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CHAPTER XIV (continued)

BRATRICE'S BARGAIN.

It was a moment of intense humilia

tion for Beatrice. She left her face flush

to the roots of her hair; she dared neith-

how powerfully they fought for her.

Anthony turned away and walked

twice up and down the room, before he

to know, allow me to represent that you

are not justified in concealing it because

I refuse to do as you wish with regard to

"Indeed? You mean to drive a bar

"I suppose you have found some old

paper of my grandfather 's-some last

trice, rousing herself to speak determin-

rate, Mr. Lockhart, I will say nothing-

decision will rest with you alone."

not take my terms, I-I-"

"What will you do?"

replied

"The conclusion I come to is that you

think I might disposess my cousin of

his estate, if I chose," said Anthony with

a hard smile. "Well : suppose I refuse

your terms. Do you then mean to sup-

tle effect upon him. Like all women

present position. To suppress the evi

dence would be no punishment to a man

me what I ask "

Gerald Ruthven ?"

" (Ves. "

to know?

gain with me.

his while to be angry.

"To you it is."

Yes.

ed coolly.

He got up suddenly and faced her "You are juite right," he said. "I misunderstood you for a moment. Your threat is a weighty one. It is not likely that I should allow Bertie to be turned AUTHOR OF "JACOBI'S WIFE," "UNDER out of his home for me. Please let the papers-or whatever they are-be placed in my bands alone. Nobody else must

> 'I premise on my honor to keep si lence respecting the suspicious circumstances attending Mr. Ruthven's presence last night at Glenhervie."

er to look up nor to speak. She knew Without a word, Beatrice drew a page that she had insulted this man, whose from her dress and handed it to him. soul was as haughty as her own; and "This," she said, "formed one of a bunshe felt quite certain that in his place dle of papers which had fallen out of the she would nver forgive the person who box that we found at Glenbervie. The had shown such contempt for her. But other papers seem to be of very little she fergot that she was a woman, and a importance-I will give you them all at singularly beautiful weman too. If she some other time. But this one will, remembered that, she might also have perhaps, be valuable- to you." remembered that it is proverbially hard Then she seated herself again with a

for a man to be severe on the faults of a sigh. The color died out of her face ; woman endowed with the perilous gifts her eyelids drooped. For a moment a of beauty. But she had never thought feeling of sickness and faintness attacked of her own personal attractions in the her; the battle had been fought, the light of a weapon, and she did not know victory won, but the victor had not escaped unhurt. A keen sense of humiliation had made her suffer butterly from time to time; and her own triumph spoke again. At last he paused and seemed to her almost like a defeat.

atood before her.

"Well, Miss Essilment," he said, I suppose that I am open to bribery like other men. Only—if you have mything only your mind that is important to me Authory held the paper in his hand without looking at it. He was struck by the change in her face.

"You are ill," he said, "Let me get

you a glass of water-or ring for some

up with as bright a smile as ever.
"Not at all. I am quite well—only Gerald Buthven. Your right course it to tell me at once, and leaves me to tired. I will go now and get a little rest. judge what I shall do in the other mat-I thank you, Mr. Lockhart, for your "I shall not do that," said Beatrice,

"Stay one moment," said Anthony quickly. "Let me look at this paper before you go. I will not detain your "Why should I stay ?" asked Beatrice.

Anthony seated himself in a armchair but she did not rise. The languor of opposite the one she occupied, and reweariness which had taken possession of carded her with something like an her deprived her of her usual energy. amused interest. All the displeasure was She sat and watched him with dreamy, gone out of his face. Beatrice fett fascinated eyes, as he turned the paper over between his strong, brown fingers, examined the signature and the super-"Is your secret worth buying" he askscription, and then deliberately read it through.

"You are right," he said, when he had finished it. You were quite right. This paper is valuable."

will and testament which has been overlooked," said Anthony. He spoke lightly, but kept a watchful eye upon her face. But she was on her guard, and not a muscle moved. "Believe me my dear Miss Essilment, it is probably worth no more than the paper it is written en.

