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Maiden Newton,  
Dorset.

A doctor Norton died in this district about five years ago and left nearly £500 a year and a house to his old housekeeper. The Trustees for the capital are the Westminster Bank and the name and address of the housekeeper is

Miss Alexander  
Chilfrome,  
Cattistock, Dorchester

P.S. Do not communicate with this lady by letter. I have reason to believe her letters are opened.

Miss Alexander is definitely subnormal mentally, without character and without courage.

Her gardener and his wife - people called Humphries have taken possession of her and her money and are spending it on themselves. They have sold a large part of her furniture, nominally in her name but really for their benefit. Two daughters, two illegitimate children of one of the daughters and an old grandmother are among those who live on this unfortunate Miss Alexander.

About a year ago they (nominally of course Miss Alexander) bought a car and introduced their son into the house as a chauffeur. They are continually going for jaunts in this car, hardly ever taking Miss Alexander with them. She is dressed in dingy old clothes because she can't afford new ones. They are both frequently drunk and the unfortunate lady is terrified of them.

Miss Alexander's trouble is weakness of character chiefly. Still she is of low mentality and I do not think your mental expert would have any doubt after interviewing her that she was quite unable to manage her own affairs. Do something and soon if you possibly can. The position of this poor weak lady is really deplorable.

Always Yrs

Humphrey

Note: I need hardly say that Humphries - the gardener - has done little or no work as a gardener for some years. The first thing your representative will note when he arrives is that the garden is a tangle of dandelions and nettles.

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