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A TELL-TALE WIDOW.

From Peterson's Magazine summer day on the railway, and at on. ful change of view.

thought of. There was no defen- time with sleep. Jis as we passed this dismal man- ance in it, too, as one who silently "I am not lonely," I said. "They sion, glancing upward, my eyes protests against the universe. Pres- are all very kind." something at one of the upper wind- and bent toward me. instantaneous process, there was question. photographed on my brain a white, "At Black Rock house, near "How strange?" I asked. agonized, terror-stricken face at the where you were hurt in an accident "Oh, very queer people, my dear the head back.

This I saw for one second, then, as the train glided by with a shrill scream - long, anguished bloodeat motionless, staring with cold from it." chills down my back; then, rous- My first sensation was one of fear, arm.

"Did you notice the house we passed just now?" I asked. "That queer tall house, like an old barn, standing just over the track?"

"Yes. Wasn't it dreadful-look-

"Very," said I. "But did you see, at one of the upper windows, a face-and someone struggling to get out?"

"Why, no. It is too dark to see anything much now, but I'm sure there was nothing."

"Didn't you hear a cry?" "That was the engine," she re-

joined, confidently. "I heard the whistle," I said, "and a scream-that is, I thought

-it must have been fancy, though." She seemed curious, but I-would tell no more. Sounding the conductor, who passed just then, I found him not only ignorant of what I

glimpse of its interior had left on ing black eyes.

long after dark when we neared the the whites too plainly visible above spot. I listened for the name, and and below their dark pupils. Her at last heard it called in the con- motions were restless, too, but subductor's high nasal sing-song; dued to a bird-like grac ; her col-"Black Rock sta-tion!" My heart or was exquisite, her mouth of that beat loud at the sound. There was ruby-red so seldom seen. I had been traveling all a long a little waiting, and the train moved There was a jourious half fright-

so close to the track-not ten steps easy and comfortable, propped up thing. away-as to show that it had been with pillows on an immense bed, to Lucia was sometimes talkative.

soil or scattered here and there, half sad, with something of defi- my loneliness.

repressed tone of voice.

My heart beat fast.

whistle, I heard mingling with a field-so near the road?" I asket, hardly at all." "Yes, Black Rock we call the curdling, like a death-shriek. I place. The station was named

ing myself, I looked about, Sur. ly even horror-then came a thrill of everyone else had seen and heard pleasant excitement. What good -but no, my own horror found no fortune, that had given me such a reflection on any countenance. Ap- chance for fathoming my mystery. parently no one had seen the vision In the very house, and likely to be but myself. I was sure that it could for weeks -- aided, as it seemed, by not be fancy, but still wanted an- fate-all my curiosity, my intuitive other's testimony. In front of me womanly keenness, my det ctaysata pleasant-looking woman; lean- instincts, were instantly on the alert. ing forward, I touched her on the Miss Haldane scemed willing to tell what she knew, when presently I asked her some que tous about the accident. The engine had struck a large stone, which had

been placed there on the track, certainly by more than one person. Effor s have been mide, so far unsuccessful, to discover the criminals. Some of the cars were overturned into a stony hollow near the road. There was a great fright, but no one hurt so severely as my-

I lay with closed eyes and thought. I must be detained at least a month; there was nobody to take strict account of my comings and goings. none very nearly related or intimate-I might stay indefinately, if they would take n.e as a boarder. It was a morbid unhealthy feeling, I knew, but never had any project so fascinated me. Probably the only person on earth who had seen that struggle at the window, that had seen, but inclined to laugh at wild swift outlook of horror and my questiens. A few minutes later, perhaps crime from this lonely the train paused at a station, and, house-how strange a chance was listening eagerly, I caught the it that had brought me to it. I name. It was "Plack Rock," saw the brother, Doctor Haldan, Through the gathering night, we later in the day. His face had imswept on our way-the house and pressed me, even amid the pain of its mystery left far behind; but in- his setting my arm-a dark harsh creasing distance did not lessen the face, like his sister's, with comvivid horrible impression that my pressed mouth and restless glitter-

