when she hears I am marged; it's an in-

"The bounds are the a one of the first and a car, good band to fill will was weeping and laughing by turns," you have won at for mo?
"I kend to hear it, as I won you."

at him erchly.

"It was, my pet, non in a canter."

"Ah! you van follow, but L, you't scold for I may too'd I glided; and if you only tell my you are not the least hart, and do not for the loast lit worse, I shall be quite because."

harry "
Then, Mary, I think I can answer you by aying I feel better. There, examine your treasure! I am going to see Sultan off, and have a look at the l'armer, Luce, which is the last bu the card."

" Hope you're not much hurt, sir," said l'astern, touching his hat, as Duffer was walking along the course.

" Not much, Pastern , the pain is going off. I know what you want. Not here to in trow at my piace. "Wasn't it d'us beautiful, sir ?" asked

the Tellow, in a confidential time.

sweet on Lady Verrefast at one time, and he the making other, and did not care where throw her over occause she had no mondy the went as long as his darling was with

This was exactly what the Major wanted, and he accepted at once. That rury evening, over their wine he proposed to Pajor Bullon man, and encketer—in fact, he was an Adchant was delighted at the idea of a Minjor, [concerned. with an early probability of his being a Lieu-

WON IN A CANTER, post-so he resolved to press the matter,

"There just been called up to town, and to be suit to be soon take and the control of the contro

"Erer yours, " T SHIRKINGTON DUFFER.

" The Courge, Tuesday evening."

The Major was walking in the garden the next morning with his lady love, when thus, note was given her, and she could not help

langhing.
"Something amuses you," he said. "May I know what it is ?"

"Oh, certainly, Major, only you must not get very angry—you promise that,", and she gave him the note.

"The infernal cad," he bluxted out, when he had mastered its contents; and getting purple with rage, and clapping his hand instinctively on his nose, which certainly was somewhat of the tint Shirkington had des-

the fillow, in a confidential tene.

"Yes, very well. How did you manage it?" the infernal ead, I'll bottle-nose him—I'll old rake him."

"No matter, sir, we did manage it, and rare trouble we had, too. If we had not lone things cleverly, My Lord would 'av won and 'eld—"

somewhat of the lat Shirkington had described it; "the infernal ead, I'll bottle-nose him—I'll old rake him."

"Now, Major, r member you promised not to get angry; whith does it matter? 'let him alone; he is not worth your or any one clee's notice," and she hooked her arm into clee's notice," and she hooked her arm into

The Major was not a needy man. He had but Verricfast would not hear of it. We

throw her over occases one man no mondy, the went as teng as his during was with high when he found out she had, tried to put him.

Thinkters right. But she gave him the old! He was a voung man who was not given shoulder. He as horroble follow. I have to gadding about. He liked pleasure as well done with him for ever.

Quite right, my dear; quite right. I but home in his ideas, attached to equality.

for his daughters hand. The cotton mer-mirable Grichton as far as all sporting was The country pance

rian.
"So am I, but just in time to be too late
I intended to liave been there last week, and laughter at the performances of these two. The thilors's ride to Brentford was a trifle to it. But that Mr. Thornhill, ill as he was, rode one of the finest races that was ever seen. What a glorious fellow he is. I know him well. How he must have laughed, at these two muffs.

Pleasant news for Duffer to hear, but he kept his mouth shut; for he was completely knacked out of time.

CHAPTER XV.X.

BOWLED OUT.

Shirkington; arrived home about eight in the morning, did his tub; breakfasted; looked over his letters which had come in his absence, read not very flattering accounts of his, Bluster's, and Bouncer Brag's performances at the late steeple-chase in the .local pupers . then ordered his .cart, and drove away on a visit to his beloved one.

ire above the made, both who had not have the six not worth average and and the country and the six not worth and the many soldier, and walled him of the sold in the country soldier, and walled him of the soldier, for they knew the relations in which they sold the many soldier, and walled him of the soldier, for they knew the relations in which they sold how.

"It is the placebox dispose, he saw, the wall of the soldier, and walled him of the soldier, the soldier, and walled him of the soldier, the soldier, and walled him of the soldier, the soldier, and sold the placebox of the soldier howse in England. I make the you have a sold the soldier, and the soldier, and sold the soldier, and the soldier, and sold the soldier, and the soldier than a soldier of the last hopse in England. I make they got home, and the soldier than the s " My time will be up at the cottage the

other two. All scemed excessively jolly

The Major was not a needy man. He had but Verriefast would not hear of it. We like their laughter and merriment were, cut a fair income of her own, independent of his shall start about the first week in April; she short on the appearance of Shirkington.

Miss Bullion was highly incomed with Puffer, and before the heat the first week in April; she short on the appearance of Shirkington.

Colonel Downey stared aghast at hum with two bundred thus, at flace will be every comfort, and both told her father exerciting.

Major Rasper told me all about it, papa. Shirkington Duffer was in his regiment, and Colonel Downey told me as well. He was lie was as much pleased; he know it would seemed to be particularly pleased at some thing thereon; and the four young likings seemed to be particularly, pleased at some-thing thereon; and the four young ladies nestled as close as they could to Mesers

Bluster and Bing.

