

The public never understands such things.

The public understands them perfectly." I replied, angrily, "The pub-lic knows that the Union has got its grip upon the smaller company and has squeezed it to death; that every man who has put a dollar into the Twenty-seventh street road will lose it-has lost it, in fact-and that the whole



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transaction is a mass of political bribery, commercial dishonesty and eva-sion of law. I am not yet sure that the law has been successfully evaded; but whether it has or not, I certainly be-lieve that if my uncle does not shake you off within a year, he will overstep the mark and disgrace the family name. Stalbridge, you reptile, what is the se-

cret of your influence over him?" "I have no influence," he replied, "I am only his employe. You know very well that I am really no more than a confidential clerk."

"I know the contrary." said I. "Can you deny that this whole surface road conspiracy was devised and executed by yourself?"

"Some matters of detail were, in-deed, left to me," he began; but I inter-

"The truth is not in you!" I cried. "I know very well what your part in this has been. 'It is the last of fifty such schemes, every one of which---" "Made your uncle richer," he said, breaking in upon me. "He is soid.

breaking in upon me. "He is now many times a millionaire." 'I'm not so sure of that." I returned

t would interest me a great deal know how much of those dishonest gains stands in his name and how muc in yours. I mistake you most seriously if you have not taken the llon's share."

"He has been generous with me, said Stalbridge; "but I am not richyet.

There has been one conspicuous in stance in this city," said I, "in which a rascal like yourself, who started with nothing but a rich man's favor, in



"Mr. Davis must have gone out," he said. "Will you wait for him?" He drew out his key and tried to put of humanity known as into the lock, but it met an obconsumption, and you can be cured. There is

stacle. "There's a key on the inside," he whispered. "He must be there, after all

hundreds of liv-ing witnesses to the fact that, in At that moment I heard something fall with a faint ring on the carpet within, and following that sound there came a low, sobbing cry, and then a crash

the fact that, in all its early stages, consump-tion is a curable disease. Not every case, but a large percentage of case, and we believe Mann cases, and we believe, fully of per cent. are cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Dis-covery, even after the disease has pro-gressed so far as to induce repeated bleed-ings from the lungs, severe lingering cough with contours expectation (including the

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crash. Stalbridge, who, because of his strange stature, was bending over the lock, suddenly straightened up, and turned almost around. He leaned against the door. I had never seen a live man's face look as his looked then. The heard was thoroughly frishtaned The hound was thoroughly frightened. I seized the key out of his hand; un-locked the door, and flung it open. As I did so, a door upon the other side of with copious expectoration (including tu-bercular matter), great loss of flesh and ex-treme emaciation and weakness. Do you doubt that hundreds of such cases the room closed with a snap. This I perceived mechanically, for my gaze was riveted upon my uncle. He was on his knees beside his desk,

reported to us as cured by "Golden Med-ical Discovery" were genuine cases of that dread and fatal discase? You need not take He was on his kneet bestde his desk. his face turned toward me. One hand clutched the desk for support; the other was pressed upon his breast. He knew me—I could read it in his eyes. He tried to speak, but only gasped; and then fell forward on his face. our word for it. They have, in nearly every

Death proclaimed himself in that heavy fall. Even the manner of it was evident, at least to my eye, which is not holly untrained.

I knew that my uncle had died of a wound from a sharp-pointed weapon. Instantly I knelt by his side and turned him upon his back. The rush of blood was dreadful. It came straight from the heart.

fit, or had only see ted to benefit a little for a short time. Extract of malt, whiskey, and various preparations of the hypo-phosphites had also been faithfully tried world could not help him. My All the thought flashed to the murderer, and I remembered the closing of that door on the instant of our entrance. I sprang toward it; beat it down, and rushed into the little room beyond. n vain.

It was entirely empty. There was no other door but that by which I had entered. I ran to an open window, and looked down a sheer wall to a paved

own upon the corpse of his benefac-

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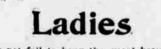
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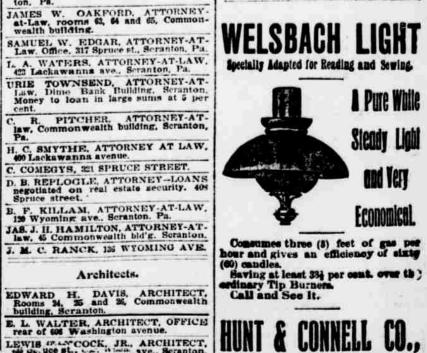


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