to her face with a strangely wistful look "No. 11 the story was true how could then be! There was proof that he and his yields quarreled: proof that could not be c'est d. The the was found standing above the body at the mardered man, in the breast of whom his own kulfe was found. He denied the deed, and said that he had only that proposent as rived at the spot, yet he could not peous his in notener. Exercisedy was sure he file the desc -his own father among the test. He contrived to escape, and -ince that namegi 1 do not think that he has not hourd from him, and knows not whether he is living or dead. If he does he has kepf the secret to house f. There is note with whom he shared it."

"And he never speaks" if aim?"
"I do not think that has name has passed his

lips since that is al hour."
"It is a \$\$\frac{1}{2}\$ case," said the professor, mass

"In truth it is. People any that High Allar is not the man that he was take the event which threw such a cloud over his whole like f cap well believe that he is not. It was enough to change any man, though no be made of iron."
"You are right. It was a terrible thing. For bile sake, and for the sake of the son, if he he living, I wish that the latter's laude nee might

De proved. What a weight it would lift from his heart if it could be down." "Yes, but that seems impossible. He most

bear the burden to his dyine day."

The professor and no more, and the conversation was changed to another subject. An hour later and they were on their way homeward. The grounds of South Bidge were almost reached, when a woman daried wildly out from a cottage by the wayside.

"For the love of heaven come in, Miss Porca," she cried. "My husband is dying. He has sent for Mester Hugh. There is something upon his mind which he says he must tell before he dies. ne in. It may be that you can do somethin

CHAPTER III.
AT THE URB OF DEATH.
Dismonulping they followed her into the cable, and to the bed-side of the sick man. It needed only one glauce on their part to show them that he was dying.

He glanced up cagerly at them, and thun a disappointed look mingles with the one of ag-ony upon his countenance.

"It is not Hugh Allan!" he cried. "Why do

you not bring him here! I cannot die until I tell him the secret which has made a place turment of my heart for so many years. Why is it that he does not come!"

"Can you not coufide it to mel" said the Professor, eagerry, as he bent above the dying man.
"Speak. It may be too late when he comes."
"No, no=I must tell it to him. I cannot die until I have told him. No one could take my life until I have epoken. Bring him here—bring

At that moment the door of the cottage op n ed, and Hugh Allan, followed by his lawyer, when the messenger had found still with him, entered the apartment. The dying man saw and recognized them at once.

"Bugh Alish I am glad you have come," he said, "and that you have brought the lawyer with you. I want him to write down what I have to say. I am dying, and what I have to fell same be told guickly."
"Not so had as that I hope, Tom." answered Mr. Allan in an encouraging tone. "Why did you not send to me that you was sick! But we

you not send to me that you was short. But we will try and get you up again even now."

"I am dying, Sir Hugh. I know that you can see it so, well as the others. But I cannot open until I jave confessed a terrible crame, and a grime egainst you, besides—you, who have always treated me so well. Hugh Allan, your son constituents. He well the hite of the see was innocent. It was I scho took the life of litch

For a moment Hugh Alian stood as though he was made of stone. Then he sprans forward with a hand outstretched as though he would clutch the giving man by the threat. This he would have done, had not the Profes

sor held him bank.
"Do him no violence," he said,in a tone which trembled with emotion, "Don't you see that he

frembled with expetion. "Don't you see that he is fast going! Let him speak while he may, and let the lawyer take anown his confession." "Speak!" said the tinjured father, in a terrible tone. "You have the blood of two upon your soul. No wonder that you could not die and carry your gulity secret with you."

As though he had heard nothing of this, the dying man went on.

dying man went on. Yes, Sir Hugh, it was I who was the murder

reason ringen, it was I who was the nurder-er. I girnek the faits blow with a kinite which I had stolen from your son, I did the deed for the money I knew he had about him; our I did not get II. Your son lighth happened to come to the spot. I heard his factators, and fled. He did not see me, and so the guilt was fastened upon him. fastened upon him.

A great many times I was tempted to speak, and so meet the penalty of my crimes. I should have done so, had he been brought to the seaffold, but he made his escape, and so I was sheet. My life has been one of forment, but it is ended now."

These were the last words the dying murder or attered. There was one convulsive struggle er uttered. There was one convulsive struggle as the spirit parted from the body, and then all For the space of a moment Hugh Allan stood

tionless, gazing upon the dead man. Not and was heard in the room save the scratching of the lawyer's pen, as he wrote down the confession, and the sobe of the deal man's wife Tora Adams was the first one to speak. Step-ping to the side of Hugh Alian: she said:

Heaven be thanked, father, that the truth 1s "Heaven be thanked, father, that he truth is known at last. Your son and my adopted him they, as I must call him now, is free from the stain which has rested upon his name to long." "I am than full but why did Heaven decree that is should come so late! Oh, my boy—my boy! And I turned against you like all the rest. I might have knowe that you were innocent.

aithough the proof aguins; you was terriol. Oh, my child! would to heaven that I knew at this mannent whether you were alive or dead!"
"Reigh Alian's alive," said the Professor, in

a low, fremuland voice High Atlan turned upon him with the rapi-plity of thought.
"My Son glivel—is that what you said?"

"Where is ho?"

"Here, father-I mm he. Look-do you no now me now?"

He pulled the long beard he wore from his face, and the spectagles, from his eyes, and steed before him looking overy men an Allan, though older and more carewing than when his father had lead seen him.

"My son-my son! Thank God you are given to me againt," and he classed him in his class

Little more is there to add to my stery. That much the reader has already conjectured. Raph told of his wanderings in loreign lands, and of his meeting with his latherly old friend there, how, at last, he had ventured house in deguis-, in hopes, if time was given him, and he was not discovered, he might obtain some proof which should establish his innocent. The proof had come now, and m a way that he had little ex-

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