

The Wife's Secret, OR A BITTER RECKONING

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CHAPTER X .- (Centinued.) other side, going through it in the same guests, and therefore kept his own counway, and reached the bottom without sel. discovering anything more than is usually to be found in a lady's desk. With a dis- Mallett decided to walk part of the way appointed air, she began to replace the with him, and accordingly went downarticles, when Miss Malling's address stairs first. Jack turned, with the door

She stooped to pick it up as it lay her, either. open; and, in doing so, she saw the edge of a photograph peeping from the pocket being so candid with me, Ethel," he in the cover. She took it out hurriedly, said. scattering, as she did so, some dead when I received your letter breaking off pressed violets on to the table. She the engagement; but equally of course shuddered when she raised the tissue there was nothing for me to do but acpaper, for it was the photograph of a quiesce in your wish."

guessed it must be Spanish. She turned tion, and she avoided the discussion. to the picture again, and in the strong light she could almost make out part by; "better let it rest." of the inscription on the plain headstone. as she could see.

"P-a-u-l-i-n-e" she could clearly trace; then came a blot, followed by "l-l-in-g. d-i-e-d M-a-y 18-," The remainder of the inscription was undistinguishable.

Pauline Malling! Then who is my mis- Park, he could not shake from his mind tress? An adventuress-a usurper! And the fable of the dog and the shadow. I shall have a hand in dethroning her!" She wiped the perspiration from her white, quivering face, placed the photo-

graph in her dress, and locked the desk.

CHAPTER XL

Jack was by no means heartless, and dom. She had sent him back the little allow " ring he put on her finger when they were inconsistency, he carried it about with him continually.

Just about this time Jack began to think that he ought to call in Bucking- Glad I'm a woman!" ham street, if only to show his gratitude for Mr. Mallett's many past kindnesses. for the old gentleman had often been able and always willing to do Jack a good turn in past days. Once convinced that he ought to do a thing, Jack did it.

The morrow would be the first of Ser tember, and the house was full of people who had been invited to enjoy the abundant sport Mallingford offered. A number of amiable young men were lounging about the corridors and billiard room all day, who talked of nothing but the probable weather on the morrow, the chances for and against good sport, and the respective merits of their own and other men's guns. Jack obtained a few words with Pauline before breakfast, and carried his point.

"I must have several things for tomorrow," he said. "I know you would not wish me to be different from others, and I cannot get what I want without going to town myself."

Pauline would have dearly liked to go with him, for she had a norrible fear that he would find out something if he should call on the Malletts. She was not supposed to know of the existence spoken of them to her-so he could not well as him not to call on them; and she could not leave her guests without some very serious reason; consequently she was forced to feign a complacency she was far from feeling as she answered:

"Of course, if you must go, there is lutely necessary? If I don't know where as usual until breakfast was finished. you are, I have such a feeling of unrest and anxiety that life becomes a sorrow for the time being."

There was honest truth in these words, and Jack was flattered and grateful for her love. He kissed the beautiful lips, and promised to be back at the very earliest moment possible.

When Jack was in the train, with a making a little more in his hands, and

character. Two or three hours later, when he had rushed through the business of the day and stood in the Malletts' sitting room, shaking hands with both father and daughter and exchanging cordial greetings, he felt as if he had been living in a hot house of affections for the past weeks, and had just regained the invigorating open air, where the hardler, healthier class of feelings flourish.

He wondered a little at Mr. Mallett's geniality, knowing nothing of Ethel's generosity in taking the entire responsibility of their separation upon herself, and still less of her father's hope that she had got rid of a nameless nobody just in time to leave the road clear for a suitor more worthy of her in every way; and Jack felt somewhat piqued that Mr. Maliett should make so light of the entreatingly on his arm.

whole business. But he did not let his annoyance appear upon the surface. He told of the success of the paintings for Lord Sum- or the day after; but don't speak of it mers, of his hopes for the future, of the now. I ask it as a favor." gay life at Mallingford, and impressed | Jack felt perplexed. He had expected his hearers with the fact that he was the moment they were alone together

peared to be quietly, kindly interested; speak upon a subject that evidently disand, though she was paler than she used tressed her. to be, she did not give one the idea of "Of course, I don't want to worry you, a love-lorn damsel. She sat listening darling," he answered; "but I must con-

