to this house. That which had previously misled him the explains my presence; but, of course, I meeting and to all intents and purean etay no longer. I must say good fore you take him any further."

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delicate way in which he could argo her | out! How dead certain, how immovably. | Knowles, who had been fairly burstice | with a desire to say it since Be aimed his eyes from it and pushed up first word had been u-

gs glasses again, that that was the ver | "Reads Mrs. Harland," eriod Drane itable necktie with which he had fore choking with love, rage and other one yer united the fate of Miss Nellie tions which afflict the young, "I saws Blake. Then he glanced at Drane's to you that this is all a hide on shristal. face with his anassisted eyes; saw I have never seen this woman before it imply a physiognomy with the cure day, and I don't care to see her aromary number of features on it, and till the day of Judgment, on schick sustant may she to a per her deserted the "I was not mistaken," said he, "and I was hanging round my neck for see, am at a loss to understand your cone in mae purpose of her own; and this gentleman" and Drane softened his It takes a really good man to be fixed | voice and bowed to Mr. Knowles-"perin error; but doubt is the eternal por a data that he married as " tion of the unregenerate. The Rev. Mr.

"Married" cried Bessie, and she sank

Knowles was more certain that he had back again upon the sofa, married Drane, than Drane was that he that he didn't, you "list be didn't, you know," cried Drane, hastening toward her. "He's "Why," continued Mr. Knowles, "if near-sighted or something, and she realit was your intention to east this woman by married my necktie-oh, give my off did you bring her here where your word, I don't know what I'm saying iniquity was almost certain to trans | but I - I - Bessie, I love you, God knows, and every beat of my heart has I didn't bring her here," said Drane, Leen faithful to you since my oyes first spondingly, "she brought use."
"So I supposed, so I supposed, young rested on your face. May

"Sir!" eried Rev. Mr. Knowles, in a man," and the Rev. Mr. Knowles frowned voice of thunder. "This is more than I in great disapprobation. "but now that can permit. Will you make love to an you are here let me exhart you to do other soman before your wife's eyes, your whole duty. What reason you have you young villain?"

But this rebake fell unborded, for Have you any thing to say against her Drane's unexpected declaration had proven too much for Bessie's nerves al-"Heaven forbid," said Drane, hastily. ready deeply shaken, and she had fallen That is a subject on which I never say into a faintness, as deep, to all appearant thing." forward to her side, and Rev. Knowles puttered along after him. Nellie, too, was moved by the sight of her former mistress' pallid face, and she bid fair to be of more real use than either of the men. But they were all in caracat, and so intent upon their task that they did not see the door open, nor did they know that any one had entered till a harsh voice said: "Lawrence Drane, ye bloomin' Iunatie. I've get to

Drane turned to confront Jimmy and the two policemen.

VIDTUES OF SECRECITY. At this point in Mr. Drane's adventures he ought to have met the emercarry with calmness and a ready wit-He had certainly experienced quite enough of encounters with the police; for the guardians of the peace and fare banks, the more he encountered their lower the weaker he was to resist them therefore, when he was hustled out of with a blind acquiescence to eruel fate, sens conscia recti, but very much cast lown nevertheless.

In the hallway of the parson's house. lowever, he pulled himself together nd demanded the cause of his arrest he policemen were by no means will ng to explain; they really believed hat they had a dangerous maniac on and, and Jimmy, the reporter, was on m gel we to get a good news item and coward at the same time. However, ir. Drane resisted, Jimmy finally need this telegram from a New

ork newspaper thub interview with Drane. Man all here proved to be same and not the 200.0011200

shifted his spectacles from his forehead to the end of his nose, and to be be benignly over them total under prets in this dispatch—the tramp, improperly confined as insane at his in-I am an old man, "said he, "and you starge, had been released. Thinking of I was at one time a country schoolmasmust purden my interference in the that we of one sin which had been foraffairs of the young. I am not yet clear given, Lawrence bowed his head and acsecond time; but let us say it is Frovi- An officer was at either elbow and Jimlence-"and he glanced reverently up- my pranced along behind. As Mr. ward, the one direction in which the | Drane was very quiet no especial atgood man's sight had never failed him. | tention was attracted until they came Tentreat you my son, be a man," he withe door of the Beaver House. There ontinued, "and leave this strange and a man was slowly descending the steps, looking vastly worried and out of sorts. Drane was torn by many conflicting It was the teamp. He had Mr. Franc's motions. The old clergyman's manner elethes on and he appeared to be in so kind that Drane could have hard luck. When he saw the officers error was so annoying that Drane street he stopped suddenly and looked brigged to break his venerable neck.

