CHAPTER XXX.—Continued.

"I have only contempt for a woman who tries to hold a man when he wishes to go," said aniat, with quiet but energetic bitterness. "Besides—" she healtated an instant before going on—"Gladys deserves her fate. Bus dons't really care for him. She only jealous of him. She never did love him."

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"How do you know?" said I sharply, trying to persuade myself it was
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"Because he never loved her," she replied. "The feeling a woman has for a man or a man for a woman, without any response, isn't love, isn't worthy the name of love. It's a sort of baffied covetousness. Love means generosity, not greediness." Then—"Why do you not ask me whether what she said is true?"

The change in her tone with the last sentence, the strange, ominous note in it, startled me.
"Bechause," replied i, as I said to her, to ask my wife such a question would be to lisanit was an accident." Head with the said in the repulse of her overtiding with him to he way from her very since would not have justified her in almost anything.

She flushed the dark red of shame, but her gas held steady and unfinching upon mine. "It was not altogether by accident," she said. And I think silve expected me to kill her.

When a man admits and respects a woman's rights where he is himself concerned, he either is po longer interested in her or has begun to love her so well that he can control the savage and selfish instincts of passion. If Mowbray Langdon had been the self-tone without fear, was not they and the side with the way and the steadily and traitorous.

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be suspected of the stealiny and ultrous.
"It was he that you meant when u warned me you cared for another ant" said I, so quietly that I won-coase of the said I would be the coase of the said I would be the world of the said I would be the said I would be the said I would be "Yea," she said, her head down w.

Now.

A long pause.

"You wish to be free?" I asked, and my tone must have been gentle.

"I wish to free you," she replied slowly and deliberately.

There was a long slence. Then I said: "I must think all est. I once told you be a long slence. Then I said: "I must think all est. I once told you be a long slence. Then I said: "I must think all est. I once told you be a long to greatly changed my will out help be surprised at that—you whose pre-judices have cost me so dear."

I thought she was going to speak. Instead she turned away, so that I could no longer see her face.

"Our marriage was a miserable mistake." I wont, on strength and judicial, and to only we are "I admit! I wont, on structling to be just and judicial, and to very young.

Mistakes in youth are never fatal. But, Anita, do not blunder out of one mistake, into on other out of one mistake, into one of thim as they decided you against mo:

"I wish to be free," she yaid, each word coming with an offort, "as much word or only with an offort, "as much word of one of the out." Then, and it seemed to me merely a truly femine attempt to shirk responsibility, she added, "I am glad my young will be a relief, I confessed. "Our situation has become intolerable." I had reached my limit of self-control. I put up turn my one of the word of the one of the way of

her:

"I have gone to live at the Down-town hetel. When you have decided was towned to take, let me know. If we will contract to take, let me know. If they have starred away to such weak things that they could possessed they have starred away to such weak things that they could possessed as a lity to set them up. I holey your freedom will give you happiness and me peace."

she wishes," said I, ignoring his ques-tion. "Then come to me." His look made me shake hands with him. As I did it, we both re-membered the last time we had shaken hands—when he had the roses for my home-coming with my bride. It seemed to me I could smell those

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LANGDON COMES TO THE SUR-FACE.

I shall not estimate the vast sums it cost-the Roebuck-Langdon clique to maintain the prices M National Coal and so give plausibility to the think the public was of my campaign. Melville was so deeply involved that he had to let the two others take the whole burden upon themselves. In the fourth week, Langdon came to me.

The interval between his card and himself gave me a chance to recover from my amarement. When he entered he found me busily writing. Though I had nerved myself, it was several seconds before I ventured to look at him. There he stood, probably as handsome, as fascinating as

make it up with the Ellerstys? I fancied so, and told Sam you'd simply think me meddlesome. The other matter is the Travelers' club. I're smoothed things out there. I'm going to put you up and rush you through." "No, thanks," said I. It seemed incredible to me that I had ever cared about that club and the things it represented, as I could remember I undoubtedly did care. It was like looking at an outgrown toy and trying to feel again the emotions it once excited.

cited.

