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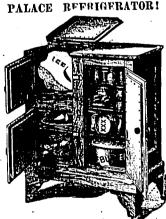
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CHAPTER I. | He referred to their single servant.

man laboring under great excitement was walking burriedly up Broadway, New York. His features were flushed and convulsed, his glances with and restless, his whole mien indicative of lean except. icative of keen anguish.
Turning to the right into Bleecker street, he soon reached a plain three story and basement brick house, to which he gave himself

"Two just received bad news, replied to brother, leading the way into the parlor— "news which has given meaterrible shock." "Blocked? You! What has happened?" "In a word, Clara Aymar is married!" "Married!" echoed the sister, recoiling. "Clara Aymar married! Is It possible?"
"Yes, married! the girl! 've been laying siege to for years nat—the only girl! I ever cared a pin for. I magine the shock this event gives me. I'm nearly crazy."
"Then you really loved her?"

". oved her! I must have worship red her, or else this thing would not have so complete. ly upset me."
"Oh as to that, the loss of a thing always "Oh as to that, the loss of a thing always gives us an exaggerated notion of its value." said the sister philosophically, as she sank languidly into an easy chair, and smoothed out a fold in her showy morning robe. "You are simply shocked, as you say. But by tomorrow you will laugh at the whole matter."
"Don't Ruth!" implored the brother, sink-loss of the property into the nearest chair. "Clare Don't Ruth!" implored the brother, sinking heavily into the nearest chair. "Clara Aymar is more to me than my life! My love for her is a delirium! It's no such passing fancy as you suppose, but an everlasting passion—a rage—a flool of molten lava! And I'vo counted all along upon marrying her. Frue, she has rejected me twize, but I thought she'd change her mind—"
"She was in no way committed to you?"
"No, of course not. She has never given me any encouragement. But I am none the less surprised. I supposed that everything was favorable enough to my weshes. I knew that she was still young to marry—an orphan

that she was still young to marry—an orphan—without money and without friends—presumably without suitors; and I flattered myself that she couldn't always remain—insensible to

my attentions."

You reasoned wisely enough, of course. Luke; but reason never decides these mat-ters," declared the sister, with a sort of conters, accompassion. "A whim—a chance-meeting—a smile or a word—a moment's weakness—any trifle—these are the things by which marriages are brought about. But who is the bridegroom?"

"Ah! that's a point that will touch you little. I think. Can't you guess who he is?

"I have s't the least idea."

"Well, then, he's Will. Hawley."

The sister sprang abruptly to her feet, clasping both hands to her heart. The changing colors of her brother, his agitation, his an guish, all passed to her own features.

Will, Hawley?" she gasped. "Oh, you don't mean it Luke!" "But I do though. It's God's truth. Clara Ayrona and Will. Hawley are husband and wife."

When the Blood Results, with recket-like yielence to the how, canalog had dissiled, vortige and dissiled, vortige and dissiled. A heavy fall succeeded. The sister had a light, it is a certain size that a will, without his constant its private and transfer and trans

than to his own merits.

Miss Ruth Pedder was two years younger than her brother, and consequently twenty-five years of age, although she owned to only twenty. She was tall, thin, and a little in clined in her outlines, as in her temper, to angularity. She was not particularly bright, but she was bold and unscrupulous, and possessed a fierce energy which was capable of compensating in any emergency for lack of tern us.

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The father of the couple had been a prominent ship-owner and merchant. But in his latter days the sonior Pedder had been unfortunate, and had finally been broken up completely—a result hastened, it was whispered, by the wild ways and financial irregularities of his son. The old man's faiture had soon been followed by his death, and already—for such is fame !—he was generally forgotten.

"How odd it is!" ejaculated Capt. Pedder, as he rubbed his sister's cold hands. "She hadly in love with Wit. Hawley, and I crazy after clara Aymar! And now Will, and Clara are married, and Ruth and I are left out in the cold."

Under the vigorous treatment he had adopted, hiss Pedder soon recovered her senses.

