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Mrs. Curtis shook her head.

"I don't want anything to do with
it," she objected, wobbling in tears.

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CHAPTER XV.

The Last Card.
One day some weeks later, Reginal Brown welked rapidly along the boulevard past the row of squotter sharts. He had notelesed word that Brish Devos, released from prison, and another the Dirty Mary man the Hegicials on her secustomed place.
Devon was on deck when Brown an us the campliaget.

"So you came, old top," was Urlan's preting. "He cook held the I want to know what do

A woman came to the door of the cabin and peered out. When she saw the newcomer, she spowled and went

"I don't want anything to do with it," sile objected, wobbling in teers. "we'd lose our home. Paul and John would turn us out. They've threatened to many a time!"

"Well, when I assure you our beloved cousins won't know anything about it, not even after it's oven, won't you try to help us?" queried the young man. "Now, if, if goes through all-right, you catch Cousin John on the rehound, and Kathle'd be stree to rope in Phil.

"What Joy that would be!" ejaculated Mrs. Curits. "What ahout it?"

Then Reggle told her, in very low-banes, the plan they had concected.

"You talk to over with Kathle," he advised, lighting a cignrette, "and you'll get if for him if I have to seit." "Fil get it for him if I have to seit." ack.
"I thought you said she was dead." commented Beggle, with a wag of his head toward the spot where the won-

an had stood.

"Well, she sin't! Worse luck!"
growled Uriah. "I told that to the
kid to make her feet had. "I was
willing to be dead for a while auhow. What's the bewin of Told
"Oh; she's c lady now."
Reggie, sarcastically. "The Padishavens have sent, her to school ever
since you went away. My mether tellathe Paul Pendlehaven's geing to adopt
her. And what do you think else?"
he demanded.
"I dunno," grunted the other. "Good
"I dunno," grunted the other. "Good

"I dunno," grunted the other. "Good God! Don't sit there tearin' me to pleces with curiosity. Fire ahead,

Army would have the her fresh, young voice and her kindliness drew meny a poor som for comfort and courage.

One week after Reginald Cartis had confided his secret to his mother, and she had told it over again in whispers to Katherine, at an hour when the Pendlehaven brothers were "She's copped Phi MacCauley," re-Salvation Army daptain, the fellow who threw me in the lake that day, and he's as rich as the Pendlehavens out together."

won't get 'er," asserted too. Her father's got to burn.

er to burn."

lot of good that'll do you, Ry,"
red Reggie. "She wouldn't look at
likes of you and Edith. You aren't

the likes of you and Edith. You aren't in her class any more.

"Ain't 1 so?" queried Decon, grouchily. 'I reckon her hide ain so tougher nor thicker'n it used to be. Pil thump h—ll out of 'er once or twice; I'll show 'er what class she's in."

who coanged his secret to his mother, and she had told it over again to whispers to Katherine, at an hour when the Pendlehaven brothers were absent, Uriah Paron eame quietly to the house. Reggle met him and took him immediately to Mrs. Curelis room. Uriah paused embarrassedly before her, made a curt bow and twisted his reach between his fingers.

"Sit doyn. Ry," invited Reggle. "Now tell my mother how you are going to the trip of the trip of the house of a chair. "I ain't goin't do anything, or tell what I'm goin't do dollars first."

"Five thousand dollars first."

"Five thousand dollars first."

"Five thousand dollars, old lady."

"Till need the whole five thousand to get 'er away, and to keep 'er after I get 'er. She'd come streakin' back it' I don't fope 'er up.'

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"Till neet he whole f "You'll have to catch her before

"You'll have to catch her before you heat her, won," you, Ry?" Reg. gle inquired taunfingly, "How're you going to get your hands on her? Tell me that, will you?"
"Yep. Mr. Mealy-mouth, I will," thrust-back Devan, "We got to steal er." He clenched his heavy fist and swung it menacingly and suggestive ly. "What's left of 'er when 'hu done with 'er, 'll marry, you all, right. That over, 'I'll tell 'er who she is, providin' you promise to haive up the stuff with stafe."

over, 'Il tell er who sue up the stuff with the 'ne'."

