Settled Out of Court.

MRS. ALEXANDER.

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dismissal.

CHAPTER IV.

Angela led the way down the passage and down the steep, narrow kitchen

Already a considerable number of the revellers were refreshing themselves at the well-supplied buffet in the kitchen, and a little further on a successfully-imitated cavern's mouth yawned. showing a dim interior and solema, gray-bearded necromancer studying a huge volume. "I am afraid of him," exclaimed

Angela. 'So am I!" said Forrester, "Are two cowards equal to one 'brave?'

'No; I am sure they cannot be." Here they entered the cavern, and

the sage closed his book. 'Ask him." whispered Angela, giving him a little push.

"Let down the curtains, young man, said the graybeard, in a deep voice, "if you do not wish the secrets of your desperate deed are you contemplat-future to be heard by all?" desperate deed are you contemplat-As Forrester obeyed the sage turned

up a gas jet close to him, and let a strong light fall on his visitors, which the curtain, drawn across the entrance, hid from outsiders. You seek to know what coming

years hide in their depths" 'We do!" returned Forrester, with becoming solemnity. "How will you have it?" asked the sage as if he were a bank clerk cashing

a check. "By the hand or cards, or the magic crystal," By the hand," returned Angela,

drawing off her right glove. "I need both hands," said the old man, and proceeded to bend back the pretty white fingers of first one hand

"You have a project in your mind," have a fortunate life. It is not defeat | the revels above." so much as change, change of views, beloved, you have had a peaceful, sailed up majestically. "Are you gomonotonous life-greater brilliancy ing to dance, Angela?" she asked.

"A great and sudden-change is coming -nay, is close at hand! Let me see. This is strange. You are absolutely in touch with your foe. Can it be that so fair and gentle a creature could work evil to anyone? But the cards cannot lie! Avoid your present companion; close your eyes; avert your head; shut honor and probity, and peace will bless your latter days!" He gathered up the cards, and bent his head in token of

"Good evening, said Forrester, and have caught it?" he exclaimed as they begin to think I am the plucklest fel-

"I hope you do not think me capable of making a bad return for your friendliness," she replied with some seriousness, while the color rose in her

"Our prophetic friend at the end of virtuous our intentions we are compelled to carry out our destiny," and Forrester continued to chaff and laugh about his fear of so formidable a foe. felling more strongly attracted than ever by the slight embarrassment with which his companion parried his reculnerable than usual.

The pounding on the floor overhead and the sounds of dance music showed then the other, peering through his that a livelier style of diversion was huge spectacles at the palm, muttering proceeding up stairs. "Nothing short and she went away, returning with of three consecutive waltzes can assure me of my safety," said Forrester, tak- regretted that an important engagehe said aloud; "it engresses you. Ha, it ling her plate. "Have some more ice or will not succeed! nevertheless, you'll jelly or something and then let us join

"I think two will be enough!" She wishes, circumstances-you are much was beginning, when Mrs. Bartlett



awalts you, but there will be a moment ! of doubt-of danger-of-" he paused. 'Here you must cross the seer's hand with silver, funds appropriated to now. Most of the people are down don. charitable purposes," he continued in a here." With a smile and a nod, she totally changed voice.

"By all means," cried Forrester, putting a shilling into his outstretched "I quite understand that a silver salve must clear your sight," 'You're wight," returned the sage

Pray continue your revelations, this

lady is trembling for your words," said "Well then, a critical moment will

come, when much will depend on your having the courage of your opinions, stick to your own ideas-and- and secure happiness." "Now, sir." he continued. "How will

"Cards! They have generally been on my side," said Forrester.

The seer rummaged in quite a numdane fashion in a drawer and produced a pack, or part of one, which he shuffled, and desired the inquirer to cut nine times. Then he spread them out

head as he did so, "Do you object to this lady hearing my revelations?"