"Are you sure they're married!" she de manded.

OPerfectly. I learned the fact half an hour since from dawley's commander—Captain Greggs, you know. Captain Greggs was at the wedding. It took place last Friday evening—the very evening after Hawley's return fr. m his last voyage to Rio. It was a quiet affair. Only a few friends were invited. But let me ask you a question. Did Hawley ever propose to you?

oropose to you?"
No. But I expected that he would soon "No. But I expected that he would do to. He has been here often enough..."
"Yes, he came several times to ask me-for a berth in my clipper. I promised to think of him at the first opening, and I really meant to help him, for I knew in a general way that

to help him, for I knew in a general way that you liked him."

'I thought he'd realize that you could be of service to him," explained Miss Pedder.

'I thought he'd remember that mother left me this house and a few thousand dollars to do as I pleased with. I was conscious, too, that I possessed a fair share of personal attractions. And as I supposed him to be entirely heart-free, I took it for granted that I should get him. His attentions seemed marked enough..."

should get him. His attentions scener," in terenough—"

"He treated you politely, of course," in terrupted l'edder, "and as couldn't have well
done less, after asking me to befriend him.
But he never made any formal declaration?"

"No, he d dn't. As mate of a Rio ship, he
was away seven eighths of the time, and I
didn't expect a regular courtship. But I took
it for granted—"
Pedder made an impatient gesture.

"We've deceived ourselves," he muttered.
"We've been carried away by our feelings.
The girl's rejection of me was really intended

The girl's rejection of me was really intended to be final, and Hawley's visits here were m-rely visits to business and triendship. But why clara should prefer Hawley to me I can't imagine," added Pedder drawing himself up haughtily. "Hawley has neither name, nor money, nor position!" haughtily. "Hawley has neither name, nor money, nor position!"
"Nor can I see why Hawley should prefer Clera Aymar to me!" said Miss Pedder, as she glanced at her refi ction in one of the long mirrors near her. "She's a hired attendent, or some thing of that kind—the creatur."
"I'd no idta that you thought so much of Hawley." Observed the brother, as he strove to calm his pa nful emotions.

Miss Pedder moaned. Her eyes filled with lears.

"I thought all the world of him," she murmured.

A long silence fell between the couple.

Well, well, they're husband and wi.e," at length muttered Pedder hoarsely.

I suppose, is all there is to be said."

Miss Pedder compressed her lips until they bled, staring at her brother with a fixedness. amounting to ferocity.

"No | no!" she breathed fiercely. "The matter shell not end here. That marriage-

that also inable marriage—'

Pedder opened his eyes widely.

"Why, what can w. do?" he queried. "You wouldn't have me murder Hawley, I suppose? That wouldn't make him your husband. And. on the other hand, it wouldn't do me any good it you were to kill Clara Aymar."

"But there is a way, Luke. of undoing that marriage."

Pe lder started toward his sister, as If electrified.

"Do you mean it?" he demanded.

"I mean it, and I swear it I 'I'l never consent to that girl's having Hawley. I'll dig a sent to that girl's having Hawley. I'll dig a

She's out for the day," answered Mis-

Pedder, arising and planting herself in a chair.
"There was little to do, you know, as I did
not expect you home until dinner."
"Then no one will hear us." He drew a chair nearer to that of his sist and sat down beside her.

"What's your idea?" he asked in a whisper.

"My idea is to soparate them; to turn their love to hate; to dig a pit beneath their feet that will remain open forever!"

"But how?" d sat down beside her.

ment brick house, to which he gave limited admittance.

"Are you there, Ruth?" he called from the hall.

A step was heard overhead, followed by the rustling of a dress, and a young lady descended the front stairs. Despite several points of marked contrast, there was a family likeness about the couple that proclaimed them to be brother and sister.

"Why what's the matter, Luke?" cried the latter, starting at sight of the disturbed countenance that met her view. "Are you lil?"

"I've just received bad news," replied the brother, leading the way into the parlor—"news which has given mea terrible shock."

