CHAPTER VIII.

and less harmful.

to feel it?"- He laughed grimly: not a pleasant laugh to hear. "But if of your threat of leaving, lad-pray remember years ago when I was ea- eyes from the bearer's face. ger to shake the dust of the Court from off my feet, that smile, that voice, of his kept me. I chafed against it at the time, but I fell back into the

He stopped suddenly and, awaking from his reverie, seemed conscious of

groove, though God knows it was

hard enough to do so, for the wrong

done me and mine ached like a bad

Thank you, I'll stay for the pre sent," said Ralph; "as you say, we've got on very well together, and I'm grateful for your kindness to me and

Burchett shook his head.

"No, no," he said. "His lordship told you to take it, and he likes being obeyed. You'll have some dinner "Oh, I'm not in the humor for din-

ner," Ralph responded, with a short, "Take that and eat it as you go

along. I'll have something ready for your tea." said Burchett, putting a roll into his hand. Ralph flung on his cap and went

out. The steward lived in a small house on the road just above the north lodge, and Ralph, as he went a short cut through the wood, tore impatiently at his roll; but, as he had said, his usually healthy appetite had been destroyed; the dry bread seemed to choke him, and he thrust the greater part of the roll into his pocket. All the way he thought, not of his guarrel with Talbot Denby, but of Veronica's proud disdain and hateur: and his brow was still heavy when he reached the steward's house

The door stood open; in answer to his knock someone bade him come in. and going along the narrow passage iarly gentle and sad for a man:



and use



He paused a moment, his face Ralph was struck dumb.

"Who-who-is it?" he demanded, day, sir!"

you stay, and I don't take much heed he seemed to recover his equanimity, he went back quickly. and rose, but keeping his hand still eyes still half apprehensively on

So you've been up to the house: and Whetstone," said Ralph; "and I have you've met Mr. Talbot, the next earl, brought you a letter from Lord Lyn-

has a knack of getting his way. I read it, after slowly withdrawing his pression.

"Yes, yes." he muttered. "I mentioned it to his lordship some time

wont: for a certain gentle bearing, a vague sadness in the man's accents,

The steward stood as if he were

since he had come to the Court, in telling various persons his name and

"Ralph Farringdon. Yes, yes!" repeated the steward, with a sigh, "No: I never heard it," he added, ra-

ther to himself than Ralph. "Likely enough, sir. I come from

steward's weary-looking eyes, but it faded again as he said in the same

young people from the estate; not so many as from most, but still a stream, a stream. You look stronga keeper's life is a hard one at the Court, for there are plenty of poach-

the woods ever since I came.'

tening to a far-away echo, and he nodded his head absently while his

eyes rested on the handsome face. "You don't know these parts at all, then?" he said. "Not till you came. No? Of course not, of course not, I

hope you like your situation."

haps?" he added, with a quick glance

"No," said Ralph; "that is"-re-

"A terrible one." said the steward. absently: "so terrible a one that he is entitled to your forbearance, Farring-

"I will," said Ralph; "though up to the present, Mr. Burchett has been most kind to me. He's not what you

"Will you have a glass of wine?" he

Ralph put the glass down.

"No message, answer, I suppose

ing himself with a little start. "I will write to his lordship. Er-er-

"You'd better come up to me now "Certainly," said Ralph. "Good-

He had got half way down the pas-Then, before Ralph could answer, and the weeds in the south pool, and testinal indigestion. Nothing helped

on the chair, as if for support, and his ogetically, for the steward was bendbeen there when Ralph left the room. The steward covered the miniature with a swift movement of his hand, lordship stood your friend? Aye, he The steward took the letter and and looked round with a startled ex- can say Dr. Hamilton's Pills are the

"Oh, it's you-what is it?" he stam-

Ralph delivered himself of the object of his return, and Mr. Whetstone all druggists and storekeepers, or post after listening absently, dismissed

"I'll see to it, yes, yes," he said.

Ralph, favorably impressed by the gentle manner of the old man, and treated him, was going back to the remembered that he had to get some wire in the village, and he struck

He had not gone far when he caught sight of a man crouching amongst the bracken in the woods a few paces from the open fence. Ralph Ralph repressed a smile: it seemed walked on quietly and, suddenly side of the fence." to him that he had spent his time. vaulting the paling, laid his hand or the man snorted and looked Ralph Exley, Miss Emma, St. John's

He sprang to his feet and present ed to Ralph an exceedingly ugly and evil-looking face, rendered all the more unprepossessing by a scowl half fearful, half defiant.

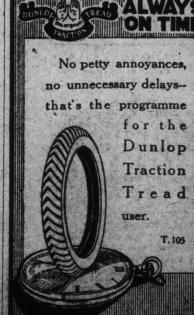
"What are you doing here?" demanded Ralph; though he could give a pretty shrewd guess, for the place A faint eagerness dawned in the swarmed with rabbits, and rabbits are tempting things to a hungry tramp. Ralph's quick eye saw that the man's right hand held a useful "Australia! Yes, yes! Many go and business-like stick, and that his there; there is a regular stream of left was wrapped in a dirty and blood-stained bandage.

"What am I doin' 'ere?" retorted the man. "What d'ye s'pose I'm doin'? I was goin' to 'ave a doze, that was what I was doin'."

"Well, I'm sorry to disturb you," "So I am aware," said Ralph; "I'm said Ralph, gravely, but good-humorcontinually finding snares; and I fan- edly enough; "but you're trespassing; here: you'd snore, perhaps, and dis-

own the bally place for the airs you

"No. I don't own it, worse luck," said Ralph, who was trying to place "Yes, thanks," said Ralph; "that is tramp he was a little different to "Nothing to complain of?" asked England: this man had rather a for-



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look after the bunnies, see?"

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> rather curtly. "And now, if you've perhaps you'll get the other, the right

up and down. "Haven't got a pipe of 'bacca about

you, I suppose?" he asked, sullenly. Rainh took out his pouch. It is an appeal a man can rarely resist. "Help yourself," he said.

The man took the pouch and was filling his pipe greedily, when a dog- Forde, Miss Florence, cart came down the road. Ralph looked up and saw that it was one from the Court, and that the gentleman seated beside the groom was Mr. Talbot Denby, evidently on his way

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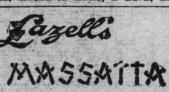
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