to ask Mrs. Jock to make me a cup of

# A PRIZE WINNER

HOUSE ON THE MARSH

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"Oh, aye, as near ready as may be,"

suspicious eye, and Sir Alexander

"Confound it, man, don't treat me

out of your head!" cried his master,

noting suddenly the fixity of the gaze

which the old keeper had fastened upon

him. "It's not a matter of life or death,

But-but I've lost the first prize at

the cattle show for my short horns-

had it carried off under my very nose

well, if it had been a fair reward I

shouldn't have minded. But mine were

the best. Everybody on the ground

who knew a cow from a custard cup

And Sir Alexander, whose short-

horns were to him as the breath of his

nostrils, and who prided himself on

being the most successful breeder in

"Short-horns!" ejaculated Jock, with

"What's the matter with you?" asked

"Naething, naething, sir," answered

the old fellow, dryly. "I was thinking

And before his master could ask him

another question Jock had disappeared

through the back door of the but on

Sir Alexander was half inclined to go

after him and insist upon an explana-

some whim of Jock's, he changed his

wrathful meditations which had occu-

pied him ever since the judges' decision

He had been wounded in the most-

perhaps the only-vulnerable part.

duties as a husband. Three years be-

wance of pocket me

And it was safe to say that no one in

the whole world was further from his

thoughts than his wife was when took

came to tell him that the cottage was

journey and the excitement of the day.

had been made by throwing the living-

rooms of the two cottages into one,

and threw himself on the chintz-cov-

ered couch in a little way from the fire.

the open air, without any sort of pas-

sage or anteroom; so a screen had been

placed around the door to keep the draft out. The sofa on which Sir Alex-

ander lay was between this screen and

the fire, right under the latticed win-

dow, the curtains of which were not

"Don't light up yet, my eyes ache,"

Jock was less cantankerous, but

more taciturn than usual that evening,

his master thought, as he watched him

He was presently aroused by the

sharp click of the latch as it was hur-

riedly raised, and, opening his eyes with a start, he jumped up just as a

woman's voice whispered at the other

And he recognized the voice as that

Startling, absolutely unexpected as

this incident was, Sir Alexander real-

ized in a moment what it meant, and

A certain handsome, but impecunious

young soldier. Captain Tenterden, to

whom she had scarcely been allowed

to speak in her maiden days, had be-

of the household, despised by the hus

come since her marriage, the tame cat

ner of errands, and filler-up of gaps at

was able to get out without noise

Dusk was come, and the mist was

Why should be slunk out? Why had

he not confronted her? Accused, con-

founded her? He did not himself

know, he did not understand why he shrank from coming face to face with

this woman, his wife, whom he had-

yes, trusted, and who had disd him in secret in spite of his

He only knew that an insur-

table repugnance to meeting her,

ered, and staggered against the cottage

into the open air.

even knew who the person was she be

lieved she was addressing.

side of the screen, this one word:

cried he, as Jock was preparing to light

You came straight into this room from

had done as much for her as a woman

had a right to expect.

drawn.

a couple of candles.

"Vara weel, sir."

"Harry!"

of his wife.

yer trouble was maybe about a differ-

culiarity in the old man's tone.

ent sort o' cattle, that's a', sir.

replied Jock, discontentedly.

"I'm in the blues, Jock."

"So I see, sir.



IR ALEXANDER | road. Everything's ready, I suppose?" AUCHLEAN had a first class carriage all to himon the railway from Aberdeen to Banater. for his journey, master, He was a tan and stalwart Scotch-

man of about eight and thirty, not ag- glanced up. gressively high as to cheekbone and long as to lip, but with a face more canny than kind, and a straight, cold mouth which had particular terrors for the people who displeased him.

Something or somebody had displeased him now; and he looked posttively forbidding as he marched up and down in the limited space at his command, uttering a subdued imprecation when the oscillation of the carriage caused him to fall into one or other by a miserable Southern whoof the seats, and then resuming his difficult promenade as before.