"My dear -" he was going to say "ray dear sir." but Mr. Knowles let him get no further than the adjective. He thus, but in that moment his reasoning pread his hands over the pair, in the faculties went through a tremendous uniliar attitude, and Nellie, taking operation. This was about the sub-

"Hello! there's Lawrence Drane! I unstances led him absolutely to tears; stole his clothes and his name and marand the Rev. Mr. Knowles, taking out a ried in both of them an awfully rich handkerchief, cried softly in widow. He got back at me by stealing his clothes again and getting me in my did not hear the door-bell, nor had insane asylum. He is even new suspreted of being a lunatic. Now I know localth when the door opened and Mrs. that he is not only sane, but that I have been in Harland, of Buffalo, N. Y., been the cause of his misadventures. I fast, and nothing could lossen them | man from all his troubles. He is tremendously rich and good-natured. Dme if I don't do him a good turn."

This chain of reasoning was so speedily accomplished that by the time Lawrence and the policemen were opposite the Heaver House door, the tramp had "Well, well to see you again and In

this shape! I'm delighted and everlastingly relieved." "Oh" you are, are you?" responded

"I see that you are at the upper end of He would have said more in expres-

interrupted: "Mr. Drane, I came to this city because I believed that you were ill and in triple to hold this man. I knew him took my clothes. I have seen her this enterphile, and I hoped to help you as you. The man is morning. She claims to be Mrs. Drane, and I hoped to help you as you. mee helped me. A young man, whom I Lawrence Drane, of Kansas City, and I and selieve to be a representative of the am his brother John, come on to take

This of course, was a stumper for the away from me I'll break your back and "There, sir, didn't I tell you your policed, n. They had no authority what put you in the asylum again to hast " name was Drane" excluded flex. Mr. ever. Mr. Drane shock off his antagonist

"ligt," said one of them, "how about pasily At this moment a button is Mr. Drane's Howery ault gave way.

Jimmy, of course, had explained the prospective reward to the policemen and had held out its terms as induce-



ments for their action. Neither Mr.

Drane nor the tramp knew exactly what

"Well, the fact is," began Mr. Drane "You understand," said the tramp at the same moment, "Mr. Drane is not a erazy man; he is my friend and rela-

"But," interrupted again one of the solicemen, "that reward? We don't propose to stay out all night looking for his gent and the reward without seem And here Mr. Drane's right knee be-

gan to peop the or is trousers. His economical suit was coming rapidly and naturally to pieces. "Does it look very bad?" he whispered o the tramp, as he felt a seam in the

"It looks like bloody murder," said the tramp, in an undertone; "and speaking of that, how do you think those Kansas City made pantaloons of

'Tell 'em you'll give 'em a check at the Beaver House at three o'clock this afternoon," whispered Laurence.

The tramp knowing that Lawrence bad es of money fell into this plan, and he police, knowled and they had me arrivally, immediately described having an innate and cultivated respect til the tran pursuited him that he and brane were going to the parson's house e clacidate together one or two probems that were not yet clear to either of hera. During all the conversation that good old parson's study he went this involved, Lawrence discreetly kept is mouth shut, and presently Juneary dashed off presumably to give a column d copy to his newspaper for the last dition. After this the two men paused n the sidewalk and Mr. Drane began-"My dear man, there is something

don't you, in addition to my clothes which makes me think that you are or night to be a gentleman." "Sir," responded the tramp, "there is omething about you besides that illliting Bowery suit that makes me re-tard you as destined to better things han you have endured during the past

Then both men laughed and after that bey shook hands heartily.

name, and how the unmentionable tried to attract his attention; to call field did you get into a tramp's life?" him to her side, and ask him whether My name," responded the other, "is

lain Johnson, burnised Richard J. nor, which may account for my lapses, the first to break the silence which had into fairly correct English when I talk. fallen upon the party. Schoolmastering, I found, did not pay for a man who had acquired champagne. Mr. Knowles, "but I really do not see therewon a lawer income, and so I determined to travel. Experience of an unnined to travel. Experience of an un-locally severe nature undermined my ling to Lawrence-"had any dealings and I therefore descended to theft. But I should tell you that I am his uncle, it is only fair to explain that this deant in mirality came from the fact that even after I gave up school-teache | medical treatment will restore him to ing I went into politics."

