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CHAPTER XJIV.

The entrance into English society of the Anglo-Indian millionaire and her the splendid mansion in Kensington others. was thrown open to the London world, auntie." beautified to suit those fair spring days, but retaining all its old substantial pomp and heavy splendor.

The old lady's shrewdness and eccentricities had almost as much power as had her marvelous wealth, to make her one marked out in any crowd; and Honore's beauty, with that nameless charm of varying moeds and girlish piquancy, made her, even independent of her vast expectations, the star of

Although her introduction into the betrayed this. Just as much at her ease was Honors when presented at court as she used to be when she performed the imaginary ceremony in Phoebe's bedroom, stooping to make her dress very long, and bringing down on her devoted head the "How ridiculous!" evolved from Phoebe's common sense. The freshness of her enjoyment, the thoughtfulness that ran below her brightest speeches, the true self-forgetfulness, the total absence of vanity or affectation, the perfect impossibility of either spiteful or inane speeches, and, perhaps, above all, her winning, watchful care of the old lady, her bright, exhaustless patience, and her constant tender remembrance of her, were an irresistible charm about hands and hearts were at her service everywhere. Little wonder that intro-ductions were sought as precious "Never" said the girl in ons, and that, in the crowd which waited for her smiles, men of the noblest name and highest rank-with those who had won their country's honor, too, or won themselves a fair, undying fame-should struggle eagerly. It was in a strange spirit that Honore received this adulation; sometimes to all appearance unconscious of it; sometimes brightly turning it aside; sometimes gently, and almost pleadingly, resisting it; never proud of it;

above all, encouraging it. "Honore," remarked Lady Lawrence one day-it was toward the close of the season, and the old lady, after one of her crowded receptions, threw herself on a couch in her dressing-room, and looked up quizzically at Honore, who had just come in, pretty beyond words, in her dressing-robe of quilted satin, with her bright hair let down, and curling heavily and richly at the ends-"Honore, do you regret my de-

never meeting it willingly, and never,

cision for tonight?" "Regret it!" echoed Honore, as she sat down beside the old lady, and leaned her head against the arm of the couch, with a pleasant brightness in her eyes; "I will not say I am quite certain, auntie, but I think that, even if you had left the choice with me tonight, I should have stayed at home. It is after midnight now, and we have had a day of ceaseless excitement. No, I am really glad we did not go to the

'Nonsense, Honore. I know how thoroughly you would have enjoyed

"I know I should," said Honore, her lips as well as her eyes smiling now; out I am enjoying myself here, too. What a rare thing it is for us to have any time to sit alone together!"
"Very rare"—the old lady's voice was low and grave, but her eyes filled with a great tenderness as she put out one hand, and laid it caressingly on the girl's head-"so rare that it is of great value to me, my dear. Old people need some pauses in the busy march when the evening time is come.

Without a word, Honore took the little caressing hand within hers, and

The present is not everything to them,

Honore, when the great future is so

held it fondly. "If I saw that your heart rested only in those gaieties and excitements which I see that you pleasantly enjoy, I would not take you away, my darling, even as I have done tonight; but I know it is not so. Your love for your old aunt is no hollow love. I lean upon it-ah, my dear, you hardly know with what firm and pleasant trust I lean upon it. As little as you understand, in your simple truthfulness, how severely I was making trial of you last year, so little can you guess what you love was to me

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when it came so richly and lavishly in my lonely old age."
"And you," said Honore, "can never guess, auntie, what your love has been to me, who never knew till now what a mother's love was like. Ah! no;

you can never guess."
"Honore—" There had been a pause after the girl's low words, and Lady Lawrence broke it now with a new tone of anxiety in her voice. "Honere, one thing has struck me often since we have lived together, and tonight I am going to speak of it for the first time. I can keep no secret from you, my child; not even this thought of mine, for I know it can never obtrude itself as a barrier between my child and me. I told you I felt weafy tonight, and that it was natural for an old woman to do so. It is that feeling—for it comes often dear is that feeling-for it comes often, dear, and will not be ignored-which brings me sometimes a great anxiety for you. Only sometimes, for generally I can feel strong and content, knowing in whose care you will always be; but sometimes, as I said, and tonight is one of those times. Of course I could not have this anxiety if I knew I should leave you in a husband's care, out I have noticed that such a thought as choosing among those who sue for your hand seems as far removed from you as if you were a young wife enjoying her first tri-umph, or even as if you had told your seventy years, as I have. Honore, tell

me why this is so.' The girl's eyes had softened to a dreamy sadness, and the smile had adopted heiress was one of the grand events of that year, when, after a few months' travel on the continent, "not for one, I mean, more than others. That is my only reason,

"The only one?" The old voice faltered like the young one; the dim eves on the pillows had grown as wistful as those radiant ones beside them. 'Is that the only reason, Honore? Do not wonder at my doubting it-do not be hurt by my suspicion. If I did not know you so well, I might read nothing in your eyes and tones; but I do know you well, my dear, and I can birds. see that the reason why no one, in this new life of yours, has won this heart which is so true and worth winhighest society of Europe had been so ning, is because they were too late. sudden, nothing in the girl's manner | Honore, for months we have been separated from that old life of yours, but mas cards, and are sending their favorit would give you happiness. For heart yearn?"

