# The Lawyer's Scheme

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CHAPTER I.

"Would anybody else like to look

The gruesome invitation uttered in the husky voice of Sandy Wright, the undertaker, set the lawyer's teeth on edge. He was standing just with-In the door of the darkened room where the mourners were assembled, and as Sandy spoke he caught him by the arm and whispered in his

"Surely this is unnecessary. Miss Murray wouldn't like it." And at the same moment he cast a pitying glance towards the far corner of the room where the orphaned daughter sat, in a drooping attitude, a pathetic figare of grief.

But Sandy was irrepressible. "Hoots! She'll no mind. It's aye dune; and Miss Murray hersel' gae me orders to see that everything was done in the usual way."

At last all was over, and the company were on their feet ready to go. The undertakers, with what seemed unnecessary noise, had taken the coffin with the old Dominie's body through the narrow lobby of the house out to the garden in front where the company were assembling to carry it to the old kirkvard beside the loch and the ancient tree-shaded

Sydney Anstruther waited till the last to shake hands with Edith Murray and whisper a word to her before he went. She was standing at the door of the room, her pale, refined face looking whiter by contrast with her sable garments, but he noticed that she was not weeping; by a strong effort she had maintained her self-control. But the few words of sympathy he uttered made her lips twitch and her eyes fill with tears, and she thanked him in a broken

"There are some things—business to talk over," he added; "but I won't come back to-day. I will leave them over till next week," and she bowed her mute appreciation of his kind-

It was a bright winter day, and a goodly number had gathered to carry the old Dominie to his beautiful resting-place. But as Sydney Anstruther walked . ith them to the grave his thoughts were more with the daughter who had been bereaved than with the old man who had been taken How well he remembered the day on which he had first met Edith Murrayl

It was fifteen years ago since he had come to Dunthorpe, a young lawyer from Edinburgh, to take up a business and the agency of a bank; and Mr. Murray, the old Dominie, had been one of the first to welcome him. His only daughter, Edith, was then a lovely golden-haired girl, who had just finished school, with cheeks like twin roses and bits of blue heaven for her eyes; a laughing, happy-hearted maiden, whose friendship had always been a delight to him, and had served to brighten the otherwise dull and monotonous existence he led in Dunthorpe. He had watched her grow up into womanhood, and his admiration for her had chafacter; for though an only child, and much indulged by her father she was in no way spoiled; and, though educated to a higher degree than most young ladies in the place was not ambitious to shine in any way, but was content to be a good housekeeper.

But now-his heart was sore for her-for she would have to go out into the world and earn her living, and the thought of it filled him with dismay and foreboding. That was the one thing to be prevented if posalbie, and he set his brains a steep to see if he could contrive a plan by which it might be obviated.

"I have been looking into your father's affairs, Miss Murray," said Sydney Anstruther. They were sitting together in "The Laurels." the old Dominie's cottage, a week after the funeral. "He left no will, but that doesn't matter, for, of course,

for me to live on comfortably; abouta hundred and twenty a year, he said I might reckon on, and that will be quite sufficient. What I would like would be if you would just take charge of it all for me, and pay me the income quarterly."

"So you just intend to stay on

and I couldn't bear to leave the

"Oh, yes. I've thought it all over and I have had several offers already:

help me."

"A first-rate plan," he said. But he avoided her gaze, and toyed with the papers before him on the table and drew a long breath like one who seemed embarrassed and ill at ease. Then in a hesitating and difficult fashion he want as:

at the corpse before it is nailed did investment for me; the shares sown?" were to bring in five per cent; that would be sixty pounds a year. He was counting on that when he estimated my income at a hundred and

> "Ah! yes; I see. The fact is, Miss Murray, I would like to-; would you mind selling me those shares; I will give you, let me see, say fifteen hundred for them, and put the money in a less speculative investment. That amount at four per cent. will bring you in the same income, and it will be safer for you. You see those shares weren't fully paid up, and there's a liability for "calls" attaching to them, and as you have no would have to get rid of them, so you may as well sell them to me. it out. Shall we hold that as agreed? I took Bu it for granted that you would, and brought the papers here for you

Edith would as soon have thought of doubting the solvency of the in love with his landlady's daughter, Bank of England as of suspecting a silly creature with nothing in her. Sydney Anstruther of any practices," but her eyes were keen and her mind was alert, and she

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Affecting Morals.

