ETERNAL SPRING.

RIVALS BY FATE.

London Lamp.

CHAPTER XXIII.-[CONTINUED.] It was opened and found to contain the ions of the colored handker chief and some bits of a dogs's hair

hardly dry. was then called again, and testified that the scarf was that which she had presented to the gypsy-child. of gladness had yet stirred his heart; she knew Mr. Mostyn had bought it, for he pulled it out of his pocket, on the night he escorted her home from the of gratitude towards Diane; but he concert, and told her that he always was only conscious of a vague, regret-

laugh that was echoed amid the spec-

facts, and treat this painful concern with delicacy if you can. not venture on a rejoinder. He con- ever-smiling current. Now alway

'Had the dog any reason for dislik-

was no one to acapany me, and Mr. Mostyn offered to see me back. I was glad, and we Many-tinted trees bordered the horizon, walked together to Brierica. Lopez silver-fringed clouds toned the glare of rushed out to meet me; on seeing the the sun. stranger he growled. As we were parting, Mr. Mostyn said something which angered me. I turned to leave im, and he put out his hand to detain ment, and thought that he was about

coward and a brute." dead dog, killed by repeated blows; him, and still that man wept on.

Men weep but saldem but when

'Like him? I despised and loathed him with all my heart.'

'Yet you chose him for an escort. You have a peculiar way of expressing

Mr. Perkins perceived that it was tain steps his former happy hostime for him to interfere. Diane's

highly-wrought nerves were getting over-strained, and he determined she abould not become the amusement of

all been examined, and there was a long stokness by herself.

The timid do strange things. Miss had did in a lengthy speech, in he declared that the evidence obviously in favor of the accused, hat he had great pleasure in dispingthe case. There was one point twich required explanation, and that Sydney kill gime to there which required explanation, and that Nigel had a minty idea that some old world of ours.

The timid do strange things. Miss Fitz Nigel turned in her trouble to our storm tossed heroine; she remembered that Sydney kill gime to the remembered that Sydney kill gime to the was in grief, surely she would not remembered that Sydney kill gime to the was in grief, surely she would not remembered that Sydney kill gime to the now. I like to think that each fasthery fake is an accent a free as it decemded into this way. The fact of the blood so on the prisoner's clothes had been a foreign gypsy girl, but that now she was Squire Mordaunt's own granddaughter.

Nor did she forget that the girls and the the principle of orealized that the girls and the thinking?

"The timid do strange things. Miss She started.

I was only thinking?

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the noble conduct of Fits Nigel. The honorable motives which alone with held him from producing proofs of his innocence were not only highly creditable, but would cause the accused to he was a new phase innocence were not only highly creditable, but would cause the accused to heave the court with a lustre on his untarnished honor, which almost mide him envy the young man's stroke of fortune.

A cheer resounded when Judge Roper had ceased to speak—a hearty British cheer, which rang and rang again through the low-coofed hall; and then the crowd streamed out, hungry, thisty, and in good spirits, declaring that the triel had been 's rare place' to soothe than the nurse they had at the triel had been 's rare place' to soothe than the nurse they had at allowed all kinds of morbid fancies to work that the triel had been 's rare place' to soothe than the nurse they had at first; and that bothing brought more influenced to she had more influenced to she had more influenced to she were over and over again all they be presence; that she had more influenced to she had eased over and over again all they are the touch of her delicate rose-bad fauge from duty for the remainder of the day, now adjourned to the nearest in an and there in full potations discussed over and over again all they are the touch of her delicate rose-bad fauge with the sound of the day, now adjourned to be the serve there—the murdered heir. The place were the murdered heir. The place were the would sit by his cought in the case over and over again all they had been the soft in the sound of the