I to the conversation, and wondering if She began methodically to remove ev- her father would touch on the subject ery article singly, placing them neatly of their identity during Jack's visit; but in a heap on the table, after reading or Mr. Mallett did not wish to be made the looking at them. Then she turned to the topic of gossip among Miss Malling's

When Jack was about to leave, Mr. book fell from her shaking hand on to handle in his hand, to thank Ethel for what she had done-yet hardly to thank

> "I can't go without thanking you for "Of course I was very surprised

Ethel felt how ungenerous this remark She went to the dressing table, where was, seeing that his neglect had led to that would darken the whole heavens. the candles were still burning, to read what had happened; but she would not the name of the photographer at the be driven into representing him, and so back of the card. The printing was in a give him cause to justify himself. Her language she did not understand; but she feelings were too real to bear dissec-

"That is all passed," she said, grave-

Though she did not say one word in The first name, she was sure, began with self-defense, there was a world of re-the letter "P," In order to assist her, proach in the subdued tones of her ad-In order to assist her, proach in the subdued tones of her adshe procured Miss Malling's magnifying vice; though her speech was so indifglass, and, with the aid of that, she ferent, her whole manner asserted her spelled out the name, or as much of it right to be considered more than blameless throughout the affair.

Jack feit miserably small under her calm gaze, and his respect for her was years? If they find him, they will tell vastly increased by this little passage at arms; and, as he was carried by the af-"I never expected this! The grave of ternoon express back to Mallingford

CHAPTER XII.

The rain was coming down in torrents. and there was a general expression of disappointment on the men's faces round the breakfast table at Mallingford Park.

"But you know it is really too bad," his conscience pricked him more often Cecil Danesford observed to Miss Mallthan was pleasant with regard to Ethel ing. "Your head man had fixed to-day Mallett. He wondered a little if she had for the north end covers, and he says really ceased to care for him, if she had they are the best on the whole estate; yet found a successor to him, or if pique and now this rain comes and spoils the alone had led her to offer him his free | whole thing. It is annoying, you must

"Poor creatures-men." said the Hon. so happy together, and, with a strange Miss Collins, reflectively. "The comfort of their lives depends upon the one amusement of the hour. Deprive them of that and they are stranded helplessly.

"Well, I hope you will have got over the first rush of slaughter by the 17th,' Pauline interposed, bringing the conversation back to the original object. "Why by the 17th?" several asked.

"Because I shall then attain my longdeferred majority, and dear old Lord Summers insists that there will be a big affair on the happy occasion." "A ball? Delightful!" exclaimed the

ladies. "And I shan't be here!" muttered Ce-

cil. His attention was suddenly arrested by an advertisement in the Times, which he held in his hand.

"By all that's mysterious!" he exclaimed; and then he sat gazing at the newspaper in mute astonishment. Bertha Collins leaned across, and look-

ed at the place he was pointing at, "How extraordinary!" she exclaimed. "For pity's sake, let us into the mystery!" Pauline said; and Bertha read out

the following advertisement: "'Mallingford Park-If this should meet the eye of Sir G. M., he will hear of something to his decided advantage of such people-for Jack had never by applying to Messrs, Daws & Raven, 16 Leman street, E. C.

There was general astonishment and various were the surmises as to what it could mean. Jack, glancing at Pauline, was surprised to see her agitated and white to the lips. She motioned to him not to notice it, and fought determinedly with her emotion. The others nothing more to be said; but you will not were too much absorbed by their curiosity stay one half-hour longer than is abso- to take much heed, and she bore herself