Women love dress because they enjoy the admiration of men and the chagrin of other women.

Life without love is a forest deep, Where songbirds never wake or sleep, Where all is silence, shadow, gloom. That makes of life a soulless tomb.

People who are always reaching out for greater things parely have sense enough to grasp those at hand.

Girls,—'Tis better to have loved them all Than never to have loved at all.

A woman may not reason; but she can render decisions that would put a Supreme Court justice out of business.

An ordinary mortal may try to represent himself as an angel who chanced to alight on the wrong perch.

Many women are like walking dolls with phonograph

When a man is a rank failure, he always blames some

It would take an awful lot of soft soap and silver sand to

If some people could not have their say, they would

When a man thinks that he understands woman, he

Some people go through life as if driven by a blind bridle.

course I know he comes here pretty often too—my count said so to me, but I told her to mind her own busiess. It's natural he should come to see you, Miss Murray, when your father and he were such friends; but I did wonder to find him going to Laird McGregor's. 'Hoots!' says my cousin, 'there need be use secret about it; he would like fine to marry the Laird's young leddy -they were dancin' thegither for oors at the last Volunteer Ball.' Oh. you needn't pay much attention to such talk as that, Miss Murray; there may be nothing in it, of course.

"Mr. Anstruther is surely at lib-erty to marry Miss MacGregor if he likes," said Edita. "For my part I consider he's quite her equal, though, of course, he can't have so much

'Just what I said myself, my dear, And to be sure she's very commonlooking and red-haired, and he's as handsome a man as is to be seen in the county. I was always wondering why he never got married; he must be forty if he is a day, and he could get his pick of the ladies of Dunthorpe for the asking."

Edith's cheeks burned, and she did her best to change the subject, but Barbara Grant was irrepressible. more capital to invest in them you She had just heard a piece of gossip, and was in agony, till she could get

"But the reason why he remains bachelor is no secret now," she added, nodding her head triumphantly, When he was a young fellow in Edinburgh living in lodgings he fell When he got more sense he wanted to wouldn't let him; and from that day could not help being struck by his to this she has prevented him marry-apparent nervousness, and by his ing anybody eise by threatening to

coming out. They tell me he's a It was a characteristic epistic, ill-great favorite with the Laird; oh, of spelt, jocular and impertment. pelt, jocular and impertment, but t conveyed the all-important news hat the woman to whom he had been so long bound by his word of honor had herself cut the bond by getting married to another. "So you are free now to do as you like." she con-cluded: "and you'll be fortunate if you get as good a match as I've got.

He rose to his feet and brenthed freely. A burden seemed to have been rolled off his head. And just at that moment Edith Murray's note was delivered to him, and he sped

There had been a storm for three days, but it was over, and the sun was shining brilliantly from a cloudless sky. The sound of the wind among the trees was music to Sydney's ears; there was in it nothing of the sadness of autumn when the wind s driving the dead leaves to their burial; it was full of hopefulness and joy as it sang reveille to the sleeping birds, and awoke new life in every herb and tree.

"Sydney," she said, looking at him very seriously. "I want you to tell me the truth about those shares. Was It the case that they were worth nothing when you paid me fifteen hundred pounds for them, and that you have lost still further on them!" He flushed hotly and frowned. 'Who-what mischievops body-has been talking?" he inquired; but she interrupted him.

'We have known each other long. Sydney, and I have a right to expect you to tell me the truth. You admit

"I was quite willing to do it," he said feebly.

"But was it right? Was it right to keep me in Ignorance of my real position? And to-humiliate me by making me live on charity"-(she (wallowed a sob and went on bravely) -"yes, charity, for I have been living all this time on your money, when I should have been earning my own living. It was kindly meant, I believe, but, oh, how could you think I would take it if I knew?" Her touching appeal unmanned him.

"Oh, my dear Edith!" he cried, selzing her hands in his; "I would do far more than that for you; I would give you all I have to make you happy."

"But-but-" she stammered, "I thought-you-" "That I was to marry some one

else? That's all over; I'm a free man, thank God; free to marry the woman I love-and have loved all these fifteen years. Oh, Edith, darling, will you be my wife?"

