

# The Cameo Bracelet.

CHAPTER IX.

flattered at the interest she was evinc- less fortunate friend, ign in him; but she did neither; and | As they did not agree with Madam tears, something there fascinated and she called them, most happily placed, held him captive, it was not because but pitied them for being immured in ure, so unconscious did she appear Bessie Mordaunt or Trixie Mayne were of the glow kindling on his cheek as more frequently invited to accompany he stood there, looking up at the fair them than any one else. At one time

shoulder at the young man . their patroness was at hand, and to- intercourse with other worlds as a manger; together they meekly list- the temerity to laugh aloud at the ened to her strictness on the impro- utterances of an illiterate spirit, their priety of young girls being seen on patroness did not feel disposed to the staircase of a public hotel. But make either of them her companion. when she left them, they sat apart, uneasy and distrustful. From hence-delighted to exchange the dull sittingforth their friendship would be but room where they were expected to in name, for both were burdener with occupy themselves with their studies, some secret that they feared either conduct the baroness' voluminous to divulge or to have wrested from correspondence, and work for her the

differently. Bessie Mordaunt would seen for Madam von Wernick's lively have been content to be let alone—to salon in one of the gayest streets of be assured that no effect would be the Eternal City. The good, easy made to discover what she sought to couple never had many formal visithide; but the more excitable Trixie ors, for giving dinner parties, or enwas as eager to learn her friend's tertainments on a large scale of any mystery as to conceal her own. The description, would have entailed upon pleasure they had once felt in their them more trouble than they cared to intimacy was over, and Charlie put themselves to. But some of the Ormsby-although he knew it not- cleverest as well as the most eristowas the cause.

CHAPTER X.

commencing, and the English, who affect to despise the childish mirth and masquerading of their Italian neighbors, had crowded into Rome either to witness or assist in it. Among them came an agreeable, middle-aged couple—distant relatives of Madam have preferred to be together, but Caspares—who had not outlived their since that recontre at Boulogne, their

zest for pleasure; and as they had the advantage of being well connected and bringing with them letters of lies in Rome, Monsieur and Madam von Wernick prepared to keep carnival night merrily.

Among their other qualities they possessed that of unselfish considera-Although Trixle Mayne was gazing tion for others, and rarely went any at him intently, it was with a stead- where without inviting one to take a fast gravity that never softened into vacant seat in their neat but roomy, a smile. Had she blushed or started luxurious carriage; or contriving to away, he might have felt amused and have an extra ticket or card for some fireworks, to direct which an English pains to look up the records. No

of the costumes in which the printhough, as his eyes looked full of Caspares in thinking her maidens, as her glances wooed his admiration, the secluded suite of rooms she had She might have been a beautiful pict- secured at the top of a dingy palazzo, vision that had burst upon his sight. the baroness would have resented such "My chicken, what are you doing?" attentions to her proteges as a slur exclaimed the baroness, rebukingly. upon her own treatment of them; nor At the sound of her voice, Sir Char- would she have hesitated to declare les Ormsby moved on, and Beatrice that the society of a woman so clever drew back, to find that Bessie Mor- and well informed as herself ought daunt had followed her, and, unseen to suffice for them; but just now she herself, had been peering over her was deep in the mysteries of spiritrapping. This new pursuit involved started for Nice sooner than be forc-Again Trixie's fingers clutched her daily attendance at the seances of the ed to avow that all her efforts had own slender throat, and her orbs flash- professing mediums; and as Bessie filed to obtain her the much-craved ed lightnings at the intruder; but denounced all such attempts to hold gether they followed her to the salle blasphemous, and Trixie had once had gratification that Trixie, calling on Madam von Wernick one morning on

elaborate point lace headdresses and Yet this estrangment affected them ruffles without which she was never cratic people in Rome fell into a habit of dropping in at Von Wernick's; enjoying a chat, perhaps partaking of taught the good little German frau to

Lent was over; the carnival was the English tea Bessie and Trixic had demurely, though her heart was flutlike; and then going away to appear at more pretentious, but certainly less enjoyable, assemblages,

found a customer for the king's ward- the incoming parliament.—Boston robe, and thou and I will go to my milliner's, and choose for you a dom-At one time the young girls would ino. Fritz himself shall call upon the baroness, and ask her to spare thee to me until to-morrow evening; thou wilt need a few hours' rest after the ball. Art thou content that it should

shalt take his place."