Unfortunase," murmured Mr. Drane. "I was an ablerman," continued the Mr Knowles. "Ahl that explains much ramp, and I voted various franchises dictment I never knew how. Then, have made more careful inquiries behaving my hands in the public treasury, otherwise the people's pockets, for two or three years, I lost all sense of de- aghast. "Oh, Lawrence, I did not think orum and honosty." your wretched fate would have led you "You are to be pitied, not con- to this."

demned," said Mr. Drane. altogether had. That, with your kind-ness, you seem to see; but the fact is They were all so much occupied that book. He even invelgled me into an that if I had always worn as good clothes as these of yours, I would not have been tempted to commit the crimes that have brought trouble upon

"That is doubtless true," answered corners of his eyes, and he tried hastily | who declared this morning that I was | Mr. Drane, dubiously recalling his peculiar adventures; "but it was very wrong of you to take away not only my garments but my name and credit as well."

"Ah, sir," replied Mr. Johnson, smiling, "it is an old saw that 'necessity knows no law.' But let us not waste time in argument, I came here to seek my wife, and when I have found her you shall be resolved upon his course of action. He I have found her you shall be ran down the steps pell-mell, seized fully repaid in money for the misery which I have caused you." They had been walking along inde-

terminedly, and here Mr Drane stopped "Johnson," he said, "you are in a bad fix. Your wife is not only poor floanetally, but so hadly off that she wants to laim me for a husband." Johnson opened his mouth wide with

mazement, and as he knew not what to sion of his bitterness, but the tramp say, Lawrence continued: "Whatever claim she had to riches she

"You informal secondred" exclaimed

or I'll have you arrested for theft?" Jahnson cooled down at once.

Where's my wife?" he asked pres-

"Come with me," said Mr. Drane "and I'll show you," and he forthwith led the way to the parson's house. Just as they arrived at the door two men hurried up a horgrected. Lawrence effu dively. They were relatives of his from Kansas City, arrived by a way train from New York, Johnson having caught an express at the same mur. The relatives looked at Law ence sharply and seemed to wonde bether he was all right or not, but h refrained from explaining binned until ney had come again into the parson's

> CHAPTER XII THE REWARD OF THE WICKED.

Rev Mr. Knowles was nothing if not hospitable. When this uninvited company tovaded his humble but comfortable dwelling he bustled about with genuine anxiety for their entertainment

Dear me! dear me!" he kept saying, oftly, "I have seen nothing like thi since the donation parties in good old Podunk I'm sore you're all quite wel some. I've been out with the two ladies making for you, but we failed to find you. However, we encountered a young man called Jimmy, who is connected with the press, and he told me to return bome and wait for you. Now I do hope that all this quarreling is over, and that you, sir" --pointing to Drane-"have de-

"Such is my present intention," said Brane. 'I am getting a little tired of being a lunatic.

"You seem to have suffered some vioonce since you were here before," continued Mr. Knewles. "I trust that you are not seriously hurt. It often happens that harsh experiences of this and are wholesome, and necessary to ring us to a proper state of mind. In: deed, they always are, if we could only

Meanwhile the other members of the party were looking askance at each ther. Johnson was beginning to realtze that the new-comers were the Gansas City relief expedition, and that his own esefulness and opportunities were nearly over. He was meditating a quiet and inoffensive exit when he chance to catch Nellie's eye, and it rivete im to the spot. She was looking him with a real tenderness of expresion, and a certain admiration, too. In deed, Johnson in Drane's clothes was worth looking at. He had an intelliout and not uncomely visage, while ad been much improved of late by the theets of more food and loss drink. irilie looked at him, thinking of th

car or regret. Bessie was pale, too, for she felt ery painful interest in the scene. new that the strange mon must include hose who had known Drane in the West and she took Johnson to be a distinrul hed representative of the family hose words would be a full explana-"I say," said Las conce, "what is your | hon of Drane's mental condition, She

words which had joined their haid

and she grew quite pale, but not all

it was true that his unfortunate kinsman was unbalanced.

Mr. Sanford Drane, the genuine, was

"I beg your pardon," said he to Rev. why we have all invaded your house. with me, where I trust that rest and the full command of his faculties."

"And is he, then, deranged?" asked which had been dark to me. I fear that fore I married him to this young lady."

"My very dear, but deplorably mud-"So," continued the tramp, "I am not | died uncle," said Lawrence, 'do not dis-



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