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He was violently moved. Every imb shook. He would have averted his eyes from the piteous sight of that prostrate figure, but he could not. How he had loved her! Ah! how he loved her still!—how he ever must! Such an affection as his strikes its roots too deeply in the heart ever to be plucked forth, save with life. His next words proved this. They came with a passionate, soul-rending cry, as if he were in his death agony. His head inclined forward; his arms flung over her, he ejaculated:

'Oh, heaven! Married-married to enother, and I so love you!" "Pity, pity!" she moaned, creeping nearer until her forehead touched his foot. "Hear me, and pity, Gerard; my trial is heavy until death. It will kill

That despairing cry recalled to him that he was a man, s. a woman, weak, ill, loving. No, did he live a hundred years he would never believe that intentionally she had wrought him this woe, this dishonor.

Stooping, he raised and placed her in a chair. His clasp was gentle, but no longer that of a husband. 'Compose yourself, Lucille," he said, violently striving to master his own emotion and to speak steadily, "Yes, I will hear you--I must; but not now. Wait a brief space; we both need more calmness. Oh! that I had died before

this fearful knowledge.' He broke from her, and, crossing to the far side of the apartment, paced it with agitated strides. She watched him until the paroxysm

of tears blinding her, hid him from her view. It was for him she felt most. Her prayer was incessant: "Merciful heaven, support and comfort him!"-always "him," and never

The painful silence, broken only by the metallic click of the timepiece, was broken, after ten minutes' space, by Gerard. His countenance, pale but rigidly calm, indicating the violent self-control that was being exercised, he approached, and, sitting on a couch a few feet from Lucille, burying his face in his arms, folded on the scroll,

"Lucille, I am ready. Can you tell 'Yes," she murmured, humbly. "Do so; but I dare not look at you

while you speak." A sigh rose to her lips, but she forced it back, and, in faltering accents, told him hurriedly, desperately, ending

thus:

"I repeat, among the names of those who perished in the wreck was that of Walter Selwyn, my husband. Could I help but believe? Why should I have

Ceasing, she bowed her head on her hands, and waited, trembling, For a space the earl did not speak; "Does Lord Santyre know of this?"

he inquired. "No, Gerard. Can you imagine it?" she replied, with gentle, timid re-proach. "Had he, do you think I should have kept the truth from you?

But he interrupted her almost irrit-Why have you kept it from any-What is there in it that Lord Santyre and I should not have

'What, indeed! That it was not revealed was not my will, but my father's. When Lord Santyre, visiting the rectory, proposed to adopt me, my father feared that the knowledge that I had been married, that I, so young, was a widew, might cause him to retract his offer, or, if not this, that the fact at least might hinder my contracting so brilliant a marriage as the marquis declared was possible. When I was made acquainted with Lord Santyre's kindness, I said at once that I must reject it, or tell him everythingthat I could not benefit by his generosity, with my union hidden from his knowledge-that I could not return his kindness by the ingratitude of a ception. I pleaded earnestly, and for the first time my father and I quarreled, or approached as near to it as possible, for he was dying—yes, dying. Ah! therein lay his power and my weakness, otherwise I should have remained firm. He argued with me, assuring me my secrecy could do harm to no one. He asked me if I, his only child, whom he so loved, would make

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his dying moments those of misery instead of joy. That my future had been his sole trouble; that the marquis' offer had removed this, and rendered him happy. It is beyond my power to repeat the arguments he used. In short, from my childhood I had been acustomed to revere his slightest wish—to believe all he said was right; and now that he was being taken from me -now that I saw the death-dews gathering on his brow, and knew that my persistence was shortening the few minutes he had to live—I, ignorant of what consequences might arise—forgetful of everything but him-caring for nothing else, my hand in his, sol-emnly vowed to reveal my marriage to no one on earth. What I vowed while he lived, I could not, of my free will, break when the grave had closed over

him, dead." "And this man, your husband, lives?" cried the earl, the fearful truth seeming to rush back with still greater force and overwhelm him. "It is he who can claim you, not I. Oh, heaven!

he was not drowned!" "He could not have been, for I saw him at Burlington House," was the reply, almost in a whisper.

"Were you not mistaken? Might you not have been?"

"Impossible," she moaned, "for my ears confirmed my eyes, which would have been only too ready to doubt. As I gazed, like one who beholds the dead, a friend addressed him, and the name he used was Captain Selwyn.' "What would you have me do?" demanded the earl, after a pause, a fierce

despair in his agitated voice. "Would

you have me find this man-would-"Find him? Oh! no, no, no!" she almost shrieked, rising up quickly, her arms extended as if repelling some awful vision. "Though we must part, Gerard-yes, must part, for not to now would be a sin-I cannot go to Walter Selwyn. All my care must be to avoid his presence; not to, also, would be a sin, for I love you; I do not him. I have been a wife to you, never to him. Almost at the altar where we were married did we separate, never to look on each other again until a few days ago. No! I will fly abroad, anywhere, and hide myself from him, alone to live with one sole hope in life, to die."
"And society—" he began.

