

Sorrow.

CHAPTER III.

ground. Something in the gutter, something shining brightly in the dim Lady Glassbury, suddenly discovered rays of one of the gas-lamps with that he loved the old place: and here which the first city in the world is Raymont made him an offer of it for mainly illuminated—save the word! _ | the summer! Servants, horses, carcaught his attention. He knew what riages—he knew that Raymont means it was, and he picked it up, dusted it the whole thing. His pride said No on his sleeve and looked at it. It was, as Raymont had suspected it would, as she had said, just a plain gold but the clause about his "making it carried it under the gas-lamp and istible, and fearing lest the morning saw that there was an inscription on should bring wiser, and, therefore, the inner side: "To Maida from Car-

luxurious, but they were cosy and said. "Thank you." comfortable enough. Baxter, his master's service. He was devoted to ly. Heroncourt, and would have considmaster as only in the ordinary day's pluck and spirit of a woman." work-not that there is anything remarkable in his state of mind, because nowadays Tommy is quite ready peculiarity is one of the reasons why. in the long run, we manage, despite come out of the little and big right

-he would have waited for a week of Sundays without a word or thought on the table: and he removed Heroncourt's dress-boots and put on his soda in silence-the silence of devotion-noticing, though he did not ap-

"Sorry you sat up, Baxter," said servant values above a rise of wages. | your milk."

Baxter, who never spoke unless he which they learn in that admirable school, the army-brought a letter on a salver, and Heroncourt glanced at wrist-and where's your bracelet?"

as he read it, his eyebrows went up from me by a pickpocket."

with surprise. It was just a short

straight out, if you wouldn't. But

ome, if you can: you can make it up to me next summer-if you like-i. they don't poison or otherwise get ric of me out there.

The colour actually rose to Heron court's face. He had, as he had told colder council, he went to the writing-table and wrote a grateful accept-

and drive after her; but a striking The prospect of spending some clock reminded him that the hour months in the old place filled him was too late, and, slipping the brace- with keen anticipation, and he sat let into his breast-pocket, he walked and smoked and sipped the cooling beverage which Baxter had mixed, His rooms were in Bernard Place, lost in pleasant reverie. He quite off St. James's Street. They were forgot the incident of the young lady three only-a bedroom, bathroom, and the pickpocket, and was only rebedreom for his man. They were off with the dress-coat on his arm. "One moment, Baxter, please," he

When the man had gone he stood man, had been Heroncourt's old sol- and looked at the bracelet and abdier-servant, and had bought himself sently tried to put it round his own

"It's absurdly small," he murmur ered the sacrifice of his life for his ed, "and yet she faced me with the

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-for she was rather later than usual, and it was Carrie's way of show-

staved to be petted and made much of was it a success?" she added, looking at Maida as she took off her hat and cloak. "You look pale and rather done up, but as if you weren't dis-

"It was a success beyond my antiit!" responded Maida, looking beyond

there! Come and sit down in your cost the master nothing, but which a own chair and lean back and drink

her to the chair; then, feeling Maida was compelled-an admirable silence wince, looked at her in astonishment.

Heroncourt opened the letter, and, so sorry, Carrie, dear. It was stolen

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even the youngest diplomat has while Maida told the story. She was a horror of long letters, and Lord an adept at story-telling, and she but dramatically, and Carrie's eves

like an ordinary tramp or rough, very proke in Carrie; "but the man-the

replied Maida, with lessened interest. "He was tall and rather good-looking, I think. He was in evening dress. It was a horrible blow, and the poor man went down as if he were shot: and his lip and his face were cut and anyone can be so cruel-"

Carrie regarded her curiously. Well as she knew her, Maida's attitude towards men and things often puzzled her more practical sister.

"Seems to me that all your symstole your bracelet and hurt your arm-the brute! You say he was in evening-dress. Do you think he had fortune. been at the party; that he had heard

just passing by. I wish he had not the poor man should have been so been through a battle." dreams to-night."

resolved never again to go to the as- weak girl-" sistance of a maiden in distress. If ontemplate your conduct, I am in-

tentive." assented Maida, placidly: and, as I told you, I did thank him

"Really! How very kind and grawon't tease you any more," she broke off, as Maida's eyes were lifted with slippers and mixed the whiskey-and- cipations; and they were all so kind, affair's finished, and we won't worry Carrie, as if she were recalling it all. but it seems to me that you'll be able to buy as many as you want for your Heroncourt. It was the usual formu- claimed. "How I wish I had been your fortune's made. Perhaps you

put her arm round Maida's neck, and Maida leant her head against the warm, young bosom which throbbed

you have always in your mind's eye. noth of you: and, please God, it shall be so. Lady Glassbury was very kind-I can't tell you how kind. She slipped a cheque into my hand as I was leaving. I haven't looked at it

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"Guess how much!" she cried. "Five guineas," hazarded Maida,

"No, ten!" exclaimed Carrie. Maida's face flushed and her eyes Carrie's delight than at her own good

such a little work, such a little time!'

a slight shrug of her shoulders. "He It's a gift; and look how you've cultibeen there. I would rather have lost utes take it out of you. Why, you everything I had possessed than that come home white and tired as if you'd

"But very happy, Carrie," said Maida; "happier than you can guess. "Well, upon my word! I am per- To have all those people-some of fectly aware that one must not ex- them clever and intellectual-under pect gratitude in this world; and 1 one's power, if only for a few minshould think the gentleman, whoever utes, to bring the tears into their he was, must have that feeling very eyes, and then, all in a moment, to strongly to-night, and must be firmly set them laughing, and all by one

"Who bullies a gentleman for try you ask me, or if you don't, I've no ing to save her from a pickpocket," objection to telling you, Miss Carring- put in Carrie. "There, there! I won't ton, that you have behaved shame say another word. And now, you'll fully. It appears to me, that, instead come to bed, if you please. You'd like been, you fell to abusing him as if he over your triumph or planning anwere the pickpocket and had hurt other recitation-not if I know it! I you. They say that geniuses are more don't want you to look to-morrow like than half-mad, and really, when I a washed-out pocket-handkerchief.

a look of pain and doubt. "The rie; "you won't be allowed to waste bracelet's gone, and-and the whole your substance on your family, to say say that I'd buy you another bracelet; plaguing me to death; and I had to

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