"Oh, Sydney!" she said, and her voice broke, "I was beginnig to fear you didn't care for me!" and with a sob of happiness, she hid her face upon his breast. And the silence that followed was too sweet to be broken by words.-The Dumfermline

## WORDS OF WISDOM.

The race for wealth merely leads to a mausoleum.

Spontaneous thoughts are often like the gun we didn't know was loaded.

The man who really appreciates single blessedness is doubly blessed. It's a pity that the self-made man doesn't always make himself agree-

There isn't anything more nerveracking than an old maid of fiftytrying to be cute.

The average woman is foolish about her age. It is better to tell it

Even a poet will stumble unless he

When a young man's heart is lacerated, look for the lass. It takes a certain amount of ability

to back up even a bluff. A girl may have teeth like pearls and still be as dumb as an oyster.

A sermon is sometimes based upon a text, and sometimes upon a pretext. Love laughs at locksmiths. In fact, locksmiths won't even keep the wolf from the door.

Time is money, but we can't pay on. debts with it. A fighting chance is all the average woman requires.

We wouldn't mind the unexpected if it didn't happen so often.

The trusts demonstrate that many a profit is without honor.

Success merely means hard work, but then so does the lack of it. A man may feel that he is standing up for his rights when he keeps

"Musings of the Greenwood Lake

Shooting Stars.

earth runs into and which are made

so hot by friction in the atmosphere

It is moving so fast that when it

strikes them the friction in the air is

above us in our atmosphere. Some-

times one is so large that it come

Shooting stars are not real stars at

Philosopher," in the New York Times. "He had; but Mr. Anstruther them than my father paid," all, but are small bodies which the

that they are burned up. The real How Edith Murray got her guest. stars, as those of the dipper, are very, to the door she never remembered; very far away, so far that no one knows the distance. They are bright but as soon as she was alone in the ouse she sat down at her desk and bodies like our sun, but seem like wrote a letter to Sydney, asking him points of light because they are so far to come and see her. And then she off. As the earth moves about the sat a long time in silence thinking. sun it frequently meets little bodies.

Sydney Anstruther had been en- stars, but are really only a few miles trapped into an engagement with his landlady's daughter. When he found out her true character he bitterly re- through the air, without being wholly pented. He declined to marry her, burned up, and fails on the ground,but she vowed at least she prevent him marrying anybody else. Nicholas. and she had never failed to send him an annual letter to keep him in mind of the action for damages which she held in terrorism over his head. And now he had hopelessly lost his heart to Edith Murray. But the bitter drop in his cup was that he could not tell her his love, for he could not endure the idea of dragging her

fair name into any scandal.

But his patient waiting was rewarded at last. One memorable morning in February a letter reached him in the handwriting he had learned to fear. He opened it trem-bilingly, but when he read its con-tents a fercent "Thank God!" ceNew Zealand Coal.

It is estimated that New Zenland has an available coal supply of 1,200. 000,000 tons, of which not more than 20,000,000 tons have been touched. This was the first of the British colonies to try the experiment of State ownership of colliery property.-En-

Those who are constrained to so licit for assistance are really to be oftied; those who receive it without, are to be envied; but those who beWHENCE CAME THEY?

Visit to Italian Towns Depopulated by Emigration.

Whence came they? Doubtless this question has framed itself in the minds of many persons as they have stood in front of the big immigration building on Ellis Island and watched the men, women and children in their foreign dress pouring across the plaza from the barges; to be swallowed up by the wide portals of the stationthree thousand, four thousand, five thousand, in the course of a cycle of twenty-four hours.

On May 31, last year, as I-stood in the "new port" at Naples the query framed itself in my mind. Before me moved a line of Italian men, women and children, two thousand strong, dragging bundles after them. A United States hospital surgeon, officially protecting the health of America-really advising the steamship companies, in addition, who would be rejected at Ellis Islandwas turning inside out the eyelids and running his hands through the hair of each as the line slowly passed him. The inspection card of each was duly stamped with the American consular seal, and one by one the procession of short, bronzed Sicilians and Calabrians filed out, the pamphletlike Italian passport in hand.