"By no means! Pray sit down, Miss Cavallo. You will be tired." And Forrester hunted round till he incarthed a state of harmony with himself and the

three-legged stool. "You are in the flush of success, young man!" began the prophet. will not last. A severe reverse awaits you. You have an enemy-a cruel

"Pray give me his name and address, that I may administer a cup of cold to his house? True he knew little of polson to him," said Forrester, smiling. her surroundings or belongings, but "This flippancy ill becomes an in- such a girl could not have been brought quirer," said the seer, with a frown.

"Yes! We are just going to the salon!

walked away. "Angela!" repeated Forrester, "What not fear an angel?"

the path to Paradise!" she returned,

smiling. "Yes, but an angel with a flaming sword: And you are incapable of handling such a weapon! Come, let us proud and happy to give themselves waltz while there's breathing space."

Forrester was an excellent partner, and Angela found that she had never before enjoyed a dance so much. Certainly her experiences were few-some school fetes and a rare "soirce dansante" now and then at the house of some school friend. There was a degree of frank familiarity in Forrester's manner which in no way diminished its respectfulness, yet which put her at her ease and won a certain amount of confidence. In the hour or two which ensued Forrester suggested many sightin the ordinary fashion, shaking his seeing plans, and secured more than one rendezvous, subject to the ap-

proval of Mrs. Bartlett. It was a fine, soft night when For-rester strolled into Maida Vale to look for a hansom. He felt in a blissful world in general. He was deeply smitten with the sweet, sedate Angela, and yielded to the delicious intoxicating passion unresistingly. There he was free to indulge his fancies; where could be find a more charming compan ion to share his fortune and do credit

up save by refined and respectable peo-

teaching, perhaps a good deal! Still no empty chatterbox; speaking only then with a certain freshness and originality; a steady, observant little woman who would help to keep him straight, these perfections his own or to try to win them. What a splendid thing life old Selwyn was comfortably in Heaven as a reward for his admirable conduct | the operator, in dying intestate.

ple. That was enough for him. What

Forrester's intimacy with Angela went on at a rapidly increasing ratio after this evening. They met frequently with and without the presence of Mrs. Bartlett, and to his joy Angela seemed ready enough to trust herself with him unchaperoned. He gradually gathered tution: was English, her father Italian and pounds and 4 ounces. The "Welcome," a courier. She was an only child, found at Ballarat, Victoria, Australia and having a good voice it had been in 1854, 184 pounds 10 ounces; Bakary carefully cultivated at great cost, her nugget, found at Carson Hill, Cal., in your ears to her voice. There, I can carefully cultivated at great cost, her nugget, found at Carson Hill, Cal., if father considering this outlay an in- 1854, weighed 180 pounds, and another say no more, save this: Hold fast to father considering this outlay an in- 1854, weighed 180 pounds, and another say in London to seek at the same place in the same year an engagement for concert singing and weighed 149 pounds. These two were appeared much cast down by the great the largest nuggets ever discovered in difficulty of finding one. She spoke with America. The Corona, found in Tou-warm gratitude and affection of her lumne county, California, in 1850, drawing back the curtain he offered his arm to Miss Cavallo. "By Jove, I made for her, and regreted her mother's nugget, found in 1860 at Sierra Buttes. made for her, and regreted her mother's nugget, found in 1860 at Sierra Buttes absence occasioned by a bad attack of Cal., weighed 133 pounds. One found went into the refreshment room, "I gout from which her father was suffering, which detained his wife in Paris, It had been a lovely warm May day

gerous an enemy. As you are strong I hope you will be merciful. Pray what driving a high phaeton with a fine pair of horses—a new purchase—for, in spite of his friendly lawyer's warnings, he bined weight of 357 pounds.

"It is such a delightful morning," he exclaimed as soon as he had shaken hands with Angela, "that it's a sin not the passage would say that however to take advantage of it! So I want you and Mrs. Bartlett to come down with me to Hampton court. You will never find a better day for it. The palace is not open on Fridays. So we will not have the usual crowd."

"It would be charming," exclaimed Angela. "I will go and ask Mrs. Bart marks, for it seemed to render her more lett, but I am afraid she cannot come. "But that need not prevent you go ing? You don't mind coming without her?"