> "Will you help Mrs. Sefton and me to finish filling in the cards for the seventeenth?" she asked Jack, as she left

the breakfast room. Jack promised to join them in the boudoir in a quarter of an hour. He did not like to think of Pauline's look. He was a poor struggling artist, who had hitherto lived by the exercise of his unquiet half hour before him for thought, sided talent, and Pauline was a rich. he felt curiously cloyed with the sweets high-born woman, his superior in most of love, and was ungrateful enough to things that count in this world; yet he wish that Pauline would leave the love would not make her his wife if he did not believe her life to be spotless and withthat her affection was of a less assertive out flaw. This was the idea that haunted him as he recalled her look at the breakfast table. If ever a woman's face expressed suddenly aroused fear, ats cee's had done so when Bertha Collins tend that advertisement in the Times. He went back to the breakfast room before he joined Pauline, read the advertisement again, and copied the address

into his note book. "If I am in the neighborhood with a few moments to spare, I may look them up and see what it means," he decided. Then he followed the ladies to the boudoir. Pauline, still looking unlike herself, was siting with Mrs. Sefton, Jack said nothing to them, but went straight to his work of filling in the invitations from the list of names given him. Mrs. Sefton left the room after a time; and

Pauline, turning to Jack, put her hand "I know what you are going to ask me; but I can't talk about it just now -not to-day. I will tell you to-morrow

brimming over with good fortune and that she would tell him what had caused her disquiet. He felt unhappy and wor-Ethel did not say much; but she ap- ried, yet he could hardly force her to

fess I am curious, and I shall be glad when you can tell me all without distressing yourself."

"Thank you very much, dear. And now I want to ask you if there is any one you would like me to send a card to

for this ball." Jack flushed as he replied: "Yes; there are two people I should like you to invite-Mr. Mallett and his daughter. They are everything desirable, or I should not suggest it; and the old gentleman was very kind to me in the

days that are gone." "Was the daughter kind, too, Jack?" playfully.

Again Jack flushed a little. "I think you are a bit of a wirch," he said, with a laugh. "I may as well tell you, and then there will be no secret in my past for you to find out by and by. Yes, she was kind to me, and once I thought I liked her well enough to make her my wife; but that was before

I met you, you siren!" "You don't think so now?"

"If I did, should I be here?" The rain continued to pour down steadily, and the scratch, scratch of the busy pens went on without interruption. Pauline finished her list first, and sat back in her chair, with a thoughtful, chastened look on her face which was seemed natural that in erecting a fence strangely unlike her usual imperious air. post a hole should first be dug in the Jack noted it, and thought her more beautiful, if that were possible, although he wondered what had brought about so great a change. He felt a forewarning that this was the little cloud in their sky

down his pen. unished them to day without your help."

"So I shall lose him, after all, if I can not satisfactorily explain this morning's fright!" she reflected, alone in her dressing room, "He will not allow a secret between us. What can I do? If I concoct a lie to account for it, there may be an advertisement in to-morrow's paper that will expose it. Who can want to find Geoffrey Mailing after allowing me undisputed possession for the last six all, and he will claim his inheritance; they cannot want him for anything else. I must discover how much they know, or how can I fight them? I can't trust another; I must do it myself;" and, with thes; thoughts runing through her mind, she crossed to the bell, which Babette premptly answered. "Babeste, I want to run up to London this afternoon, and I don't want the whole house to know

Babette's eyes flashed with a quick glance of intelligence; but her lids drooped instantly, and she answered, meekly: "Certainly, mademoiselle."

"If the people see the brougham leaving the house, it will set them wondering; so I want you to run down to the similar to an augor, being partly in Tell the man to drive to the stable yard | To more easily accomplish this a dumlet it be there by a quarter past three."

the room. the person who sent them that advertise- by clamping the prongs. ment! But you do not outwit a Frenchwoman so simply, my good friend! Mr. Daws is quite prepared to receive you be there to see."

Pauline stopped to speak to Jack as they cross the hall after luncheon, "I shall lie down for the whole after-

in a country house! since I touched a brush; it will be a limited chiefly by the convenience in grand opportunity. I should advise your bringing the hay from the surroundtaking a good rest while you can get it," Jack responded, in a matter-of-fact tone, Pauline set her teeth in her underlip

and left him, her mind racked with anxlety and fear. "At all cost I must be in a position to tell him something that will not be contradicted. I must find out how much those people know before to-night,"

(To be continued.) Common Sight.