"Shocked! You! What has happened?" Pedder. "He can get better wages at sea than elsewhere. He'll sall again soon, no

doubt."
"I thought as much. And the sea is full of terrible dangers! When do you sail again for Australia?" Australia?"
"In about two weeks—possibly in ten days, as the ship's filling up rapidly."
"Hawley is thoroughly competent to be your first mite?" Pidder looked wonderingly at his sister moment, and then answered:
"Of course. I know of no better man for

"Of course. I know of no better man for the post."

"He must be your first mate, then. You have influence enough with your owners, I hope, to term out the prevent incumbent?"

"Winy, the post is already vacant. Mr. Jarding—you have seen him—Mr. Jarding has just been called home suddenly to Ohio, on account of his father's illness—"

"Good! That's fortunate. You must recommend Hawley for the vacant place to your owners, and get them to engage him. The thing can be done."

"Without the least doubt. It was understood, you know, as I just now remarked, that

Without the least doubt. It was understood, you know, as I just now remarked, that I was to help Hawley at the first opportunity. We'll accordingly suppose that he sails with me as first mate the next voyage. What then?"

"You must leave him—not dead, but a prisoner—on some desert island between here and Australia. Pedder looked his astonishment.
'If it can he done," he said, aftet a pause,

"If it can be done," he said, after a pauce, "what next?"
"You must come back and report that he is dead, furnishing full details and good proofs. Those details and proofs will not be difficult to manufacture. Then you must be all kindness and sympathy to the young widow, as she will sup osse herself to be, and in less than a year and sympathy to the young widow, as she will sup ose herself to be, and in less than a year thereafter she will be your wife."

"Oh, if this thing were possible!" sighed Pedder, beginning to look relieved.

"Possible? It's as simple as kissing. And the moment you are married to Chara, I will take a trip to Australia for my health, and naturally enough, stumble upon the very island where you have left Hawley; effect his rescue; tell him his wife is dead; condole and sympathize with him like an angel; and conclude the whole comedy by becoming his wite and settling in Australia. "You'll thus have your Clara on this side of the ocean, and I shall be nappy with Hawley on the other."

She was smiling now, with every sign of an icipated triu uph.

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As to Pedder, he twisted nervously in his

and a glorious one it is for our purpose."

It will be easy for you to get Hawley upon it." and it is nearly your route, you can be been different third by unknown currents, or tetch up there there by adverse winds, or be drifted there by unknown currents, or tetch up there they unknown currents, or tetch up there they unknown currents, or tetch up there there by a metake in your reckoning or a fault in your chro. ometer. And once there, you can have flawley sit zed by some trusty agent, while he is ashore upon business, or you-can have flawley sit zed by some trusty agent, while he is ashore upon business, or you-can send him ashore under some pretence, such as looking for a deserter from the ship or for a shipwrecked sailor, and then sail away with out him."

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ber—had gathered in groups, mostly forward and were gazing with great interest upon the valled and maintained before you. It believe that to day there stands no party from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the sunny sount, from one end to the other end of the continent; there is no voice lifted against the principles that to day there stands no party from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the ship had come here for water, nearly all her watercasks having been since that date upon short allowance.

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with im—"
"ay no more," interrupted Pedder, with
wild exultation. "I see how to manage the
affair from its beginning to its end."
"And you now see that we can undo that
hateful marriage?"
"Perfectly—perfectly. The affair will re
quire a little time and patience, of course, and
a little expenditure of money, but we are sure
to triumph. Capital I glorious I What alond
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Ile leaped to his feet and began pacing to and fro rapidly, with the most extravagant signs and exclamations of joy.

"First to get lawley on his island," re sumed Miss Pedder musingly. "Next for you to marry the pretended widow. Then for me to rescue the prisoner and marry him. And finally for yeu and me to be happy, you in your way and I in mine—you with Clara in New York, and I with Will. in Australia. You comprehend the whole project clearly?"

"From the first step to the hist. There's only just one possibility of failure—"

"And that one?"

