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take too many holidays or accustom been beautiful in the hall with her himself to the luxuries and pleasures damp garments and disordered hair, of Lambswold. You have been at she was infinitely more beautiful now

me. You see we are the first down, wore was a broad collar of gold of

admiring face of the young man, as he said, easily, moving forward to meet has done so during the last fortnight, stood by the mantel-piece. "But for- her, "that it seems almost superfi- I think. When did you come, Dolly?" tunately she is never quite ill! How ous to ask if your headache has left do you think Stephen is looking?" she you, Mrs. Daunt." asked, almost abruptly,

"I don't think such a long spell of ly. him," replied Lloyd Milner, smiling. ly. "Did I say that I had a headache?" erland table over which Mrs. Daunt to New York for two or "He looks rather thin, I thought."

Dolly's pretty face sobered a little; er came into the room, looking handat your imprudence." some and distinguished in his evening-dress, and, approaching the fire. threw himself into an arm-chair.

"Well, Milner, what is the latest to have something to tell us, poor benighted provincials as we are, who don't get the Times until two o'clock!" I hope you will give us the pleasure of

"But you have time to read it when hearing you this evening." you get it," Milner said, laughing; "whereas I haven't and I depend upon music, Mrs. Daunt." the people I see to tell me of current

"Dolly keeps me informed," remark- now! Ah, there is dinner! A fortued Daunt, laughing. "She is a per- nate announcement which saves me a fect little newsmonger; she knows homily on idleness!" she added, gayly, every marriage and birth and death in as she took his arm; and Stephen Ashford and the neighborhood."

He was speaking gayly and carelessly; but Lloyd, looking at him, saw his face change slightly, and although | felt more and more impressed by Sid-



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that his silence and depression would be observed; but it was so evidently with an effort that Lloyd was glad to go back to the drawing-room, where Dolly was reading by the soft light of a reading lamn and Sidney was hlav-"If I had thought it prudent, I, there had been no sound in the room, should have come," he said, lightly. the young barrister turned and saw scraps of melody on the piano. She -so beautiful that Lloyd Milner look- fire, where tea was waiting.

"I hope you are keeping up your

and Dolly followed them into the din-

As dinner proceeded, Lloyd Milner

ney's manner. She chatted gayly and

almost incessantly, keeping the ball

of conversation rolling during the

whole of the elaborately-served and

somewhat ceremonious dinner. Dolly

toined in now and again: but Milner

noticed that more than once she

glanced at her sister-in-law, as if

such strange gayety were unusual.

Stephen talked little; but his silence

would have passed almost unubliced.

even by his friend, had it not been

that all Milner's senses were on the

qui vive, as it were, and that he was

keenly observant of all that passed.

Careless and at her ease as Sidney

seemed, he could not help thinking

that her gayety was entirely forced,

that her high spirits were wholly

feigned. Once or twice, even in her

gayest sallies, her voice failed her for

a moment, and her lips quivered as

if with sudden pain; and, as the even-

ing wore on, the rose color died out of

her face, and she became very pale.

tor lamps and wax-lights, but empty, by a touch of color-even the lace at will play that for you, Mr. Milner; save for Sidney's pug-dog Duchess, her throat and shading her white and then, when you have sung us who was nestled cosily on a cushion arms was black-and the somber rich. something, I will give you a cup of ness of her dress became her to per- my best tea-some Lord de la Poer "Yes; my mother could not spare fection, while the only ornament she brought home from China with him. curious Eastern-looking workmanship smiling. "Is he your tea-merchant?"