"Let us wait and see the lady contortionist," said the bachelor in the side

day."

"At home?" "Yes; my wife has one of those blouses that button at the back."

Knew What He Wanted. Wedderly-If there is a woman in this town who is a better cook than my wife I'd like to meet her.

Singleton-Your wife is an expert,

Wedderly-Expert nothing! Didn't i just tell you I was anxious to meet a better cook?

Starting Him Right. They had been engaged all of ten

minutes.

way," she said, "but-"I don't think much of kissless court- Kirk. ships," she continued.

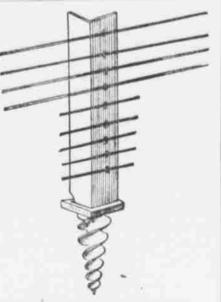
Where Deafness Is Valuable. First Floorwalker-Poor old Bjones afraid he will lose his job,

Second Floorwalker - Nonsense, desk.-Philadelphia Record.



New Fence Post.

The old-time fence-post has served its purpose for so long that it is about time it was improved. It has always ground and the end of the post inserted in the hole, the remaining space being filled up again. A California man thinks this method antique and cumbersome and has invented an exceed "At last!" he exclaimed, as he threw ingly simple plan, which entirely eliminates this procedure. By the use of "You have been a good boy," Pauline his method the initial digging of the said, with a smile. "We could not have hole is entirely unnecessary. The bot tom of this post is spiral in shape.



SCREWED INTO THE GROUND,

village during luncheon and bring back serted in the ground, is turned round one of the public flies from the inn there, and round until sunk sufficiently deep. in fact, you can come back in it; and my post, with a double-handed lever which first bores the hole in the Babette's face gleamed with mruel de- ground, can be used. The post shown "So you think you have only to go to the top being separated from the base.

Stacking Alfalfa.

with politeness, and to tell you that he United States alfalfa hay is commonly s anxious to obtain the address of the as stacks of grass hay. In the arid resweet, so handsome, so soft voiced a lady the hay in barns or else cover the lowa. as you, madame." and she laughed again stacks with large tarpaulins, or they as she pictured the meeting between her may be topped with grass. Otherwise mistress and the lawyer. "I wish I could the percentage of waste is very large, In any case there is likely to be some waste, for which reason the stacks are made large, thus reducing the propornoon; my head is aching so dreadfully. Honate amount of waste. In the al-What will you do with yourself, Jack? falfa regions of the West the stacks A wet day is such a terrible infliction are as high as the hay can be handled easily and may be 200 feet or more in "I shall work. It's a week tolday length. The size of the stacks is then ing field.

Chenp Potato Pit. Select slight elevation for position. Dig pit 10 feet long, 5 feet wide and 21/2 feet deep. Get three 6-inch poles, 10 feet long; put two, one above the other, at back of pit. Get sixteen 4foot poles, 6 inches in diameter, and twenty 7-foot poles, 6 inches in diameter, for roof. Make frame for door 2 feet wide and 5 feet high; set in center of front. Put your 4-foot poles, eight on each side, nall through door "Wouldn't interest me," replied the frame and set two stakes each end to but is actually injured if the ration is benedict. "I see one at home every hold poles in position, one above an-



other. Then put your other 10-foot pole on top, resting center on door frame. Notch all 7-foot poles so as to of each animal. fit each end on front and back; then set up so as to form roof. Nail any old plank on ends. Bank up earth all "Horseless carriages and wireless around and on top. Nail old bags on elegraphy may be all right in their door to keep frost out. Guaranteed to keep potatoes well through the coldest "But what?" he queried, anxiously. weather. Will hold 100 bushels.-Henry

What Attracts the Bees.