"A refusal on Hawley's part to accept the post offered him—a refusal based upon his

Its mountains are only of moderate height, but are capped eternally with snow.

Its vegetation is limited to a few dwarfish plants, including same mosses, a species of lichen, a coarse grass, a plant resembling a small cabbage, and a sort of cress. Its winds are raw and piercing, its summers cold and frosty, its winters those of the Polar Circles.

The interior of the island is occupied by immense buggy awamps, where the ground a nks

at every step.

The rains in Desolation are almost incesannt, in their season, and the island is accordingly velued with numerous torrents of fresh water, some of which have worn out of the solid rock tremendous cavities and gullies. The only other season than that of the rain s one of almost constant snow. is one of almost constant snow.

The togs of that ghastly region are well worthy of the rains, being of a cloud-like density, and hovering almost continually over the whole face of the island.

The sun of Desolution is usually hidden by a property of lest sent and a property of the sun of the sun

a canopy of lead-colored clouds, and appears, on the rar- occasions when it is visible, scarcely orighter than the moon in other latitudes. As o the moon itself, and the stars, the clouds and fogs rarely permit them to betray their xistence.
No fish worthy of note, not even fishes of prey, abound in the adjacent waters, by reason, perhaps, of their containing poisonous minerals, or deadly exhalations from the volcanic fires beneath them.

Yet the dark grim sea inclosing Desolation

Penguins, ducks, gulls, cormorants and other marine birds are plentifut in some of its Strange and terrible land!
Not a single human being, so far as is known has ever lived there, save as is now to be re orded in these pages.

Near the middle of a dull, dismal afternoon,

has done something to repair the sterility

some eleven weeks later than the date of the preceding events, the good ship Flying Childers drew near to the island of Desolation, shaping her course toward its northernmos bay, calted by Captain Cook Christmas Har A fair breeze was blowing from the north. and the ship was carrying every stitch of her canvas, including studding-sails.

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the crew—both watches—were busy about the deck, and her passengers—a score in number—had gathered in groups, mostly forward and were gazing with great interest upon the wild, rugged shores before them, so far as the fog suspended upon those shores nermitted them to become visible.

The ship had come here for water, nearly all her watercasks having been stove or started during a squall ten days previously, and every soul aboard of her having been since that date upon short allowance. "I mean to get our water aboard, before dark, Captain Pedder, and so avoid losing a night here, said the young executive, totally unconscious of the plot to leave him alone on unconscious of the plot to leave him alone on the desolate Island, and of the extraordinary adventures which were before him. The strange events that happened there and indeed the whole of this thrilling story will be found only in the New York Ledger, which is now ready and for sale at all the book stores and news depots. Ask for the number dated July 13, and in it you will get the continuation of the story from the place where it leaves off here.

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It is a hundred miles in length by flfty in breadth, and is consequently three or four times as large as Rhode Island.

Its coasts are so wild and dangerous that its discoverer, during the two expeditions that is discoverer, during the two expeditions that he made to it, did sot once bring his ships to anchor in any of its bays and harbors.

Its sliape is very irregular, but something like that of an hour-glass, it being nearly cut in two by a couple of large bays; but these two divisions are unequal in size, the northern peninsula being much larger than the southern.

Its coast line is wildly broken and jagged, its innumerable gulfs being long and narrow, and its promontories are correspondingly sharp and slender, reaching out into the ocean like

Its coast line is wildly broken and jagged, its innumerable gulfs being long and narrow and its promontories are correspondingly sharp and slender, reaching out into the ocean like dingers.

The body of the island indeed resembles that of some buge monster of the antedituvian world, even as he capes and headlands resemble such a monster's unsightly limbs and claws.

A more terrific solitude than this isle of Desolation does not exist upon our wrecked plant.

Neither the snows of Himalaya nor the sands of Sabara can outvie its terrors.

No inha litant is there, not even a savage—no house, no tree, no shrush, no fonce nor road, nor field nor garden, no horse, no dog—not even a snake or a wolf.

