

The Old Marquis;

The Girl of the Cloisters pale.

CHAPTER XIV.

WHEN LOVE MEANS RUIN.

wedded to the daughter of his father's possessed of a grandfather! with no title, no position, not even that which acute brain was all at work. In face of this danger his cold, icy nature reasserted itself; he was as calm and as if he were weary. impassive as ever now, as he ran through rapidly all the plans that

To argue with Lord Edgar would, he knew, be waste of words and time. He knew enough of his son to feel convinced that he had inherited what headedness" of the Fanes. No. there was no chance of convincing Lord cold light flashed in his eyes-he must deal with the girl

passed through the door-way. As he white face and steel-gray eyes, and

She knew by instinct that it was the they seemed to pierce through her. resent was but a vogue, dim shape in her consciousness.

She tried to rise, but she could not, it out. and the marquis slowly approached

ing his cap and smiling—that old tense frigidity had been regarded in the past years as a model of facial pardon for this intrusion." The one finds a treasure, in the shape of voice was low and silvery-he was this beautiful garden, one is apt to be-"Do not move, I shall go in a minute am near-sighted"-near-sighted with

fore him in her cream dress, like a startled nymph, her hands clasped timidly, her eyes downcast, her face could not say, "We love each other!"

He looked around with an air pleased admiration.

"What a lovely spot! A fitting garden for so pretty a nymph. It is a pleasant surprise-very. May I sit down for a moment? I am an o'd

speak, but with true inborn grace friendship of yours?" and courtesy, the courtesy of reverence for the old, she glided to the eyes. chair and laid her hand upon it.

He waited for this permission, then sunk into the seat, and drew a breath

"And you are Miss Temple, I suppose?" he said, sweetly,

from afar, and tremulously-"yes, my

"Ah." he said, nodding pleasantly, Farintosh. I am ashamed to admit it, seeing that I am a stranger to this garden and its pretty young mis-

She did not speak, but looked at him. The sweetness of the voice, the did so, Lela looked up and saw the smile, were gradually dispelling the tall, thin figure in the fur cloak, the dread from her heart. If his eyes were not so hard and cold, she would have ceased altogether to fear, but

marquis, that awful personage who at "I am a great invalid, and that must be my excuse," he said, still softlyhe was giving her time, and himself, too,-"and I seldom leave my own apartments. But if I had known that so exquisite a little paradise as this

Then he looked at her, and his eyes

"I think my son, Lord Edgar ought to have allowed me to share this

himself at its softness, come selfish and wish to keep it for those eyes!-"was that Lord Edgar

whom I saw leaving you just now No? A.cousin, perhaps?"

He was trying her, but she was pure

"It was Lord Edgar, my lord," she said, her lips quivering.

"Ah!" He drew a breath. He would almost rather have had her fall into the trap and tell a lie; if would have hardened his heart and made his work easier. "Ah! And-er -does he come here often?"

She shook her head. "He has been here twice, my lord

marquis." "Twice! And you have never me him until the time before this?"

"Good Heaven!" he thought, "and hey love each other so quickly!" Her truthful nature would not ow her to prevaricate.

"Yesterday we went for a walk, my He nodded.

"You appear to be good friends!" She flushed, and her hands interlocked with exquisite pain. She That was not for her to say

"It is only natural," he said, still so softly and pleasantly, just as a surgeon before he divides the limb touches with a soothing hand the quivering flesh. "Very natural. The Abbey is dull, and you are both young very good-looking, he has a magnifi and lonely. Very natural. But-tell cent figure-unless he happens to me, does Mr. Temple know of this have a broken leg or arm. which. I

night I did not know it. And so you reason to believe that he is any dif--are-great friends. I am so sorry!" ferent to the rest of his race. who "Sorry-my lord!" tremulously. He nodded.

ing his white hand to the seat beside as frank as children?" him; his diamonds sparkled in the She drew a long breath, and a faint moonlight.

She could not disobey, and sunk in- pale face. o the seat—but left a wide space between them. He turned his head and know him, my lord!" might not lose an expression of the with his white fingers.

who have become good friends."

drooped for a moment, then she rais- stock from which he sprung, and I ed them, and looked at him with the know the sort of young man which dawning of a piteous sorrow; the the world turns out, and I ask you to dawning only as yet!

"Nothing is more delightful than nothing but ruin." young souls in close communion is a sight worth more than the vision of there is danger in their friendship; unless it threatens to bring ruin to one or both of them."

ed, her eyes full upon him.

Hard as he was, his soul shrunk, "My child, it is a cruel word, is it not? Do you think I like to utter it to you who scarcely know its mean-

"I do not." she said, piteously. ruin Lord Edgar?"

He waited a moment, then, with ic coldness, he murmured:

CHAPTER XV. "MY HEART IS BROKEN."

"Sit down!" said the marquis, and nurmuring "Ruin!" Lela slowly obeyed. He remained silent for a few minutes, gazing thoughtfully at the fountain, and giving her time to realize his meaning. Another man might have hesitated to strike so cruel a blow at her young faith, at the love innermost heart; but not the marquis, not the marquis. He pitied her-ob. sparing her when the interests of the why, the marquis would not have considered the twenty thousand virins of Cologne.

ny dear young lady, permit me to say



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smile of reassurance crept into har

kept his eyes upon her so that he He smiled, and turned the diamond

"Well, not so intimately as I could "Yes, sorry, because I am always wish, not so intimately as you. who loath to separate two young people- have known him-let me see, about She did not speak, but her eyes turned pale again. "But I know the believe me that he would bring you

whisner, the tears welling to her

as to expect that I should convince are black ones, nevertheless, and the Farintoshes are all of that color. They have never come into contact with any woman without rendering her un-

"No, never-never!" she murmured. 'How could I believe it, and-love him? And I do love him, my lord!" (To be Continued.)

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PARIS, April 27. for an alliance between America, virtually is u the Echo de Paris say Wilson, however, the pa withholding action until nate for ratification.

AN ANXIOUS TIME.

ays of the Peace Conference ves turned toward Ron the treaty before the meeting German delegates at Ve the absorbing topic ever the Italian issue and might have. Despatches du day showed the situation be very intense with an sentiment running high.

UMANIANS ADVANCE.

BASLE, April 26 nanians continue their m the south, and on Frid were on a line from Varsa akta, to south of Myula. Se ll hattles, despatches fr say, were fought during The Roumanians laund on the northern wing Thur the result is not disclosed

A SOLID ITALY. ROME, April 26. orning's Rome newspaper people in demanding hall become Italian. omano says the fact Bissolatia the Socialist ster demands possession the Italians should

sident Wilson that nobe likely to take his messa The Corriere D'Italia sa dent Wilson was mistal ught he could divide pub n Italy, for it is "in unive against the unparale The Executive Commi eral Party has passed a endorsing the attitude of egation while the Mas Italy has issued a procla ng upon its members in and abroad "to remain d up for the cause of Libe

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IN RUSSIA.

ARCHANGEL, April 2 Bolsheviki reinforcem ved recently on the No in preparation for a r against the Allied troops d, have been withdrawn Viatka, on the railway f to Perm to stem the adva rthern wing of the Sube evik army. During the nsive in the past 2 we le of the Bolshevik on front has slumped. Peasa eports of a revolt of Bols in Bolshoie Ozerki bef rawing from that villa It was quelled by force. of deserters from the Bols have joined the Allies in days. There has been so tivity on the Dvina and ut the situation on ith of Archangel gener the past week.

ONDITIONS BETTER.

SIMLA, India, April 27 have arrived. They will d at the United Service ne situation in the Punjab wandering fakirs suspec ling false reports are bei

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