A study of the habits of bees indicates that flowers having bright colors has completely lost his hearing. I'm possess much greater attraction for bees than dull colored flowers. Nectar does not seem to attract bees un-He's to be transferred to the complaint less in the bright colored flowers, and it was found possible to attract bees quite successfully by means of arti-A sign of politeness in Thibet on ficial flowers. They do not seem to meeting a person is to hold up the be attracted much by perfume, but clasped hands and stick out the bright color and perfume together exercises strong attraction.

ing stables is to throw open a window directly back of an animal and let the wind blow in; other men open a window about an inch and keep it open ten minutes. Neither plan is ventilation. Animals stabled in warm buildings catch cold readily, so that, having made the stable comfortable for the animals, the next thing to do is to provide for a supply of air, but in such a manner that it will not blow over the animals. If one has box stalls for the horses a window at some distance from them will supply needed ventilation. If the stalls are not so arranged then some opening should be made in the barn if necessary so that the air 1493-Columbus discovered land he callmay enter readily yet not blow directly on the animals. If there is no other way of getting ventilation than 1519-Spaniards under Cortex entered through the windows at the rear of the animals then put an attachment to 1580 Sir Francis Drake arrived home each window to shed the air; a board eight or ten inches wide nailed on a 1674-John Milton, poet, died. slant over the opening that is made 1694—The ship "Hannibal" of London when the window slides to one side

will reflect the wind, so to speak, and

it will not strike the animals directly.

some way of glying his animals venti-

way suggested does not suit him.

Frost Bitten Combs. If the trouble is seen before the 1771-First newspaper to be published frost has thawed out, put the bird in a room that will warm up slowly, letting the circultion begin slowly. Avoid a place where the bird can get into the direct sunlight or a room that is much above the freezing point. Even the 1775-Gen. Montgomery captures fort holding of dry snow against the comb will help remove more slowly the frost of the parts. Having restored the circulation, or noticing the bird after it has thawed out, apply twice a day an olntment of vaseline, six tablespoonfuls; glycerin, two tablespoonfuls; turpentine, one tenspoonful. This will help start into a healthy condition the 1793-Louis Joseph Philip, Duke of Orblood circulation of comb and wattles and at the same time reduce the swelling.-Dr. Sanborn in Reliable Poultry Remedles.

Kind of Cows to Keep.

I have no particular choice as to the kind of cows to keep. This is a good deal like a man getting a wife-it delight behind Pauline's back as she left which first bores the hole in the pends largely on the kind he prefers. In the illustration is made of two parts. If you are going to keep cows exclusively for butter, the Jersey, Guernsey Messieurs Daws & Rayen and show your Along one side of the top portion is a and Holstein are desirable breeds. If pretty face, and maybe a ten-pound note vertical row of prongs, to which an you are going to take into consideraor so, and they will tell you all about equal number of wires can be attached | tion the value of a calf, which seems quite necessary in our State, the milking strain of the Shorthorn meets the Throughout the western half of the requirements as well as any, The only reliable test for a cow is the amount really knows nothing more than that his stored in stacks in the field. Alfalfa of butter she produces If she does elient, whom he is not at liberty to name, stacks will not shed water as readily not produce 225 pounds of butter fat per year she is not a desirable cow to present Sir Geoffrey;" and the girl glons there is little danger from rains keep. In building up a berd t is chuckled grimly as she went along. "That old Daws will hardly risk losing his during the season of storage, but in quite necessary to select sires from share of the plunder, even to oblige a humid climates it is necessary to store the best milking strain. -G. L. McKay,

Vine for Harness, Etc.

In winter months is the time to repair harness. The cut shows a very handy tool to hold your straps while you sew. Take two

hardwood staves bore n 15-inch hole, the staves, then put in a bolt %-inch thick and 5 inches long, and a nut with short handle spring slipped on

the inside, between the two staves. make it to open itself. Lower ends could be hinged together with piece of leather.-F. B. Thor.