"I did promise you once, didn't I?" asked Reggle, sulkly. "Of codrse, I with but what's the use of dreaming? The Pendlehaven's too much for us. Now that Paul's well, he and John are a big team, and they worship the ground that, girl, walks on. You're bling of more not can cheav. By John or the present of the present of the money of the prison record doesn't help any."

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"You are law, who we hat, does she's Devon recorted. "Nohody knows but you and Ede, besides me."

"She's a beauty," sighed Reggle, his voice lowered to a growl. "I'd with the house would see the presence which was a constant thorn in her fiesh. But it would be she's Devon recorted. "Nohody knows but you and Ede, besides me."

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sacrince, old horse, said Devon.
"Your eyes will bung out of your head when you hear her name."
Reginald argued he should know who the girl was hefore he married her, but Urish wouldn't give up his secret. Indeed he unfolded to the prospective husband how he planned to capture Tonnibel, and sent Reggle away, convinced, red hot to perform his part in the scheme. At last, he was to have the girl he wanted and money too.

The next morning Reggle approached his mother with an air of secrecy.

He gazed meaningly at Tommer.

"Pardon my rishing in this way, but
but I want Tony to go with me."

Mrs. Curtts flashed him a dark look.

He rarely paid her, or her frowning daughter, any attention nowadays, so he did not notice that a palior settled on Katherine's face, or that her fork fell from her limp fingers to the plate. The mother saw her daughter's mental distress, however, and studied the young man's face, groaning to herself.

He had grown so manly and handsome in the past two years, and, he was the one person she desired for her son and the was the one person she desired for her son added to his attractiveness.

"You might explain a little more, "You might explain a little more." secrecy.

"A minute, mater," he said softly.

"Just a minute? Fre seen Tony Devor's father, There! Now sit down, old lady, while I tell you something. By says the only way is to kidnap her-bodily and force her to marry the man he promised her to," the boy ex-plained. "What do you think of

that?" gasped Mrs. curtis, her eyes taking on an expression of fear

on or rear. works out his present acheme, re-plied Reggie, but you and Karnie have to help us." the Salvation Army for a year, longer parhaps, and it would be too much to sak me to go all by invest.

Lines appeared between Doctor Paul's brows. At last the day had come when he must give up the girl

who had taken a rare place among those he held dearest. He noticed with a quick sigh that Tony's eyes deepened softly, and her red lips were

eepened sofely, and her red lips were arted in a sinile.

"It'll hurry up our marriage a lit-le." Philip continued, "but-hur-The sound of a chair scraping back rom the table broke off his state-

Then we'll adjourn and talk it

"Then we'll adjourn and talk it over," remarked Doctor, John. "You ask a influir big fifting thir, when you demand our little girl without more warning."

"Little girl," sneered Mrs. Curtis, after the four had left the dlining room. It happened, much to her surprise, that Doctor John sought her out within the hour.

"Those children have won Paul and me over. Sarah," he said a little grinly. "They're going to be married a week from teday. It won't be much trouble to prepare the house, will it? You needn't make a fuss. It'll be very quiet. Tony can buy everything she needs in New York on her honeymoon."

In the rage that overtook her, Mrs. Curtis whited the speaker dead a her feet

Curtis wished the speak.

"The house isn't mine, Cousin
John," she said maliciously, "but, of
course, I'll do what I can, although
Katherine isn't at all well. I fear the

child is going to be ill."

Doctor John found Katherine with her eyes dull and heavy, prescribed for her, and, before leaving the room,

mnounced:
"Part and I are going over to Syracuse tomorrow atternoon to make a
few purchases, but we'll be back on
the night train. Stay in bed, Kathie,
until morning, and, you'll be all
right."
The moment he had disappeared,
Contacting anyong in.