Whence came they? A few days later I was on the Palmera express bound for Calabria and

Arriving at Geso I walked down through the main street. It was almost as deserted as the streets of Pompeli. The appearance of an American drew forth from the dank, stone flagged houses scores of women, children and wrinkled old men. One was surprised to see so few young and middle-aged men. The reason was given by the syndic, or mayor. They were in America. A few years ago Gesso had a population of nearly six thousand persons. To-day the houses, with the worm-eaten wooden doors, are peopled by only about eighteen hundred women, children and old men, who are supported largely by money sent home from America by the able-bodied men who have gone hence

We stopped at Battiro, and a man beside the road, who had returned home after living several years in Buenos Ayres, sald that four hundred of its former population of fourteen hundred were in North and South America. From Monteleone, which stands on the site of the anclent Greek city of Hippo, five hundred had gone to both Americas and three times as many from the surrounding country. At Tiriolo from a former population of six thousand one thousand had found their way to Naples from their mountain home and sailed for America. The number is being increased by upward of two hundred each year.

Whence came they? The question is answered for one who has visited these communities, which are truly

deserted villages. In the beginning, apparently the emigrants were chiefly middle-aged men whose finances had reached a hopeless condition through poor crops and the payment of taxes, the demand for the latter being regular if the crops were not. They went to America, leaving their families' at home, in the hope of repairing their fortunes. Money began to back. Then the men themcome selves. They wore better clothing than they had ever worn before. They had watches and chains. More than that, they had money, greater amounts than they had ever before possessed. The younger men, observing the success of the older ones, reasoned that by going to the United States they could avoid the troubles of the older men, and at their age be comfortably well off. Then wives, sweethearts, brothers, sisters, parents, were sent for, and in course of time—the avalanche.— Herbert Francis Sherwood, in The Outlook.

## Children of the Army.

The conditions confronting officers and men who have children to educate are simply pitiful. Many an officer is at this moment in debt and paying interest on borrowed money so that he may send his son or his daughter to a good school, or keep them in some city where their education will be continuous and uninterrupted. No matter of domestic economy touches officers more deeply than this of the children's education.

It is true that the public schools of city, if the post be near a city, are generous in taking boys and girls in, and some do so for a tuition fee, but it is, nevertheless, a fact that an army officer cannot demand local school service as a right, because of his profession and his residence on a military reservation. Even when near a city, the post is outside of it, and the children spend from two to four hours daily traveling behind army mules to and from the schoolhouse.

The so-called "post schools," now established, and to which children are sometimes sent through absolute necessity because of isolation, are a farce, for the officer having the high sounding title of "Superintendent of Post Schools" is generally so fully occupied with other engaging military duties that he can give little or no attention to the school development and system, while the man who is teacher has usually never acted in that capacity before. - Army and Navy Life.

## The Parsees.

The Pacsess of to-day are the direct descendants, religiously, of the ancient Loroastrians of Persia. They still maintain the fundamental beliefs and ceremonies of the old faith. The odern Parsees number about 150. 000, the greater part of them being found in British India. Their moral and intellectual standing is high, ac-cording to the statements of all who have dealings with them .- New York American.

Little Deeds Important. It is sometimes good to be content with doing little; the great and splendid occasions in which a man can beneat his country are few; the hum-ble duties by which her beneat may advanced are of daily occurrence.

# **NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA**

JURORS FOR CAPITOL TRIAL.

- Harrisburg, (Special) - Sheriff. Dunkle and Jury Commissioners Klugh and Smith drew the jurymen from whom will be selected the jury to try the next Capitol conspiracy The men were drawn from the names put in the wheel on December

not required in Capitol trials will be used in regular Common Pleas trials. The Capitol trials will begin May 11. The list drawn contains the names of some well-known men, the bulk being men of a good order of intelligence, Among them are John K. Royal, former City Treasurer and

former Prothonotary; Henry C. Orth. former president of the Harrisburg School Board, and F. C. Frasch, prominent ice cream manufacturer.

## DOCTOR FINDS POISON.

Pottsville (Special). — Testimony was taken before Orphans' Court Judge Wilhelm on the contest of the of Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, of Mahanoy City, to show that Mrs. Holland was told that her son was poisoning her, and that she therefore changed her will, cutting out the son.