Duffer stood looking with the utmost castonishment from one to the other; he could not make it out, nor had, he the slightest suspicion of what was the meaning of in

"I am afraid," said he at last, "I have disturbed a merry party."
"Yes est, you have," at length pompously drawled out the host. "You are 'no lunex." pected as—ne—I must say it—as you are tin-welcome. We have heard of all your doings,

of the party had received a

They were quietly soated at a somewhat inte breakfast next morning, and complaining of the wretchedness of the weather. It was a dulk dead day, and the rain coming down in neaseless toronte.

"This is enough to make one cut one's throat I" exclaimed the Major. mind, Luzzie he had taken to calling his wife Luzzie we will go to some of the picture galleries, or anywhere you like. It is unfortunate this weather, but we shall find plenty to do. I must go to my agents and see short saling out, for I don't antend being bundled out to India!

At this moment a telegram was handed him. It was from his wife's father and can 

"Don't sell out till you hear from me; you will receive a lette. to morrow morning,

"What the deuce can the old gentleman mean?" asked he giving his wife the paper. "Of course, I must sell out; but there is no hurry thra day or two. He is so bent on moneymaking that he does not like the idea of my quiting the service; but I have been it har ness long enough."

Mrs Rasper lind never seen so much of London, so her lipsband found no difficulty in amusing her They wont to the Hay

least idea."

"My dear Lizzie, I am sure you did L.4."
scating himself beside her. "Just listen to
me. I will not deny timt it is a great blow
to me, and so it must be to you. 'I will not
deny that when I proposed to you, your
money was an attraction; but I have
learned to love you for yourself slone since
then. We must make the best of it. "We hat
not so badly off after all." I have eight him
dred a year without my pay, and I clinit be
a Colonel very shortly so I think we can
manage—there not, don't give way. I will
read you your lattice refer.

" Cottonford, Yorkshire, March 12. " My Dele Majorine" [1]

"I hardly know how to write, or what is small be obliged to take advantage of your generosity and liberality. No, I am say, because I now feel I should have told you not so badly off, after all, and can yet give stil." The viery day of your marriage I got a let believe the undred thousand pounds." terrinforming me that, in consequence at service the property failures at home and in Ammics, I was been been to the you are not ruined!" to tally toined. What must you think of my to tally ruined. What must you think of my to tally ruined. What must you think of my to tally ruined hits and ruine set about the same and ruine set about

"Indeed it is, sir, more's the pity; he was

WON IN A CANTER, post—on he received to press the matter, when she hears I as a ported; it as in the they young indices.

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You promised to take me to the Crystal Palace to-day, so go and get ready.

She could already manage the easy sung

Major, and turn him about as sho chose, hild he rather liked it than otherwise.

"Well, Lizzie, I'll do as you say, leave the snob slone. It's devilish jucky, though, he is not in 'ours' now; by George, I'd make it hot for him—there, go and get ready, and we will be off; the days, though lengthening, are not very long yet. We have only a few days more to remain in in.town, so we must

make the most of them."
Their last day as over; on the more they were to start for Brighton, where they were to remain a month previous to the

Majoris joining again. "I cannot make out how it is, . Lizzie,: we have not heard from your father; he said he was going to write.".

"I am most uneasy about it," she repled. 'All alone in his trouble, too, dear old man. Oh, you do not know how kind he was to me, my slightest wish was gratified. I was, indeed, a petted and spoilt child. I was ever in his thoughts, he could not do enough for me but how changed now."

But whilst she was speaking, and man-nounced, her father walked in. He looked somewhat pale for hun, but still in good

pirits. She sprang up to meet him and flung her

armszoning him.
"'My den father," she solbed out, " do not mind it. The Major does not care; nei-ther do J. We have settled it all; you will never want."

" My poor girl," replied the old gentleman, gently disengaging himself, what am I to say? I hardly know how to look either of you in the face. The Major, I am sure, will noter lorgive me,"

That I will, Bullion, he said, grasping the old man by the hand. "I will not disguise that it has been a hitter chsappointment to me in more ways than one, that it cannot be helped now, do not let us aliade to it any more. Watever may be your difficulties, you shall never want whilst we are thirt; that Lizzie and I have settled. There, bring your chair up to the fire, and try, the port it a capital."

The old man did so, and was musing in-"Do you mean to, say, Rasper! he at

length attered, ", that you intend, after my duplicity, to support nie?

"I haked you o asy nothing about it," re-plied his son in law, "I want to have, a quiet evening. But as you put it, to ma, I will answer you, yes. Luzzie and I intend you to have un income that will keep, you comfortably. I have eight hundred n. year of my own and my pay; in a few weeks I shall be Colonel, which will give men firther addition, it shall never be and that my wife s father was in want. Now don't say another word.

The old man was still musing; but there was a curious twinkle in his eye as he sat

beating his feet on the fender.
"Major Rasper," said he, at lest,.. " you are a gentleman, and a good fellow ; cand. I am only too proud to have you as a son-inlaw : your heart is in the right place. I don't think I shall be obliged to take advantage of

fact is, it was a false and numour set about quainted with my circumstances, car Incappet by I don't know who. I was utterly wretch-now give poor. Eliza a single farthing, think etc. as you may