Katherine apreng up.
Tomorrow they're going

year'll have to see Devon money.

"Pil get it for him it I have to sell my lessels and Kathle's too," prompled the woman, her eyes sparkling in satisfaction. "Pil go and tell her shif eway."

Meanwhile, all unconscious that Oriah Devon had been released from prison and was conspiring against her, Tonnibel Devon was entering heart, and soul into the Salvation Army work with Philip. Each evening she went with him to headquarters where her tresh, young voice and cores where her tresh, young voice and cores where her tresh, young voice and Mainerine aprong ep.

"Tomorrow theyre, going away!

You heard, you heard, mother?" she
cried. "Now then, where's Reggie?"

"Darling," advised Mrs. Curtis,
moved to tears by her daughter's dismoved to tears by her daughter's dis-trees. 'I have a premantition! We'd better not interfere at all. 'On, child, if you could only get your hind off that boy! He isn't worthy of a love like yours. We've got a nice home."

"Whe yours. We've got a nice home—"
"Nice home." hurled back Katherine, wildly, "Nice home! Look wast
she's got! Just think of her and then
of me! Oh, God, that such misery
fould be in the world! I'll never forgive you, maining, if you don't keep
your promise to me."
"Don't say that, darling, don't,"
groaned Mrss-Ourtle, "I'll see your,
brother, and who knows," she brightened and smiled through her tears;
"who knows but what that horrid girl
will be gone by tomorrow night?"

CHAPTER XVI.

In the Balance.

Reginald Brown and Uriah Devon were seated in close conference along the path that led to the Dirty Mary.

Reginald had rehearsed all he had

teginald had remember a earned from his mother. "Unless we do it tonight, Ry," said te, "it's all up. What do you say?" Uriah broke off a blade of grass and drew it with a squeak through

and drew it with a squared, we'll get the kid," he snarled, "Mother's awful worried, though," Reggie continued, "but I told her, 'No, risk ito gain, and I'd go a long-ways on the road of risk to get Tonnifel Devon."
"Well we'll get 'er," monotoned

evon."
"Well, we'll get 'er," monotoned riah, with a far-away look in his Uriah, with a bloodshot eyes.

"After I'm married to her," took up he boy, "you'll tell me who she is,

"Yep," replied Urlah, "I'm goin" down to the scow now. Good-by, and the sure to tell your mother to put up the sign we spoke of it everything's

come-for his daughter, she bugan to give up hope that the house would ever be rid of the presence which was a constant thorn in her flesh. But it does seem that sooner or later Fate. Plays the lucky cards into the hands of the undeserving, and so it happened in the case of the conspirators against Tounibel Devon, Like all things waited for, the apportunity came one day while the family was at dinner.

clear for me to butt in."

Eath Devon looked up from the boat deck as her hisband approached. He sat down on the bench beside her, a grizzly smile on his face.

"Ethe," he asked, "seen any change in me lately?"

"Yes? I have," she returned. "You ain't boozin' hat so much, and you've been kinder and better-hearted to me."

"Methe it's, because I've got religion." Urlah explained.

"Mobbe 418, because the figlon." Utable explained, amakes a man repent of all his cussed acts. I'm sorry now, Ede, for the way I've treated you and the kid." He couldn't have uttered words more welcome to Edith Devon. For the first time in years, she leaned her came one day while the rame of dinner.
Public MacCauley entered in great excitement.
From look as if you had swallowed the sun, my dean lad," smiled Doctor Paul.

"I've got to go away," flushed the boy, laughing, "and I won't go alone."
He gazel meaningly at Tonnihei.
"Pardon my rushing in this way, but but I want Tony to go with me."
-but I want Tony to go with me."

the first time in years. head against him. It took some effort on the man's part not to shove her

away.