It is the second will which is contested, as Mrs. Holland's son claims that Dr. George W. Reese exercised undue influence over his mother. Dr. Reese testified that he found symptoms of polsoning in Mrs. Holland's On investigation, he said, a box of arsenic was found.

## TO OUST MITCHELL MEN.

Scranton (Special) .- It is declared that all Mitchell men who have been prominent in the local mine workers' union will be ousted by the new president, Thomas L. Lewis, and that men especially devoted to his interests will be installed in their

Among those who, it is declared, are slated to go are Adam Ryscavage vice president of District No. 1. receives no salary, but is paid \$4 a day for expenses as national organizer. Martin Memlo, T. R. Watkins and John B. Walsh, other national organizers, are said to have received notice of their dismissal.

## CHARGE DISCRIMINATION.

DuBols (Special) .- Attorneys began action at Clearfield against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on a charge of idscrimination. The dam-ages claimed by the prosecution aggregate \$330,000

There are five cases in all. The Walnut Coal Company, prosecutors in the first case, claim they were re-fused the right to place individual cars on the road. They ask \$100,000 damages. The other suits are brought for discrimination in the distribution of cars. The prosecutors are Puritan Coal Company, damages \$75,000; Steinman Coal Company. damages \$60,000; Hillman Coal & Coke Company, damages \$70,000; Clark Brothers Coal Mining Company, damages \$25,000.

## ENDS LIFE IN RIVER.

Lock Haven (Special) .- Mrs. William W. Weaver, of Hyner, wife of a president of the Karthaus Fire Brick Company, committed suicide by

drowning in the river. She arose at an early hour, pre-pared breakfast for the family and then went to the river nearby. ter tying one end of a rope about her body and the other to a clump of bushes she plunged into the water. Searchers found the rope and had no difficulty in receiving the body. The act was due to melancholy

EXPECT TWENTY BANDS. Shamokin (Special). - The comed for by different lodges throughout the State and that at least twice that number will be here for a big parade to comprise fully 10,000 men. Eight special trains have so far chartered from different towns and the railroads will run excursion

from death and two hotels were at stroyed in a fire at Conneaut Lake. old London buses.

The gold mine owners in South Africa have in three years spent over and outhouses were also destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$30,000. The fire was discovered just in time to allow the hotel guests to rush from the building in safety.

## Lost Job; Dies Heartbroken.

Pottsville (Special).-Heartbroken Pottsville (Special).—Heartbroken because he was thrown out of work in his old age and had no means of caring for his family. Frank Paubert died suddenly at Cressona. He was laid off at the Reading car shops at Schuyikill Haven, after forty-eight years of service, went home and cast himself upon his bed, where he rejected all efforts to cheer him, death soon following.

Opened the mine proved to be a pocket. All the gold was gone.

The world's production of gold was \$425,000,000 last year and continues to climb. A hundred years ago the yield was \$12,000,000. Eight years ago it was \$262,000,000. The world's stock of gold has doubted since 1893. In recent years the line of profit in working gold ores has been lowered from \$14 to \$12.

Plow Turned Up His Waten. Hamburg (Special). - One year of farmer John Schaner, Sr., of near Strause, this county, lost his watch on one of his fields. While plowing several days ago the timepiece was recovered by his son. It was unharmed by the long exposure to the elements of the weather, and is again running as before it was lost.

The distance is to be 12 miles, and the cost of construction will not be less than \$525,000 a mile. The rall-way company will have \$37,500,000 capital. A uniform fare of 2½ cents cent. for the shareholders.

When in 1789 Hadji Mirza Akast, then prime minister, ceded the sole right.

Vandels Wreck A Church. slashed valuable paintings.

Williamsport (Special). - Several attempts having been made recently to rob the post office at Unityville, this county. Postmaster Seward took to sleeping in the effice, and says he surprised Leroy Smith. 17 years old, in the act of unlocking the door. Smith was arrested and lodged in init here to await action by the postal authorities.

John Hackenburg, while cleaning a revolver at Portland Mills, Elk County, accidentally shot and killed his 5-year-old daughter.

