The Earl's Mistake

He is easily distinguishable by his height and the patrician air and bearing which mark him out as a man apart and different from the crowd about him. Although he is alone and a stranger, he stands quite unembarrassed, his opera hat under his arm, his dark eyes roaming over the scene with that look of quiet reserve and dignity which is his birth

Perhaps it is the surprise, but Carrie talf stops, and misses her step.
"I beg your pardon?" she says, quickly.
"My fault," responds the captain, galantly. "Are they playing it too fast? shall we stop?"
"No, no," she says, almost hurriedly. It is beautiful. Please do not stop," are asses the pace.

"Why has he come? Why has he changed his mind?" she asks hersel, and then, as if assamed of feeling any interest, she plunges into conversation with her partner, who, only too delighted to talk, rattles off in his gay, soldierly fashion.

fashion.

Talking, laughing, and whirling gayly, they make their way to the spot where Lord Cecil stands, leaning against a pillar and talking to Mr. Harrington.

With carefully averted eyes, with her brightest smile, Carrie floats past him, and though she sees his bow and smile she takes no notice. She, at least, will not swell the crowd of toadies who are dying to make a fuss of Lord Cecil Neville! It is nothing to her if he has changed his mind and honored the regimental ball with his presence.

The dance comes to an end, and with a sigh of regret the captain takes her arm in his.

"Thank you, thank you!" he says, "At

"Thank you, thank you!" he says. "At any rate I shall have had one good waltz to night. Do give me another, Miss Harrington!" Carrie shakes her head.

But Carrie shakes her head.

"Don't I know that you are expected to dance with two-thirds of the ladies here!" she says. "Would you have me guity of conniving at your naview of duty? You must go now. Will you take me to my sister? There she 's, talking to that gentleman with the sa'd head."

head."

He takes her across the room, and Philippa welcomes her with a smite.

"Lord Cecil has changed his mind—she begins, but stops short when she sees the straightening of the dark brows, "Who cares!" says Carrie, col.ly. "Don't you make a fuss, Philippa. I presume the ball would have gone on tolerably well without him."

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"Some one been treading on your dress, my dear?" she asks, placidly. "Poor Lord Cecil: He was wrong to stay at home, and wrong to come. You are like one of the people in the fable who refuse to be satisfied—Ah, Lord Cecil, so you have come after all!" she breaks off, and Carrie, without looking up, knows that he is standing beside her, with his calm smile and immovable air. "Yes, Miss Harrington, second thoughts are best, you know. And now that I am here, will you give me a dance—this, if you can?"

Philippa looks at her card.

"I'm engaged for this," she says.

He turns to the motionless figure with its averted face.
"Miss Carrie, will you take pity on me?"

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"Tm engaged," she says, uttering the fib unblushingly.

"Then I am indeed lost," he says.
"Here comes my partner," says Philippa, with commendable cheerfulness, as a portly gentleman of middle age comes forward. "Shall I leave you, Carrie?"

"I will take charge of Miss Carrie until her partner comes," says Lord Cecil.
"Ch. don't trend."

"Yes. There is Lady Bellairs and the duchess, and Lady Sexton; there, at the end of the room, all clustered together in mutual defence against the common

"I see," he says; but he does not offer to go. "As your partner has not come to claim you, will you not give me the remainder of this dance?" he says, suggestively.
"Oh, he will come," she answers, but

rather falteringly.

"Then give me another," he says, and he holds out his hand for her card. As be does so, even in the gentle thrill which runs through her at the thought that he will discover her little false-hood, she notices how differently gloved is the hand to that of most of the other wen in the room.

is the hand to that of most of men in the room.

"There it is," she says, almost defiant.

He takes the card, and looks at it.

"He does not appear to have put his name down," he says.

He looks at her face, not downcast, but set constrainedly, and with a flush gradually growing on it. Then he hands her eard back.

wish to dance with me?" he says. "Truth is always the best, believe me. You have lost your waltz and wounded me

by your want of trust in me." Carrie is a creature of impulse, easily coved one way or the other. The re-

moved one way or the other. The rebuke, spoken so gravely, yet gently, goes straight to her heart; but she makes one more fight for it.

"One can't say bluntly that one won't dance!" she says. "Besides, it is you who are not candid. If you had wanted to dance with me you would have come earlier. My card is always filled ten minutes after I come," pitcously.