"I should like to see Phoebe!" a little amusement in her low tones. "Phoebe!" The exclamation was scornful, truly, but the note of relief was audible. "Only Phoche Owen! We will manage that some day; but you know as well as I do that Phoebe would rather stay with Lawrence Haughton than come to you. Is there no one else you long to see?" "No," said Honore, speaking very

readily when she detected the pain in the question.

surprised dissent. A long pause, and the words the old lady next uttered were in a different

"Honore, how many times, during the season, have we met Royden Keith, of Westleigh Towers? Very few times,

The answer was so quiet and easy Lawrence's swift glance into the face "Very few, as you say. How many times has he been here?" "Not once, auntie."

The answer was so slow and calm that there seemed less reason still for the half-smile. "Not once, as you say, Honore. When I was a poor, insignificant old gentlewoman, sharp and shabby, Royden Keith always behaved to me as & courteous gentleman; he was always attentive and generous, thoughtful both for me and my sick friend, and kind to both; when we lived in cottage lodgings, he spared himself no trouble in being the friend of such as we seemed then; bravely facing ridicule and dull than he fancied they might And so patient and pleasant was he always with—ah, my darling, my little darling, tears at last! Yes, lay your head here-think it was your mother's breast, my child; fancy these your mother's arms about you, and whisper it to me presently-only presently. I know so much, that it will not take you long to tell. Dear, could I have lived with you so long, and so closely taken you into my heart, if my love could not teach me that secret; No, do not look into my face just yet. I-I will wait a little. It has brought back so many thoughts from that far past; and-and from the future, dear, which may be so near, Honore, our separation will be so hard to bear, but I think its chief terror will be gone when I can leave you in his strong and tender care. My darling, why those anguished eyes? Ah, we will let the story rest tonight, and tomorrow all will be clear and bright before

us once again. (To be continued.)

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On European Topics - The Queen's Merry Party at Osborne--Innovation in the Line of Christmas Cards.

Germany Perplexed Over the Situation in the Far East-Britain Is Not Going To Be Elbowed Out-Everyone Studying the Chinese Puzzle - British Parliamentary Programme -London's Slums Disappearing.

London, Dec. 27.-The temperature is to her two indifferent partners in the seasonable, and fog has given way to pricked up their ears, perceiving in it comparative brightness. The week has undoubted advantages to themselves. been the coldest of the season, ten to Suppose that something to be the twenty degrees of frost being registered, and skating has commenced. Queen sattleships, now building, which are Victoria had a merry party at Osborne. to make her queen of the Pacific. The There was a grand Christmas tree, most ingenious and pretty checkmate loaded with presents for the royal chil-dren, the members of the household move from Hong Kong to quietly drop and the servants. The party included into Wei-Hai-Wei next week and anthe Battenbergs, Connaughts, Lornes chor in its magnificently spacious har-and Albanys. A royal baron of beef, bor for winter shelter alongside the cut from a Devon ox, fed on the royal Japanese vessels already there. Its farm at Windsor, and roasted at Wind- occupation could be temporary, of sor by the cooks sent by the London course, just as Russia's in Port Arcaterer, was forwarded to Osborne on thur and Germany's in Kiao Chau is Friday with the boar's head and wood- temporary. Its presence there next the Queen's sideboard at Christmas. distribution of six thousand pheasants fleet. Nobodly would dare to attack to the omnibus drivers and conductors, Japan if English ships were riding

AN INNOVATION.

According to the newspapers, the ladies of upper tendom, married and single, are tired of the hackneyed Christwe will bridge the separation over, if ed friends photographs of themselves as attired for bed. The Chronicle whom, in that old home, does your thinks that although such souvenirs are suggestive of a good deal, nightdress pictures are less improper than presentments of the same figure in ball