"Pretty well; mamma is never quite showing richly against the black great people of these parts, and"--inwell, you know," added Dolly, laugh- lace. She was not pale now; there nocently opening her eyes and glancingly, as she sunk down on a low seat, was a rich color in her cheeks and a ing at Dolly, who colored hotly as she shading her face from the fire with bright light in her eyes; and she was moved toward the piano-"I suppose a great black fan she carried, and smiling as she came toward them. a great admirer of mine, since he

When they were alone, sitting over

their claret, Milner noticed that Step-

hen roused himself and began talking

Dolly, at the piano, took no heed of the question, and feigned not to hear She raised her eyebrows, inquiring- it, but began to play, while Lloyd Milner's pleasant face shadowed over "My headache?" she asked, dubious- a little as he sat down near the Suth-"You were complaining of one," he was presiding.

said, smiling at the pretty puzzled manner. "But I am afraid it was a real to the young barrister in the Corner Brook or \$100? Sevpretext to turn away Stephen's wrath stene before him. He felt as if he enty Five Dollars, Fifty Dolwere assisting at a play in which he lars, Twenty Five Dollars? "A headache is such a convenient was much interested, and of which he Then watch this paper. pretext," she answered, carelessly. Was anxious to know the denouement. "But now you mention it, I had a Both by nature and from habit he was news?" he asked, gayly. "You ought headache this afternoon. It has left a very keen observer, and he was too me now, thank you. Have you brought much attached to Stephen Daunt not any new music with you, Mr. Milner? to be greatly interested in all that concerned him and his happiness. Besides, even had he not cared for Step- tian" General, one of the trio of cehen, he was puzzled by what he saw; he could not understand it; Stephen's much at this critical time may deapparent indifference, his beautiful "I?" - shrugging her shoulders wife's haughty coldness, Dolly's evidslightly. "Oh, I never sing or play

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ent uneasiness-each and all perplexed him, and put him, as it were, on his mettle to discover the truth. of gayety was telling upon her; all her color had faded, and dark circles had shown themselves beneath the great somber dark eyes, while, though she laughed and chatted, her voice was tuneless and her laugh harsh and unmusical. Lloyd Milner noticed also once, as she was talking, she paused suddenly and seemed to listen: alor dread hung which she was trying to forget or to ignore; and, although he tried to dismiss the thought as absurd and unlikely, it haunted him still as he sat in his own room that night deep in thought, staring into the dying glow of the fire far into the quiet hours of the night. His suspicion might have become

certainty if he had seen Sidney when she was in the solitude of her own room and had dismissed her maid, who left her mistress sitting before her fire in her pretty satin-faced dressinggown, her chestnut hair smoothly motionless, a look almost of despair in her dark eyes; then she rose, partly opened the door, and listened intently. The house was not yet quiet; were going to their apartments. Sidney heard their cordial "good-nights"

listened, but no sound broke the stilldressing-robe, donned a short dark walking-dress, and, taking from the wardrobe a warm cloak, wrapped it every limb and gasping for breath in

hid her face for a few minutes, then lessly out on to the landing.

(To be continued.)

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China's Christian

General

Fen Yu-Hsiang, China's "Chrislestial war lords on whose action pend, is an enigma. A few months ago Marshal Feng

had lots of friends in Britain. But since then the marshal has been flirting with the bolshies in his country and at a time of grave disorder has not thrown his influence into the balance against the student agitators. Therefore he is somewhat a suspect, for all his Christian proclivi-

Marshal Feng. Chang-Tso-Lin (the Mukden war lord) and Wu Pei-fu, are the three outstanding figures in China to-day. It was because of the rumpus between Chang and Wu Peifu that the marshal says he stepped in and began to manage things at Pekin. It is only a nominal management according to those on the spot, for the marshal is believed to be playing a waiting game to see what his rival the Mukden war lord is going to do. At any rate he is still carrying on his marshal-like duties in a restricted sphere in a very drastic if original manner. Feng is coped off as he is to praying. The manner of man he is has been the subject recently of some considerable publicity in the British press. One writer who knows Feng says that his is one of the most remarkable armies in the world. Feng's men are forbidden to smoke, drink. gambie or loot and they swear only occasionally. Being denied all these outlets for energy. Feng was asked what his men really did do. "They fight:" was his rejoinder.

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