Elaine the Fair

A New Serial Story of Absorbing Interest.

"My father hated society and never | for came home to England—that is why I the question.

was such a stranger to you all,"

Elaine answered. "He educated him—my maid?" self and taught me music and everything. It was his idea that my fostersisters should learn with me. He taught Giuletta as well as me. But go on—tell me more about this American Italian lada. What beings has to can-Italian lady. What brings her to England when her health is so poor, and is she coming to Wayland Manor? I wonder who she can be?"

"I believe I do. I forget now how we shall not meet again. she succeeded in making friends with my father, but I know she came sev-

He stopped, for Colin Grantly was pass, clearness and richness! Pure picking up Elaine's fan, which had unadulterated soprano—"

"Soprano! Mrs. Starr said contralcups. She thanked him with a smile to!" and a nod and went on with her cate-

"Did she say anything of Giulietta

both off. It was a sad, sad time! So she remembered poor Anita?"

"She remembered everything-she was a wonderful person! She and I "She told me her name among other ones. She is a Mrs. Starr? Do you things. She is a Mrs. Starr? Do you care for a considerable time. But as remember her?"

care for a considerable time. But as I forgot to got her address I suppose we shall not meet again."

"You missed something last night, Dennam," Lord Brixton said, as the two men strolled away together of ""This Mrs. Starr may well talk of Miss Verinder's voice, for I never heard anything to equal it—such comeral times to the house."

"She gave me the impression of having been very intimate. She knew all about you—had heard you sing—"

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"Mrs. Starr is a lunatic! It is so-

about a year, but then my uncle was something like his brother and did not care for society. Alston Verinder, her father, must have been half-cracked to keep his daughter shut up like that. Not one of us had seen her and let the place go in its natural way and every Sunday even-income and let the place go in its natural way. her father, must have been half-cracked to keep his daughter shut up like that. Not one of us had seen her and let the place go in its natural way

f on the same footing as men, my dear fellow. You forget that. Besides, I have enough, and she had scarcely anything. Her father melted all his money into a crucible, trying to find some imposible elixir. Poor Elaine would not have had anough to nav Lisabel opened a side-door, and they passed out at a point from which they could not be seen from the hammock. When they stood is the mock. When they stood in the open air Lisabel stopped Sir Everard.

some imposible elixir. Poor Elaine would not have had enough to pay that maid of hers."

"Was there any truth in what people said about there having been will leaving the place to you? I don't want to be impertinent, remember."

"Old Standish said something about it, but I paid very little attention to it at the time. The only thing that interested me was the fact that I was Latimer will go for the paper, and

of lines on her to be companion to the person who stands in her shoes."

"I have my will made and safely lodged at my lawyer's. You ought to make yours, Brixton, or whatever you have may go to swell the coffers of the heiress of Wayland Manor. Money flows to money, and my cousin has been uncommonly lucky so far."

"Uncommonly! But she won't come in for Etchingham, charming 33 abel.

nearly gone. In fact it was on account of her blindness that we became so confidential. Her maid was in another carriage, and there were several little things I could do for in fact could have y recall her name? Wayland Manor with a phipose, and time seemed wasted which was not spent in carrying it out. He wanted was not spent i "Blind! How sad! I am so sorry! I should drop Mrs. Starr if I were ernaps she would come to Wayland you."

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"Well, what else did Mrs. Starr impart to you? You have not told us what brings her here."

"She was on her way to London to consult an occulist. Her eyesight is nearly gone. In fact it was on account of her blindness that we became so confidential. Her maid was came so confidential. Her maid was agination. Did you notice that Miss agination. Did you notice that Miss agination. Did you notice that Miss agination. The form of the hall.

"Incommonly! But she come in for Etchingham, charming as the will tell you about to come in for Etchingham, charming as the second in for Et shook. Both girls stood expectant while he smoothed out the crumpled

said. "What is the matter?" Lisabel asked, taking it from his hand.

"Exactly, so let us make the mo-

"Blind! How sad! I am so sorry!
Perhaps she would come to Wayland
Manor on her return from London.
It would be so lovely to have a chat about dear Ital!! I lived there so long that I shall never feel as if all were English."

"I don't know about her coming here. Unfortunately, I omitted to ask

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"She has been over from Italy for "She has been over from Italy for "Oscitive!" Lisabel and other the dog, or last night. "Markham," the dog, or last night."

"Move triple you do?"

"We were just wishing that you why afterwards."

"Miss Verinder would not come."

"You said there were words writtened the mediately joined them.

"May I go too?"

"We were just wishing that you why afterwards."

"Miss Verinder would not come."

"You said there were words writtened nook, where mock hung in a sheltered nook, where she had not here."

"You said the mock had not here."

"You s

der's attendant."

"Yes, I saw him just before I came
here," Sir Everard said, still gazing
at the paper. "There are stains here

at the paper. "There are stains here—see?"

"Yes, we thought they looked like blood." Lisabel answered in a low voice, "What do you thing can have happened?"

'I will keep this," he said, putting it in his pocket-book. "What you have told me reminds me that I forgot to ask Markham what became of my uncle's dog Bruno. It was very fond of him, and always lay outside his door while he was ill."

"Yes, there was something about that on the paper!" Gracilia cried. "Something about the door being open and Bruno letting something be done. And I remember now that Elaine told me that a favourite dog of hers, called Bruno, had been shot because it bit her on the arm. But that could not have been the same dog, for she said it was destroyed by Mr. Verinder's orders. Oh, I do wish I had inder's orders. Oh, I do wish

thought of their fading out."
"Our best plan," Sir Everard said, still with eyes on the paper, "would be for both of you to write down sep-

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