"I assure you, Matt, there won't be the slightest difficulty." His manner was that of a man playing the trump card in a desperate game—he feels it can not lose, yet the stake is so big that he can not but be a little ner

vous.
"I do not care to join the Travelers club," said I, rising. "I must asl you to excuse me. I am exceeding!; busy."

husy."

A flush appeared in his cheeks and deepened and spread until his whole body must have been after. He seated himself. "You knew what I've come for," he said sullenly, and humbly, too.

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All his life he had been enthroned upon his wealth. Without realizing it, he had claimed and had received deference solely because he was rich. He had thought himself, in his own person, most superior; now, he found that like a silly child he had been standing on a chair and crying: "See how tall I am." And the airs, the cynicism, the graceful condescension, which had been so becoming to him, were now as out of place as crown and robes on a thing taking a swimning lesson.

"What are your terms, Blacklock too's too too had on old friend," said he, trying to carr off his frank pleas for mercy will oght he would cut his throat and jump off the Battery wall before he would get on his knees

FOR MONEY-JUST FOR MONEY! AND I HAD THOUGHT HIM A MAN!"

weef, certainly as self-assured. But it could now, beneath that manner! had once envied, see the puny soul, with tab bransy clitter of the vanity of luxury and show. I had been some what afraid of myself—afraid the sight of him would stir. up in mea tempeat of jealousy and hate; as looked, I realized that I did not know yown nature. "Bhe does not love this man," I thought. "I show the member of jealousy and bate; as looked, I realized that I did not know yown nature. "Bhe does not love this man," I thought. "I show yown had to his to be the mouth of the could not be the most of the could not be the mouth of the could not be the most of the could not be the most of the could not be the mouth of the could not be the most of the could not be the not of the could not be the not of the could not be the not of the could no

may own nature. "She does not love this man," I thought. "If she did or could, she would not be the woman it love. He deceived her inexperience as he deceived mine."

"What can I do for you?" said I to him politely, much as if he were a siranger making an untimely interruption.

My look had disconcerted him; my tone threw him into confusion. "You keep out of the way, now that you've become famous," he began, with shalting but heroic attempt at his customary easy superiority. "An abiliving up in Connecticut." And it had thought him to tomary easy superiority. "An abiliving up in Connecticut is stopping literature with shalting but heroic attempt at his customary easy superiority." "An abiliving up in Connecticut is stopping literature with shalting but heroic attempt at his customary easy in the state of the continuation of the state of the enterprises he plotted, promoted and profited by; he thought it seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible that doubt him; yet it seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible that doubt him; yet it seemed impossible, that the had never for an instant its seemed impossible that the would come to me if the seemed impossible that the would come to me if the seemed impossible that the would come to me if the seemed impossible, the own the seemed impossible that the seeme

much of a fool he is. I besita's to think so poorly of you as your attempt to fool me seems to compel."

But he was unconvinced. "Twe found he intends to abandon the ship and leave me to go down with it," he persisted. "He believes he can escape and denounce me as the arch rascal who planned the combine, and can convince people that I foosled him into it."

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Ingenious: but I happened to know that it was false. "Parlon me. Mr. Langdon." and J with stiff courtesy. "I repeat, I can do nothing for you. Good morning." And I went at my work as If he were already gone. Had I been vindetire, I would have led him out to humiliate himself more deeply. If greater depths of humiliation there are than those to which he voluntarily descended. But I wished to spare him; I let him see the useleaness of his mission. He looked at me in silence—the look of hate that can come only from a creek ture weak as well as wicked. I must have been depended to the well as with the work of his work. I will have been from a melo-ture was a well as wicked. I must like a wind the work of the w

I had decided to concentrate upon Roebuck, because he was the richest and most powerful of "The Seven." For, in my pictures of the three main phases of "infance"—the industrial, the life insurance and the banking—he, as arch plotter in every kind of respectable skulduggery, was necessarily in the foreground. My original intention was to demolish the Power Trust—or, at least, to compel him to buy back all of its stock-hid and typical of the conditions that "finance" has established in so many of our industries.

