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CHAPTER XII. The reputed wealth of Simon Culwick father. of Sedge Hill, Worcester, his position in the county or his opinion of himself, did not exercise any restraint upon the peculiarities of the young woman who confronted him; who leaned across the table, and unceremoniously snatched from his hands the painting that she had plac-ed between them. There was no respect for persons in the mind of Lucy Jennings,

especially when her blood was up. "What do you mean by nothing of the sort?" she exclaimed, and at the ominous flashing of her eyes Simon Culwick's lower jaw dropped; "haven't you come in all afterward with the picture in his hand.

humility, and kindness, and Christian charity to this house?" "Certainly not," said Mr. Culwick, making a stand for it.
"Sit down, please, while I talk to you,

said Lucy very feverishly, and at the glared in mute amazement. "Have you breast, old man, when you are closer to the grave stairs with extreme care, and passed than you are now? When you are dying, through the parlor and shop without be and all your pride and wealth are not stowing any further attention upon Mr. worth that," she continued, with a quick Jennings or Sarah Eastbell. Standing at with alacrity.

hands, and shaking them in his rage, "how dare you speak to me? Do you even closed upon the stick, as if the idea know that—that I have never been talked to in this way in my life—that this itself, then he stopped and put his face is an unwarrantable liberty from one in close to hers, eagerly and confidentially.

Lucy Jennings; "I wouldn't change my position for yours for twice your money What are you but a selfish old sinner, proceeded slowly. who broke his wife's heart, and turned an only son out of doors, and who must berwell New Road, but altered his mind. ploded-"to answer for both crimes?"

no one is likely to be afraid of you. You shire are here boasting of your want of affec-Razors Honed and Re-Ground tion, bragging of the possibility of wounding one afresh whose life you have al- were wagons and omnibuses and carts ready darkened, and I will tell you what

his sent again. "I have no more to say," she exclaim-d. "Now think of it, and do your duty, ling, grinding wheels, and it was beyond

as I have done mine, before it is too late." There was a slamming of the door, and he opened his eyes to find that his tormentor had gone. He rose at once, and took his hat "What a horrible creature," he :nut-

tered; "I will not stop another moment. He was half way toward the door when the picture attracted his attention again, and he stopped. It was his ruling passion; success in business, present power, future happiness, were not upon his mind low in any great degree.

He went back to the picture, and knited his brows at it, as a man might do intently puzzled with a problem of more than ordinary difficulty; he took it to the window; he placed it on the table, and hid himself in the curtain folds, behind the light to gaze at it; he put his hat on the floor, and sat down with the picture in front of him, and began rubbing it carefully with the palm of his hand; finally he thrust his hands into his pockets, and stared at it, forgetful of time and place, and of the main object of his visit. He was a man possessed of one

There were feet ascending the stairs ness of where he was, and what figure had come into the room from the world that was so different to his own. "Father," said Reuben Culwick, as he

advanced toward him. "You have come to see me, and I am glad." "You haven't much to be glad about

at present," replied the father; "I was in the neighborhood, and I thought that I would call and see where you were lodging, and what you were doing. I haven't come from Worcester expressly to see

"It does not matter; pray don't apolo-OW RATES! gize," said Reuben lightly, as he took his seat at the desk, opened it, and glanced carelessly at the letters and papers which had arrived. "I have been thinking a great deal

about you lately; you have bothered me." "Indeed!"

"You came to Sedge Hill-gou were the first to write to me-the first to make advances. And although calling on toe only proved that you were as obstinate as ever-that we should never get on," he continued-"still I accepted it as an apology. And it struck me that there was some amount of respect for me in dather and mine had been great friends, your heart, possibly some regret for all that has parted us."

"Well? "You remember what we quarreled about?" "Perfectly."

"That is the girl whom you saw at my

"Then," he said, after a strange fighting with his breath, "marry her now, and ing sure that he would come here some

off his guard. He sat back and glared a will of his own, like the rest of the

"I am too near the end myself, child,

so far as his rights are concerned. His father has cut him out of his will, as he said that he would." Mary explained still further, "and as I knew that he

"Then who has got the money?"
The young woman's hand touched the dry and withered our lying close to her

"You have," said Mary Holland, after moment's silence.

"What's that you asy?—who's got the accep?—ma?" she accessed forth.