As a general rule he loved the beautiful view which is to be seen on both sides of the line, the heather changing said so. It was unfair, absolutely uncolor on the hills, the peeps at the rush- fair. ing Dee. He was born and bred not many miles from Ballater, and it was to his seat among the Aberdeensnire hills, the house in which he was born and in which he hoped to die, that he the kingdom, got up from his chair was now returning, after a visit to the and began to pace up and down the Royal agricultural show down in the stone-flagged floor. uncongenial south.

lie was entirely unattended, as it was an odd inflection: and then after a his pleasure to be in a mood such as pause he said again, in a ruminating he was in at the time. When the train | tone: "Short-horns! Oh-aye!" reached the Ballater terminal he sprang out ugon the platform with his bag in Sir Alexander, irritably, noticing a pehis hand and his rug on his arm; and refusing all offers of assistance and snapping out that he had no "luggage," he strode through the little station and along the road towards Craigendarthe "hill of the oaks," which dominates the highland village.

Leaving the hill on his right, a want of about a mile along a gradually as- his way to the cottage. cending wood, brought Sir Alexander to the foot of a hill which he proceeded to elimb. About half way up on a tion of his mysterious words and mansmall rugged plateau coveres with heather and short, rough grass, he some whim of Jock's he changed his came to a rude dwelling which had evi- mind and gave himself up again to the gone? dently been a couple of laborers's cottages, but which and been transformed by him into a useful shelter or halting at the show. place for the journeys of himself and his household to and from Kechleen lodge, which was seven miles from a For his short-horns he neglected sorallway station and consequently "off clety, his duties as a landlord, his

The cottage was kept in order by an fore he had married a young beauty, old servant of the family, who had been known so long as "Jock" that he had and charm which did not, in the long And then for the divorce court. A almost forgotten any other name. He run, outweigh the solid attractions of lean vs. Auchlean. Sir Alexander, in the fact that the situation is permahad been head gamekeeper in his time, his prize cattle and a general nuisance by reason of the liberties he took. So that when fail- lean chiefly to her own devices, and grace. ing eyesight compelled him to give up never doubted that, in providing her



his post, and he and his old wife settled, by their own choice, in a hut ad-Joining the cottage among the hills, nobody regretted him but Sir Alexander. who found something piquant in the utterances of the old tongue that dared to contradict him. And he often spent an hour with the out and then overcome by the drowsi-

crabbed old fellow, going out of as ness induced by fatigue and comfort way, when shooting on the moors, to and warmth, he closed his eyes and fell rest with his gun on a wooden chair into a sort of doze, heside the smoledring, tragrant peet

It was months since he had been there last, and when Sir Alexander, wet through to the skin with the Scotch mist which was enshrouding all the hills, from Loch-na-gar on the one side to Culbicen on the other, knocked sharply at the locked door or the hut, it was opened by Jock with an air of dignified astonishment. "I didna think to see ye hereabouts

for some time, sir," said he, morosely, ns he took his master's bag and rug and made way for him to enter.

Sir Alexander frowned as he pulled off his gloves, and nodding to Mrs. "Joek," who was deaf, and who curtreyed and said nothing after her wont, took his accustomed seat by the peet fire which hardly threw out enough band as a mere trifler, and apparently light or warmth to raise a man's spirits looked upon by the wife only as a runon this cheerless evening.

"Ye're on your way to the hoose, sie?" inquired Jock, after a minute's silence, during which he eyed Sir Alexander with cold dignity.

