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Synopsis. - Dr. John Michelson, just beginning his career, becomes invalid, old and rich and very desirous to live. Mrs. Sidney is a Spanish woman, dignified and reticent. Jed, the butler, acts like a privileged member of the family. The family has come from Montevideo, South America, Hartley house is a fine old isolated country begins operations by locking the | | window. falls in love at first sight. In the night he finds the butler drunk and holding Mrs. Sidney by the wrist. He interferes. Mrs. Sidney makes light of it. John buys a revolver. John overhears Jed telling Mrs.

"Where was that?" I asked. J. T. SWANN. cuffs and smiled again. a document-by dishonest means, I tents.

submit to blackmail." I said.

door. Jed, not suspecting that the obtain such settlement as his knowllittle man had any connection with the edge may be worth.

sailor, showed him out.

character and great cupidity. He de- certain that what I have done should ney brought this man from the docks | "Certainly not. How are they threattermined to steal the box, hoping that be known. I want the record of it to fill the position. He was a docide ened with one?" its contents would enable him to get known. It increases my satisfaction creature, very strong and useful, and "But the manuscript indicates one." Mary's counties. married and set himself up in a small to know that I shall cause moralists never annoying. . . . Now I will "Does it? I have read it, and I knew

Fall in line. Sall on us at The Enter- | conjecture; but I think that the man | crime . . ." prise Building, Leonardtown, Md. Jed, although he knew something val- That was all. my client, he was not careless of prop- in the house, Mr. Sidney, Mrs. Sidney | you more than I have to. It was, I think, because the man Jed ney some of his pleasures. of his morals.

casket contained. "In this disappointing occupation to act. dogs, and an atmosphere of mys- | In his double disappointment he sprang | regained her composure. at Jed, stabbed him in the shoulder. She read the page hurriedly and fully. Dravada decided to steal whatseized the papers, scattered them then more carefully and, it seemed, ever was in the box. Jed found him his brother, Arthur Dobson. Jed | about the room and jumped out of the | with relief.

"If this had been all, I should have said, "and I must know how to do it. uscript." tained one sheet in his clenched fist. | ion." He found it in his fist when he came out of his senseless and inordinate I cannot tell you the reason." reply she says she will not hesitate | pidity and cunning reasserted, he real- it," I said. to kill him. Mrs. Sidney asks John to consent to the announcement of ed in the box; that something being strange about this house?" smoothed over. John, though "en- | him to take the entire contents of the men." gaged" to Isobel, conceals his love. | box. He did not dare go back; he had | "It is not a lack of confidence in his knowledge."

to South America for the winter. | | copy of that sheet which you find here. | hard to stand it all alone, John." portant, because I know the last thing | not have another conscience distressed. Mr. Sidney or any true friend of Mr. You could never again be really happy house the next day to see me. I think CHAPTER VIII—Continued. Sidney's, desires is to have the story,

of which this is a page, made public. "I do not know what this story is, but I know who does know what it is. The little man pulled at his coat That person is the man Jed-now, as before, a servant of Mr. Sidney. I "My client being Spanish and Mr. have made sufficient inquiry as to the Sidney having lived many years in position of Jed in the household of Montevideo, it might be assumed that Mr. Sidney to know that he retains it was there," he said. "It was there, the manuscript found in the box, or if and my client came into possession of he does not retain it, knows its con-

ruspect—of which he now retains only "The visit of Mr. Sidney and his one page. I wish to leave a copy of family to Montevideo this winter bethis page with you, and later to find trayed Jed's whereabouts to Dravada. out to what extent it interests Mr. He came north after they had sailed. His cupidity has determination. I "You mean—to find out if he will think your man Jed appreciates that." I think from what Dravada has told "I anticipated your remark," he said. | me, in his simple boasting fashion,

with two elegant Hearses and a full stock of COFFINS and CASKETS of the latest styles kept always on hand, I am prepared to serve funerals at shortest notice and upon the most reasonable for the latest styles and upon the most reasonable for the latest styles kept always on hand, I am prepared to serve funerals at later."