Wills don't get hidden away for ten or twenty years in the way you suppose. If you will kindly let me see this docu-"That is beside the mark," said Bea-Mr. Douglas out of house and homesuch as remains of it, at any rate to take edly, "I have never said whether I had a paper to show you or not. At any self in his place."

"He has money without that," said show you nothing-unless you promise though he would be penniless. It is only "Promise you to tell Bertie nothing fair. that shall seem to throw auspicion on

"Bertie loves his Scotch home," rejoined Anthony quietly.

"What are you going to do then !" she "And then you will tell me something that will make me judge my grandfather asked. It was perhaps an impertment question, she reflected afterwards; but leniently, and that is important for me so great was her interest in the matter that she could not keep silence.

"So important," said Beatrice vehe-mently, "that when you know it, you Anthony seemed neither surprised nor annoyed by her question. He was will see that there is no occasion for Berfolding up the paper which she had tie to be told anything-anything. The placed in his hands. He answered, as he transferred it to his pocket.

"I don't know." "You will make it public?" "I don't know."

Beatrice rose from her seat and drew her Indian shawl closely round her. She press the evidence, and try to cheat me half repented what she had done. Perout of my right, Miss Essilment because haps Anthony saw the doubt in her face, I am trying to vindicate Bertie's? How for he followed her to the door, and do you reroncile that to your onscispoke, as he opened it for her, in a low, earnest voice.

"Rest assured," he said, "that I will be "No." said Beatrice, rising from her chair and drawing herself up to her full as careful for Bertie's welfare as you can height, "I shall not do that. If you do wish me to be. I owe him too much to wrong him in any way."

"You would not be wronging him; you would be only claiming rights," said He watched her calmly. He was curi-

ous to know how she would act. The Beatrice. "Summum jus, summa injuria," re intimation that he might, if he chose, turned he with a smile. become master of Bertie's estate had lit.

He closed the door after her, and returned to his station in the middle of the she thought contemptuously, she could not understand a man's idea of honor. room, where for some time he stood But she took him by surpise when she wrapped in a brown study, his eyes bent upon the floor, his hand closed firmly upon the paper in his pocket. He had "I should place proofs of what I have said rightly that he did not know what said in the hands of a solicitor, Mr. he should do. And the grey autumnal Lockhart; and I should force you to morning found him still unresolved. turn your cousin and friend out of his

> CHAPTER XV. A PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE.

this line until the present moment. Be- breakfast table. She was still a little Beatrice," he concluded gently, "a man forehand she might have said that an pale and trembling from the shock of does not usually see his his house burnt appeal of this kind would be thrown nervous terror which she had received on away, except on a man of the finest nathe previous night; but there was also his life. He may be allowed, I think, ture. Had Authony Lockhart a fine in her eyes a half-hidden sweetness, a to be a little late for breakfast next nature? At any rate he responded it consciousness that life held something morning in consequence. 11 not once to her call upon him, and responding new and beautiful for her, which lent He seated himself beside Lilias, and

gathered that she knew very little about great deal more than he chose to allow, the events which were then disturbing or that he was going to be ill again.

the minds of the rest of the family, 'and Beatrice's sharp eyes were more occurred. he retrained most carefully from exciting pied with Anthony Lockhart than with

that he has broken two of his ribs. which were all that remained of Glen hart ?"

"I should not think so." said Anthony, with his eyes on the tablecloth. He felt a profound sensation of pity. "Dr. Airlie tells me not to be alarm-

today." very quiet." Anthony rejoined.

not suffer very much. I don't think," brightness in it, even a sort of sweetness, said Lady Lilias, with a sunny laugh, good at bearing pain."

"I trust that you will never have any to bear," said Anthony. He spoke from an impulse of the moment-too gravely, as he afterwards knew, for the occasion. He felt rather than saw the surprise in Lilien's sweet eyes.