"Yes, you are the heireas," said Mary

Holland, somewhat satirically. "How much money is there?" she asked, so keenly that Mary almost fancled that the old woman was peering at her from under her sealed lids. "More than you will know what to do

"Not more than I can take care of," she added, with one of her low chuckles one of friendliness. of satisfaction. "For yourself, and for those who come

after you," said Mary, in a low, thoughtful tone "Yes; but I must enjoy myself first. I

knows! "What do you think of doing?" asked

Mary Holland. "I shall take possession to-night," said the old lady; "I must get to Sedge Hill; I Oregon senators have opened a fight last legislature instituted an insurance shall be able to welcome my granddaugh- on the Frye shipping bill, declaring it fund and directed the state's officers ter to her new home then. I am strong discriminates against the Columbia. enough, if somebody will only dress me, and send for a conveyance. Why should to increase the salary of rural mail-I stop? Haven't I had enough of this cariers. At their present pay they prison and this poverty? I can't live only make a bare living.

here any longer."

Mary Holland thought it would have been wiser to have brought her news at an earlier hour then. She endeavored to persuade Mrs. Eastbell to rest till the next day, but the old lady was obstinate and not to be turned from her in-

Mary Holland gave her tes, but although she went from the room, she did not proceed in search of a conveyance to the field. Sedge Hill, but entrusted that commission to the old lady next door. She wondered if the old woman's strength would last to Sedge Hill, or if the reaction would come and leave her prostrate. She was not prepared for this sudden awak- proclamation putting the Panama ening to a new life; it bewildered her, shrewd little woman though she was in many things. She had wished to break the news to Mrs. Eastbell, and the task killed and 35 others narrowly escaped had been intrusted to her accordingly. but had it been done wisely, and was this a wise step, on the part of Mrs. Eastbell, to leave St. Oswald's in ungrateful Setsan

"What a time the cab is!" said Sarah Eastbell suddenly. "In your happier state apart from this life, you will not forget the man whose

place you take, whose home is yours, whose father set him aside without fair evelt to his re-appointment. cause," urged Mary.
"This isn't a time to worry me about him. I have no fault to find with Reu-

ben-he's an excellent young man-but that's no reason why I should talk of ture to the Panama canal treaty. "He is poor." "I dare say he is," was the reply, "but I must think of my own family first. I

Mrs. Muggeridge's head peered round the door.

"The cab's come," she said; "do you think you can walk to the outer gate,

Mrs. Eastbell?" "I could walk a mile. There's a teapot of mine on the hob, and it draws beautifully. Take it, tea and all, and don't forget me. Good-by. How very glad I am to get away from here! This way?"

"Yes, this way," said Mary.
"The night's cold, and though I am not used to night air. I can go through it to my new house and my new life as briskly as you can. What a change for me

"And for more than you two," added Mary Holland. (To be continued.)

#### AN OLD BRITISH DEVICE. Revolving" Shirt Front Originated

in England Years Ago, "Here's a curious thing," remarked dealer in what are popularly called 'gents' furnishings": "Several years ago a revolving shirt bosom was put on the market in Chicago. The adverisement ran like this:

" 'Agents make \$10 daily handling revolving shirt bosoms;" eight hanges; beautiful patterns; greatest sure to succeed the late Senator seller produced; we are the originaors and manufacturers of the revolving shirt bosom, at prices that defy competition; don't be misled by imitators who only want to sell samples, gether, for they both affect you, Mrs. which are a cheap imitation of our goods; don't fall to write for particuars, or sample, 25 cents. Bogus Man-

facturing Company, Chicago.' "Well, yesterday, at an old-book shop, idly turning over a bound volume of London Punch, for May, 1851, I found this announcement, among imagnary noveltles to be seen on Mr. Punch's counter at the great exhibi-

"The new revolver shirt, that, by he following round of fronts, viz.: of war. . A colored front, pour la matinee; 2. A plain front, pour la promenade; verge of war. 3. A dress front, pour l'opera, ou le John Mitchell is expected to suc bal; and 4. A deshabille front, pour la ceed Wright as labor commissioner.

"A trifle odd, isn't it," the speaker Free Press, "that a serious Chicago him on his Panama stand, in London Punch fifty years before?" ing great preparation and war in the His Loss Her Gain.

she's out, but I hope for better luck not be divided into two judicial disnext time. Miss Pepprey-How ungallant, You

phia Press.