## SHOT HIS SWEETHEART.

York, Pa. (Special) .- Because bis sweet heart, Miss Stivin Kenish, threatened to desert him, Antonic Pologovitch fired four bullets into ber oody and then fled. The shooting took place at Saginaw, about 13 miles north of this city. Rather than 6. Seventy-two were drawn, and have his sweetheart join a rival from these men will be selected juries for the contract cases. Those

The shooting took place at a lone-ly spot, and the woman dragged her-self for several miles over a rough country road before she could summon assistance. A physician who was summoned, seeing that her condition was critical, ordered her sent to the York Hospital, where she is now in a critical condition. Detectives are searching for the man. One of the bullets entered the woman's breast near the heart, two lodged in the right arm and another struck her

## FORGED TO GET PASS.

Pottsville (Special) .- In order to et transportation over the Philadelphia & Reading lines from Potts-ville to Catawissa, Michael O'Brien forged the name of George E. Fink, a fireman, to a telegram and forwarded it to Superintendent J. E. Turk, of the Shamokin division, ask-

ing for a pass.

Fink was found to be at work. When O'Brien inquired as to whether an answer had come to his message an officer placed him under arrest Justice McCool committed him to prison.

### ITEMS IN BRIDE.

Thirty or more young people of atasauqua presented "The Deestrick Catasauqua presented "The Deestrick Skule" in the Bridge Street Presbyterian Church. The proceeds of the play will be used to purchase a new heating plant for the church. players were trained by Mrs. M. Hammond, wife of the paster of the

Henry Forcum, a deaf mute, aged. 35, was run down and killed on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad tracks at Scranton. He was employed as a fireman at the Raymond Colliery and was on his way home from work when the locomotive struck him. Six months ago a deaf mute fireman employed by the same company was run down at the same hour of the day and under similar circumstances at Luzerne. Thirty thousand dollars will be

spent in beautifying the P. A. & S. Small building at York. The improvement will add greatly to the beautification of York's old Colonial Square, which marks the spot where the Continental Congress at one time sat and tranacted important business for the benefit of the Colonies.

The Senate Committee on Public Bulldings and Grounds has ordered reported a bill for a new Government building at Easton, to cost \$150,000

An Adams Express Company horse at Altoona in the agony of death from blood poisoning, seized the left arm of driver Charles Barnes in its mouth crushing it and tearing the flesh from the bone.

E. Benjamin Norris, a young Phila-delphia druggist, and Miss Mary Charlotte Sands, were married at Jersey Shore.

The Williamsport Merchants' Association adopted resolutions declaring the State Mercantile Tax law unneces sary and unjust and asking for its repeal, also opposing parcels post legislation.

## THIS AND THAT

The United States ranks first in the matter of copper production and

The curious fact is noted by Pro mittee on the twenty-fourth annual fessor Lamdain, of Breslau, that session of the Odd Fellows' Anni- careful measurements of the inten-Tuesday, April 28, announced that ten bands had already been contract-

Lieutenant General Baden-Powell speaking at a meeting in conection smoking, said that £15.000,000 (\$75,000,000) a year was spent on cigarettes. He thought this could be easily saved.

In Europe house cars or caravaus are rapidly passing from experimental to practical use. Meadville, Pa. (Special).—Half a car contains a completely equipped kitchen and sleeping borths for six from death and two hotels were de- persons, and has seats on top like the

bucket brigade, and for a time the \$1,000,000 recruiting laborers from town was at the mercy of the flames. Central Africa. They only got 17. The fire was gotten under control after it had completely destroyed the Taylor Hotel and partially destroyed nese were brought, starting the labor stand the winter. Then 67,000 Chitroubles.

The Hidden Secret mine in Australla yielded \$200,000 of gold in a few days and was sold for \$2,500,-Hole. The entrance was sealed and a stock company formed with \$3,-750,000 capital. When it was reopened the mine proved to be a pock-

been lowered from \$14 to \$12.

There is to be an underground railway across busy, crowded Tokio. The distance is to be 12 miles, and

then prime minister, ceded the sole right to navigate the Caspian Sea Vandels Wreck A Church.

Mahanoy City (Special). —Vandais broke into the new Catholic Church at Maizeville, smashed costly statues.