"Must know the truth, Gerard-for your sake must know!" she exclaimed, prayerfully. "But oh! not yet—not while I am here. Let me fly first. I could not bear to meet its glance of pity or reprobation."
"And Lucille—" he paused; a vio-

lent convulsion ran through his frame; afterwards, raising his haggard eyes to hers, he added, huskily, "our child?"

She gave a great, sudden cry, and pressed her thin hands to her temples. A purple tint suffused her pallid

face; her eyes were wild and dilated.
"Peace—peace!" she shrieked. "Gerard, the thought is with me night and day—night and day. It will drive me mad! Oh! that it would! Our child our little unborn child!"

Her slender figure swayed, and before the earl could save her she had fallen insensible upon the carpet. As Gerard sprang forward to raise her, her white, upturned face recalled to him the one he had seen at the rail-

He remembered the mysterious resemblance. Was it a resemblance? Were they one and the same? He stepped back, posessed by a new horror. Had Lucille not only once deceived him, but was she yet doing so?

CHAPTER XXXIII. "A telegram for you, signora. ine boy's awaiting to see if theer's hany

For the first time he shrank from

the woman lying motionless at his feet.

return messidge." The speaker was Jeames, in his morning tollet. But though his gorgeous apparel was laid aside pro tem., not so the stateliness of his lordly presence, nor his sweet condescending urbanity. These he always wore. The right foot advanced, the thumb of his left hand inserted in the armhole of his waistcoat, his head inclined gracefully towards his shoulder, he regarded Maria patronizingly, admiringly, curi-

ously. "Who could have sent this young person a telegram? A lover? Why, she hadn't ever had a letter afore.' The same wonderment, indeed, occupied the Italian.

munication to her? Involuntarily, on receiving it, she had exclaimed: "A telegram! For me!";
Then, much to Jeames' annoyance,
she had turned towards the window

Who could have sent such a com-

before removing the envelope. The words within were these: "To Maria Saproni: | From L. W.
"I have found you at last. Your

fears were unfounded. I guess the truth, and must see you. Surely you will not refuse me? I shall send a carriage for you at 2 this afternoon. Do not deny me a meeting.' Maria's dark eyes kindled with pleas-

ure as she read "L. W." The initials could be but those of one person— Lady Westbrook. Such a request could but come from her. She had divined why her companion had fled. She approved, too, or why the intelligence that her fears were unfounded? [To be Continued.]

Of Interest to Women.

Capes which are long at the back and short in front, recalling the wraps worn by our grandmothers, are more and more fashionable, and accompany the new cut of gown very harmoniously. Above the clinging, sweeping skirt they appear quite in place, whereas over a short, stiff one they would seem out of place. The lining is really the most telling part of these capes, as it is very conspicuous. The fashion is not liable to become common any more

than the fashion of princess gowns, for

a cape of this style must be perfectly

made and of nice material; otherwise

it is a lamentable failure. Red, maroon and green are colors preferred for cloth capes this season. The reds are of all shades, even very bright, and the greens are also of various tones, from russian and laurel green to olive and deep emerald. A capuchin is the newest adjunct to capes and is usually characteristically lined

and trimmed.

Velvet in all shades and varieties will be fashionable, both as an accessory and for the making of redingotes, under-dresses and complete costumes. Black undoubtedly takes precedence, but marked favor is shown to new, very elegant shades in Russian green, damson, orchid purple-a superb color, with a glow of crimson in it-to dark sumac red, and a complete grade of rich, becoming browns, which include marquise dyes.

Gray velveteen, ribbed or plain, is sufficiently dressy to wear at any social function in the winter, and looks equally well by night or day. It stands a great deal of wear and tear, combines with all the many varieties of fur, and is never in conflict with any change of hat one may make. Few materials can boast all these qualities. or be named as particularly fit besides for the wear of children, young girls and matrons .- Vogue.

Rose-colored peau de soie or satin waists will be very fashionably worn in the evening, with skirts of black velvet, faille or satin, and occasionally they will be seen with skirts of lustrous dark green repped silk. These waists as a rule will be trimmed with handsome lace, but the garniture will sometimes be of velvet matching the skirt in color, with the rich addition of bands of very narrow dark fur and ieweled buttons.

Many of the small mutton-leg and chatelaine sleeves on French and English gowns, both for day and evening wear, are tucked in inch-wide tucks at the top of the sleeve or its diminutive puff. These tucks run around, not up and down, the puff, and are from three to five in number. They are made before the sleeves are shaped, or even lined, if anything except the thinnest lining is used.

The Americans, who are always beforehand with the world, are looking with specal kindness on the return of the white stocking, owing possibly to the present mode for silk gowns, and they are ignoring altogether the necessity for the hose matching dress.

Fall Colors.

The grays are graduated in tone and known as platine, aluminum, nickel and silver, the paler shades being more popular.

The reds in the importations are coquelicot, cerise and geranium in the more vivid tones of the color, with a trenching of crimson, fuchsia and petunia, and a revival of a pale purplish hue somewhat resembling the magenta of long ago.

All indications point to navy blue as a popular color for fall and winter wear. Its selection, in most minds, is a sentimental choice, as one fondly imagines she is honoring our naval heroes by wearing gowns of that color. Aside from this, the fact is that navy

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