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> CHAPTER XXIX. HORNE'S REVENCE.

Poor Seymour deserted by all his

Before proceeding further we deem contradicted herself. Seymour members took flight. They else. never even put in appearance on trial day for the recovery of our property, so we obtained what is known in law as a judgement of default against them.

successful career; but I had resolved closed his case. have consented for her to remain an dergo a cross examination.

his future would be; he was utterly and returned a verdict which read: completely absorbed in the one thought of revenge against Seymour.

"I'll never rest content," said he one day to Charley Mitchell and mysetf, "until I see him safely behind the iron gate of the penitentiary,"

"You are carrying your bitterness to too great an extent," said Charley.

"Have I, have we not all, had enough to stir to a fever the blood orges?" cried Horne in his most melodramatic manner. "Did not the scoundrel organize our company with and for the purpose of a cool, deliberate robbery? Did he not praise our talents as actors from day to day until he had us completely in his power, and then when he had the whip in hand sell us out and term us hoodlums. I'll yet scorn him behind the bars. When he first jerked me on the stage at Hampstead and termed me a — hoodlum, I swore than lay him out."

I'd be revenged and I will yet."

The bailtff told it

"Why Horne," said 1, "I did not dream that you bore malice for so trifling a thing." "I do though, and he shall have the

full benefit of all I can do to convict "Do not let your prejudice against

him cause you to stretch the truth on the witness stand," I said. "It will not, I will not. I will tell

the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, but I'll tell it for all that there is in it," replied the Herculean "I thought from the slap you gave

him, your wrath would be somewhat appeased," I put in.

"That was an awful slap. It was the long pent up slap of ten months bursting all of a sudden like some terrific cataract and falling with the force of thunder. 1 felt easier for three days afterwards."

"But you seem to be swelling again," said Charley Mitchell.

"I am, and likely to burst if a chance does not soon present itself for me to get in something on the scoundrel."

It came in an exceeding short time, for the grand jury was already in session and they returned an indictment against Seymour for abduction and for an assault with intent to kill.

Mr. Connel, Alice, Horne and my self were the principal witnesses. The day of trial came and the great court room was crowded with eager spectators. A sensational criminal case is sure to command a full attendance.

The newspapers had been full of accounts of the tragedy resulting from an attempt on the part of a stage manager to abduct an actress. The affair had been so well advertised that the trial with George Wainwright and Rose had a most excellent audience, so far as Perry sat numbers were concerned.

"Witnesses take these seats," said George. the sheriff, pointing to a row of chairs to the right of the court, and we filed

became still. The prisoner came torward between of handcuffs, and was rather haggard.

His face was smooth shaved, save the jet black mustache, and he carried in his hand his once beautiful silk hat. The prisonet was placed in the box, and the court formally opened.

"State against L. H, Seymour," cried the clerk.

"Bid the prisoner come forward."

emn manner. Seymour stepped up in front of his honor, and the prosecutor was furnish-

ed with the indictment. The complaint, charging the defendand one year oid, and then returned to heavy villain and slap his father on the compel was read and he entered a the stage. Charley loves the professightest provocation: Mitchel. Miller Connel was read, and he entered a

plea of not guilty. Are you ready for the prosecution? asked the court of the State Attorney.

"We are, your honor," replied two portly lawyers, with bald heads and panions, as the mischeivous Charley

and the usual delay in impanneling a their heads. number of men, and challenging all but "Well wha: say you Thoraburg?" twelve followed.

noon. The court then took a recess Rose, my dear ?" until two o'clock. When next called, the attorneys made their statements.

then adjourned.

The next day I was the first witness sworn and put upon the stand.

I proceeded to tell what I knew, and the forenoon was consumed in the examination in chief, then an adjournment until the afternoon session, which was taken up in the cross examination said of myself; as was also the forenoon of the next day.

Alice was next put upon the stand, friends, even the false woman whom and told a straightforward story, withhe had held out to the world as his wife- out any attempt to prevaricate. She but who really was only a mistress, underwent a most rigid cross examinafound himself firmly in the iron hands tion, and at times I trembled iest she should break down; but she never once

tion, capture of Seymour and death of and he fully verified his statement that four to play the entire week; you must LaMorge spread to the city, and all the he would tell the truth and nothing be married during the week and Sat-

He showed considerable vindictive the case for the prosecution. Then benefit of the next greatest lady star, spect for Charlev's feelings." came Mr. Connel, who told his story in With the return of the property, and such a manner as to carry conviction having nearly all the money in our with it. At the conclusion of his evihands, we were urged upon to remain dence, Mr. White, the attorney for the in the company and were assured of a prosecution, announced that he now

to quit the stage and so had our star, The witnesses for the detence, men who was still known by the theatre who knew absolutely nothing about people as Nellie. Her father would the case, were called and failed to un-

actress had it been her desire, but now her highest ambition was the quiet old desperate. They introduced various Thornburg, try yours." farm house near Hampstead, in the motions, which I did not understand,

groves of stately elms and many lowing heros, were a constant theme for after which they retired, and it was bours before they time, if you call me Nellie all the time, if you prefer it."