Nor for a few drops of it should we embitter the palate of a friend."

got 35 cents a day, from which the contractors may deduct 12 cents for food. Korean railway laborers in Japan

Asbestos sheets are being instituted under the mattresses of sleeping cars on some of the railways of the United States to shut out the heat from the radiators underseath.

CHAPTER H.

you inherit everything. Did he tell illness was so sudden that per-"He couldn't say-very muchabout these things," she said; "but he told me that he had left enough

"Yes; and I'm very thankful I'm able to do that. I have lived here all my life, with the exception of the short time I was in Edinburgh at school, and all my friends are here,

"I am glad of that," he said, cor-dially; "but you'll need somebody to keep you company. Have you con-sidered that?"

the neighbors are all very kind; and I think I'll arrange to have Mrs. Robertson in to live with me and

ashion he went on:

wash out some people's pasts.

woman; when he succeeds, he forgets to.

and the transaction con- against him." aigned cluded. "I don't pretend to know anything her feet. "I would rather not hear than have it guessed at. of business," she said; "but I leave any more of this," she said. "Mr. Even a poet will stum only increased with her growth of everything in confidence in your Anstruther is my friend." hands. Sydney; if I couldn't trust "Oh, but it's true as gospe!, I as

> my father and me." Her voice trembled as she menthrobbed at her words of gratitude; gathered up his papers and departed.

He had done a good stroke of business that day, and he was glad; but all the same he felt like a criminal, for he had deceived Edith Murray. His only excuse was that he had done it for her good. But was it after all for her good, or was it only that he might keep her in Dunthorpe? But how could he reveal over it.' to her the real facts-that the shares her father had purchased were worth

had become bankrupt and there was a large liability attaching to them which he would have to make good? no shares in the concern," she contransaction; which was not quite all your furniture probably soid off. Or the money he had in the world, but was it possible that he had any you anything about his affairs? His near it. But what of that so long as shares?" Edith was happy and did not need to go out into a cold world and bought them, and paid me more for make her living! 'And as for himself his business was increasing every year, and brought him in twice as much as he could spend. And so

## marched back to his office.

So Edith Marray remained in fgnorance of the sacrifice which Sydney Anstruther had made for the purpose of saving her from the consequences of her father's foolish speculation. Each quarter she received her in come regularly, and as the days went on time assauged her grief. She betieved in keeping herself always busy, and what leisure she had to spare from household duties she devoted to

haritable and church work. A little place like Dunthorpe is always full of gossips; but the greatest gossip of the place was Miss Barbara Spence, an old and angular spinster of uncertain temper, who meddled with everything with the utmost impartiality. It was the distant pros-pect of a church bazaar, and the immediate prospect of a cup of tea which led her to The Laurels one afernoon in the early spring.
"That's very fine tea, Miss Mur-

ray." she said, putting down her cup and wiping her lips as though she had finished, though she only wanted

little pressing to take a third cup; 'that's as good as I get anywhere, even at the faird's. I was up there tast week seeing my cough, she's

sudden relief when the papers were | bring an action of breach of promise

Edith's eyes blazed. She rose to

you, I couldn't trust anybody; you sure you. I wouldn't utter a word have always been a good friend to of gossip or scandal about any man for the world if I weren't sure that it was absolute truth. And I'm very tioned her father. Sydney's heart sorry to hear that poor Mr. Anstruther's very badly off. He's been specuhe shook her hand impulsively; lating and losing money heavily. Ay, I knew you would be sorry to hear it, as I was, Miss Murray. It was that Mexican Mining Company that turned out such a fraud, you know. Fancy a business man like Mr. Anstruther not knowing any better than to put his money into a rot-ten concern like that! They tell me

he has lost some thousands of pounds Miss Spence paused with satisfaction, for she saw she had made an

ss than nothing, since the company impression at last. Edith's face was "It's a good thing your father had In fact, he stood to lose two thou- tinued: "or you would have been sand pounds altogether over that ruined this day, Miss Murray, and his seat in a crowded car .- From

Edith "What!" shricked Miss Spence. 'Upon my word, I didn't think he it was with a light heart that he was such a fool."

> CHAPTER IV. So far gossip was correct. In his very great and usually they are foolish student days in Edinburgh burned up. They seem like moving would From "Nature and Science," in St.