

The Romance

GEORGE NEAL

Marriage.

CHAPTER XIV.

Sir Herrick laughs, a short, scor.

Sir Herrick colours

"I should say not," says Sir Her-

rick, with a smile.

"Dear me!" murmurs the major, must congratulate you, Rick, I wish It had been the other young lady;

"My dear Rick, your happiness is

Drive on, coachman."

the inn, overcome by his relative's indeed, rather better than his associ-

that the major recovers from his as- have wiped out. tonishment and dismay; then his mortification finds words.

his false teeth clenched together. "The spectre-rode on his back like the

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diotic young fool! And he thinks I old man that bestrode Sindhad and will permit it! Throw away Powis Court for a red-headed girl without a

y enough; but, then, he would take and have done with it."

a beautiful fairyland, in which the

-deed! Dear me!" says the moving love—had come to him at last he was lying at Paula's feet, and readten scoffed at it. No school-boy suffer-"No, I don't think so. I don't care. overcome than was Sir Herrick Powis. She lives with her brother. You saw the man of the world, the fast man of her to-night, that set a dreamy light

"Quite-er-poor?" murmurs the says the poet. Exactly. Self disap pears, but the past remains, If the

Sir Herrick, for once startled out of upon obtruding itself on Sir Herrick's is it?"

my sole thought and aim," says this rather, though it may have been pleasmost admirable of uncles. "If you ant, it was not altogether a worthy really have given your word, why- 7s past. We all know the sort of life that tors. To a certain extent it will not the major, plaintively. "If your heart bear the light. Sir Herrick's life had pounds. But what's the matter with Good-night, my dear Rick, good-night. pected-full of folly and irregularity Chronicle lying unopened. You -spotted here and there with the And he presses Sir Herrick's hand pleasant vices which the proverb ing too?" with an affectionate grasp, leaving tells us gods will not fail to turn into Sir Herrick, standing at the door of scourges. He had been no worse, and, glances apprehensively at the recumates; but still there was one episode It is not until the carriage has got which, as he walks in the moonlight

What this particular episode is we shall know in time; but it haunted Stancy is!" "The young idiot!" he mutters, with him now-haunted him like a grim

"If I could but begin from to-day."

but met her two years ago. My Paula,

turns to do so, and the last thing in

sauntered back into the moonlight, ture. What would Major Vericourt do? erally a nuisance?

"But no," thought Sir Herrick, with slim, graceful figure of Paula, with a grim smile; "whatever he does he her eyes and red-brown hair, presid- will not do that; he will be exceedingly and appallingly agreeable and charming. Well, it cannot be helped. head, the swift, tender glance of her I have spoken, and won my darling; eye, the clear, musical voice haunted and despite the major and even poverty, I will hold her!"

And so he fell asleep, to dream that

seemed to have breathed a spell over of happiness in her eyes and lent her voice a subtle ring of ineffable music.

Even Bob-as he sat in his chair ote the chord of self, that trembl- was in recalling all that had occurred in the stable between him and May, girlish face; and be sure that Alice, lying on the sofa also and sipping a cup of chocolate before retiring to

"What's the matter with you tonight, Paula?" says Bobs, staring at is silence for a few minutes. her as she sits at his feet, her head glowing with some strange emotion. "And you really don't mind?" says of Paula's love, the past would insist "Have you found sixpence—or what

Paula starts and moves her head

"I'm thinking, Bob," she says, softly. "Only thinking." "Oh!" he says, briefly, "Don't offer

pounds, Bob," she says, with a soft, hair is ruffled by his arm, "what do little smile. "Not for ten thousand haven't glanced at it. Are you think-

bent figure on the sofa.

"Yes," he says, with suspicious alacrity. "Thinking over the evening, it doesn't matter to me, you know," at least a couple of hundred yards thinking of Paula, he would willingly you know. Very pleasant, waen't it? Mercy we weren't all killed in that blessed upset, What a fool poor

> sofs, cold and incisive, but musical as a harp, "pray be just. The accident, which might have ended fatally for some or all of us, was owing to Sir Herrick's interference. Mr. Stancy de Paimer says so himself."

Bob winks down at Paula and

"Oh! of course if the says so it must be right. But it's a mercy all the same. What do you think of the maj-

"The major?" says Paula, with a ittle laugh, and a sudden flush, for s he not the uncle of her idol? "Major Vericourt is the most charming man I have ever met," cuts in the voice from the sefa. "He is an ex mple to the young men of the present lay, and acts as a reminder of what efinement and polish man can be

"Thought you'd admire him," says Sob, drily. "All the same, I'm glad be sn't my uncle," with a grin. "Poor man! How devoutly he would

cho that sentiment," rejorts the

"And I think our friend Sir Herrick finds him a little trying," says Bob, knocking the ashes out of his pipe. He didn't look over-pleased when ds charming uncle carried him off in the landau; in fact, I never saw a and look more black; did you, and on the chestnut head innoces



you going to bed, Alice?"

"I think I will," says Alice, and she The Pattern is cut in 4 sizes: 2, 3, rises and come towards the other two 4 and 6 years. Size 4 requires 2% and yet thoughtful glance. "Is Sir

"I-I don't know," she says, trying haps."

closely round her, and smiles curi-

"Good-night," she says, "Don't sit

she wait till the morning when doubtless, Sir Herrick will come and

There is a great longing to tell someone, and whom else but Bob, the one dearly loved friend and brother? Her young heart is so full that i pants to overflow in confidence. Yes,

"Bob," she says, softly, nestling still closer, so that her thick, silky

"Eh?" says Bob, waking from a vis- lar and cuffs of white pique. ion of May with the pup "What do you say?"

"I was going to say-but if you are quite asleep," with an aggrieved air. ed to any address on receipt of 10c. "I'm as wide awake as a lynx," says in silver or 1c. and 2c. stamps. Bob. "What is it, young 'un? Are you going to plead guilty, eh? Better do it to Alice, and get her to forgive you; and he smiles.

"Plead guilty to what?" says Paula, stammering, and turning red as a

"Oh, come," retorts Bob, with fraternal incredulity, "don't pretend you don't know to me, you know. After carrying on all the evening, too. 'Pon my word, I'm surprised Alice hasn't cut up rough."

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