I also saw another member of The visit to my Virginia friends this family, a second sister, a yeeng passed delightfully and was pro- girl-at least much younger tla longed week after week, far beyond Miss Haldane and of a very differits expected lengtl. Not till the ent type. Ah, Lucia Haldare! middle of September did I say your face is one never to be forgo . "good bye" and start homeward, ten-and never till my dying day taking the same route by which I can I think of it, of yor, without a had come. I had not me tioned pang! She was beautiful, though, Tooley, the occurence just related, feeling strange to say, the resembled the a strange shyness about doing so; other two-so slight is the lin of the Prospector Voutet Michigan but it was not fergotten, and with difference sometimes between beauconsideaable excitement did I look ty and ugliness. I think she would forward to passing that house again. have been perfect, but for her eyes bless pacine Paris Roy Co. Starting late in the evening, it was -they were too restless, too bright,

ened air about her; she had a trick sunset was still fifty miles from my It was a dark night-I could not of glancing over her shoulder, like destination. Tired enough I was, hope to see much; but, leaning a child who had just heard a ghostbut passing through those Virginia through the window, I watched for story and fears to see some horrible highlands, with their noble mounth the huge black outline that would thing. Had she really of late wittains and far-reaching vallys, al- at least be visible. Suddenly there nessed some awful sight, and in most made me forget the fatigue. came a shock, then a tremor through this very house? My suspicions The day had been hot, but new life out the whole train, then cries and were quick to ask-and it was not came with the breezy stir and cool confused sounds, followed by a only our common youth and ber ness that sunset always brings. greaterash. The car I was in shud- marvelous leauty that i terested Fans were closed, books laid aside, dered like a live thing in terror and me at on e in Lucia Haldane. people shifted about, and talk grew turned over on its side. I felt a This startling backward glance of more lively. I was alone, but en- sharp quick pain, a deadly sick hers, interrupting her gay talk joyed none the less from my open fear, and then became insensible. | and frequent, semetimes causeless, window the sunset and the beauti- There is no need to dwell minute- laughter-this strange little gesture ly on this part of my story. There was very suggestive to me. I The green world around had be- had been an accident, and I-the used to watch her, wondering come gray, stars were coming out, only person seriously hurt-was what it was she saw or feared to and twilight was settling down, carried into the nearest house: the sec. She was so young, so lovely, when we passed a house which, tall dark house by the railway, and so innocent-looking, that no from its own singularity and from My arm had been broken and had one could connect the thought of after circumstances, stands out so ly cut. For the next two or three anything dark or criminal with make a sew vividly in my memory. It was a hours, I was partly unconscious- har; but Dr. Haldane and the old- ing machine tall square structure of rough stone, a sort of sick apathy-partly suffer- er sister-they were kind to me, with a high black-shingled roof and ing from the operation of setting and yet-I thought, with a shudder many staring windows. It stood the bone, At last, I was made -they might be capable of any-

there long before a railroad was to become again insensible—this sometimes drooping and silent. When she chattered, I listened sive wall or paling in front, not When I awoke, the sun was shin- eagerly for some elue to my myseven a porch; nothing but a few ing in through an old torn curtain, tery, but none did she let fall. steps leading down from the great falling on a woman who sat near However, some outside light came closely-shut front door-and no out my bed, busily knitting. She did to my aid. One day, a lady of the buildings of any kind, no trees or not see me awakening at first, and neighborhood called to see me, a shrubery visible near it. All about I had leisure to study her. Dark, bustling loquacious dame, who stretched a wide waste field, level gaunt and muscular, with harsh poured forth sympathy for half an yet elevated, dotted with bramble- features and iron-gray hair, she hour, and presently when Miss bushes, and with masses of black was not at all charming to look at. Haldane left the room, began coniron-stone sticking through the thin Her expression was half sullen, doling with me on the subject of

took in, as one sees by a light-flash, ently she preceived my open eye "Oh, yes, I dare say. They couldn't ve'l be otherwise - Lut ows. It was no fancy; by a sort of "Where am I?" was my first sill, you know, they are such s range people."

casement, two wild hands lifted last night. Your arm was proken, I don't think it's all prile, though either in appeal or an effort to raise and set by my brother, Dr. Haldane. they are an old family and were the sash, while two hands clutched You are safe and will be taken care once rich. But it's not bride-just PURE BLOOD, the throat from behind, dragging of." This in a singular hard and a natural closeness. They live my heart beat fast.

My heart beat fast.

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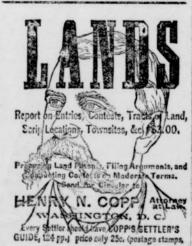
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