Feed Horses Less When Idle. In an exchage Andrew Stenson sensibly says: The horse not only requires less feed when idle than when at work, not reduced on days of idleness. Some feeders of high standing reduce the feed of their work horses on Sundays demaity out of American tourists. and holidays, in the belief that even one day's feeding of a working ration while the horse is at rest is injurious. thoroughly studied the subject that ing 'em? idle horses are fed too heavily as a rule. But no fixed ration can be named, since the food requirements of individual horses differ so which, Close observation will enable the feeder to adapt the quantity to the needs

Black Knot. Look carefully on the cherry trees

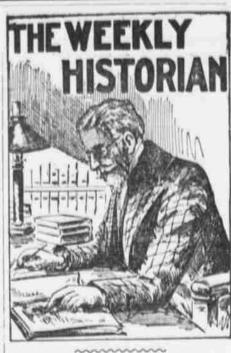
for any signs of black knot. It will unlly upsetting the Hungarian Diet. be an advantage to cut away the branch or limb and burn it if any in- mobile overtaken for speeding is no comes from spores, and once it gets meeting. in an orchard seems to hold its own. Trees that were treated last fall her given by James Hazen Hyde last should be sprayed early, following spring! with spraying several times thereafter.

Poultry Pickings. The smaller the poultry quarters the

cleaner they must be kept

able if they are mismanaged. Are you giving your poultry the at-

tention you give the other stock or to reach our might state it has a grafting



1200 England banished Jews and confiscated their property.

1483-Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, beheaded.

ed Dominica, 1502 Columbus entered Porto Bello.

Mexico. from his voyage around the world.

arrived at the Barbadoes with a enrgo of negro slaves from Afvien.

Surely a man of bright wits will find 1755 - Many killed in an earthquake at Lisbon, Portugal.

lation without injury to them if the 1762-Peace papers signed at Fontainsblen between England and France.

1765 Stamp act went into operation.

in Albany, N. Y., issued. 1773-Liberty flag raised on Harvard

Grove, Boston. 1774-Declaration of rights by Amerlean Congress.

at St. Johns, Canada.

1776-British abandon Crown Point. 1783-Washington issued his farewell address to the army.

1788-Deborah Godfrey, said to have

been the mother of thirty eight children, died at Stepney, England.

leans, beheaded. 1812-French defeat Russians at battle near Wiazma. 1813-Neutrality of Switzerland pro-

claimed, 1818-First steamboat on the lakes left Buffalo.

1825-Albany, N. Y., celebrated opening of Erie canal. 1847-Meldenssohn, the famous musi-

cian, died. -First Presbyterian Chinese church organized in San Francisco.... Russians defeated Turks at Ol-

-Seizure of Confederate commis sioners on the steamer Trent. 1867-Stars and Stripes raised over

Alaska. 1884—Grover Cleveland elected Presi-

dent of the United States. 1893-Anarchists threw bomb in theater at Barcelona, killing thirty persons.... Voorhees repeal bill passed by House of Representatives ... United States Senate passed Chinese exclusion act ... Free silver men issue an appeal

from Washington. 1894-Alexander III, of Russia died Lieut, Dreyfus of the French army arrested on charge of trea-

son. about 21/2 feet long, 1898-Russia mobilized fleet at Port Arthur.

10 inches from top 1901-Li Hung Chang died. end, through both 1902-Fireworks explosion in Madison Square, New York.

1903-Panama declares its independence

ed by the United States ... Irish land act went into operation. on. Old coiled 1904-Theodore Rossevelt elected President of the United States. . . . Rus-

of Colombia Panama recogniz-



Perhaps Japan will yet get that in-

The broiled steak has to work overtime to pay the beef trust's \$25,000 fine. If a battleship is out of date before It is now the belief of all who have she is completed, what's the use of build-They may yet, through The Hague

channels, make football a fit Sunday evening parlor game. What we didn't know about the hig asurance companies a few months ago.

would fill a cyclopaedia. Yet the Carnegie commission left out of the list of heroes the life insurance president who died poor,

Maybe it is only an attempt to make a digest of the language that is contin-John W. Gates admits that an auto-

dications of the disease are found. It place for holding an open-air prayer And it all sprang from a French din-

Senator Burton is still raising demurrers to those indictments against him;

after all it is natural to demur to an in-

dictment. The family physician of a life insurance president doesn't always have to The best breeds will not be profit marry the daughter to take up with a good thing.

As another evidence that it is trying politician.