THE WAR CLOUD IN THE EAST. In well informed circles the general impression is prevalent that the scare in the newspapers, and among the pub- really played out. It is a fascinating lice in regard to the far east is at least game, with spare holes for every premature. While the members of player, even Italy, and with inexhaustthe government are reticent, they are lible resources for combination. Every evidently sincere in disclaiming the correspondent in continental capitals least alarm. The impression gathered has been working at it, and every "That is well; but I think that I in ministerial quarters is that Great leader writer has solved the puzzle in the girl, and it was little wonder that never had any real fear, Honore. You British is carefully watching events, his own way, with the help of maps, would never wed with either Lawrence biding her time, and that she cer- diagrams and inner consciousness. It tainly will not fail to act promptly and is a confusing pastime, because nobody "Never," said the girl, in simple and is intimated in quarters usually well points, but it offers capital sport for posted on such matters that Germany dull times. Several plain conclusions either has or wishes to have an un- may be drawn, after this holiday rederstanding on the subject with Great creation. First of all, the German Britain. This view is strongly support- emperor has a remarkable theatrical ed by Prince Henry's visit to Queen talent, as is shown by his power of Victoria at Osborne, by his subsequent | concentrating the attention of the trip to London, and by the autograph world upon his Chinese campaign, and letter which the prince is said to have leading everyone to believe that with taken to her Majesty from Emperor the preaching of his new evangel the that there seemed no cause for Lady | William, of which confirmation is forth- end of the ancient and populous Flowcoming. The emperor's letter to the ery Kingdom is at hand. Secondly, Queen is regarded as being a dis- diplomatic combinations are more imtinctly conciliatory step on the part portant on paper than sea power, since of Germany. But there is no doubt China was saved by a European coalithat Great Britain is quietly preparing | tion when defeated in a naval war, and for all eventualities. Should it become is now under the protection and at the clear that Germany and Russia have mercy of Russia, Germany and France, really commenced a game of grab, without reference to the superiority of Great Britain will be prepared to as- the English fleet or the gallantry of sert her claims.

> BRITAIN WIDE AWAKE. At the Chinese embassy the view | prevails that there is some understanding between Great Britain and Ger-

The public scare seems to have arisen from the idea that the proceedings took Great Britain by surprise. This is fmpossible, for since the intervention in to make our lives a little less cramped | the China-Japanese war it has been | England at Chusan, within striking known that Germany has only been distance of the three harbors now ocwaiting an opportunity to obtain a cupied by Germany, Russia and Japan, foothold in China, and at various times it is still evident that modern warfare it has been reported that Lappa, Que- is a battle for markets, and that the moy and Amoy had been secured, while chief interests at stake in China are a year ago German ships surveyed commercial. England has what is Kiao-Chou Bay, all of which was known | more important than a naval station at the British foreign office. The re- on the Pechili Gulf-the largest share ception of the German squadron at of the immense trade with China. This Portsmouth, the facilities which the trade may be menaced if Russia obships were afforded, and will be afford- tains the right under a protectorate or ed at all the British coal depots on their | treaty to close the chief port of Manway to Hong Kong, points to the sym- churia, but not otherwise. To German pathetic support of Great Britain. That competition England can offer no ob-Russia does not expect trouble is shown | jection unless the collapse of the Chiin the fact that she has not one battle- nese government occurs unexpectedly. ship in the far east. But, of course, if Her commerce is secure, and nothing Russia does not leave Port Arthur in | will be done except to strengthen with the spring, her stay there may lead to additional battleships the fleet which grabbling. The British government is, is already superior to any other in however, not borrowing trouble. From those waters. England may be a trading point of view it is pointed out | without any on the continent, but that even in the event of the opening of every European power knows that her three foreign ports they will be probab- commerce cannot be taken away from ly as little harmful to Shanghai as Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia are

to New York.

The London correspondents devote was so weak I could scarcely get considerable space to the situation in around to do my work. I finally be- China, Strange as it may seem, the gan to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and correspondents are unanimous in saying that come what may England reigns supreme in the far east, and has only to move her great Asiatic squadron to the troubled center to prove that, isolated as she may be, no combination of fleets can force her to relinquish that supremacy. Not a few people regard the Times' editorial expressing satisfaction at the Bering sea settlement and protesting against the "loose insinuations of had faith on the part of the United States government, which have been thoughtlessly and unjustifiably made in England," and Japan's attitude she had assumed in connection with Hawaii as

> POPULAR SENTIMENT. Harold Frederick says: Of course England is clamorous with wild voices demanding that everything Chinese in sight should have a Union Jack hoisted over it without a moment's delay.