"But not to-night. Why?" he asks curiously.

She does not answer.

"Sometimes," he says, "I think that I must have met and deeply offended you in some state of former existence.

I wonder if it is so?"

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"Perhaps," she says; but there is a soft smile on her lips, a subdued light in her eyes, before they have taken a dozen turns; for it is the Myosotis, and Lord Cecil waltzes perfectly. Guarding her carefully against the onslaught of the inexperienced, steering her with admirable foresight and judgment into the clear spaces, holding her firmly and yet not crushingly, as men. alas! too often clear spaces, holding her firmly and yet not crushingly, as men, alas! too often do—he makes the Myosotis waltz a poem of motion as well as music.

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Carrie's color comes and goes, her heart beats with a strange sensation that half frightens, half delights her. She forgets the crowded room, the hundreds of pairs of eyes that are watching them enviously, curiously, admiringly—forgets that there must be wrath in the bosoms of the grandees who have to look on and see their white swan, the heir of the Fitz-Harwoods, monopolized by "one of the Harrington girls;" forgets her avowed antagonism to him; forgets everything in the delight of the music, the dance, and—must it be added!—the fact that it is he with whom she is dancing.

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They are the most beautiful pair in the room. She the acme of girlhood verging on womanhood, he the type of refined patrician comeliness, with his dark, poetic eyes, and the rippling hair; and the crowd look on with reluctant admiration.

And he? For the first few minutes he is absent and distrait; then, as the music grows on him, and he becomes conscious of the exquisite time and rhythm with which she dances, he looks down at her—looks down at the lovely face with its rapt eyes and red, half-formed lips—at the snowy, graceful neck and well-turned head, and something, too vague to be described, thrills thing, too vague to be described, thrills

rough him. Were he of wood or stone he could not look on the fresh young loveliness he holds so closely to him unmoved, and Lord Cecil is neither of wood or stone. In the first thrill of-call it admiration —he feels an instinct of self-preservation, and tries to fight against her influence, but he cannot. Unconsciously
his hand tightens on hers, and as Philippa and her partner come blundering
down upon them—Philippa with her
dress torn, her partner red and puffing
for dear life—Lord Cecil murmurs, "Take
care!" and pressing her closely to him,
swerves aside.

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He has grasped her so tightly, so suddenly, that he has awakened her from her dream, and, with a qpivering sigh, she raises her eyes to his.

"Have I hurt you!" he whispers, and his lips almost touch her neck—she can feel his breath upon her hair.

"No, no," she says, panting a little, "What was it? What has happened?"

"Only a probably collision; but I feared you would be hurt. Poor Miss Harrington! Are you tired? Shall we goon?"

She makes a slight motion with her

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away? She draws a long sigh.

"That was a short wall, she says, inthinkingly.

"All good things are short," he reponds, taking the fan that hangs at her vaist, and opening it.

She looked up at him with a smile, "Thank you; I am considered rather all."

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"I will take charge of Miss Carrie until her partner comes," says Lord Cecil. Carrie flushed.

"Oh, don't trouble," she says; "I can find papa."

But he does not take the plain hint.

"By no means," he says, and they stand silent, side by side.

The dance proceeds, but no one appears to claim her, and Lord Cecil looks down at her with his grave smile.

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pears to claim her, and Lord Cecil looks down at her with his grave smile.

"Your partner does not seem to turn up," he says.
"It doesn't matter," she answers coldly. "Please do not wait."
"I would rather, unless you tell me that you wish me to go."
"I think you ought to go and speak to —your friends," she says.
"My friends?" he repeats, looking round the room.
"Yes, There is Ledy Parts.

minder Lady Bellairs meilines her head toward Carrie.

