POOR DOCUMENT

THE AMERICAN BARON.

(By JAMES DE MILLE.) Mrs. Willoughby looked at Minnie in And then, you know, he travelled with us, and papa thought he was one of the assengers, and was civil; and so he used used to call on me.

Where? At your house, dearest Why, how was that? You could not leave your room, deares so I used to go down.

Oh, Minnie! And he proposed to me there. Where? In my parlor? Yes; in your parlor, dearest.

I suppose it's not necessary for me to ask you what you said, I suppose not, said Minnie, in a sweet Jerico.

almost. He is going to marry me next year. He used an awful expression, dearest. He told me he was a struggling man. Isn't it horrid? What is it Kitty? Isn't it something very, very dreadful? He writes still, I suppose?

cinder.

Hawbury ordered the Bass, and Dacres soon was refreshing himself with copious the feast'

behind.

And then caught up again to resume the feast'

What's that you're

draughts.

The two friends presented a singular contrast. Lord Hawbury was tall and slim, with straight flaxen hair and flaxen whiskers, whose long, pendant points hung down to his shoulders. His thin face, somewhat pale, and an air of high refinement; and an ineradicable habit of the contraction refinement; and an ineradicable habit of lounging, together with a drawling in-

tonation, gave him the appearance of being the laziest mortal alive. Dacres,

moining for a ride, and had no more intention of going to Vesuvius than to Jerico.

I should hope not. What business has I should attempt this. From the Hermitage it does not seem to be at all behind. Ethel called after her for some distance.

Hawbury, my boy, said he again. All right.

Yes. Well, I had a shot to-day.

my life would be saved by an Arab, or a New Zealander. And oh, Kitty, wouldn't claim to Peru, you will be able to appreciate the value of my statement.

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One evening Lord Hawbury had just show a straige, and feasting on her looks. Of course I wasn't rude about it or demonstrative.

Oh, of course. No demonstration. It's nothing to ride behind a carriage for several hours, and 'feast' onesself on a pretty of the winders of the winde dows.

Any Bass, Hawbury? was his only Oh, I managed it without giving offence. Go up—Here

Any Bass, Hawbury? was his only greeting, as he bent his head down, and ran his hand through his flushy hair.

Lachryma Christi? asked Hawbury, in an interrogative tone.

No thanks. That wine is a humbur. I'm beastly thristy, and as dry as a cinder.

Hawbury ordered the Bass and Darres

air's looks! But go on, old man.

Oh, I managed it without giving offence. You see there was such a beastly lot of pigs. peasants, cows, dirty children, lazaroni, and all that sort of thing, that it was simply impossible to go any faster; so you see I was compelled to ride behind.

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to being the laziest mortal alive. Dacres, on the other hand, was the very opposite of all this. He was as tall as Lord Hawbury, but was broad shouldered and massive. He had a big head, a big moustache, and a thick beard. His hair was dark, and covered his head in dense, bushy curls. His voice was loud, has manner abrupt, and he always sat bolt upright.

Anything up, Sconey? asked Lord Hawbury after a pause, during which he had been languidly gazing at his friend. Well, no, nothing, except that I've been up to Vesuvius.

Lord Hawbury gave a long whistle. And how did you find the *mountain?* he asked, lively?

Rather so. In fact, infernally so, added Dacres, thoughtfully. Look here, Hawbury, do you detect any smell of sulphur about me?

Onl. I followed. You see, I had not idea that they would rest at the Hermitage. I left my horse there in the world for me to be going up; and the fact that I was bent on the same the carriage, and would prevent them from supposing that I was following them. So, you see I followed, and at length they simple at the Hermitage. I left my horse there are sufficient to the child-angel, you come, Ethel darling. Oh, winnie, don't c'ied the other in the world for me to be going up; one was finelent. And I now learned that he child-angel, you must not go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land thought you would be so. units of go. I would not have come up it land t

Sulphut! What in the name of-sul- I kept out of the way, as you may sup- at length, with a laugh, the child-angel thur! Why, now that you mention it, I pose, and watched them, wondering what burst away and skipped lightly up the lo notice something of a brimstone smell. idea they had. As they passed I heard slope towards the crater. Sulphur! Why, man, you're as strong as the younger one—the child angel, you a lighted match. What have you been doing with yourself? Down inside, eh? the ascent of the cone, and the other to make I must, I must, I really must, you know. She turned for an instant as she said

Capri and Baiae, and about ten degrees, all ready so that there was no difficulty But there was I, standing alone, seeing above the horizon.

But there was I, standing alone, seeing about that. The real difficulty was in about that. The real difficulty was in that sweet child flinging herself to rum, Hawbury, said he, solemuly, after about two minutes of protentous silence Well, old man?

I have had an adventure.

An adventure! Well, don't be bashful. Breathe forth the tale in this confiding out, as she supposed, for a stroll; and provided his eyebrows, and stroked his now as they proposed this stroll meant long pendant whiskers jazily with his oar.

