

# **Favorite**

### **Wealth and Beauty** at Stake!

young mistress, both of whom ven- carelessly with her teaspoon, noting urges imploringly, with tears in her ture to ring the bells only under the at the same time that Yolande's pale bright eyes—she can shed maternal But, when Viscount Glynne has dired black in the lamplight, has changed very fair prospect for you, and you at the house once, and made a morn- as though a shadow had fallen over it know Joyce and you can be nothing ing call once, and when Lady Nora at her words. comes in to afternoon tea one day just before Christmas, the "liveried time, that the teaspoon with which retainers" become respectful to a she plays is solid silver of the last solve breaking out in a flame in his

here before long, Mr. Lord," the foot- itself are "very creditable." man remarks to the butler who rebices in that stately name.

ing Miss Yolande-"such a quiet. the maids say, rather enviouslythat there is "somebody" very dashing in the background as Miss She talks long and earnestly with her Yolande's lover-"an officer"-an Miss Yolande on both cheeks, and would be if you were coming to spend Christmas at Pentreath with us!"and how Miss Yolande "blushed up as red as a rosebud," as the footman name. says, sentimentally, at her ladyship's

parting speech has been rather in the with her maid and stayed to dinner. that always; but I did hope for some-

finds herself is far removed from the sphere of her "friends."

This afternoon her manner has been ore coldly, frigidly gracious, with a her eyeglass to note the dimension of the large drawing-room, and asked them if they really do prefer a room like this for afternoon tea.

"I always prefer the tiniest room of the suite, where one can have one's with another smiling stare of cool dispet planner measured it. "But the tion." To for it ived street house looks nice and comfortable." more comfortable here than in that "And now he has plunged into lonely little place down in the coun-

Pentreath.

They cannot be very haughty maternal tone, "and Captain Glynne that English Frenchwoman, Miss Bella able, timid, fussy, but kind-hearted many attractions for him, I believe," -Dallas, dearest, you had better make old mistress, or the gentle and polite she adds, with a serene smile, playing your mind at once!" her ladyship pressure of extreme circumstances. face, with its great dark eyes, purpletears upon occasion. "It is really a

Lady Nora notes, too, at the same \*\* \*\* \*\*

Two days later Lady Nora is at Pentreath, and again drinking her afternoon tea-in her own dressing-room this time-and telling herself as she such dainty cups as theirs.

she can learn them, old Miss Dormer's amiability and humble-mindedness, mination, for there is a look of half and meek-spirited Yolande's blushes alarm, half compassion-in Lady Nora's and pallor at the mention of his eyes as she gazes at him.

"And now, Dallas, my dear boy, you They do not, however, suspect that mother says, in an imperiously-enmust lose no more time here!" his the pretty "gush" of Lady Nora's treating manner—she dares use no mature of a salve which she feels it getting a hold over these people, and, other with him. 'Lyulph Glynne is of Lady Nora has not been a much and it is the only chance I see for pleasanter one than her first, when you, Neither Lyulph nor the earl will she called one afternoon at Fair View do anything for you. I have felt



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et china and books and little tables thing from that election; however, a and brackets close at hand," she says, he lost It—and nobody who knows Viscount Glynne can be surprised at paragement at the grand drawing- that," Lady Nora says, bitterly—"there room, thirty-six by thirty, as the car- is an end of everything in that direc-

Her ladyship pauses for a moment; Lady Nora is good enough to add. "I then, as her son makes no response, should think you find yourselves far she goes on

money-making schemes in the city, and has completely wormed himself She has spoken of her son once or into old Dormer's confidence—and we wice, but only in the most formal know what that means with a covetand distant manner, as "Captain ous, grasping, money-lowing miser Glynne," and of his continued stay at like Glynne!" Lady Nora declares, with a significant glance at her son. "The earl, his uncle, wishes to have "And he has a spy in the camp—a him with him," she says, in her soft, sort of private intelligence office-in wishes to stay. Pentreath has a great Glover, I feel quite certain; and—and to each other now."

"Why?" Dallas demands, with a fashionable pattern, modern antique, eyes and voice. "Why should I not "I shouldn't wonder if we ain't and all the appointments of the tea marry the girl I love and the girl who goin' to 'ave a marriage in 'igh life table, the drawing-room, and the house loves me, and go and earn a living for her like an honest man, no matter what I have to do?"

He paces up and down the room With that flame of excitement and desperate hope thrilling him through, lighting up his handsome, weary face does so, that it is not such good tea into noble beauty, making him appear as the Dormers', nor is it served in stronger, taller, comelier, even to his mother's admiring eyes.

"I'll go to Texas!" he declares. "A son, and she tells him everything. fellow I know is going; and in three cacy when it goes against her inter- on a cattle ranch to be able to give ests; so now she gives for Captain her a home—a humble one, I dare Glynne's benefit a description of the say-in some Western town in the house and furniture, plate and ser- States. That's what Daylesforde-one vants, of the Dormers, their money of our fellows-is going to do. And investments and prospects so far as I believe Joyce will be faithful to me." He speaks with passionate deter-

"For three or four years?" she questions, coldly, though she is cowering in her chair before the bright. hopeful, handsome face. "No, Dallas, nor for three or four months. Joyce Murray is engaged to Lord Dunavon. He proposed to her only last night, and she accepted him; so her mother told me this very morning."

Dallas says never a word for a few minutes. His hand pauses in caressing Lady Nera's little pug, which is perched on the end scroll of the daintily-covered sofs, but that is all.

"I must have that story from Joyce herself," he says at last, in a low. hard voice. "I know both you and Mrs. Murray are apt to believe a thing true when you wish it to be so. No offense to either of you!"

He leaves the room without a word nore, though he hears Lady Nora saying something to him in anxious. pleading tones. Had she gone down upon her knees and implored him to stay, he would have passed her without a word at this moment. He walks downstairs and into the library, where he waits, standing by the great black marble mantelpiece, until one of the servants brings Miss Murray's maid, who takes a penciled note from him

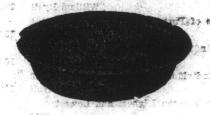
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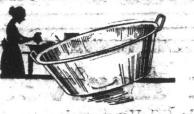
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