

'Margaret,'

The GIRL ARTIST,

The Countess of Ferrers Court.

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For the last two days, since he had

"Lord Leyton!" she said, at last. held it, still looking at her.

close upon you."

Margaret tried to smile.

"It does not matter." she said. "Give me my block, please," and she

He drew a httle nearer, and gave "You are sketching?" he said, his

eyes fixed on her face with a wistful She inclined her head.

"Yes; I am painting a picture for

as if her voice, and not the words she

"Yes: if you wish to see him, you

"Just left you!" he reneated as he fore. "No: I don't want to see him.

him?" she said with faint surprise. "No!" he responded. "He wouldn't

see him: I came___" then he ston ped for a second. "Miss Margaret, I am afraid to tell you why I came."

"Then don't tell me," said Margaret trying to force a smile. "It sounds pose, my lord."

He stood silent for a second, then he flung himself at her feet, and leaning on his elbow, looked up at her with the same eager wistfulness in

"Yes, I will tell you," he said: "I came to see you!"

"To see me?" said Margaret, flushing. Then the straight brows came together. "Lord Leyton, you should not have said that!"

"Why should I not?" he demanded. "if it's true-and it is true! Miss Margaret. I have been the wretchedest man in London these last two must get near to you, that I must days."

"I doubt that," said Margaret, quiet-

ly, and going on with her sketch. "It's the truth. If there was a man condemned to be hanged, I'll wager he wasn't more wretched than I have

"Wicked people are always wretch-

"And I am wicked. Yes, I know,"

ed and shouted, but I did mean what

"I don't care whether you meant i

all the way down I prepared a speech it, and-and those I dare not say."

"I must go, my lord," said Margarferently, but feeling her heart begin ning to throb and quiver under the

"Wait-wait five minutes," he in me back to London feeling that you

Margaret sank down on the stones again, and listened with her eyes guarded by their long lashes; but she

He drew himself a little nearer. "Miss Margaret, are you a witch?

"Yes." he said. "I think you mus be one, for you have bewitched me.'

a man bewitched when he can only think of one thing, day and night, and can get no rest or sleep from think ing of it? And that is how it is with Margaret made a motion to get up but he laid his hand on the edge of

went on. "I tell you the simple truth done to me to steal the heart out of my body? for I feel that it is gonegone!" and he touched his breast with

Margaret tried to smile, but there is a tragedy in real passion which, however wild the language, forbids laughter, and Lord Levton's passion

"I see your face all day, I hear your voice. I go over every word you said come down to Leyton if I died for it.

"I know that I should not listen to

Miss Margaret, you have stolen my

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"I love you! Dear, I love you!" he murmured. "Do you-will you no

She opened her lips, but he put up

months-years? Margaret, I think loved you when I saw you in the vil-

but I'll change all that! You shall were, she seemed to feel them. "But

the other thing; but I ask you to be my guardian angel! Dear, if you knew ncw I love you! I cannot get your face from before my eyes; every word you have uttered sings in my heart! I am bewitched, bewitched! And-and all I can say is, let me love you all my life, and try and love me a little!"

Pale, trembling, Margaret listened, her eyes downcast, her hands clasped tightly in her lap.

It was all so new, so strange, so unexpected that her heart throbbed and ner brain whirled. His words, in their passionate assertion and en-treaty, seemed to penetrate to her soul, and with it all a sense of ineffable joy and delight suffused her

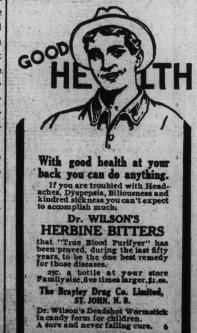
"All right." he said: "don't speak Well, I'll take myself off; I'll get ou

He had raised himself, but Margar et's hand stole out and fell, light as

You-you cannot love-it is impo

under her fingers like an imprisoned bird. "You know that it is true-do

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LONDON, March In the Commons to-day, Chance re United States and other for cuntries. McKenna said that investments were contrary to the tional interests, and that he depre

WIDOWS OF SOLDIERS AND SA

LONDON, March ers who have, thus far, bee rding to Wm. Hayes, Parlia nment Board, in a speech Commons committee on the war sions bill, to-day. The widows Fisher added, aggres

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mouncement was made mons to-day by Mr. Lloyd aris next week to attend an Sir Edward Grey and Earl Kitch ill also attend the Conference. Rome, March 23.—Premier nce of the Entente Allies

attitude to be taken at the which may affect Italy.

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