### "You are not smocked?" the naked EVENTS OF THE DAY

TWO HEMISPHERES.

Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

The house has passed a great numer of pension bills. Russia has issued a proclamation

France is now satisfied European

Advance guard of the two armies neet near Ping Yang and a slight engagement followed. Russian demeanor toward Ameri-

Land office clerks deny on stand that speculator Benson paid them for inside Information.

haven't had much pleasure in my life, Wiju, on the Yalu river, to Jokunshan, stuck here fike a Guy Fox, goodness on the bay of Corea. Japanese expect their fleet to con

tiue its attack on Port Arthur until it falls or is made untenable.

A determined effort is being made

The house has passed the naval appropriation bill.

Chicago strikes involving 25,000 men are greatly feared during March. was saved, but is in such a delapidatis too weak to attempt to aid Russia. to be torn down. Corea has decided to order her trooops to join the Japanese forces in

ese victory. President Roosevelt has issued a

canal treaty into effect. By the collapse of a high scaffold at the Chicago postoffice one man was

his fate. Dissolution of the English parliament is at hand and King Edward is the state capitol to date about \$900, prepared to have Lord Spencer to

Receiver Booth, of the Roseburg. Oregon, land office has severed his connection with the lumber company, thus removing the objection of Roos-

a fire in a church in Cincinnati. The president has fixed his signa China is sure to join Japan as soon

as her army wins a great victory. can't be bothered with nephews just over Lansdowne's book on Thibet.

no way block the transfer of property to the United States.

The house has turned down amend-

Japanese forces have landed at Possit bay and advanced to Hun Chan. The Russian garrison on their ap-

damage to property.

Arthur at a rapid rate. troops to Panama to relieve marines. .Two members of a desperate robber

nia. Russian military officials are confident the war will be over by Septem-

General Charles Dick appears almost

Japan has offered to aid China in requiring the Russian gunboat to leave

France gives sympathetic support to the note of Russia declaring that Japan has violated international law

Mayor McClellan, of New York.

The fear of war between Turkey to occupy Northern Corea. and Bulgaria is increasing. Germany uriling around a little to the right or has been informed that Bulgaria is eft, is made to display in succession buying large quantities of munitions

Turkey and Montenegro are on the

Senator Hoer accuses Senator novelty should have been prophesied Turkey and Bulgaria are both mak-

China.

Balkans' is considered near. Senator Foster must give up his Cholly-Yaas, whenevah I call on her bill or the state of Washington will

tricts. Burton, of Ohio, has joined the can't both have good luck .- Philadel- position to the naval appropriation

FIRE RUINS CAPITOL

you thestored do

Wisconsin Must Reconstruct Its Fin State Building.

fire at the Wisconsin state capitol building caused a loss of \$800,000. The fire means the building of a new capitol, a special session of the legisinture and the probable renewal of the Presented in Condensed Form, Most agitation in favor of the removal of the capitol from Madison to Milway-

The fire was caused by defective electric wiring. At 8 o'clock it had completely ruined the east and west wings containing the senate and assembly chambers and the departments of the tax commission, the adjutant-general, railroad commissioner, state school supowers will not be drawn into the perintendent, superintendent of promal school, commissioner of usaeries, hah and game warden, state board of pharmacy, state land office, dairy and batteries opened fire on them and con-100d commissioner, state treasurer, tinued firing until daybreak without commissioner of labor, governor, seccans at St. Petersburg is no longer retary of state, state board of control and insurance commission, the supreme court, law library, and the state

ubrary commission. cractically all the valuable state ecords are belived to be safe. Most Russia has a force scattered from of them remain in masonry and steel vauits in the ruins.

Fire apparatus was sent from Milwaukee Governor Schofield maintained .nsurance on the building throughout his term totalling \$600,000, but the

to allow the insurance posicies to in June last there lapsed \$510,000, and in December \$90,000. There is in the insurance fund at the present time

about \$6000 to meet the loss. The fire practically devastated every portion of the capitol building, with the exception of the north end. This ed condition that this portion, togeth-Ex-minister of France says her navy er with the standing walls, will have

Governor La Follette was early on the scene, and by his coolness and self possession did much to enforce order among the workers. All the Military experts predict a great contents of the immense law library battle on the Yalu river and a Japan-were caried out, together with a large quantity of other books and papers. The priceless records stored in the Grand Army room also were saved. Chief Charles Bernard was overome by smoke and fell from a ladder, receiving serious injuries. He is un-

onscious. From an original 1837, appropriations from time to time for new additions made the cost of

#### RUSH TROOPS ON.

Japanese and Russian Armies Drawing Together.

