

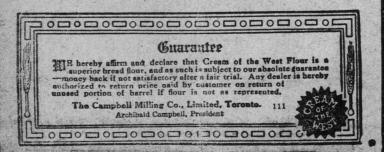
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aly two left," she said brightly, and the woman's expressive word—than at a trifle wistfully. Oh, why did not her old playmate.

ith chilblains."

He put his initials on her program; ad she was presently borne off by a oung attache. Lady Alicia looked ter her and whispered quickly, as

"Don't dance with her. Take her

Northam scowled and bit his musche: but he knew that it was good

ia was standing by him, fanning erself with a jeweled fan which La-

Westlake had given her, when her nerged from the crowd at the en- speech were difficult.

there that night; but in her eyes no Cynthia nodded at Northam. "I've man looked handsomer, nicer-it is

Her heart beat apprehensively, her

color rose and fell as she saw him n, "though I warn you, I dance like looking distractedly round the crowdbear on hot bricks, or an elephant ed room. She wanted to cry out: "Here I am, Darrel! I am waiting.

He disappeared, came into sight again, saw her and made for her straight, actually pushing some persons aside. He was looking pale and seemed heavy-and looked up at him

"I am late." he said: "there was a court-martial. Thought I should nev-

eart gave a great leap; Darrel had low voice; it seemed to her is if her

He put his arm round her instant-

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y and led her among the other danc-

The Surrey Regiment are famous or their waltzing. Darrel waltzed divinely, and she gave herself up to the estasy of the poetry of motion. They anced as if they were one; he held er firmly, she felt secure in his arms. lis breath moved the tendrils' of her

The music died away softly like a sigh. They stopped, and her eyes vere lifted to his heavily, surcharged with something that made the passion swell in his heart till it seemed near-

"Come-come outside, anywhere," e said thickly.

She looked a little frightened. For there was that in his voice which ells a woman that a man is suffering

Almost blindly, he led her through ne of the ante-rooms to the palm There were several couples alone. Then he turned to her, with his hands outstretched, his face white, his lips quivering.

"Cynthy!" he said brokenly. "Oh,

She waited, trembling, as he was rembling. Her heart, her soul, was

"Cynthia!" he panted; "I love you! Cynthia, dear, I love you! Oh, Cyn-I love you. I've always loved you. Cynthia, speak to me!"

CHAPTER XIII.

"FOR LOVE'S SAKE." Cynthia's heart beat so fast that

In all her life, happy though it may

Cynthia could not speak, though she wanted to tell him how much she loved him; but she slid her hand into his and drew near to him, so that her cheek touched his shoulder.

With scarcely a glance round he gathered her to him, crushing all her dainty finery, and gave her actually the first kiss she had gotten from

"Oh, Cynthy, Cynthy!" he murmur ed; "and you love me-you beautiful creature! How wonderful it seems. hen-when did it begin? When did

you first think you cared for me?" It is the first question the accepted

Cynthia gave a little laugh that

"I don't know," she whispered it when he was an old man. Cyn- er get away. Have you a dance left? "Perhaps from the very first; but I Oh, Cynthy, don't tell me they are all didn't know then. I was too young then, wasn't I, Darrel? But I think-"I've one, this one," she said, in a I am sure-that I loved you before you-you thought of me. You remem ber you often scolded me because couldn't do things like a boy-indeed

> ou were often quite rude, sir." "I must have been a little beast,"

"And I daresay you forgot me," she

of, getting into the army, and all your friends. But I had not forgotten you. I often thought of you, Darrel And when I saw you in the Park, quite grown up, quite a man, but still the same Darrel somehow, I knew, by the way my heart jumped, by a little warm feeling that came over me that

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made me feel glad, oh, very glad, to sir," she said reprovingly, but with see you, that I had cared for you all happy smile, for what girl, however the time, and that I wanted you to innocent and unworldly, but loves to

"You angel!" he said, gazing at her men think her worth taking. "But

happy to reply. Fortunately, she did

Lady Westlake to-morrow," he said, dearest," he said. "Tell him you have after a pause. "I'm afraid she'll cut set your heart-" He stopped and up rather rough, Cynthy."

"Well, for one thing, I'm afraid she.

"You are trying to make me vain, it's no use, the fellow has seen you

who had turned all the fellows' heads

was the little girl I used to play with

hear from her sweetheart that other

with rapt emotion. "It was then when why should Aunt Gwen object? I am met you in the Park that I knew I only Cynthia Drayle; my father is

not need any words; her eyes, which Darrel, in rather an injured tone, for, met his with a frank, girlish confes- of course, he would have been glad to unfair that that gentleman should be "And so you shall always be, Cyn- some thousands of miles away a

"It will be an easy task, Darrel," He wants to know something abou she said, smiling up at him. "I shall mining, to understand it. I don't only want to be near you, to know know why," she added, in reply to the that you love me; that will be quite expression of surprise in Darrel's

"You must write to him at once,

"But it will be the truth, Darrel,

believe that the beautiful Miss Drayle, servatory and gazed about him with

"Can't you draw back farther? Oh, contains lists of

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"To-night, before I go to bed," she whispered. "Oh, Darrel, shall I see you again before we go? If not, it is good night, good night, Darrel, dear!' at the decent young fellow, who was now radiant, for was he not going to dance with the beautiful Miss Drayle? Darrel hung about the ballroom

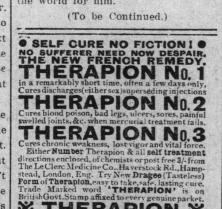
for some hours, a delightful and yet a o watch his beautiful darling, to As the guests began to take their departure he hung about the entrance to the ballroom, hoping to get a word with her, but she was engaged to the very last dance, and was always sur rounded by a circle of admirers. He saw Northam standing by her side, nd once he caught sight of Lady Westlake beaming quite benevolently

The Griffin gave him one finger e confessed that Darrel felt his heart sink as she scowled at him when he said good night and asusred her that he had spent a delightful evening.

ight, or what remained of it, at his that he had met Cynthia Drayle again, that he loved her, and had proposed

He explained that she was the ward | silver or stamps. doubt her ladyship would requireindeed, insist upon-a handsome set

With the frankness which existed ed his father that Cynthia had grow nto a most beautiful woman, that h and that if he didn't get her there



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