

## The Sound o **Wedding Bells**

## Won After Great Perseverance!

CHAPTER XXX.

"Well, then, hesitatingly. "I don't think Sir Hugh would mind so-very -much."

"No!" he exclaims, his conscience suddenly relieved. "Sir Hugh is a devoted son," she

goes on, in a low voice, "and-and I to please his mother as to please him-

He starts, and his voice clears.

"It is a comedy instead of a trag- with whitewash." edy!" he says, "and that hap-hazard suggestion of mine is the right one. We will fly. Come, say yes, my dear

"If you think-" she falters.

"I do-I do," he answers, eagerly. "It is the best way of solving the done! I will go down and get a license-I can, I think-yes, and you can meet me some day! Why not to-

barely suppressed eagerness. He has

"To-morrow!" she exclaims, with a little pant.

If you so dread an explanation-and little louder, "not till-ahem!-I go girl!-why not seize the opportunity to escape from your false position at once? Come, Lucy, my dear Lucy, my love for you is not of yesterday's to persuade you to do now, aunt?"growth! Come, say yes, my dear for by this title Lady Brookley has in-

"Yes," he says, pondering. "And he will tempt you into all sorts of

low, dearest, you must meet me

and go down to the end of the street nan shall drive you to St. Michael's."

"Oh, must I?" she breathes again. "Indeed you must," he answers; hen he pats her hand pityingly.

Will you come, dearest Lucy? Hush

and with courtly grace he stoops and There is barely time for him to do

so before Maud's voice is heard in the

let her suspect anything from your

cassar, and the duke coming forward to receive Maud, throws so much impressiveness into his greeting, that poor Maud's tell-tale face is crimso with sanguine hopes and expectations.

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country is just at its best, got its autumn tints on, and all that, you think he meant to marry me as much know. There isn't an auction sale night, sir!" she remonstrates. once a week, aunt; and as to the without getting his coat splashed

> It is Archie who is speaking-Archie, in his white waist-coat and the stiff, stand-up collar which the shall all wear-Archie, in his wellcut clothes, and with his handsome face more handsome even than of old grass, and a sight of the fresh air." in its reflection of his new-born happiness-and he is arguing that they

out of town, unless it is to Homburg or Wiesbaden. And surely you don't

"No," says Archie, "not yet." And he glances at Dulcie, as she leans over a table arranging some flowers. there for our honeymoon. Did you

"Nary word," she says, without looking round, but with a little dash sisted upon being called by the girl "Must I?" she murmurs, and he whom she has learned to love as a daughter. "Don't listen to him, dear;

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"There!" exclaims Archie, extend ing his hands triumphantly-"there! I told you so. It is hot—awfully hot; and I'm sure Dulcie looks pale. I've

Dulcie turns her face over he houlder, and laughs at him with

"What an awfully thin excuse, sir! "No. I don't really think that will at the beautiful face so eloquent of youth and health. "Try something

Lady Brookley holds up her hand.

"Yes, but that was only a fictitiou clubs, a fellow cannot go into them appetite; I didn't like to alarm you.' And he shakes his head with a self sympathetic smile.

"why shouldn't we all go away? a lovely doll, it is true, but still Somewhere out of this awful dusttyrant Queen Fashion has decreed we heap, which is, by courtesy, called London. I'm like the little boy in the ballads, dving for a mouthful of

> dy Brookley, after the laugh with which this sally is rewarded has passed. "Your uncle is so particular. He hates the sea-side, because it recalls them, when he was in active service-and he doesn't like the usual

"Look here," says Archie, with a weak attempt at unpremeditation;

"And it happens to be within a few young gentleman is going to ride a steeple-chase," puts in the old lady,

Archie nods and laughs.

"That's it," he says, candidly. "I'll

he nags are all right, and-and---"It would be very nice to have one's sport and one's sweetheart both Tells How to Stop a at once," finishes Lady Brookley, laughing.

"Well, why not?" he says. "I should like Dulcie and you to see the race; t is good fun, and we've exhausted

"Yes," she says; "everything, I hink," and she laughs as she recalls nentally the long list of outings to pall upon us."

phantly-"I told you so! That does ettle it."

"Well," says Lady Brookley, "you an both attack your uncle after

ontradict me; and if you can, manage to make a poor lunch, and sigh once or twice, to say nothing of look ing pale."

At which Dulcie laughs mockingly. "I shall do nothing of the sort, sir, and if I see Lord Edward doesn't like it, I sha'n't let him go." Don't Arch-

are happy? Every word, every look surely there must be some reason for the new light which beams in Dulcie's which, as in the old days, springs from her lips from early morn till

And she is happy. Not with the wild, delirious happiness of the old

vay to woo her, and that secret is he task he has set before him, and he

ouled love that has brought the ro es back to the once pale face, and the

And Dulcie, for her part, has learn d something too.

man may be as beautiful as an Apollo,

which her betrothed is held by the world at large, and that estimation minds him of the 'jolly days,' as he is a high one. Wherever they go together, she finds herself regarded as

But this is not all. Lady Brookley had declared that no woman could see much of Archie without loving him, and Dulcie has recognized and acknowledged the spell.

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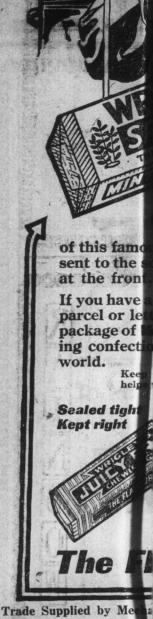
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