Sydney felt the place swim around him as be listened absently to Mr. pain, and he would become feverishly alonately to Mr. Roper's speech. He bowed his bead when it was ended, and tried to realize the would be well enough to go to Italy. The work of the congratulate him, and he answered when the was ordered for change, and to congratulate him, and he answered where he intended to go, with Diane to congratulate him, and he answered where he intended to go, with Diane to congratulate him, and he answered where he intended to go, with Diane to congratulate him, and he answered where he intended to go, with Diane to congratulate him, and he answered where he intended to go, with Diane to congratulate him, and he answered where he intended to go, with Diane to congratulate him, and he answered when the congratulate him, and he answered when the congratulate him, and he would become feverishly to her fevered lips, she kissed it passionately, despairingly, one, twice, and yet again, then hurriedly left the room. as if in a dream. He inquired for Diane, as his bride, but found that she had slipped away. ork and good harvests and may speed He threw himself, exhausted, into a hired carriage, and told the man to And spring will come, for He, the Crucified.

Has risen as He said. He will arise,
And from His wounds, which we have wept

He was free—free to gaze on the

each heaven-wafted breath. He was free to behold the enameled meadows. Miss the dark flowing river, the softly-waving trees. He was free to move, to confined. He was free, without a stain on his name, without a blemish on his CHAPTER XXIII.—[CONTINUED]

He placed a small parcel on the by the active intervention of a loving of dreamy indolence, was she who could be restraiged by no laws of then was ordered to withdraw. girl, who listened to no time.serving own noble impulse had risked all to

the agony had been too recent, the ful feeling that life could never be the Why? asked Mr. Roper with a same to him again.

He might live till his hair was gray, till the gray became white, till the Diane's lips quivered, and she mutely white was gone and he was baid—
appealed to Mr. Perkina. He understood the look, and came promptly to being. It was too low down to be seen lting, he said with great testiness. He might learn to talk lightly of this son is obvious; deal only with day's proceedings; but the time would his painful concern never come when the impression would allowed to see it. be effaced. No more could be look to be effaced. No more could be look to be be past life and see only an

> would rise up this ugly, foul spot which would blacken and obscure the rest. He had stood face to face with death

"I will tell you what I know," she
id, speaking place of the story of said, speaking clearly and rapidly.
On the night of the concert, after I green grass grow beneath his feet; the had finished singing, I was anxious to free larks carolled in mid-air, Around him was expanse of open country clothed in autumn's richest coloring

> and took a daisy in his hand. Some thing in the frank simplicity of the rimson-tipped flower went straight to his beart, and the hot tears gathered in

They fell on the smiling daisy, and lay with his head buried in his hands She had to pause, for her voice was and sob after sob shook his weary full of tears as she thought of her dear frame. The birds sang sweetly about

Men weep but seldom, but when they do, the sealding drops force their way cts were but those of from an intensity of grief which few simplicity. 'He was always my faithful do not refresh; they take from a strong man's strong man and strong man protector.' a you did not like Mr. Mostyu?' strong man's strength, they do not bring relief.

Then and not till then, did he ling She turned on the speaker with ingly leave the fragrant, peace speems scorn.

CHAPTER XXIV.

THEOUGH LOVE.

That night Sydney was delirious in brain fever. His fond but helpless elster listened with pitcous woe to his incoherent ravings. She was little screetomed to liness, and dared not face.

much excitement.

Sydney felt the place swim around be filled with a faint foreboding of ness and pathos; then, raising his hand

for either; and though she would have scornfully repelled the idea, it was true, that the unusual self-repression, the unaccustomed method and confinement boundless blue, to drink in thirstily of her life, radically affected Diane's

Miss Jane would wonder if this girl, who was so silent and devoted, could be the same that people had described as lawless and passionate. She could not believe that this young creature, who would sit for hours gazing mourndiscretion, but hearkening only to her propriety, and who had boldly set the whole world at defiance.

He tried to grasp it, he struggled to without reason, for Diane had altered understand, but his brain was darkened greatly. Her recent trouble had softand he saw but dimly. No wild throb ened and subdued her; but there was more than that wanted to account for the tears that so often filled her sad

whitened look on the young sorrowto his side. Then it was replaced by a be was ill?