Lone, blasted and barren, it looks like the skeleton of a land that has perished.

It may ir deel be that Desolation is the relic—the surviving tragment—of a continent that went down here countless ages ago, with bosts of Inhabitants, in some vast convulsion of nature.

It has certainly undergone dreadful visitations; been rent by earthquakes, pulverized by frosts, lashed and wasted by flerce tempers s.

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publication of the Register—a newspaper in this city with which my name was for a long time associated. Twenty-two years ago the people elected me a delegate to the Constitu-tional Convention that framed the State Con-stitution under which we now live. It was before there were now and allowance gritation in stitution under which we now live. It was before there was any anti-slavery agitation in this country; when it was proposed in that Constitution, an article providing that no colored person should ever step on the soil of this free State of Indiana, I for one, though then young in years, rose in my place and branded it with the condemnation it deserved. [Cheers.] I said then that such a provision pranded it with the condemnation it deserved. [Cheers.] I said then, that such a provision in the Constitution of a free State was a dishonor to it; that such a provision in the Constitution of a civilized State was a disgrace to it; and in behalf of the people of this county I denounced it, and continued to denounce it, and, although it received 8,000 majority in this district, and 90.000 majority in this State. and, although it received 8,000 majority in this district, and 90,000 majority in this State, yet I folt assured that in the advancing march of civilization in this country and in this State, there would come a time when no man in the broad confines of Indiana would not blush to acknowledge any such constitutional provision. I denounced the proposition then, and rejoice that it has since been trampled upon

rejoice that it has since been trampled upon by the judicial tribunals of our State, as a scandal and a disgrace.

There has been one principle that has ever animated me and strengthened me, as I have traveled over and over again through this band country, and enoken twolve hundred broad country, and spoken twelve hundred times in half the States of the Union. One times in hair the States of the Onion. One principle has ever been paramount in every pledge I made to you, and that has been to elevate the down-trodden, to uplift the op-pressed, to enfranchise the enslaved, and to make our country and institutions greater and grander by recognizing the equality of the grander by recognizing the equality of the humblest of all persons within its confines.

me, ever guarding my name against any attack, any suspicion, and making me feel that
t had a position in thousand of hearts in this
region of which any man could feel proud.
And, my friends, it is a happy thought that
for all the years I have been before you, you
have honored me by steadily increasing ma-

publican institutions have conferred upon this country, and which seems now so secure. And now, my friends, I scarcely know what else to say, except that I thank you for this manifestatism of your regard for me. I have spoken to you in this general way, and I can add, for the many persons politically opposed to me who honor this meeting by their attendance, that however we may have differed in contests in the past I have slways realized a feeling of kindness, of good-will, of brotherhood, among those most strongly opposed to me in the town and county in which I have lived.

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humblest of an personal life in the little in the midst of arduous and exciting contests, felt the magnetism of your support-

jorities, here where you have for over thirty years known my daily life, my principles, and all my shortcomings.

Let me now join you in congratulation of the final triumph of the principles I have so often vindicated and maintained before you.

speech of Vice-President Colfax.

My Neighbors and Friends.

I scarcely know how to speak to you, with the full and overflowing heart which I have to-night, to thank you for this renewed evidence of the regard in which you have held me for so many years, and to tender to you my gratitude for a life time of unwavering confi lence and affectionate esteem.

When I started from Washington for this beautiful city, that I love to think of as my home, I was telegraphed that the good people here desired to welcome me on my arrival at the depot in your city, with a reception. I answered, that under present circumstances, I very much preferred to come to my home quietly, and to retire to that private life which tretches before me now; but, I found on my arrival, that in spite of that protest, 'they de-

legales afterward that "I knew how it was myself now," and that I could now fully appreciate the saying, but that I should bear the defeat philosophically, and give my cordial support to the ticket nominated there. [Loud cheers.]

I have too often stood before you in our lave given me to-night—for the welcome which you have given me to-night—for the welcome to you have given me to-night—for the welcome which you have given me to-night—fo