

CHAPTER XVIII. A Strange Story.

Norah's face brightened for the first

Do you hear them laughing?" fore one is quite exhausted?"

The earl groaned aloud this time. find room for you to-night."

Lord and Lady Ferndale came up, and Norah, you won't mind dancing with Lady Ferndale kissed Norah with a some of the young men, the tenant

thought you were never coming. Ernest, I dare say Lord Arrowdale will start the next race for you. They have along to the marquee, dear: I want to it up." and she carried Norah off.

long before they reached the huge which he was responsible; one want- played quite as well as the "swells," ed her to go with him and see the and, indeed, Norah thought rather Punch and Judy which was performing better. ought to go and see the flowers in the her, and a gentleman got her ball and been waiting for Lady Norah to open Jady Ferndale held her tightly by the arm, and absolutely refused to relin-

have her all to myself for half an hour and never failed to field for her, and

The Way of the World.

"Yes, I hope so," said Lady Ferndale. We wanted everybody to know that it vas an open dav."

"All Santleigh village is here, I am

"Yes," said Lady Ferndale, triumph-

antly. "I flatter myself this is rather which people stroll around bored to unch, notwithstanding half a dozen death and trying to look as if they were amused. It's a dreadful thing to time since Cyril's absence, and as she say, my dear, but it is perfectly true, he managed it? self the rich have lost the art of heearl, with a kind of groan. "And I shout! Now, Norah, you are not to anticipate a hot and noisy day. I sup- get completely knocked up before the said Lady Ferndale, with a laugh. "I pose it will be possible to escape be- evening. You mustn't let them tire think he has behaved nobly, and I "Oh, I hope you will not be too tired them. I want you to save yourself. to stay till the end," said Norah, with ap for the dancing to-night. You main. Perhaps Lady Ferndale can they had gone through a course of rescue you! By the way, I haven't lessons under a celebrated professor- seen the hero. Where is he? He ac-

farmers and such like, will you?" "I'll dance with anybody-everymean, dear? Lord Arrowdale, I body," said Norah, promptly; but even children to notice it, and Norah manas she spoke, her heart ached. Why aged to reply, with seeming indifferwas not Cyril here that she might

> She made the round of the tents with Lady Ferndale, and of course but Norah smilingly refused. She

to a delighted audience in a corner of . They were in the middle of the set

It was Guildford Berton. He was possessed as usual, quite cool, though other people were hot and perspiring "No, no," she said, "I am going to just outside the court behind Norah at least," and Norah laughingly was keep her supplied with balls, but he scarcely spoke, and, though Norah "Everybody seems to be here," she would have infinitely preferred going said, as she kept bowing and smiling after the balls herself, he did his minto the groups of village people, who istering in so quiet and unobtrusive a took off their hats or courtseyed to fashion that she could not very well

And yet from the moment he apeared, her pleasure in the game eemed somehow to decrease. While ne was near, she found it impossible o concentrate her attention on the game, and his cool, impassive presence seemed to diffuse a chill, and she turned to him almost coldly when, he game being over, he asked her to et him take her to the refreshment

She could not very well refuse, but She noticed that, generally so silent imself, he talked quite fluently, and on her with the quiet, unobtrusive manner with which he had attended

All the morning he seemed to be

and in the latter part of the afternoon,

it comes instinctively, you know. And, cepted the invitation, but he hasn't

Norah's face crimsoned, then turned pale, but Lady Ferndale was too busy cutting cake for a crowd of hungry

"Has he not? I am sure I do not

was cleared of its tables and rou

would not engage herself to any one Norah going up to Lady Ferndale's ooms "to rest" for a little while, but is nothing that is so exhausting as hope deferred. All day long she had been looking and longing for Cyril, and now the shades of evening had fallen and he was still absent.

an absent, preoccupied fashion, and so ost in thought that she started pal "Will you give me this dance. Lady

A refusal rose to Norah's lips, but and, thinking that it would be best To her surprise, he danced admir

her through the large crowd with an ost men, found breath to talk as he

By Dorgan. "What a delightful day it has been he said. "Thanks to Lady Ferndaleand yourself, Lady Norah," he added in a lower voice.

> "To me?" said Norah. "Why to me?" "Because you have been the spiri of the whole thing," he said, quietly. Everyone recognizes that fact, Lady Norah. What happiness to be able to estow happiness on others!"

Norah laughed uneasily. A compli nent from Guildford Berton was mehow not to be laughed away as ost compliments are.

"How pretty the place looks, and how charmingly most of the girls are ressed!" she said.

"Yes," he said, just glancing round, but letting his eyes come back to her

Why, it is Becca South, isn't it?" and she smiled admiringly. Guildford Berton looked in the di

ection indicated. "Ye-es, I think it is," he said, car

"How pretty she looks!" said Norah Don't you think so? That crimson

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crently. "Yes, I suppose she is pretty, but I don't admire that kind of

against the back of the marquee. "Certainly," he said. "But mayn't

we finish this waltz?"

were making their way toward the for a moment looking round him. It was Cyril; Cyril at last!

The blood surged to her face, and er heart seemed to stand still for a a desire to fly to him. But almost in-She had been waiting, longing for him had he kept away from her? Why had he not sent a single word to tell her ny and where he had gone?

She stopped short and turned pale. "There—there is a terrible crowd," ne faltered, scarcely knowing what she said. "It doesn't matter; I can speak to her later on."

"Very well," he said. "Shall we finish the dance?"

nent she saw Lady Ferndale shake hands with Cyril, who directly afterward went to Becca, and the two con nenced dancing. "Your maid has found a partner,"

said Guildford Berton. "We should have been too late." "Has she?" said poor Norah, he

brain throbbing painfully. "Yes," he said; "Mr. Cyril Burne He has just arrived, I suppose, and naturally chooses an old friend for a

"An old friend?" asked Norah in

"Yes," he responded. "What a capital band, isn't it? Oh, yes, Becca and Mr. Burne are very great friends,

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