"And matters have took a mighty big change in the last two days" he continued. "Ede, I know, ice years you been worryin' your life out about Tony. I fixed it up."

Mrs. Devon was on her feet almost before the last words fell from her bushand's libs.

husband's lips.
"How fixed it up, Riah?" she
gasped.

"Now don't yet panicky if I tell you something." Urish cautions her, siyby but I tell you something." Urish cautions her, siyby but I went to Peudlehaven and told him I copped the kid, and not you, and I says: Mr. Peadlehaven, you've had 'er for two ythysasaud she's your brat. Now keep, er."
Edith fell back but the bench as if the man had dealt her a flow.
"The kid's awful, fond of you," he continued impressively. "and I up and told or to real living hid to night yours gold to the says living, and to

goin' to get married to a

you slad. Edeb."
Wash: she glad! No words could express Edith's feelings at that moment. How many times her heart



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ached for a sight of the pretty

had ached for a sight of the pretty child shed had so many years.
"Dulst' Pendlehaven say nothin' shout sending us up for 11?" she asked draidly.
"Not a thing," retorted Griah. "Not by a d-d sight, he fided!! He' was too glad to know Tony was his, to make any fuss. Anyhow, she wouldn't iet 'im. Why, my Gol' That little kid kinsed me!"
"2018. 2 celatimed in delight.

kid kissed me."
Edith exclaimed in delight.
"The told you more'n once, Urtah,"
she said, leanting against him again,
"Tony'd like you if you'd let 'en'
"On, after a while," said he. "Ater
supper! She's awfui buwy gettin 'ready
for a swell blowout. Lord, but she's
pretty!"
"She always was that," answered
Edith, and she fell into a deep revery.
Unobserved by his wife. Urtah De-

"She always was that," answered Edith, and she tell into a deep revery. Unobserved by his wife, Uriah Devon made ready to leave the Dirty Mirry for some weeks. So, absorbed was Edith in her thoughts that she paid no heed to ber husband's sly actions. He knew they would not dare to return to the beat with Tony until after she had been forced to marry Reginald Brown. Uriah would grad it have abandaned his wife forever, but in making his plans, had foreseen that, if they met with much opposition from Tonnibet, the woman, under his threats, could handly her. At nine ofclock they started fur Ithaca. Urish carrying a small black bag, and in his pocket his revolver.
They entered Pendlehaven place through the service gate, and, when they passed the garage, the musu noticed with satisfaction that Reginald's automobile was standing ready for use. Close to the mansion, he placed his wife out of sight under a rose-bush.

"Tm goin' in and get Tony, Ede,"

bush.

"I'm goin' in and get Tony, Ede,"
he explained. "'Twas a promise I give
the Eid, she could see you alone first.
Just sit here, 'til I come back. You
don't want to see Pendlehaven, eh?"
- Edith shuddered and shrank back.

"No, I don't," she whispered. "I
just want to talk to the baby a minute. I want her to forgive me before
we-go away. We been cussed mean
to that kid, Urish."

Devon made a grunting assent, left

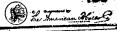
Devon made a grunting assent, left Edith sitting behind the rose bush and slipped up the steps of the

house.

A little while before, Reggie Brown, well filled up on brandy, had descended to the library to wait for Devon. If he hadn't had this thing on, and the importance of it hadn't weighed on him, all the long day, he'd have gone

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to bed, his head acted so, but his destree to capture Tony Devon kept the fumes of alcohol from completely be fuddling his brains, inside the library, he stood swaying near the door, tapping his pocket from time to time to make sure he was armed. Then he stumided across the room, threw himself on the divan and in another moment had forgotten in a drunken gleep that there was any such person in the world as Tonnibel Devon.

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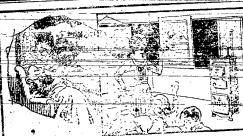
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"An embarrassed laugh fell from
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the answers, "I'm going shread for Anna and a second and a second