"Yes, but I think I shall stay at the cottage tonight. I'm not in the mood for that ionely seven miles on a wet



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him and held him like a vise.

out no struggled with himself, pulled putting on her hat quickly and then

himself together, and rushed at the door of the hut, which he pushed quickly open. Jock seemed to have been waiting for him. He stared at his master. By a great effort Sir Alexander, while he could not dissemble the pallor of his face, managed to control his

to looking upon her face in the new,

"Lady Auchlean has come-is inside! the cottage," he said in a perfectly dry, calm manner. "Tell her I am here, and will see her as soon as I have made myself presentable. "Yes, sir," said Jock; and he disap-

peared like a mechanical doll, leaving

his master in doabt whether he ought not to have flown at the man's throat. For he knew something-must know something- had connived, perhaps-Sir Alexander, as the thought seized "Auld and goaded him, dashed out of the hut Fan or myself will hat to go down to and presented himself inside of the cotthe village to get something to eat—" tage so quickly that Jock had only just "No, no: I'll take my share of what time to give his message, and Lady you've got for yourselves. I'm not in Auchlean was still suffering from the but a gloomy day the mood for eating," interrupted his paroxysy of terror into which it had thrown her. Jock looked at him narrowly, with a

Her husband, appearing suddenly be fore her, was struck by her appearance by her startling beauty, as if she had been a stranger. She had lit the candies, two on the table and two on the high, narrow shelf over the fireplace, and in the flickering light the dialike that, as if your eyes would drop monds in her ears sparkled, and her blue eyes shone; and her fair hair, dis-



ordered by the wind, made a sort of hazy cloud about her head and face. She had taken off her hat, which she held in her hands, and had loosened the

tweed jacket she was wearing. And Sir Alexander, looking at als wife with new and startled eyes, realized for the first time that, though there is many a wife in the world who may be neglected, his wife was not the sort of woman to be neglected long. The question was, how far had she

Not jealous of his wife's love, but of his own honor, he trembled for the answer to this question. How many meetings had there been in this lonery cottage among the hills? One or two, perhaps-perhaps a dozen. He must control himself, and presently he would know all. The lover would come, and then the truth would be out, and the And then for the divorce court, Auch-

a sort of walking nightmare, saw it nently adjusted will atone for any small Sir Alexander new left Lady Auchall before him-scandal, worry, dis-

sion in the highlands, as well as a hand- ing face, put ideas into her subtle weeks ago the large Delaware and Hud-"Why, Alexander, surely it isn't you? stroyed by fire. Really you? I feel as if it must be roofed with iron from the Pittston Iron

Buckinghamshire?" feel rather tired and stiff after the though she smiled invitingly up in his railroad company's officials that the face, Jock, with his eyes in front of entered the long, narrow room which him, had taken himself off dumbly,

stiffly. He tried to speak unsuspiciously, not

wishing to spoil his later effect. She turned to a Turkish mirror which hung liery at Mill Creek had been sold to on the wall opposite to the window, the Delaware and Hudson Coal comand began to button up her coat. "I came over for a walk; and I want | once. The Waddell Coal company owned

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tea. But I don't think I'll wait for that coming rapidly round to the door. "Aren't you coming with me?" and she looked at him with a smile which at any other time he would have thought winning. "It isn't very often, you know, that I get my husband for an escort." Sir Alexander was taken aback. Did she mean to reproach him? or was this merely impudence, the effrontery of a

brazen woman? He stammered as he tried to answer. He was bewildered, did not know what to say. But he stood between her and the door, and did not move for her to pass out. The thought which was in his mind, struggling with certain new impressions of his wife, which, in these strange circumstances he was receiving, was that he must keep her here un-

til her lover came. So he shook his head, and directed he with a decisive gesture, to sit down. "We will carry out your first plan, said he, shortly. "You shall have tea

here-with me. (To be concluded.)