Mr. Sidney has something to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal, we shall be glad to help him to conceal it. I will leave a copy of the page from the document with you, and with your permission will see you later." the way; and being, except in his vio-He handed me a long envelope and lent moments, a reasonable man, he with a bow asked to be shown to the has had recourse to an attorney to

"I do not wish to defend my course I went to my room to examine the in the matter. I suggest merely that "Memoranda for Dr. Michelson: complexion indicated by my client. I your judgment. But how am I to deal upon such an understanding." The accompanying typewritten sheet shall be at your disposal, doctor, with with these fellows?" is a part of a document stolen from in any reasonable time. I leave it to Mrs. Sidney hesitated.

short notice and on reasonable I have had several typewritten copies made. Dravada had the complete doctors of what I have done and intend you tell me anything about him with the family is not interested in you or ument in his hands, but only for a to do if this confession were to be out telling something that you do not your client." short while. He had discovered, in found. It might be asked, then, why want to?" "He succeeded in getting the box, as a criminal. I want my crime to be without doing you a great injustice. you know?" client and made him surrender the be known some time. So long as I Jed came. live, I shall need and seek conceal- "The only reason I do not tell what

for him to commit, that he lost control I felt uncomfortable to recall this, derstand that he had to have it known ashamed and abashed, as if in re- after his death that he had done what "The man Jed took the box. My cli- calling it I had done something to low- he had.

Jed was aroused by the stealthy en- By way of preliminary I told her of able life on shore. Mr. Sidney gave trance of my client through a win- the three appearances of the Spaniard him the chance to realize it in our dow, but there was no conflict. Jed and then of the appearances of the house. pointed to the papers and laughed. lawyer. When I offered her the sheet | "Jed, after he was taken into the My client was shrewd enough to read of paper containing a transcript of a house, found that Mr. Sidney used Jed's emotions. He knew that the page of Mr. Sidney's diary, her hands great precautions with something treasure trove had proved a soap bub- trembled, but she took the sheet reso- which he locked in a box. When Dra-"haunted pool," and many watch- | ble. He is a man of violent temper. | lutely. She was greatly alarmed but | vada came, he also saw the box which |

"I have to deal with these men." I tained the contents-Mr. Sidney's man-

so he can't be locked in. He meets | no client in this case. But in his rage | They can be dealt with by criminal "Then Jed knows the secret?" J Isobel, daughter of the house, and Dravada, when he was throwing the law if there is no reason why protect asked. papers about, had unconsciously re- tion should not be sought in that fash-"There is," said Mrs. Sidney, "and

rage later; and then, his natural cu- "You know that I do not ask for the manuscript."

young people consent to the make- only papers, it must follow that the "That was evident in twenty-four believe engagement. Later they papers were valuable. He reproached hours," I said, "but it means nothing at Jed's control in the house. He has

the Dobson murder. The family go of the guarded manuscript. It is a would be a relief to do so. It has been store by?" I asked.

might have happened in Monte- so candid in committing to writing a had an honest, straightforward sound, ation somehow. God knows how." video." The family returns. A communication of this nature. It is suggesting the plain, honest dealing mysterious Spanish sailor appears.

Jed recognizes him and wants to

because: first, I prefer to write it, that might be needed in this house.

ing lawyer know no more than I know kill him. The sailor plays burglar. | owing to a physical timidity in con- "The reason I do not tell you, John," now?"

the Manuscript Contains Is Because | might approach Mrs. Sidney as the I Value Your Peace of Mind." paper which had been left with me. Mr. Sidney and all concerned will fare if you knew the story of which this statement of your case, and it might

tween them and a man of the moral "So much for that," I said. "I take ure," he said. "We shall consider it

"I can only conjecture here-fre ment; but I should not be happy un- the manuscript contains is because I quently this case has caused me to less I could anticipate disclosure. My value your peace of mind. I know from my own experience that your | his enemies. conscience never would be at rest if uable was contained in the box, Several persons—two at least; Dra- you had full knowledge, and yet you

erty rights. This conjecture may not and Jed, knew the story completely. "Mr. Sidney never has had the slight- winter is always much colder than a interest you, but I imagine you ask- It was this knowledge which had est scruple as to what he has done; cloudy one. The reason for this is ing: 'Why did not Jed steal the box given Jed his control in the house, Mrs. he rejoices in it. You have spoken of that the heat of the earth is always The Falconer Company he afterward took from my client? Sidney her unhappiness and Mr. Sidhis will to live; what I am holding thrown off more quickly when there had been from you would explain it. He is nothing to intercent it. Clerks back from you would explain it. He is nothing to intercept it. Clouds was by nature honest, and it was only The search for a solvent of the Hart- says in this page of his manuscript act as a kind of blanket, and in prewhen his inhibitions had been broken ley house mysteries was insistent. Al- which you have seen that it perfects | venting the earth's heat from escap-Printing, Lithographing, Engraving down by the sight of another man com- cott's incidental remark came back to his satisfaction to leave a record of ing, tend to keep the atmosphere mitting a crime which had been easier me: "It might have been Montevideo." his crime. I know that it does. I un- | warm.

