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The countess shrugged her shoulders. The countess shrugged her shoulders. "It is kind of you to try and consoleme, John, but, unfortunately, this is not a matter that admits of much consolation. It is bitter enough to realizathat a daughter was born to us instead of a son, but it is far more bitter and humiliating to be obliged to confess that our child is of so poor a mental construction as to be little removed from a simpleton. Now, pray do not attempt to argue this away, John. Surely you have had evidence enough today of Margaret's miserable lack of common sense. Just contrast her with this other, girl, this Miss Debenham, and then see if I have not every right to deplore her, imperfections."

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With an effort, John Millbrooke restrained himself. The futility of urg ing on this mother the wisdom of gentle dealing and patience forced him into silence on the question of Meg.

"You have someting you wish me to do?" he asked, instead, and he could not prevent a certain degree of cold ness from creeping into his voice.

Lady Darrington assented.

"Come out on to the terrace," she said. "We can chat for a quarter of an hour, and be undisturbed. The earl does not know you have arrived yet."

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Sir John followed the tall, stately woman through the window.

"I hope Lord Darrington is better," he said, as they strong down the tessellated pavement of the terrace and gazed over the expanse of velvet lawn and flower beds.

The countess was silent a moment.

"He is just as usual," was her an swer. "John," she asked, abruptly, "what is Dorrington's place in the public regard? Is he as popular as he was?"

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Sir John mused an instant.

"I can hardly answer you. The fact is, he seems to have dropped out of things a little of late."

"That is just what I have thought, what I have feared," responded Lady Dorrington, swifdly, "and it is a very disagreeable reflection. You know that he was off-red the governorship of—, and refused it. The post was magnified, the position regal, he knew I wisehed it, yet he refused to leave Enland, and I cannot bring myself to believe that he was actuated in this by simple reasons."

Sir John looked upward in surprise. "What do you mean, Cousin Marcia,"

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"What do you mean, count asser-cia?" If mean," the countess answered with agitation, "that of late a great change has come over Dorrington; he is emphatically not the man he was. He looks to me like a man who has grown weary of everything, and is content to drift into being a nonen-tin." In Gold Filled, 20 Year

grown weary of everything, and is content to drift into being a nonentity,"

"It is probable you are right, "but,"
John Milbrooke said, "there is nothing very extraordinary in / this. Most men of-refined intellect weary, in time, of a political and public life."

"Dorrington was never as other men: he was far too ambitious. When we married, he used to tell me he would never rest until he was prime minister, and this was the root of his ambition for many years; but now he is altogether different. Mark him well, John, when you meet him to-night, and tell me what you think of him. There is another matter that is troubling me," the countess added. "It would almost seem as if we were drifting into a kind of poverty. Of late, when I ask for money, I can never get it. We are hemmed about by debt. Itadiey has alfeady three mortgages: upon it."
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it. We are hemmed about by deet. Radley has already three mortgages upon it."
Millbrooke heard these words with amazement; he had imagined the Dorrington coffers to be filled to the brim; the general opinion was, he knew, that Lady Dorrington was possessed of great wealth, and, although the earl had not inherited much money rumor had credited him with the faculty of financing his resources in a very skillful way. It was impossible for the young man to hear these words without deep personal in terest. Could it be true, indeed, that Dorrington was in monetary difficultief? It it were proved to be true, a great difference might be wrought in the future, for, of course, such difficulties must, of a necessity, affect Ludy Margaret's position, and, instead of heing the great heiress she was supposed to be, she might be open to the woo by a man in his own circumstances.

John Milbrooke, however, did not

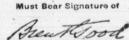
means of dividing him still further from this child, whom he loved. In the hands of such a woman as Eady Dorrington, it was only natural to, suppose that Meg's future would be 'carried out with the hardest ambitjon, 'There would be plenty of men,' John Milbrooke said to himself, half bitterly in far surer positious than himself, wene would be willing to marry the Earl of Dorrington's daughter, even whole suggestion of poverty struck Sa-John as being almost ludderons in econnection with this particular family, and he said as much to the countess, "Possibly Lord Dorrington finds himself temporarily inconvenienced. A ms in so placed as he need a very deep bink at his back. I fancy if there were any resi cause for trouble I should have heard't at once, one hears' things so quickly in the city," John Milbrooke added, with a faint smile.

John Milbrooke, however, did not allow himself to hope too much, indeed, as his thoughts worked on quickly, he saw, in his news that the countess had just given him, a possible

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they were not weak; neither was there any weakness in her face. If he had been inclined to be hypercritical S:r Johr might have found that this delicate, oval face, with its warm, red lips and wonderful eyes could be capable of expressing great hardness. Not that there was anything hard in Richel's look at the moment. She was listening to Meg's voice with a null tender soule breaking the gravity of her lips. It gave Milbrooke a quirk sensation of pleasura to see this expression, and it was very evident to him, as he turned his eyes on Meg, that all the disconfiort attached to Miss Dib-nham's arrival had slipped from Mig's mind, and that she was exisedingly happy to have her friend with

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things so quickly in the city," Joi Milbrooke added, with a faint smite. Lady Dorrington made no immedia reply, and they paced slowly ba again to the fong, open window

Mcg's mind, and that she was exceedingly happy to have her friend with her.

As Sr John joined them Richel Dabach in scanned him closely.

'Si this is the msn,' she said to herself. "Well, now I have seen him I can understand his power."

Sir 'John had to listen to all sorts of accounts of their school days. It was Meg who spoke the most. Miss Debenham struck him as being a gi! who would waste very few words, she was emphatically an interesting study. He could not quite understand how it came about that she and Meg should be such close friends; there could be surely very little in common between them. It also seemed to Midbrooke difficult to associate this other girl with Meg's chattering account of her school amusements. She was young, of course; but her youth was set far apart from Meg's, and she seemed considerably the elder of the two. Before they were joined by the rest, of the party, Meg nad told him all about her friend.

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President Roosevelt.

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husband, to see how marters really are. Dorrington likes you, the countess added, in a manner-she intended to be gracious, "and will doubtless chat with you freely. He is only down here for a few days, and one of his secretaries is down here also—a young man whom he has picked up somewhere and whom I personally regard as objectionable,"

They passed into the room at this, and geparated.

Sir John was not long in dressing for dinner, his mood was a mixture of annoyance, impatience and sadness. At moments he regretted sharply that he had come to Rudley, great as was his delight of seeing Margaret again; she was surrounded by so much that was hurtful that the pleasure was almost spoiled.

John Milbrooke found this girl's life to be a very sad one. He would have given all he possessed to have been able to insure happiness to Meg, but this conversation with her mother had oppressed him with a strong presentiment that Meg's share of sunshine was to be very small.

When he got into the big drawing-room, he found, Lady Margaret and Rachel Debenham standing together with linked arms, in the wide window-place. They were a charming contrast, both were garbed in white and sweet and lovely as Margaret Stirling would always be in Milbrook's eyes, he could not refuse a tribute of warm admiration to Miss Debenham's attractive personality. He noticed more clearly now her unusual delicacy of coloring and her slenderness; without being in the least thin, Rachel, nevertheless, struck him as being the most refined type of girlhood. Her white hands were narrow and small, but Worms affect a child's health too seriously to neglect. Sometimes they cause convulsions and death. If you suspect them to be present, give Dr. Low's Pleasaut Worm Syrup, which destroys the worms without injuring the child. Price 25c.

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