

of them as many English women are trained to be, and in her simple, well-bred life had fostered all her son's ideals until he was of the age to risk their being shattered, when, with marvellous skill and tenderness, she taught him to be merciful and generous in his judgments.

Whether due to inheritance or training Bertie Grantley was the most popular of all respected young men in England, and the most respected of any "parti." He was not a ladies' man—his mother had been his constant companion—and neither his tastes nor inclination ever drew him toward lighter relations with women. For his age he was a thorough man of the world, a good sportsman and intelligent about current topics. A high sense of responsibility and keen appreciation of the ridiculous kept him from the fault of taking himself too seriously, the root from which all bores spring. The young Duke of Grantley had been nurtured amidst everything that would tend to spoil him, but was totally unspoiled, modest and grateful for all the kindness