"No-I don't suppose I need mind!" ment at home obliged her to refuse. In another quarter of an hour Forrester had the joy of driving off tete-a-

tete with the quiet Httle kirl who had

bewitched him. What a delightful expedition it was A day to be remembered, a memory to throw its refreshing light over the dusty, arid paths of after years, and prosaic life. They wandered through the beautiful gardens, through the courts and cloisters of the old palace, along the river under the shade of the trees in the park. Angela was immensely pleased and interested; rathe to Forrester's surprise, she knew a good deal more of the history of the place than he did, and when he told her so she only said that music and reading had been her only occupations. Then they had a dainty luncheon at the

Grayhound and drove back to Alma terrace in the cool of the evening. Bartlett was out when the reached home, so Forrester desired his groom to take the phaeton and horses back to the stable and came indoors to

make his adieux. A letter lay on the drawing-room addressed to Miss Cavallo, which she pened at once. Forrester watched her as she read it and saw that the contents distressed her. She slowly replaced it in its envelope, and raising her eyes which looked suspiciously moist, ex-"It is a great disappointment!

"What is?" he asked. "I fancied I was nearly sure of ar engagement to sing at the Crystal Palace concerts, and now I find that I have lost the chance! I dfd hope for some success, to repay my dear father for all the sacrifices he has made! He had set "Very well, there is more room just his heart on my coming out in Lor

"Why take it to heart!" cried For rester, profoundly touched by the depression of her tone, and the expres a charming name! I suppose I need sive gesture with which the hand holding her letter fell to her side. "Remember, it was an angel barred are a woman formed for the refine ments, the shelter of home, rather than the ruggedness of public life. Put the whole thing out of your head. There must be many men who would be

and all they have to your service." Angela laughed, her eyes sparkling though the tears still bedewed them "I am afraid it is rather a wild flight of fancy," she said in an amused tone Men are not so ready to take uneces sary burdens on themselves, and they

are right. 'I don't think so, if they are equa to it; at any rate I know one who would desire nothing better than to lift ai care and trouble from you, and make your life one long holiday." Forrester had got the bit between his teeth, for his heart had been tugging at the reins all day, and he could keep silent nlonger, and goaded by her look of half-frightened astonishment rushed

(To Be Continued.)

MESMERISM AND HYPNOTISM. The Difference Between the Two One of

From the New York Tribune.

Mesmerism, so called from Friedrich Anton Mesmer (1733-1815), who propounded the theory that one person can exercise influence over the will and nervous system of another, and produce certain phenomena by virtue of a supposed emanation, called animal mas netism, proceeding from him, or simply by the domination of his will over that of the person operated on. Originally Mesmer professed to produce his re sults by the operation of actual magnets, but all such aparatus has long been abandoned, and those who profes belief in magnetism as the cause of the phenomena exhibited refer it to the body of the mesmerist. The actual phenomena believed to be produced by this so-called animal magnetism are now explained by modern hypnotism or artificial somnambulism, within recent years, has long been the subject of extended research. It is now generally admitted that there is no force of any kind transmitted from the operator to the person operated upon, and many of the pretensions of mesmerism, such as clairvoyance, are

The term mesmerism is still popularly used, often more or less synonymously with hypnotism, but more frequently in its original or an allied sense. Other terms used more or less synonymously with either mesmerism or hypnotism are braidism (after the English surgeon Braid, who first studied the phenomena of mesmerism scientifically) and neuro hynology. All these terms denote an

abnormal mental condition character a delightful occupation to teach her to lzed by insensibility to most impressione him. And she would want some sions, and an appearance of total unconsciousness; especially that variety love lay sleeping in her eyes, and what of this condition which is artificially a charming companion she would be. attention of the subject to some object when she had something to say, and of vision, as a bright bit of glass, or upon the operator, who generally aids in producing the result by making a few light passes with his hands. The and he was perfectly free to make all Nancy school of hypnotists even do not recur to these means, but produce this condition by mere oral suggestion. was, to be sure, when a fellow had when in this condition the mental ac-money. How fervently he hoped that tion and the volition of the subject are to a larger extent under the control of

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pounds 6 ounces. The "Great Siberian"

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