

Darrent thought to himghif that she hgindi life what she was, a very bright young girl, but he was not even given ime to express his opinion.

"Dogs she loop broken hearted and starving? Not a bit, not a bit like it. 've gone through this scene dozens of times, and she won't look migerably. I don't bylieve she can, bless her heart!

'Go on, go on. Enter James Hardy. Me's the villain of the piece," he explained to Darrent. "Squire Hardy, in hyve with the village maiden; good old crumpled letter that Dobsen had tried to crusted melodrama. But won't it go? conceal Son't the public hoot him? Ah!" and

Darrent could harfly keep from half wishing that old Marsden had not left the energetic manager rushed across the stage again. "It won't do, I tell the paper. He fit a little approved that you. You say 'You're in my power!' of if you were asking the time the new what promised to be a big mystery, upon which he could effercise his tal togin started for Chicago. But come ents, skigild burn out to iz none and life into it. Now, then, my dear, Mrish theside, the American Astrony should be act down to Astrony with minterer, to frace kim such by inch. Shen a casual from him. I know he's not a bas fel-how actually, but that's not a list chas-acter in the phy. That's liptter. No. wait a minute. 'You're in my power' acquaintance on the ice had told hir mee who had done the dand and a -yes that's all right. Shring and then Aunder Readed Frend of a policeman had ap a little shrief. Now go hack 'lt l contail see him once more, I could fie content.' That's right. Enter Marily : accused the murders. om, 'in my proter'-stal. Storid: 'I loss! Who will more mat' Ah, veny might Not, do it like that sonight." little mene was ovifiently mutical

to Mr. Ridgeway's satisfaction, and he walked over to Herbert Dairent. "More, sir. I am yours to command.

nts#1 The detective, ever a quick judge of character, had long since arrived at the conclusion that the bes way to deal with Mr. Ridgeway was to come to the point at once, and, having taken a seat in that gentlemap's from and accepted conted him. "Shire? boss Pf a glass of wine that was generously pressed upon him, he placed his hand in off his glove. pocket and, taking out the spring knife, laid it upon the table. "I am not going to attempt to deceive

yon, Mr. Ridgeway, "he exclaimed. "I tell you frankly I am a detective, inquiring into the murder of your consin. Josiah Marsden. " very dirty palm.

The manager, with his eyes riveted upon the knife, nodded his head, but "Send my card up to Mr. Marsden," was Darrent's instruction to the clerk be entirely false, at the Royal hotel, "and say that I said nothing. "When did you see Josiah Marsden

must see him at once on important last ?' African business. "Two years ago, when he foreclose

on his mortgage on this theater and turned me into the streets almost ruined. I was the proprietor then. Now the smart page boy brought him and I'm only the manager," Ridgeway replied, with suppressed passion in his voice. "Never seen him since then and always prayed I never would-in case of accidants. "Ah! Have you ever seen that knife

Ridgeway caught his breath. repeated. "Well, it doesn't matter, aft-er all. I suppose I shall soon learn his "Marsden was murdered with

knife. Do you remember ever soing it perhaps. But how in the world does he "Never," the manuar replied, turn-ing his gaze from the knife to his own know me or that I'm staying here "" Rising from the table, he stood by

boots and nervously fingering the stem of his wineglass. "Never That Lam absolutely certain of." "A good bearted fellow." was Dar-

Astray Marsdon was a fine, well built rent's mental note as he observed the and tolerably good looking, half Amerobvious embarrassment of the man. "He's not used % telling lics, bat it's icanized young Englishman, with the figure of a Hercules, but Dame Nature, in one of the many tricks she is so fond BO TING. of playing upon her children, had given him an uttera Weak disposition, which was betrayed by a glance at his face-Seen Astray Marsdes lately ?" he

interjected 1.80 'He's abroad, is he not?" "So they say.' "Ah!

ever ready to procrastinate, never ready "Good heavens, sir!" exclaimed Arto act. He was a man people would

though he already felt the clinging grip an ordinarily constituted mind would of the hemp. "I can't seaye when do have looked so exceedingly simple byhimself condemned me. came to Darrent all the more difficult "Shall 5 order 6 cab?"

secause of that very simplicity. "Why order meab? Why not haus Every bit of evidence that he had co cn# fne and drive me through the sector lected pointed directly to Astray Wars-Chicago? Let the world see an innoden as the murderer. There was no get cent man who will in done to fourth a. ting away from it, for already the knife satisfy the law, the bloghounds of the had been recognized. Astray was own law, who yelp for vengeance, who must demned by every circumstance and hang some one, because mblic sentimore strongly than all, by the letter of ment shricks for a victim. the murdered man the second and Darrent shrugged his shoulders.

was beginning to feel more at hon now that Astray had launched out int this tirade. He had been called a blood hound so often by criminals he had waced and captured that it sounded al-

most like a confession of guilt. "You're not condemned yet," coldly answered "You're only arrested

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many which he were, it was annoying, "There was no fiap is sout vie and when Durrent arrived in Chicago tory; there will be no faitning in and and a cab to handquarters he was act in the very have from of mind and [maintaining it."

welly resorder himself & a little ill History and prophecy; a tished and a promise; a record and a grider. At 10 o'cloch any morning Darrent When did any prosident of the

slighter from a hangom at a corner United States over put mon into #fnear the Bogal hotel, and as he started teen words?-N. Y. Sun. to crop the sress tall ipotblack ac-The statement in Againaido's pro-

The detective halted and slowly took clamation that he forman a varia allignce with the United States these "It's all right." the bootblack rapidly Degey agi two american consule in continued in an indertone. "He's still there. Theater last night: not out

business; bought a claim out fire,

the fire, with his elbow on the mantel-

piece and his chin resting in his hand, awaiting the arrival of his visitor.

a form of strength, a mind of weak-

ness; a good fellow, but no backbone

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