"Thank you for the wish," she said, rallying her spirits at that instant of fire burnt itself out before morning, I astonishment, and speaking in a light, am told; I suppose it is still smoulder laughing tone. "I hope so too. I am not like my cousin Beatrics, who when we were children, used rather to glory in

pared with men in that way. She says that women have far more courage and that women have far more courage and at the sound of her own words.

the paper which he had placed upon it. hand had saved last night; of her gallant I caught cold last night.

Then he spoke, without glancing at defence of poer Gerald Ruthyen; of the The fire was a grand spectacle, Lulias; I

times of finding a soul to mate his own, presence of any other person in the but never of one so brave, so generous, room. Beatrice broke in with a hasty so true! Was it possible that after all these years of waudering through the "We will all take every care of Bert his Scotch estate from him and put my- these years of waudering through the native land to find the woman of whom wish that our riend, Mrs. Eton, were at

for me !" speech which brought him back to earth again. "Let me give you some more coffee. We never have the servants here at breakfast time, and everybody come ven always breakfasts in his own sittingherself. Are you very tired, dear? haps a dearer one.

And what have you done to your hand? It is in a sling?" Beatrice, with a smile, as she returned her cousin's greeting, "No, it is not very painful, but it made me later than

usual, for I could not do much for myself. Good morning, Mr. Lockhart." She had a pale, tired took, but her eyes were clear, her smile unembarrassed, her voice as calm as ever. Anthony,

well after the fatigues of the previous night. "Yes," she said, looking at him as if

our friend, Mr. Douglas, must be tired think of sorrow coming to her." this morning. It is nearly ten o'clock.' "I had better inquire perhaps," said Anthony.

"No. don't," said Beatrice quickly. 'I am nearly sure that I hear his step ontaide. Yes, here he is, Bertie, I am afraid you have learnt bad ways in India ; look at the clock !" She spoke, as Anthony thought, with

peculiar kindness; her eyes rested on the new comer with something that approached regret. Bertie made an apology in a graceful, deprecatory way, which Lady Lilias found herself first at the was not devoid of humor. "You see, does not usually see his his house burnt and swear down before his eyes more than once in Can draw you to her with a single hair.

ed in a way that took her also by sur- new charm to her expression. She was accepted the coffee and other things with dressed in white, and she had pinned a which she supplied him, answering her cluster of half-opened monthy roses into remarks with the nonchalant gaiety of a her dress with a little silver brooch.

The dress with the ate nothing, and that For sale at Wilson's prescription drug and dainty about her that Anthony there was a look of decided pain and de-Lockhart, who was the next comer, did pression in his face when at rest. No not wonder at his cousin's infatuation. one else noticed it; Anthony himself Anthony had to introduce himself, as might not have seen it but for the habit he had not seen her before, and, under- which he had lately formed of keenly neath his rather warlike exterior, he noticing his cousin's symptoms. He experienced a feeling of decided ner- came to the conclusion that Bertie was vousness in doing so. Anthony speedily either feeling the loss of his house a

> Bertie and Lilias. His silence, his re-"Poor Gerald," she was saying. "I serve, puzzled her. She wondered, with did not know that he was coming home almost feverish eagerness, what he meant just yet. I suppose he saw the fire on to do. When she listened to the discushis way here, and turned aside to be of sion raised between Bertie and Lilias what use he could. Dr. Airlie tells me concerning those half-burned walls, That is not dangerous, is it Mr. Lock- bervie, and of the new house that must be built upon its site, she could not refrain from darting a look of inquiry almost of dread, into Anthony's face. He was listening too, but his eyes were fixed on his plate, and there was a fold ed." said the girl, "and he is very clever. between his brows which gave him some But I hope he will let me see my brother thing of a stern expression. He seemed to feel her glance, for he looked up and "He will probably have to be kept met it suddenly, and then Beatrice saw him smile. Why she did not know; but "Yes, I suppose so. I hope he will that smile was reassuring. There was which transformed the whole face, and "that either Gerald or I was ever very rendered it no longer dark and stern but thoroughly attractive. "Trust me, it seemed to say to Beatrice. "I will do nothing to hurt these two whom we love so dearly." And Beatrice's suspicious eves fell beneath that glance. Safe, sure, reliable and effective. De not gripe. Purely vegetable. No mercury, antimony or alees. They can be relied on for all Disorders of the Stomach, Liver, Bowels, etc. Sold by all druggists at 20. per box. Full supply of Dr. Giler Remedies at F. JORDAN Sdrug stere, Gederich, Ont. 2013-y

"I will go down to the house and re port progress when I come back, if you will excuse me," he said suddenly. "The

"I must come too," said Bertie. "I must come too," said Bertie.