For instance, I was prepared to show that the actual earnings of the Power Trust was two and half times what its reports to stockholders all-leged; that the concealed profits were diverted into the pockets of Rocbuck, his sons, I il other relatives and four of "The Seven," the llon's share going, of course, to the lion. Like acceptions, to other supervision of their most all the great the law and too mockholders, it gathered in enormous revenues to disburse them chiefly in salaries and commissions and rake-offs on contracts to favorities. I had proof that in one year it had written off "12 millions of profit and loss, Ib millions of which had found its way to Rocbuck's pocket.

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Recent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities

WILL MEET IN DECATUR.

Methodist Women's Missionary So ciety Elects Officers.

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Docatur.—The eighth annual convention of the Women's Homs Missionary society of the Decatur district of the Methodist Episcopal church canfet to a close at Macon May 18. All of the old officers were reelected as follows:

President, Miss Lillian New, of Pana; vice president, Mrs. S. L. Payne, Decatur; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. G. Imboden, Decatur; treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Kirk, Arthur; recording secretary, Mrs. J. E. Sis, Mt. Zion; mitebox secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Rodman, Moweaqua; secretary young people's work, Mrs. Mas Jacobs, Maconi-secretary symmetric beneficience, Miss Effic Pierce, Cerro Gordo; secretary singsture.—Miss Allien Day, Moweaqua.

The next meeting will be held in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church in Decatur, the date to be set later.

FIVE MEN BOUND OVER.

Are Charged with Causing Death of Coffeen Girl.

Hillsboro.—The primary hearing of Culiom and Oran Alies, Bryan Davis, Wilfiam Sharp and Taylor Phipps; charged with being responsible for the death of Lola Nance, resulted, in the two Alien's and William Sharp being held under bond of \$8,000 each and Davis and Phipps under bond of \$2,000

each.

The evidence was only circumstantial and it is not believed any of the five will be convicted.

Founder of Great Order Dies.

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Chicago.—William Woof, 109 Elbern avenue, an old settler in Chicago and one of the organizers of the
Catholic Order of Foresters, died at
the age of 67. He was born in Devosabire. England, and after serving sibeyears in the English may came to
America in 1861. In May, 1884, he,
with William Thomas, organized the
Foresters, which now numbers 127,
000 members.

Many Attend Hughes Funeral.

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Sterling.—Fully 5,000 persons attended the funeral of State Sonator Charles H. Hughes at his home in Dixon. Among those in attendance were United States Seautor Albert 7.

Hopkins, Congressman Frank Charles B. Morrison, together the Large defeation from the Company state officers.

Teacher Exposed: Jumps. Town.

Kankakee.—Following- an exposure of his alleged relations with a domestic and with making advances to girl students. George Grinnell. a teacher in the Kankakee hight schule of the charge against his domestic and with making advances to girl students. George Grinnell. a teacher in the Kankakee hight schule of the charge against his domestic and with the president of the school board.

To investigate Books.

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Tuscola. — The recent agitation stirred up in Tuscola against Circuit Clerk Jeffers by the charges brought against him by competitors in the abstract business, has finally been taken notice of officially by the board of supervisors, and F. H. Fisher, an expert accountant, is going over the

Scarlet Fever at Bloomington.
Bloomington.—There have developed a number of scarlet fever and diphthelicate and there are 12 placed under quarantine. There is no special anxiety felt by the city health commissioner, Dr. A. W. Meyer, as the cases are of a universally light form.

Reservoir Breaks During Storm.
Ramsey.—During a severe electrical
and rain storm the dam of the large
reservoir belonging to the Illinois
Central Railroad company, containing
60,000,000 gallons of water, broke.

Schoolgiri Commits Suicide.
Belleville.—Miss Hilda Schonder aged 19, a high school pupil, commit ted suleide by taking carbolic acid The police fare unable to discover any motive for the girl's act.