It was Obviotuse Brow ruddy and warm in the tiny parlor, the power and strength of her feeling sending out rich, bright jets of flame. which lighted the pallid features, of blow. Yet if she yielded to the prompt "Had the dog any reason for disingular the paint of the paint of the prompting the deceased?"

He had stood face to face with death; the invalid, and quivered over the lissue of her heart, she knew that the some form of Diane, who stood by the window watching the thickly falling the world not flinch; there was little ever again forming part of that busy not be come.

Which invalid, and quivered over the lissue of her heart, she knew that the window watching the thickly falling but surely crush the young proud with its pure white shroud; coming heavily yet so softly, it made each shrub and yet so softly, it made each shrub and who had seen his shame.

topped the carriage, paid the tree gleam as it fell on their naked loved him so de

Diane loved to listen to it as it fel so smoothly, so gently, forgetting nothing, passing no one by; covering which when the moon appeared would glimmer and glisten.

by one; she heard the vague throbbing of the great fir trees, as the eddying gusts swept fitfully by and drove flakes of snow against the window-pane,

She gaged at the darkened sky, she lowed the bending river. She thought dropped unheeded on the ground. He with a sigh of Reuben and that care learnt what trouble was-while yet life seemed to her but a pretty plaything.

He had gone to college now, and she would never see him again. The black-robed form; they fell on the long flowards had suddenly left Mostyn fine half which the wind had loosened Chase, the rector having obtained a from its coils. Still on she went, heed

without bidding her good-bye. The snow still fell calmly and unrelentingly; her thoughts travelled bac Sydney lingered till the sun had set, to many years ago; to a night like olemn calm seemed to come from the ding painfully through the drifting

down on a stone to rest. Clearly through the frosty air came to discover water such the merry peal of holls, the Ohristman strayed into the park of Mostyn Chaoschimes ringing gladly now as they did on that other Christmas eve when the on that other Christmas waits singing blithsome oarols beneath the Squire's window.

she had been sorely tried, she war It was not a natural state of things to be alone. He pictured to himself the time, now so near, when he and his one true love should travel far away happy only to be together; absorbed in each other, and living but to form th loved one's joy.

While the happy lo these dreams, while Miss Jane was busy in preparations for the next day, while of fire up the wide old chimney, whil the earth one vast winding sheet, Diane was walking in the lanes; walking s knew not whither, she cared not where

She was wildly, fondly in love with Sydney Fitz Nigel; yet every day only without reason, for Diane had altered she could never be his wife. The words of her dying aunt rang ever ber ear: 'Never let a man marry you

Had there not been pity mingled with eyes, and which flowed quietly unheed- his love? Was he not sorry for her ed down her white rose cheeks. A lonely girlhood? Had he not been remorseful sadness crept into her face grieved at the necessity which drove when Sydney was sleeping in the gloaming and she dared to indulge in a have been the reason that he had proposed to her when he came and fo She went about her duties with a her so low on the day of her aunt death? Was it not gratitude expression about her mouth, which gratitude for trying to prove his innocence; gratitude for tending him when

mute appeal for pardon, a wistful ten-derness which would have made his time which she had so long dreaded time which she had so long dreaded was come when he and she must part. No thought of compassion must be blended with his love. Whatever it cost she must tear nerseif away, though June 6, 1688—2mpd heart yearn with pity if he had been was come when he and she must part the power and strength of her feelings

Oh, it was hard that though she enjoy his love; it was hard that wheth she married him, or whether she left him, misery must be her lot.

Nothing but her love for him could rpose. But she would not allow him to take a step which afterwards he to drag him back on his road to fame; she would not let him run the risk of hearing his wife spoken of with con-tempt as the 'wild Spanish girl.' No! watched the drifting clouds as they fol. she would go away and leave him free to pursue the path to distinction, unfet tered by chains which, however silke

ster living elsewhere. They had gone less of the shrill, biting blast, indifferen to the beauty of the untrodden lan-

pating through the air, muffled as if tinkle. Diane stopped to listen, and to discover where she was. She had waited till their voices died away. CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK]

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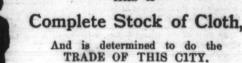
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