### INDUSTRIAL.

Philadelphia Inquirer: The establishment of peace in the anthracite trade would undoubtedly be followed by efforts to secure better results in the soft coal business. The demoralization in the tidewater bituminous coal trade exceeds anything ever seen before. One company, the Norfolk and Western, is already in receivers' hands; another, the Baltimore and Ohio, has had to be assisted; the Chesapeake and Ohio and all the rest are doing badly. The Pennspivania alone is doing well, and that is only because it is lined with manufactories, which furnish an immense amount of finished products. The situation has become so bad that there is no money in the business for either the miner or the carrier. Tentative propositions have already been made looking to the better regulation of the trade this year, and as all the sort coal roads are members of the Trunk Line association there is no doubt as to their unanimous desire to secure better rates. The movement to advance rates for railroad service seems universal. With through business regulated by the Trunk Line association, coal prices advanced and bituminous rates restored, the whole railroad situation in this section of the country would be radi-cally changed. The effect of these changes upon the values of railroad se curities would be so important that any estimate of their influence at this time would be inadequate, if not impossible

Much interest is manifested in the call for a meeting of the anthracite coal carriers Thursday. The feeling of Wall street is that the matter is now in strong hands and little difficulty will be found in putting the trade on a sucstantial and permanent basis. The reason for the belief lies in the fact that the interests which have hitherto prevented an agreement are now in the hands of people who have interests in other coal roads as well as in the one which prevented a settlement last spring. The Reading's claim to 21 per cent. of the output is, by some operators, regarded as excessive; they think 20 per cent. is the utmost the road is entitled to. It is generally believed that the question of shares in the output will o settled by the large interests, and that injustice in the division.

Meanwhile, the hesitating manner in Pitston Gazette: The durability of with a house in Doverstreet and a man- which he stood, his silence, his inquir- iron as roofling is surprising. A few son coal pockets at Carbondale were de-The building was your ghost! I thought you were in Rooffing company's works, and after the fire the roofling, warped all out of She laughed, perhaps rather hysteri- shape, was thrown upon the refuse cally, and came round the table, close heap. A representative of the roofling ready, and the baronet, beginning to to him. He did not offer to touch her, company visited the scene, and told the rooffing could be fixed up. It was shipped here and run through the ma-"I was in Buckinghamshire this chines at the roofling works and now morning," answered Sir Alexander, covers the new pockets at Carbondale, "But I've come back, as you as good as ever. A year or so ago the see. And what-what are you doing Iron rooffing on a burned breaker near Mill Creek was similarly dealt with.

> It is announced that the Waddell colpany, the transfer to take place at

the plant, but leased the coal land. Both are now in the hands of the Delaware and Hudson company, which, it is said, will also mine through ...is shaft the tract of coal which formerly was mined from the Laurel Run shaft at Parsons, but which recently passed out of the hands of the Delaware and Hudson company.

The audit of Special Master Crawford. of the cash account of the Reading receivers for November shows receipts for the railroad of \$4,607,049, including balance of \$1,475,126 carried forward. The payments were \$3,129,425, leaving a balance of \$1.477.624 carried forward to Dec. 1. The account of the Coal and Iron company shows total receipts of \$3,115,150, including a balance of \$420,-229 carried forward. The payments were \$2,654,379, leaving a balance of \$460,771 carried forward to Dec. 1.

The Pennsylvania railroad reports that the quantity of coal and coke origlnating on and carried over its line east of Pittsburg and Erie for the year thus far has been 677,835 tons, compared with 750,165 tons in the corresponding period of 1895, a decrease of 72,30 tons, of which 505,350 tons were coal, a decrease of 31,-🕬 tons, and 172.485 tons coke, a ue crease of 41,160 tons

The Pocahontas Coal company, which represents the Norfolk and West ern field, has contracted with the Illinois Steel company for the delivery of 30,000 tons of coke a month during 1896. which will be shipped from cakhorn to Chicago,

The coal shipments over the Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad last week were 35,712 tons, an increase of 6,335 tons over the same week last year. For the year to date the shipments are 102,155 tons, an increase of 16,357 tons over last year.

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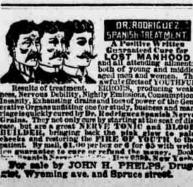
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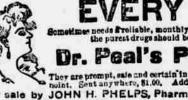
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