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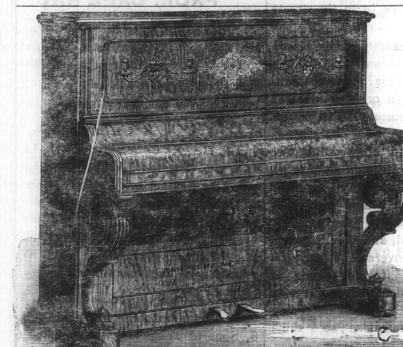
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CHAPTER XXV. (Continued.)

And then she began to talk of her presen employment. Margarita told Lady Davenan that she had left her home again, and, think ing a visit to the sea side would be beneficial to her, she had come to Cowes.

'You do not intend to remain at home?' sai her ladyship.

'No.' answered Margarita; 'I am very an xious to secure an engagement as companion. Lady Davenant's face fell.

'Then you do not care to undertake charge of pupils again?' she said.

'No; I am not so strong or so well as ave been. I suffer from a pain that never dies or seem to grow less.'

Lady Davenant was kindly interested. Ha Miss Avenel taken advice? Had she tried any remedies? She guessed so little that the pair was the pain of an aching heart.

Presently, Margerita, remembering her lady ship's love of fashionable gossip, began to talk about the great ones of the earth who were at Cowes, and gradually came round to Miss Cameron. Lady Davenant's face brightened at the mention of her name.

'I hope to make Miss Cameron's acquaintance very soon,' she said. 'We shall meet at the Officers' Ball.'

She did not understand the sudden leap of fiery crimson to the beautiful face, or the trembling of the proud sweet lips. It had nothing to do with what she was saying, and her ladyship continued—

'I have not seen Miss Cameron yet; but am told she is extremely beautiful-and her fortune must be very large. They say here that she is one of the wealthiest heiresses in England.'

How little she dreamed that the fortune mentioned in such enthusiastic terms ought to have belonged to the husband of the girl be-

They talked about some of the other most noted residents, and then Miss Avenel, after seeing the children, took her leave. She did not wish to see Lady Davenant again until after the Officers' Ball. In the meantime she must live as quietly as she could, and wait in patience and hope.

The Ranegond Hotel was one of the best in Cowes. Royalty had made it a resting-place t was of such a class that only the wealthiest of the land could stay there. Margarita had noticed the building; it was the first object of interest to her in Cowes, the first thing she tried to see. She had looked up with wistful eyes at the numerous windows. Which of them belonged to the room where Adelaide Cameron was? Margarita had walked up and down before the hotel many times, longing intensely to be inside—to stand face to face with the girl she hated—the girl whom she believed to have so cruelly wronged her. But she found her tall graceful figure and beautiful face attracted attention; and she, Lord Rylestone's wife, must be careful of appearances.

'I will wait,' she thought, 'until the even ng of the ball, I shall be sure to see her then. On the night of the ball, plainly dressed and the beauty of her face hidden by a thick veil, she stood with the crowd gathered outside the hotel to watch the visitors there drive off to the ball. She should not fail to see Miss Cameron there. It would be easy to ask to whom the different carriages belonged, and so distinguish her.

She was not obliged to ask. A plain unpretending brougham drove up to the door, and she heard one of the hangers-on at the hotel

'Miss Cameron is coming; people say she the wealthiest heiress in England.'

Margarita felt something like dread-a fear almost of what might meet her gaze, although she had been longing so intently to see her. Presently she raised her eyes, and the sight that met them stabbed her, as it were, to the

She saw a 'shimmer of satin, and glimmer girl, superbly dressed, with jewels that shone like flame, and a golden head crowned with precious stones; she saw one so delicate, so lovely, so high-bred, that her whole soul bow- ing of it. Miss Cameron replied gently that ed down in acknowledgment of her rival's she believed he was well. beauty; she saw grace that was all gracious-

ness, dignity that was all sweetness. And then the beautiful vision in the sweeping silk dress passed on, and she stood alone in the soft darkness of the summer night.

For some minutes afterward Margarita stood mute, bewildered. She had seen what the world called 'belles,' beautiful women and fine women, but she had never seen any one like Adelaide Cameron.

Lord Rylestone's wife had seen the young heiress at last. She had looked on the fair face of the girl she hated, and that one glimpse had left her whole soul in a tumult of emotion. She threw back her veil, and looked up where the golden stars were shining—there was such infinite peace, such infinite rest there. Why should she be discomfited because Miss Cameron was so fair? The moon was shining on the sea, and she walked down to the water's edge.

I shall never forget the gleam of her golden hair—the delicate flush on her face—the light of her jewels—the shene of her dress. How could he love me best while she is so fair?'

Jealousy was one of Margarita's faults. It came to her with the dark eyes and the fire of the South. It was part of her warm, loving, passionate, character. She sat by the water's edge, and she hated the golden light of the stars because it reminded her of the golden gleam of the fair shining hair.

'How could he love me best?' she said aloud; and her voice seemed to die away over the silvery waves. 'How could he care for me while she is so fair?

But reason came to her after a time, and she looked with a smile on the starry sky and sil-

'He did love me best. He could perhaps have married her with all her money, yet he preferred to marry me!'

CHAPTER XXVI.

LADY DAVENANT'S great idea of life was of always rising in the social world. She liked making fresh friends, but they must be people of position. When money, beauty, high birth and station were all united, as in the case of Miss Cameron, her enthusiasm knew no bounds. On the evening she made the heiress' acquaintance she considered herself exceptionally for-

They met at the Officers' Ball, and the inroduction took place there. In Miss Cameron Lady Davenant saw one of the stars of the social system; she saw a belle—a girl whose future might be one of the most brilliant. In Lady Davenant Miss Cameron merely saw a bland and amiable woman of the world, who seemed to estimate everything at its proper value, who never went into raptures over anything, and expressed herself with the greatest uietness and decorum.

Miss Cameron was rather amused by the pertinacity with which Lady Davenant sought her society, and the pretty phrases she wasted on her, especially as she saw she was not cultivating her acquaintance with the view of improving the position in life of a son-and she made no mention of a brother-for Adelaide had been long enough in the gay world to estimate the attention paid to her at its true value. Some few loved her for herself-for her fair loveliness, her winning grace, her bright, winsome manner; but the generalityand she had the sense to know it-loved her for her wealth, flattering her because she was rich, following her and paying her homage, because to know her was to shine with a reflected light. She knew that Lady Davenant was one of the latter class. But Adelaide was gentle and kind of heart; she did not like giving pain, she could not be repellant and cold; so she responded to Lady Davenant's advances, and that lady was charmed with the young heiress.

'I have really wished to know you, Miss Cameron,' she said, ' and the great attraction of the ball to me was your presence.' Adelaide could but thank her.

Lady Davenant persevered. She intended to be Miss Cameron's intimate friend; that would give her a higher standing and greater importance just now than anything else, and Adelaide cared too little to take any active measures to thwart her. Lady Davenant said it would give her great pleasure to see Miss Camerou at Laston Priory during the autumn, and the young heiress bowed most graciously.

'I must go to Walton Court during the autumn,' she replied; and then Lady Daveof pearls.' She saw a tall, lovely, queenly nant, as in duty bound, inquired after Lord

> The exquisite flush that rose to the beautiful-face was all lost upon her-she saw noth-

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