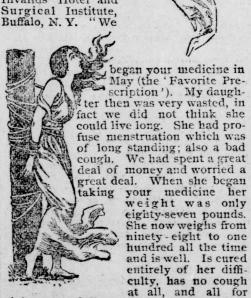
England will undoubtedly effect the naval occupation of some much further north than Hong Kong but there is really no reason why she should rush at it in a frenzy of eager ness. She is still very much "all right' in that quarter of the globe. She has a vast preponderance of the Chinese She has absolute naval comcoaling station in the Yellow Sea. Her commercial interests do not lie in the north of China. Why should she plunge frantically forward in pursuit of William's will-o'-the-wisp? There is one

ock pie, which traditionally occupy spring, however, would throw an alhe Queen's sideboard at Christmas. | together different light on the plan of Alfred Rothschild made his annual forcing Japan to humbly withdraw her 'busman getting a brace of side by side with hers. As said last week, that is the solution of the problem which most Englishmen feel in their bones is the right one, and I am sure if Lord Salisbury were to send a squadron to Wei-Hai-Wei and let the world see the British tars fraternizing with the Japanese sailors the English, as a nation, would dance with

> MR. SMALLEY'S VIEW. Mr. Smalley, in his dispatch, says: The favorite holiday game is the Chinese puzzle, and, like other toys, it is made in Germany. Each great power s trying to drive its own pigs into clover, while the native pigtails are wondering whether the Caucasian is It seems to understand what are the real the Japanese navy, but sea power is still a momentous fact, and England, with her naval resources, is in no panic. Thirdly, the partition of China, with its vast hives of population, is a very different operation from carving a Christmas goose for dinner.

> > BRITAIN IS READY. Whatever may be said respecting the necessity of a new naval base for

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her without a naval war, for which she is fully prepared. A RIDICULOUS SPECTACLE. The correspondent of the Sun has this to say: Prince Henry's mission to China, which has never been regarded very seriously by the British public, and was smothered with ridicule by his oratory at the Kiel banquet, has become more than ever an object of de- | They enumerate 21 murders by which rision here since the warships Deutsch- the assassins averaged \$18, and all the land and Geffon entered Spithead to beg criminals were guillotined. The statiscoal almost at the outset of the long voyage. If the mailed fist is ultimately to hit the British face, it is a trifle ludierous that Prince Henry should have to go, cap in hand, to a halfdozen British coaling stations before he reaches the striking ground. As a matter of fact, he will take British coal on board successively at Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said, Aden, Colombo, Singapore and Hong Kong. Weeks ago secret purchases by the British admiralty of enormous quantities of Welsh steam coal was announced. It looks now as though Whitehall had had prevision of impending exceptional needs. All the British coaling stations are known to be fully stocked, and more big contracts are on the point of conclusion. The British admiralty and the French ministry of marine are always alive to this coal question, but, incredible as it may seem, information emanating from a reliable source shows that the Germans had not brought their philosophic minds to bear upon the question until the last moment before the departure of their ships, with

the result that if British and Japanese supplies were barred, Emperor William's warships would be reduced to impotency. GERMANY PUZZLED. Government officials at Berlin are reticent concerning the operations in China. The reason is given that Germany herself does not know how she stands, or how far the other powers will permit her to go. The mission of Prince Henry is characterized as "spread eagle." A diplomat is recorded as saying that Russia's occupation of Port Arthur is permanent, she thereby securing the much desired terminus for the Siberian railway.

From a missionary the correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the Bay of Kiao Chou is by no means so valuable as at first believed. Part of the harbor freezes during three months of winter, and ice-breakers are required to keep it open. The hinterland is barren and treeless. If Germany concludes to retain it she will have to spend large sums of money. LONDON LANDMARKS OBLITER-ATED.

The slums of London are disappearing one by one, and among the latest that is now under sentence is the maze of narrow, tortuous and filthy streets at the back of Limehouse Church, where Dickens laid the scene of the quarter frequented by Rogue Riderhood in "Our Mutual Friend." In it also was located the opium den that figured in "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." neighborhood has apparently never been touched by any social sade or sanitary reformer, and the daily and nightly scenes of vice and violence are said to make the place a very inferno. According to the Councilor and Guardian, however, the local government board has ordered a survey of the district, preparatory to a complete clearance being effected.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT. The government, on the reassembling of parliament, will attempt no important legislation until after Easter. The debate on the address and the army proposals will be sufficient to occupy what is regarded as the first stage of the session. No one expects anything else than that the government will meet parliament with their plans for the reform of the Irish local government in a complete state, and that will do well if the Irish local government bill is laid on the table in the house. There appears to be not a little doubt as to whether the bill will get much further than the education bill of 1895, and it is even believed that the government may in the end be glad, in order to secure agreement among their followers, to substitute a bill for the creation of an agricultural department in Ireland for the more ambitious measures now promised.

THE ENGINEERS.

The striking engineers in their second ballot upon the proposals of the employers, the result of which is re-turnable on Dec. 28, to which date the conference of the masters and employes adjourned, are again rejecting the propositions made by the masters in the conference. The leaders of the strikers insured this result by combining two questions in the ballots. These

propoal of the masters in regard to their management of workshops?" and Are you in favor of a working week of

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