You see, said Dacres, I started off this nothing less than an ascent of the cone. left hand, while with his right he drun

confused. It's awful, Kitty, darling.

And then, you know darling, continued Minnie, he went away, and used to write regular every month. He came to see me once, and I was frightened to death

Hawburg, my boy, said he again.

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Well, I supposed not; but if you had taken the trouble, you would have noticed an ugly cloud which is generally regarded here as ominous. This morning, you allow, and the time I was doomed to inaction. But the time I was doomed to inaction. But the first me I was doomed to inaction. But the time I was know, there was an unusually large particular, and so, taking up an easy atti-canopy of very dirty smoke overhead. I tude, I waited for the denouement. It You remember the time when I got knew by the look of things that it was that bullet in Urngnay? knew by the look of things that it was not a very pleasant place to go to. But child-angel! I would have laid down my of course they could not be supposed to life for her, but I had to stand idle, and know any thing of the kind, and their see her rush to fling her life away. And

time.

Oh, Minnie, said she at last, what a trouble all this is! How I wish you had been with me all the time.

Well, what made you go and get married? said Minnie.

Hush, said Mrs. Willoughby, sadly, never mind. I've made up my mind to one thing, and that is, I will never leave you alone with a gentleman unless—

Well, I'm sure I don't want the hereid.

Well, I walked along after them not knowing what might turn up. but determined to keep them in sight. Those beggars with chairs were not to be trusted, and the ladies had gold enough to tempt violence. What a reckless old devil of a chaperon she was, to let those girls go. So I walked on, cursing all the shifting and changing. A girl! You larres, spoony! A fellow like you, and a girl! By Jove!

Husbury fell back again and approarsal intendection.

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All right, old man; and now for the my amazement, to be more adventurous on Sirghe cried, save her! Oh, my God,

What's that you're saying about Ethel? asked Dacres

You must not-you shall not! she cried. 'And they drove up as far as they Oh, it's nothing, it's nothing, said the child-angel. I'm dying to take a peep into the crater. It must be awfully funny.

Dacres made no answer for some time, seemed to be quite ready to agree to the this, and I saw the glory of her child-face but sat stroking his beard with his left hand, while his right held a cigar which he had just taken out of a box at his elbow. His eyes were fixed upon a point in the sky exactly half-way between traps and chairs, and that sort of thing.

See the to be quite ready to agree to the proposal.

Now, as far as the mere ascent is continuous traps and the expression of innocence and ignorance unconscious of danger, filled me with profound sadness.

I sloudd hope not. What business has voice. He was so grand and so strong and he never made any allusions to the wreck; and it was—the—the very first time any body ever proposed; and so, yon know, I didn't know how to take it, and I didn't want to hurt his feelings, and I couldn't deny that he had saved my life; and I don't know when I ever was so confused. It's awful, Kitty, darling. I suppose not, said Minnie, in a swell a lishud hope not. What business has a fellow like you with Vesuvius—a fellow that has scaled Cotopaxi, and all that sort of thing. Not you.

Dacres put the cigar thoughtfully in his mouth, struck a light, and tried to light it, but couldn't. Then he bit the end off. which he had forgotten to do before. Then he gave three long, solemn. and nortentous puffs. Then he took the where I was domed to inaction. But

A shot! The dence you had. Cool, too
Any of those confounded bandits about?

Well, I walked along after them the mere formality of an introduction.

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Well, I'm sure I don't want the horrid creatures, said Minnie, and you needn't be so unkind. I'm sure I don't see why people will come always and save my life wherever I go. I don't want them to. I don't want to have my life saved any more. I think it's dreadful to have men chasing me all over the world. I'm afraid to go back to England. Then I am always afraid of that dreadful American.

Yes Hawbury, a girl, and spoony, toogo back to England. Then I am always afraid of that dreadful American. I suppose it's no use for me to go to the Holy Landfor Egypt or Australia; for then my life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be saved by an Arab, or a life would be able to appre
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New Zealander. And oh, Kitty, wouldn't it be dereafful to have some Arab proposing to me, or a Hindu! Oh, what am I to doe?

Trust to me, darling. I'll get rid of Girasole. We will go to Naples. He has no stop at Bonne; I know that. We will thus pass quickly away from him without giving him any pain, and he'll soon forget all about it. As for the others, I'll stop this correspondence first, and then deal with them as they come."

"You'll never do it, never!" cried Minnie, "I know yon won't. You don't know them."

IN THE CHAPER IV.

LOTH HATTY Hawbury had been wan, dering for three months on the Contine ear, and had finally found himself in comfortable garaters on the Strada Nova, from the windows of which there was a magnificent view of the whole say, with Vesuvius, Capri. Salas, and all the regions round about. Here an old friend had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly turned up in the person of Scone Dacres. Their trendship had unexpectedly tu



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