her way home from the professor of

that he had resolved to go in the

character of your English King Char-

ruages, whose class she attended-

be so, little one? Trixie threw her arms around the neck of the stout, rosy little German woman, and declared herself delight-

"It will be a peep into fairyland; and I shall enjoy it all the more beoticed, untroubled by any fear that I shall be recognized as an awkward

"Awkward no one would call you," said madam, nodding at her pleasantly; "but you are right in preferring to encounter the crowd so disguised that you may feel at your ease, and preserve your incognita as long as you are inclined. But do you amus ourself with these flowers while nish my toilet, for if we would seure our dresses we have no time to

(To be continued.)

ngs toward each other had chang-LOOSEN UP THAT COLD ed, and by tacit agreement they aced Madam yon Wernick's civilit ainly tended to keep in good humor

home, and that she should have an at-tentive if not very interested auditor set it.



what she had heard and seen. So

madam's maidens enjoyed a good many

pleasant rides and rambles that

spring, without putting her to either

kind-hearted Von Wernicks had the

gratification of knowing that they had

given inexpressible pleasure to two

All the Roman world of fashion had

been on the qui vive for some weeks

to get invitations for a masked ball,

less young creatures.

onvenience or expense; and the

#### What Belgium Kemembers

I had forgotten the deportations, with which a certain principessa in- says Wickham Steed, former editor of tended to inaugurate her share in the London Times, in the North Ainannual festivities. It was to be given them, a vision arose in my mind of at her lovely villa just beyond the tens of thousands of Belgians, drivgates, and was to be on a scale of en into open cattle trucks by night magnificence seldom seen. Already and day, kept there in sleet and rain there was a talk of the novel manner without food, and carried off into in which the gardens were to be illu-

minated; of the brilliant display of Lest I should forget, I took some pyrotechnist had been secured; and fewer than 160,000 Belgians were carof the elegance as well as bizarrerie ried away to forced labor in Germany, Many died: and 33,000 returned with their health permanently undermincipessa's guests proposed to appear. ed. One hundred and sixty thousand

Bessie and Trixie had often listened in a population of some 8,000,000 to such gossiping details as they pre- gives 2 per cent, of active centres of sided at Madam von Wernick's tiny resentment, without reckoning the tea table, but if either of them ever friends. Add 23,700 Belgians shot by formed a wish that they could behold the Germans or dead in German gaols the gay scene, it was without the and 78,000 whose houses were deslightest expectation that it would be stroyed. Alongside these totals, the realized; for the principessa was of 40,000 who were killed in war or died the haute noblesse, and so exclusive, that, although her guests—would be is more natural than that the survivnumerous, it was well known that ors of the deportees and their familmany had angled for cards in vain. It les should feel little compassion for was even reported that one Scotch the Germans of the Ruhr, or should think and say that Germany is getpeeress, with half a dozen marriageable daughters, had packed up and serves?

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### companion to the ball. The truth is Dictators and Democracy

les the First, and I laughed, too, and The Italian Premier is troubled by confessed that I had reason for my charges, which are certainly well Shelly, President of the Shelly Tool mirth. Poor Fritz! he is the best of founded, that he has overthrown con- Company, of Saranac Lake, was inmen, although he is no longer slim stitutional government. He now an- stantly killed, and his sister-in-law, and interestingly pale. And so, my nounces that he wants to prove that Mrs. John Shelly, dred an hour later love, he will spend the evening with his regime can function within the of injuries received yesterday when Italian Constitution. In the outgoing a toboggan on which they were coastsome friends from Memel, and thou Chamber of Deputies, with but 88 ing left the chite at tremendous Fascist members ot of more than 500, speed and overturned. Alice, 16, Mrs. he pammed through whatever he Shelly's daughter, suffered from "And personate Charles the First, he pammed through whatever he and look stern and interesting in a wished by the use of threats and shock, but was only elightly injured velvet suit and wig?" asked Trixie, strong arm demonstrations through The toboggan slide descends a 20out the country. Among the meas- foot embankment to the ice of the ures thus ground into law was an electoral reform which promises to "Absurd one! the tailor has already give him two-thirds of the seats in-

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