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty, as charged in the indictment. JOHN BURGESS, Foreman.

"Good!" exclaimed Horne. "I will vet live to see the villian looking through grates."

The court then fixed the sentence at five years in the penitentary. "My revenge will be complete," said

Horne. "I'll yet see him looking through the grates." A motion for a new trial and an ar-

rest of judgement was over ruled. "When will that fellow be taken to the penitentary?" asked Horne of a court bailiff. "Next week," was the reply.

"Well, I want to go along. I'll pay my own expenses and guard him free of charge. If he attempts to escape I'll give him another slap that will more

The bailiff told him he had better see the sheriff. Horne did so and was informed that his assistancs would not be needed, but he might accompany them if he desired.

On the day set for conveying the convict from the jail to the penitentary Home was on hand and accompanied

He was at the elbow of Seymour registered his name on the prison reg-

"You write a fair hand," said Horne in a cruel mauner. "It seems to me I with considerable reluctance to his the savage Moors, she elicited the symsaw that same signature once to our articles of copartnership."

The convict looked sullen but made no reply. The warden reprimanded Horne for the remark. He followed Seymour to his cell, and

when he saw him safely locked in, dressed in a suit of striped clothes, he rattled the bars and cried: "Caged, ha, ha, you are: a pretty bird in that uniform. My revenge is complete at last. I see you looking

through grates. That is all I ask." He was informed that such conduct would not be permitted in the prison, whereupon he left it, swearing upon a much slighter provocation he would slap every official in it, even if is father was included in the number.

CHAPTER XXX.

(CONCLUSION.)

"This whole affair has got to end my way after all?" said Charley Mitchel, entering the room one morning in which Alice-though I sometimes yet call her Nellie-and myself

"Why, you four are going to get married soon, the old Star Combina- following Tuesday evening just before in and took our seats.

There was a slight commotion at the door and a murmur ran over the audience.

"Silence!" shouted the crier, and all became at ill should be ready for in and took our seats.

In the old Star Common and going on the stage. We had some family arrangements to talk over and we took this afternoon for it. It was arranged that Nellie was to remain at the hotel until Monday when her rooms would be ready for in the pridegroom to one of these girls was to remain at the hotel until Monday when her rooms would be ready for in the stage. myself, but that part I failed in, and her. I'm still willing to play low commedian After our marriage and the week on two deputy sheriffs. He wore a pair of walking gentleman. But my plan as the stage we were to take a bridal tour of handcuffs, and was rather haggard, changed, revised annotated is that you through the Western and Southern four get married at once, and that our States and Territories. old company a sufficient portion of it

a benefit." Dear old Charley, I remember him as though in were but yesterday. I city residence in Chicago. saw him last summer. The theatre Mr. Connel was to dispose of all his season was over and he came to our commanded the judge, in his most sol- country residence for rest. It was the his days with us: all of which arrangefirst time he had seen either of us for ments has since been carried out. five years and he was delighted to behold us again. He spent a month at professionals, met on Monday morning that quiet old farm house froncking in the green room for rehearsal. with our two babies, respectively three sion, is still single and though a good and Atwell, present with their facts, actor will never become a star. He is and Harry Ladue, the much abused the only member of the original Star Hootman, Joe White, Ned Burns and

"George and I looked at our com- ings and we proceeded to business. seated himself as though waiting their eye-glasses.

"Call a jury!" was the command; reply. But they only blushed and hung

said George, after a moment's silence. For the first time.

This occupied almost the entire fore- said George. "What do you say to it

"Oh, quit teasing me that way," the jury filed out in their places, and said Rose, pettishly. "Do just as you please."

The statements were lengthy, and "I've got the consent of my intend-occupied the entire afternoon. Court ed." said George, to me, "now try what luck you will have with yours."

"Would you care to go on the stage once more, Alice?" I asked. "No, not if it is to be my farewell." "It will be."

"Then I will conseut" "I have the consent of mine," I

"Agreed, brother Mitchel, you will be accommodated," put in George. "There is one thing now that I want

to talk business about," said Charley. "What business?" we both asked. "The new theatre is completed and will be opened next week. I have it engaged for one week and I want as

many of our old company as I can get. it necessary to make a few trifling explanations. The news of the abducted what we had said, so far as he knew, Ladue and their wives. I want you urday night the last appearance of the great star Nellie Cornell will be her ness, which, without doubt, weakened benefit. Friday night will be the

We paused and again looked at our accommodate me!" put in Charley. companions but they were silent, and "It is but a very slight matter to you, both blushed scarlet.

"Well," said George with his usual me." quiet humor, "what does my intended better halfsay to the proposition."

"Oh, do hush and don't tease me," said Rose half pettishly. "Do just as good and well applauded, Nellie, as you please," she finally added you please," she finally added.