Wei Hai Wei, March 1.-A lengthy Ten children were badly burned at description of the progress of the Jap- granite building, the lower portion of anese operations in Corea has been received over the new wireless telegraphic station between Seoul, Che- Only the front wall of the Marble muplo and Wei Hal Wei. During the past few days but few troops have been Russia is very angry with Britain landed from transports, the chief work building is gutted. having been the landing of supplies Russian merchants have adopted a and 4500 ponies. These latter will be pany's six-story wholesale building, policy of retaliation against America. used for the transport of artillery and together with the stables in the rear, The Panama canal company will in by the corps commanders. It is esti- was destroyed, with all its valuable mated by the Times correspondent that there has been landed, since the \$1,450,000. Japanese invasion began a total of 20,tural and legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills.

1000 soldiers, including the entire tural and legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills.

1000 soldiers, including the entire tural and legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills. who are expected to constitute the adments to strike out a battleship and vance, have not as yet arrived. "The cruisers from the naval appropriation artillery consists of six patteries attached to the Twelfth division: The guns are chiefly of the rapid fire variety, and designed especially for mountain use. When in shape for proach fied to Kirin without firing a ed to transport each gun and carriage, transportation, five ponies are requirand the members of the batteries are

the use of the arms. Russia is pouring troops into Port landed in small bodies along the coast immediately south of Wiju. Thee can The United States has ordered easily reach the Pekin road, along which the Rusians are reported to be encamped. By landing troops here band have been captured in Califor. instead of at Chemupo the Japanese commander succeeds in placing them five days nearer the scene of prospective hostilities. Eight thousand Japanese regulars, accompanied by a mountain battery, are reported to be advancing beyond Seoul towards Ping Yang, at which place 350 Japanese scouts are encamped.

#### Russians Route Japanese.

St. Petersburg, March 1 .- A dispatch received here from Lioa Yang dated February 28 says that Chinese on the Yalu river report that an ad- near Vladivostock has not yet been vance guard of Rusian cavalry, which confirmed. The Shanghal correspondhas penetrated Corea for a distance ent of the Daily Telegraph has sent in W. Bourke Cockran has been elected of about 200 versts across the river, news of Japanese military operations. to the seat in Congress vacated by had an encounter with a detachment He asserts that Russians are evacuat of Japanese and that the Japanese Lig Dalny. The Russians boast that President Roosevelt will favor the were compelled to retreat and fled, they have mined the breakwater Oregon Senators and reappoint Booth leaving their horses, which were seiz- wharves and railroad sidings at Daland Bridges at the Roseburg land of ed by Cossacks. General Linevitch ny, in order to prevent the Japanese fice, despite the protest of Hitch-despatched cavalry and a body of in- from making use of these facilities. fantry in pursuit and with an order This correspondent reports that the

Blockade of Vladivostok. London, March 1,-Vladivostok has been blockaded by a Japanese fleet since Thursday, according to a Daily Mail dispatch from Hakodate, which adds that incoming steamers report Russian cruisers on the east coast of and the balgarian diplomatic agent Kingwassan, in the Bay of Sendel, Ja- here, the conviction prevails that shirts in one, singularly adapted for other note to the powers in regard to reported in the vicinity of Vladivostok, spring. It is understood that Turkey but this report of a blockage, although considered probable, has not been con- Masedonians convicted of disturboncluded, according to the Detroit Foraker and others of misrepresenting firmed from other sources. The Bay ances in 1900, to permit the return of of Sendal is on the east coast of the the refugees and to annul the vexanorthern end of the Island of Nippon. tious regulations directed against Bul-

> Chinese Troops to the Front. four troop trains have left Pao Ting Tung province.

#### STORM OF SHELL

Madison, Wisconsin, Feb. 29.—The JAPANESE KEEP POUNDING AWAY AT PORT ARTHUR.

> Russians Sight Enemy Far Off but Firing at Once Begins-Squadron Comes in Close-St. Petersburg Believes Japanese Will Renew Attack and Attempt to Make Landing.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.-A dispatch from Port Arthur, date February 26, says:

"At 1 o'clock this morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted from here, with their sails set for the purpose of disguising their character. The battleship Retvizan and the shore any visible result.