Sunday School Workers to Meet. Havana.—The annual Mason co ty Sunday school convention will held in Mason City Tuesday a Wednesday, June 25 and 26.

Hotel at Fairbury Is Burned.
Fairbury.—The Thomas House, the leading hotel here, burned to the ground with all the furnishings, making the loss over \$10,000.

Sullivan Wants New Depot.
Sullivan.—The people of Sullivan have started a petition to present to the Wabash Railway Company to have a new Wabash depot and freight house built in that eity. Sullivan wants a \$25,000 building erected.

intoxicated Man Shoots Wife.
Quincy. — William Bruenning, a coremaker, while intoxicated, went to the home of his wife, from whom he has been separated for two months, and shot her through the head Bruenning surrendered to the police.

ELECT FRATERNAL OFFICERS.

Members of the Reserve Life Ass tion Pick Officials for Year.

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Peoria.—Officers of the Fraternal Reserve Life association were chosen at the annual grand league meeting of the order as follows: President, H. C. Springston, Peoria; vice president, Robert P. Lovett; Clerk, C. N. Carson, Peoria; treasurer, E. J. Curtis, Ottsway; chaplain, Mrs. Lulu McGrackin, Knoxville; attorney, D. B. Ellis, Flagin; medical examiner, Dr. G. S. Bowers, Galesburg; directors, O. E. Child, Molline; S. W. Dickson, Danville: S. A. Murdock, Havana; George H. Lark, Delong; John F. Thomas, Spring Vulley; inspecton R. L. Kenton, Christman; assistant inspector, F.W. Carpbell, Elgin; Watchman, Mrs. Ellen Schrimp, Syringfield; auditor, Benjamin F. Shadley, Galesburg; A. vebadale; sentinel, Horsce Evani, O'Pal-

LEFT FORTUNE IN SAFE.

Burglars at Yates City Overlook the Sum of \$22,000.

Peorla.—When the vault door of the Bank of Yates City was opened by a Chicago expert it was discovered that he burglars who had blown the locks off had succeeded in getting into the vault and securing \$500 worth of postage stamps. In the inner safe there were several bags of gold and currency, about \$22,000 is all, which the robbers did not get. They were probably frightened away after blowing the outer door, and slammed the door shut as they went.

State Grand Deputy K. of C. Chicago.—Louis Edward Sauter, who has been elected to serve a sec-ond term as state grand deputy of the Knights of Columbus, has been con-



ected with that organization si se formation of the first counci hicago in 1896. He is a native igoan. Prior to his election as s

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Miss Dixon Will Plead.

Bloomington.—The six indictments
pending against Helen Dixon, in Jali
for the alleged embezzlement of the
funds of the Second Christian church,
are placed on the criminal calendar to
be beard May 17. It seems to be a
foresone conclusion that Miss Dixon
will plead guilty aind will take what
sentence the court will give. She will
be allowed to plead to the minor
charge against her, and will take and
serve the penalty for that offense and
the remaining indictments against her
will be dismissed.

Will be dismissed.

Win Honors With the Rife.
Chicago.—Joe Barto, of Chicago,
Rolla Helkes, Obligation of Chicago,
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Barto is now amateur champion of
the state at the traps, Fred Richl is
professional champion and Rolla
Helkes has the credit of having pulled
down first place in ten events of 20
targets each, missing but eight birds
out of a total of 200 at which he fred.

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Kind Years Apo; Gets \$35,000.

Rock Island—An act of kindness in 1880 has brought to Wilbur L. Rutledge, of this city, who has been not fired that he is heft to a tract valued at \$25,000 in covered to the total the state of the total the state of the total the state of the total the

Oshkosh Wins School Debate.
Bloomington.—The annual intercollegiate debate between representatives of the state normal schools of illinois and Wisconsin was held at the State Normal university here. Oshkosh was awarded the victory.

Popcore Machine Explodes.
Du Quoin.—A popcore gasoline tank
exploded here frightfully burning two
hoys. Wiley Sizemore and Robert
Roach, and the former's sister, Miss
Ella Bilamorre. The victims are in a
critical condition.