"Well, but do you consent to Charlev's proposition?"

pected." 'Than you expected to go on the all my life and my wite never done stage again ?"

and she blushed deeply. married?"

"Yes," she murmured. "Not a bit too soon," put in the ve- next night would be the farewell benehement Charley. "Delays are danger- fit of Nellie Connell-that she would ous, and there is no need of putting appear on that night for the last time this matter off; you might get married on the stage. just to accommodate me.'

George of his betrothed "Shall we raised and still not an inch of standing accommodate Brother Mitchell?"

I said, replied Rose. "Mine consents, Thornburg. Try yours again," said George.

But with Nellie it was no such easy if to suit the Western people By matter. She declared that she must special request we had selected the consult her father first. Charley ordered a carriage, and we five drove from the hotel to the palatial residence of Mr. Connel. The new

when he stepped torward sullenly and registered his name on the prison registered his name of the prison reg Mr. Connel was an indulgent father, The appearance of her shapely form Office over Kirksville Saving Bank, second doo and I have since found him an indul- on the stage was sure to be greeted wo-9-tr gent father-in-law. He consented with applause. As the poor boy among

soon. Alice's rooms were not quite ready for her, and he desired her to be living at home when married. But Charley insisted that he could get a number of cargenters, paper hangers and glaziers and "whoop things up liveand glaziers and "whoop things up live- from the field. I thanked the audience ly," so it would be ready in time, and as I stood in costume, my wife, at my the early marriage was only for his side in her garb as the Arab boy, George special accommodation, as he wanted and Rose came foward. The audience to give the new married folks a understood all, and a snout went up

benefit. After weighing the matter for some time in his mind the old gentleman concluded that it could be arranged in

"Then it can be depended on that Charley Mitchel, as the great curtain you four are to be married next week?" descended between us and that sea of Grain, Seed, Hay said Charley rising.

"Yes," replied Mr. Connel. "All right; the theatre will open Monday-come round and I'll assign parts, as I'm to play stage manager: poor Seymour cannot. Good day, must go now," and he bewed to go.

George insisted that he return with them in theclarriage, But no-there "What is your way Charley?" asked were some business arrangements to make in different parts of the city, and he preferred to walk.

Our double wedding was set for the

Then we were to locate in Illinois

hold together long enough to give you ed had admired, with its groves of elm. my own happy childhood home, as a country seat in summer and have our

> property and spend the remainder of "It was quite a reunion when our old

Horne was present ready to do the "Is the counsel ready for the de-day. Combination that is on the boards to-the others in the orchestra. There were day. many hand shakings and warm greet-

It seemed as if the exciting past had been a terrible one and we were still on the stage again. At the close of the first rehearsal we were all declared to be up in our parts and that night the doors of the new theatre were opened

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"It would be too bad not to accommodate our friend Charley.' The house was crowded the acting

The next evening while the audience was assembling in 'the theatre, our company assembled at a little church What do you say, Nellie? I must and the beautiful girl whom I had so call you Nellie for awhile yet any long loved was made my wite, and way." George Wainwright and Rose Perry "I don't care," she said with a sweet made one. At eight I was on the tickets as though nothing had happen-

The play was that of Ingomar, the Barbarian, and I had the part of Ingo-"That is rather sooner than I ex- mar and my wife that of Parthenia. I know I never played a part so well in

better. "No Thoroughtare was played on and she hesitated, her eyes drooped Friday for the benefit of Mi. and Mrs. "Sooner than we intended to get and blushing wife, went on the stage He there informed them that the

The advertisement packed the bouse, The free list was suspended and every "Well, what do you say? asked tnicket sold for cash. The price was

room could be found from parquet to "Oh, do hush-do just as you please gallery. So dense was the crowd that the orchestra was almost suffocated. No play in those days took so well as the French Spy. There was enough sensational and blood and thunder in

> French Spy. The acting I can say was never better by a troupe that might s ill be al ed amateur.

found daughter had not as yet taken droll young French volunteer, kept the Charley Mitchel, with his wit as the up her abode at the residence of her audience in a roar of laughter. But my father, but was expecting to do so in own sweet little wife in the costume

with considerable reluctance to his daughter again appearing on the stage. He said he could not refuse however, as it was to accommodate such a whole souled fellow as Charley Mitchel. As to the wedding, he thought it rather and an advantage in the great should be added to the souled form the soule soule and the soule soule of the South Soule of the South Soule and reliable companies represented the souled form the soule soule of the South Sou pathy of all.

> from the vast-throng. A shower of bouquets fell about us. "Farricell!" we all uttered amid our tears. The audience kept up a centin-

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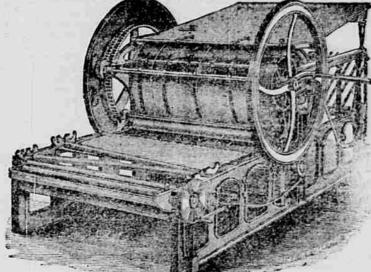
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