"After daybreak a Japanese squadron, apparently conveying troops, was sighted. At a quarter past 11 the squadron came nearer and an engagement, which lasted 40 minutes, ensued. There was no damage. Few shells fell in Port Arthur. It is expected here that the Japanese will at-

tempt a landing soon. "An inspection of the Japanese fire ships sent into this harbor on February 24 shows they were loaded with coal and kerosene and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of the cargo."

#### BIG LOSS BY FIRE.

Rochester, New York, Swept by a \* \$3,500,000.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 29 .- At sunset tonight ten engines were pouring streams of water on the ruins of most of the retail dry goods quarter of Rochester. Three of the five department stores in Rochester were con sumed in today's fire, which caused al oss of more than \$3,000,000. The Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, the largest retail store in Rochester, was destroyed. Of the loss, \$735,000 represents buildings and the remainder stocks and furnishings. It is said 2500 persons are thrown out of work by

The burned region lies on the north side of Main street, between St. Paul street and Clinton avenue, north, running from St. Paul street almost the entire length of the block. The fire started in the store of the Rochester Dry Goods Company and worked west, barning only one store east of this es nent, that of the Walkover Shoe Company, before its progress was checked in that direction. Next was the store of the Beadle-Sherburne Company, which was destroyed. Then the marble block occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, was destroyed, and finally the 13-story which was also occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company and the building is standing tonight. The shell of the granite building is intact, and the floors are in place, but the

The Sidley, Lindsay & Curr Comcontents, this loss being placed at

FINDS ALL GUILTY.

Jury Renders Verdict in Famous Pos-

tal Fraud Case. Washington, Feb. 29 .- "Guilty as indicted," was the verdict announced by the jury in the postoffice conspiracy trial shortly after 8 o'clock tonight stating at the same time that this was the verdict as to all four defendants, August W. Machen, ex-general superintendent of the rural free delivery di-Fire at Brookport, N. Y., did great declared to be unusually expert in Samuel A. Groff and Diller B. Groff, of Washington. The jury had been out

nine hours. In the dimly lighted room sat, the four defendants, who, after the case was given to the jury, had been placed in the custody of a United States Marshal and confined to the limits of the City Hall. Each wore an anxious lcok, and a death-like silence fell on the small crowd which had been permitted to enter the room as the clerk inquired of the foreman if a verdict had been reached. The jury to a man rose and as the words "Guilty as indicted" fell from the foreman's lips defendants and their counsel seemed appalled.

### Russians Evacuating Dalny.

London, Feb. 29 .- The reported landing of apanese at Possiet. Russians have supplies for only five months at Port Arthur

Less Fear of War in Balkans. Constantinople, Feb. 29.-In conse quence of the understanding already reached at a result of the communications exchanged between the Porte undertakes to grant amnesty to garlans

Pekin, March 1.-Since February 23 France and Spain Sign for Arbitration Paris, Feb. 29.—The foreign office Fu for the Northwestern frontier. The announced today that a treaty of arlast contingent leaves today on two bitration between: France and Spain trains, completing the force of 10,000 had been signed today. The terms troops. These troops are all regulars are identical withth eercent arbitraand their equipment is excellent. They tion treaties concluded between bill, contending the amount is too will be replaced by troops from Shan France and Great Britain and Italy and Great Britain.

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# Arlington, Oregon

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"I wanted you to marry Miss Holhouse last May." "Yes."

Reuben was prepared for many strange ever had any words, and there's an end reasons for his father's presence in Hope to it; and instead of this, there's an end street, but this one took him completely of him! Well, he was a good man, with

he? And Reuben somes back to his rights at last, and all's well."

"All is not well with Reuben Culwick,

"You-you fool!" blurted forth the Simon Culwick rose, buttoned up his coat, and set his hat firmly on his head, "Good morning to you." "One moment, Is Miss Holland aware

of your proposition?" "I am very giad of it."
"I don't see anything to be giad of," said Mr. Culwick, as he walked toward the door, where he paused, and looked at the picture. "I had forgotten that," he muttered, as he returned to the table, and where Reuben was standing the instant "You will pardon me, but Mr. Jennings will not sell this portrait."