Anthony laid his hand on his cousin's ahoulders. "Not a bit of it," he said. "You had better rest. You can do no good, and you will only knock yourself we were children, used.

Ahowing us how much she could en dure."

"You had better rest.

Lady Liliss," he added, looking gravely and steadily into the girl's face as if seeking to read her character through and through; "may I leave him in your on the property of the p

This paper is valuable.

He fingered his long, dark moustache "Some women," said Anthony. He "I shall be content to be useless on thought of the many treasures which those terms," said Bertie idly. "Indeed, moments by the table, looking down at Miss Essilment's quick eye and strong I don't feel quite fit today; I suppose

duel-for it was duel after all !- in which | wish you had seen it. I was quite alive "This is my grandfather's last will and testament," he said. Genuine, I should imagine, and valid enough. You know tion. He had never met with a woman the two locked at each other and the library; and his honest admiration. The two locked at each other and the library is and his honest admiration.

what you have done, Miss Essilmont? like her—never. He had dreamed some, smiled. She had almost forgotten the

world he had come from India to his ie, Mr. Lockhart," she said. "I only Beatrice impetuously. "It is not as he could say, as Tennyson's hero said- home. You know that she lends us the "Here, by God's grace, is the one maid light of her countenance as a general rule, but she is away in Edinburgh at "You are not eating anything, Mr. present. She would have been delight-Lockhart," said Lilias, breaking in upon ed to cosset an invalid ; we do not often his meditations with a commonplace give her the chance of doing so at the Towers, do we, Lilias?"

But Lilias was far too much absorbed in her conversation with Bertie to hear. Anthony thereupon took his departin just when he or she likes best. Mor. ure, but was hardly surprised to find himself followed from the room by Miss room, so Beatrice and I generally have Essilment. She lid not address him on the field to ourselves. Beatrice-oh, by the subject which he guessed was very the bye, here she comes to answer for near her thoughts, but on another-per

"They do not know," she said, with backward glance towards the closed door "I sprained my wrist last night," said of the breakfast room. "They do not know that Gerald is so ill."

"Have you werse news of him this morning ?"

"Yes. Dr. Airlie told me before came to breakfast. He is delirious. Nobody can say how it will end."

"But surely Lady Lilias must be told of her brother's illness !" said Anthony

ventured to hope that she had rested in astonishment. "Yes, I know she must. But I did not want to make her anxious; and she

seemed so happy." Beatrice paused as she doubted whether he were in earnest, if she wanted to recall her words. "She "thank you, I slept well. I fear that is so light-hearted, so gentle; it is sad to

"It comes to all," said Authony brief-

"And to some earlier than to others." rejoined Miss Essilmont, turning from him. There was a touch of bitterness in her tone, which Anthony remembered as he pursued his way to the scene of the fire. He did not quite know what she meant by it. Was she angry with him, or was it some memory of her own life that disturbed her?

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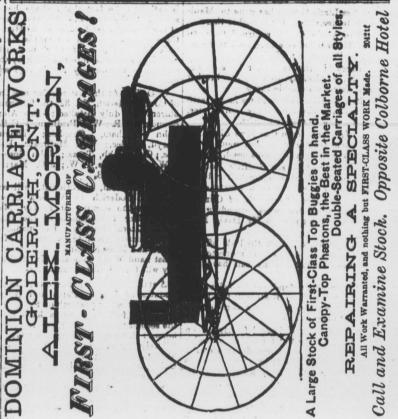
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