

## 'Margaret,' The GIRL ARTIST

#### The Countess of Ferrers Court.

CHAPTER XXXV.

Blair smiled, but his face was still clouded, and the prince laid a hand

may be allowed to bury its dead. That it may do so the more completely I want you and Lady Ferrers to assist me in a short ceremony."

will kindly show me round her stuknows how devoted I am to the art of which she is so great a mistress!"

"Certainly," said Blair, rising, and said the prince, gravely and gently,

They went into the drawing-room where Margaret and the princess were whispered a few words to Margaret. She got up directly, and drew the

"Follow me," she said; and she led them to the magnificent studio which

rare statues gleaming in the reflected

be here! Do you know what he said when I told him that I was coming to see you?"

"No," said Margaret; "but everything that was kind and thoughtful. I am sure," she added.

"He told me to convey his devotion to you, and say that he looked forward to the hour when he should be able to painter as she is at long intervals. so strangely. Tell her to put the paint-brush and the palette first and her coronet after-

"That was like him!" said Margaret softly. "How much I owe him! You shall take my answer back, prince. beans with mint and serve them with But, see; do you think I have been roast lamb

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"Really!" she cried eagerly. "Of

"Thanks!" he said gravely. knew you would not refuse me. I will

He left the room, and the other three waited expectantly. While he was gone, Margaret took up her palette and brush, and absently began

He re-entered the room presently famous picture of the Long Rock.

silence, though her face was very pale. of me, Percy?" he asked, with quiet

"Can you not guess how?" then, reading his meaning in his eyes

ute the picture had disappeared. dismay, but the prince inclined his

head, and as Margaret turned and hid her face on Blair's breast, he said:

"That is what I wanted. Now, in deed and in truth, my friends, we may happiness of your future; a future you, some of the fellows looked rather and Mr. Warner were going out too made bright with a love that has been sharp at me, as if a youngster like me and the count asked me to go and tried in the furnace and found no

dealt with the right side of nature

THE END.

Had St. Vitus' Dance.

And this is the reason why Lady Percy Chester smiled at the boy's Ferrers' great master piece, which set all Italy talking and made her fa-"Well, and what happened-not a meeting for to-morrow, with cold cof-

her time."

art critics are beginning to doubt fee and pistols, I hope?" Charlie Merivale laughed, and, at a sign from his cousin, took a glass of

had no right to take up a moment of

ome of her later pictures, which may not be far better than the mysand I do think her the most beautiful woman in the world-quite different to most of them; they don't think a Chester, very quietly.

youngster worth a word or a look even. Then she chatted quite-quite for a final browning, a newspaper tucked into the fire will do the work A novel idea is to flavor string

"Yes," laughed the boy; "we talked Rere is a case where life-long gratitude will be felt for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. As a school girl and in later life Dr. Chase's Nerve Food came to the rescue when the nerves gave out. Now a healthy, robust woman happily gives the credit to this great food cure for restoring her to health and strength. going back to Eton," he added, boyand strength.

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"Rather a strange topic for a lady, Charlie," put in Percy Chester.

"Yes, it was, wasn't it?" assented the boy; "but I don't think I began it. I think she asked me if you were going to Scotland this season, and then skirts.

she did, indeed! But what I was go

Percy Chester looked up quickly The Ward of the hen stroked his mustache, with an

Earl of Vering.

CHAPTER I.

Miss Devigne! Now, Percy, tell me,

peautiful woman you have ever seen?"

"Yes," ran on the boy, "and you

duchess say that it was the best thing

people-women that seemed to me aw-

fully pretty-actually appeared plain!

I couldn't help looking at her, and at last, after a long while, you know,

"No, my boy," answered his men-

tor, who had listened with palpable

took me up to where Miss Devigne

and then she introduced me."

gaudy rainbow things, but that white Charlie," responded Percy, reaching evening at home. You see a dance is not quite such a novelty to me. I am ite flowers.' 'Are they,' she said, with they are very rare at this season. Then I said I saw some on your table "No," exclaimed the boy, emphatically; "no end of people asked after yesterday morning, and she turned to you, and why you wasn't there; you me with such a quick look that good thing for me last night; it got where is that bouquet?" he asked, ab

ne a lot of introductions-and, I say, ruptly, looking round the room. Percy Chester never told a lie-not

don't you think she really is the most "I sent them to Miss Devigne, Char-Percy Chester's eyes dropped, and a touch of hesitation aint smile, accompanied by a slight

"I'm so sorry. How stupid I an Percy! I hope I haven't done any-"I shouldn't like to commit my- thing wrong-"

self, Charlie-and so Miss Devigne tiful one, I know that, and I heard the up about-nothing, I assure you." The boy drew a sigh of relief. When she came in, all the rest of the

"I am glad of that: I thought I had told what you did not want known and that is horrible. Perce! But any and when she was sitting with Lady

"Conjecture fails me," said Percy Devigne, I asked the duchess if she Chester, smiling.

"Why." continued the boy, with a proud flush, "Count Hudspiel came up to her a few minutes after and asked the duchess is-she never snubs a 'Didn't you ask me for this, Mr. Merifellow, like some of the others. She vale?" By George, she did, Perce and she danced with me, too! She did, indeed!" and he caught up a roll, "'Miss Devigne, here is a gentleman and spun it in the air in triumph as i

desires the honor of an introduction.' it were a cricket ball. "Proud boy!" laughed Percy, who "At first Miss Devigne looked rather did not seem at all displeased; "and surprised, but when the duchess said, so, crowned with victory, you march 'Mr. Chester's cousin, you know,' she ed home, I suppose?"

smiled, and made room for me to sit | "No," answered the boy; "for jus near her. Wasn't that kind? I tell as I was coming away Count Hudspiel have some supper at his rooms-

"And, as you had already supped you declined," broke in Percy Chester,

bones and claret-awfully jolly the count was-though I didn't like the

"Did you play?" echoed Percy

Percy Chester looked at him for

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