"He has already-"Mr. Jennings will not sell it, I assure you," said Reuben, with great urbanity of manner, as he bowed once more to his young woman's excitement Mr. Culwick father, with the picture pressed to his ever thought what is to become of you, Mr. Culwick, senior, descended the

anap of her fingers so close to his face the shop door was Lucy Jennings. She that he winced and drew back his head stood aside and as she passed her, she said in a lew tone: "You—you wretched woman!" cried "Try to remember how close you may Mr. Culwick, finding breath to reply, and be to your grave, before you leave this clutching the arms of the chair with both house as wicked a man as you entered it." He glared at her defiantly; his fingers

"A ten-pound note for that picture, "I don't care for your position," cried and I'll take it away with me." "You will take nothing away with you but our contempt," said Lucy, banging -for fifty times all that you have hoard- the door behind him, and shutting him ed together, and hardened your soul with. out in the front garden, down which he

He turned in the direction of the Camstand before his God -aye, sooner than and passing the house again, looking up he thinks, perhaps," she added, with an at the window of the first floor, and even angry bang upon the table that shook hesitated, as if the idea of re-entering the whole house, and took Mr. Jennings had struck him; then he went on to Waldownstairs with a headlong plunge, un- worth Road, where he lost himself. He der the impression that his stock had ex- gave up asking the way to London Bridge after a while, and looked on in a purpose-"Look here," shouted Simon Culwick, less fashion that was new to him, until he found himself standing by a lamp. he found himself standing by a lamp-"You will hear me out," said Lucy, post in a crowded thoroughfare, thinking backing against the door with her chair, of his son, and then of his dead wife as he rose from his seat; "you have come which was very strange indeed-and then of your own free will to this house, where of Mary Holland, down in Worcester

He stepped into the road and made for the opposite side of the way. There coming in all directions, and their drivis to become of you hereafter."

ers shouted at him, and foot passengers

"You are a fanatic. You're raving screamed wildly at the danger which he mad," said Simon Culwick, dropping into had not seen for himself. His giddiness overmastered him, and he fell amid clat-

man's help to save blm

CHAPTER XIII. Mrs. Eastbell waited very patiently for the return of her granddaughter to the almshouses. She was very happy in her nest! she said. Sarah wrote her letters; Miss Holland reed them to her; everybody was kind, and her granddaughter would soon be home again. What was there to disturb her old head in any way? She was well in health, too, and wonderfully strong.

Suddenly the visits of Mary Holland

abruptly ceased, although a message was

sent to the old lady that Mrs. Mugger-

dge's niece had been telegraphed for to London, and would return in a few days, The niece would take that opportunity of calling upon Sarah Eastbell, and bring back to Worcester all the news-possibly Miss Eastbell herself, if she was strong enough to leave. How long Mary Holland was away Mrs. Eastbell did not know, one day being very much like another, and tim passed away smoothly and easily with this complacent specimen of age, and then, one afternoon, when the kettle was

came softly into the room, and stood by the bedside of the woman. "I have returned," she said; and the evelashes of the listener quivered at the "Thank you, child," was the answer.

as the thin yellow hand crept from be

singing on the handful of fire which Mrs.

Muggeridge had made, Mary Holland

neath the sheets to welcome her. "Have you brought Sarah with you?" "She will be in Worcester to-morrow "Now that's good hearing! Is that al you have to tell me?" "Oh, no-I have brought a great dea of news with me-good and bad. I am

afraid that you must have them both to

"Go on, girl; let us have them in th

Eastbell,

lump, then. But," she added, quickly, " it anything to do with Sarah? "It concerns yourself most of all. Can you feel what trimming is on my sleeve? "Yes," said Mrs. Eastbell, "crape! You have lost some one?" "I have lost one who was kinder to me than to any living soul. I shall be rericher for his death. I never expected anything. It was on the condition that-I should never touch a halfpenny of his

money that I became the keeper of his

house, the watcher of his lonely life. His

but they had quarreled at last, as every body quarreled with this man." "You must mean my brother Simon?" "Yes," was the reply. "Is he really dead?" she asked in

whisper. "Yes; he was run over in the streets and he died in the hospital next day." "Poor Simon; I fancied that I should outlive him, old as I was, though I didn't think he would go off in a hurry like this. I have been waiting years for him, mak day, and say, 'Sister, I'm sorry that we family."

#### to be surprised at Himon's starting be-fore me—the right way, too, for he was GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE an honest, straightforward fellow, wasn't