robbed of his loot, armed himself im- | go to Mrs. Sidney with the information | was a sailor on a British ship which mediately and broke into Jed's room and insinuations Attorney Philetus M. sailed from Montevideo to Liverpool. shortly thereafter. He found Jed dis- Brown had given me. My desire was | sud he became tired of sea work. Mr. consolately looking at a mass of pa- to protect her from precisely this kind | Stoney had seen him about the wharf pers, which was all the supposed jewel of trouble; my necessity was to carry; and had been attracted to him. They the trouble to her. I had to know how had talked enough for Mr. Sidney to learn of Jed's ambition for a comfort-

Mr. Sidney seemed to guard so carein the act. They fought, but Jed re-

"And Dravada does not?"

"Where is the manuscript?"

"Does Mr. Sidney know that?" "Not yet. You have been wondering find it is to head off Jed, who himself that his anger had defeated to me. I am not curious. I merely the manuscript, and he knows the would marry Isobel. Jed tries to his judgment when it was possible for want to know how to deal with these story which for your own sake I would not have you know. He presumes upon

"No. He wants to know it is in his John is left at home, but the "ent of the said I would give you my conjecting strong box. If he ever finds that it hears the story of a tragedy "that" tures. You will ask first why I am sciously, that my name was John. It is not, we shall have to meet the situ-"Then this sailor and this blackmail-

Brown, the lawyer, came to Hartley he regarded his plan of blackmail as irresistible. I wonder that he did not have an express wagon and a large chest with him. He was amiable and 125 S. Charles Street,

"You have decided?" he said as Jed, having brought him to me on the porch. went away. He had his cane and his gloves and his nap-worn suit. "You get nothing," I said, "and may

act upon that information." The disappointment was unpleasant effect, I'd say it was catastrophic. He Mixture we have had manufactured specially. sat down suddenly in the nearest wicker chair, and his face became ugly in

"You must know, doctor," he said, "that I am nerved to the performance of my duty by the thought of a wife and two daughters for whom I have provided indifferently. I will not say that their situation is desperate, but it may make me desperate. I feel that we have a claim here which might we have a claim here which might easily be adjusted."

"You use a number of euphemisms for blackmail," I said, "and none of "The Only Reason I Do Not Tell What | wife and daughters are in need, you almoner of Mr. Sidney's charities. That, at least, would be an honest

"I thank you for a lesson in proced-

I saw the mistake I had made. "I assure you," I said, "you may con-Mr. Sidney in Montevideo ten years your judgment to handle the matter "I don't know," she said. "I'm sure sider nothing upon the terms you wish Inform the general public that they ago by Alejandro Dravada, then a servant in the capacity of porter. Draservant in the capacity of porter. Draservant in the capacity of porter. Drathe copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which acactempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which actempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which actempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which actempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which actempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which actempt: at blackmail is so unconsidered in this house. The copy of manuscript which actempt w

The shabby little fellow seemed to

to be indignant. I want to be known tell you as much as I possibly can nothing. You have read it. What do

by entering Mr. Sidney's room, but be- talked about. I want it remembered. "We had lived in Montevideo fifteen "I can read English," he said with call. fore he could make his escape he was That is the savor of my life. It would | years when Jed came to us. He has | spirit. "I read in Mr. Sidney's handunfortunate enough to be discovered be impossible for me to obtain a been with us ever since. Mr. Sidney writing that he had committed a crime by another servant, known to you as sufficient satisfaction unless I made began writing the manuscript, of which and that he was committing an indis-Jed. Jed leveled a revolver at my it possible for the story of a crime to this is a copy of one sheet, the year | cretion in putting the account on

Jed falls into the hands of

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ent, desperate at finding himself er myself in my self-respect. I had to "Jed's family name is Arliss. He with a fishing outfit on Sunday. will land when he begins to monkey

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