"Ah, yes," she says, imitating Lady Sexton's languid air. "Yes, Miss Har-rington, I believe. How do you do?" coldly. "But come, Lord Neville, the dear duchess has just been talking of

Carries smiles sweetly, her cycs-sparking dangerously. "That is quite true, Lord Cecil; I over-heard her. Shall I tell Lord Cecil what her grace said, Lady Bellairs?" Her ladyship actually turns pale with indimention

ndignation.
"Please do," says Lord Cecil.
"Another time," responds Carrie, atcempting to draw her arm from his; but

e holds it firmly.
"I shall be glad to make her grace's "but I must get acquaintance," he says, "but I must get Miss Harrington an ice first," and with a respectful bow he walks off with Carrie, leaving Lady Bellairs petrified

with astonishment.
"Tha—that girl!" she gasps. "A farmer's daughter! Keep the duchess waiting! Phemy, my dear," with an awed whisper, "her grace must be right,

and he must be mad!"
And Carrie. Her face grows suddenly
pale, her heart beats wildly, gratefully.
Was ever there such chivalry and innate nobility as his?
"Why do you trouble about me?" she

says, falteringly, downcast and trem-bling. "You have offended her past for-giveness. She will tell the duchess." He smiles down at her and his arm

He smiles down at her and his arm presses hers.

"What do you wish me to do?" he says, and his voice is sweetly grave. "To commit a rudeness to you? Not for all the duchesses in the world!"

"But"—her heart throbbing —"you don't understand, but—ah, you must! I am only Carrie Harrington—a farmer's daughter."

"You are"—he stops in time—"you are the lady who has honored me by dancing with me, and were you of less consequence even than a farmer's daughter, not all the world would tempt or force me to neglect you!"

"I fear," she says, "that the world—our little world—will not forgive you easily. Lord Cecil, for offending it for the sake of so mean a personage as I am!"

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Speakers Hand Out Some Jolts For the City.

Some hot discussions took place be ween the ratepayers of Barton township at the open meeting held last night in the Trolley street school, to consider the question of annexation to the city of Hamilton. A petition was circulated some time ago among the residents ask-ing for annexation. The reason given for this move was the installing of sew-ers, and water service. A majority of the residents interested signed, and the meeting last night was held by the anti-

Canada's trade for February tell the same story of returning good times as that told by the increased government revenues for the month. Total imports entered for home consumption were \$23,125,380, an increase of \$2,188,614 as compared with February of last year. This is the first large increase in imports recorded for over fourteen months. Total exports of domestic products for the month were \$14,236,101, as compared with \$14,636,818 for the corresponding month of last year. The grand total of Canadian trade for the month, including coin and bullion, was \$38,088,827, an increase of \$1,614,799. Mr. Carmichael asked the chair what guarantee the people of Crown Point had that they could get water.

In reply the Reeve told him that the only guarantee the people had was by the judgment of Justice Anglin. In Mr. Gage's opinion, those who separated themselves from the township and joined themselves from the township and joined the city would be at the mercy of the city, and would likely have to go to law before they got their rights.

Mr. Carmichael pointed out that there was a possibility that the city might rerease of \$1,614,739.

For the eleven months of the fiscal rear, which ends with this month, the mports of merchandise entered for conumption have totalled \$254,872,419, a

Mr. Carmienael pointed to the city might say after the new electric pumps had been installed that there was not yet a sufficient supply of water for those out-

ide.

Complaints were made by two or three Crown Point men that the settlement had existed for about four years and still there was no water, no walks, no sewers, no garbage collection. The garbage was simply thrown on the ground and allowed to remain there. This was a most unsanitary arrangement and bound to result in some epidemic or disease if allowed to contime.

Mr. Thomas Lewington said he resided on Wentworth street seven years af-Decisions of International Confer-

ed on Wentworth street seven years ter that district had been annexed

Mr. Inomas Lewington asked and Mr. Inomas Lewington and Lewing and Lewington and Lewing and Lewing and Lewing and Lewing and which ended here a few days ago, have been issued. Briefly speaking, they are opposed to what has hitherto been the established usages of Great Britain. They decree that in certain circumstances, including the pursuit of a captor, the captured may be sunk, subject only to the question of compensation if sunk wrongfully, but what is termed absolute contraband may be sunk at any time in any circumstances.

Exhaustive lists have been framed of what is and what is not contraband under three categories. Poodstuffs are contraband in neutral ships only when directly consigned to military forces, All neutral vessels coming within a blockade may be seized.

to go up against a debt of \$4,000,000, when there is money in the township treasury?" Mr. Farrar accused the land promoters of pulling wool over the residents' eyes in an effort to get them to go into the city and by this means increase the value of their (the land promoters) property.

One gentleman said that his experi-

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