

PASSION. LOVE'S TRUE ou claim!

CHAPTER XXXIV.

care at the moment. Norah raised her head and looked He seemed disappointed at the litat him, and put her hand to her brow. le effect the announcement of he "Why have you told me this?" she poverty had made upon her.

said. 'Was it for the sake of re "I'm afraid you don't realize," he venge? I do not understand-I do esumed, "or perhaps," and as he not care. I feel that you have told spoke he drew a little nearer to her me the truth: that I am not the the thought that is running through daughter of the countess, but that through anything to win you. Forge Catherine"-her lips quivered-"was orah"-his voice dropped the past-forget everything, andmy dear, dear mother! But I do not glanced toward the door-"why and say that you will be my wife. Se see-it is all dark." She held out her should this-this injustice be? All how helpless and alone you are." He hands like one striving to put aside a the world knows that the earl, when shot a glance at her. "You need a veil. ne said 'my daughter,' meant your-

"You do not comprehend that no self, and only you and I, and the man only are you not the daughter of the urlong, whom I can keep as quiet Earl of Arrowdale, but-penniless, as he has hitherto been, are aware of and to all intents and putposes, the true story of your birth." In his beggar?" he said, suavely. eagerness he did not notice the flash

Norah's face flushed, and she ros that came into Norah's lovely eyes, or "I do not care-it is nothing!" she that her hand clinched spasmodically. said, wearily. "But you forget that "Why should we not let the matter the earl has left me money----stand as it is? Who will be harmed

"Pardon me," he interrupted he Not the present earl. If all be true broken words. "It is a natural mis that is said of him, he doesn't deserv take in the confusion of you more than he has got, and, in al thoughts: but the late Earl of Arrow onscience, he has got enough. dale has not left a penny----' you are not the earl's daughter, yo

"I do not care. I do not wish were regarded by him as such. speak or think of it; but your revenge did not mean you to have the money cannot go so far." she said, as wear and why should you not have ily as before; "the earl's will-"

"Left his vast wealth to his daugh ter." he said, with a sinister smile "to his daughter, not to a person named or known as Norah! Do you n(t remember the blank in the well? If he had written your name there I think-I am not sure-you would have been secure; but he did not. Only to 'my daughter.' You are not his daughter, Miss Norah Woodfern!"

> CHAPTER XXXV. The Hotel Guest.

"Unless you inherited any money from your father or mother. I take it

pressed the shudder that ran through ou will go to-the next-of-kin, her, and kept her eves fixed on the present earl. Not a single penny can of regret that he was a nobody, inground-"place your hand in mine. say 'Guildford, let by-gones be by Norah looked at him, but without gones, I will be your wife," and the speaking. What he said might be secret is locked within my lips until true or false; she did not very much death! Why, see, if you become my wife, dearest, I shall have very littl inducement to reveal the truth Norah, think, for God's sake, of al this means to you. I will not speak of myself. You know I love you: you know that if-if I have seemed hard cometimes, it is because I loved you so dearly that I was prepared to' go

strong arm to lean upon, a clear brain

to rely on in this-this crisis! Lean

on me, rely on me! You shall be my

wife and still Lady Norah, daughter

of an earl, and heiress to his wealth!"

Norah's heart beat fiercely with the

onging, the almost irrepressible

onging, to look him in the face and

ery "Scoundrel!"-anything to ex-

press her indignation and loathing.

But she did repress the desire, won-

lerful to say. At that moment she

felt the truth of some of his words.

the was alone and helpless; she

ust not even indulge in the craving

her soul to denounce him. Her

as imperatively necessary that she

hould fight with something of his

She looked down in silence, and,

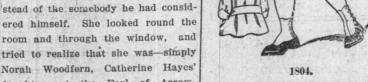
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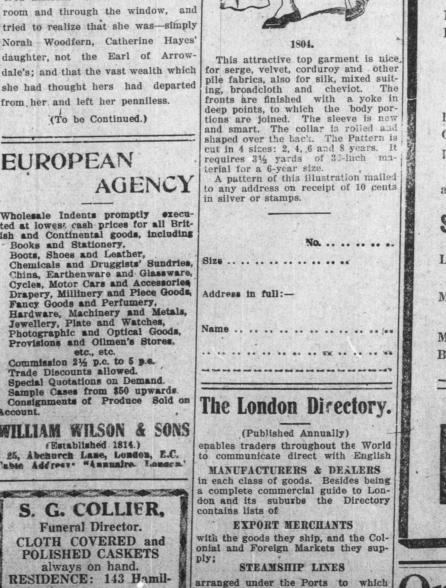


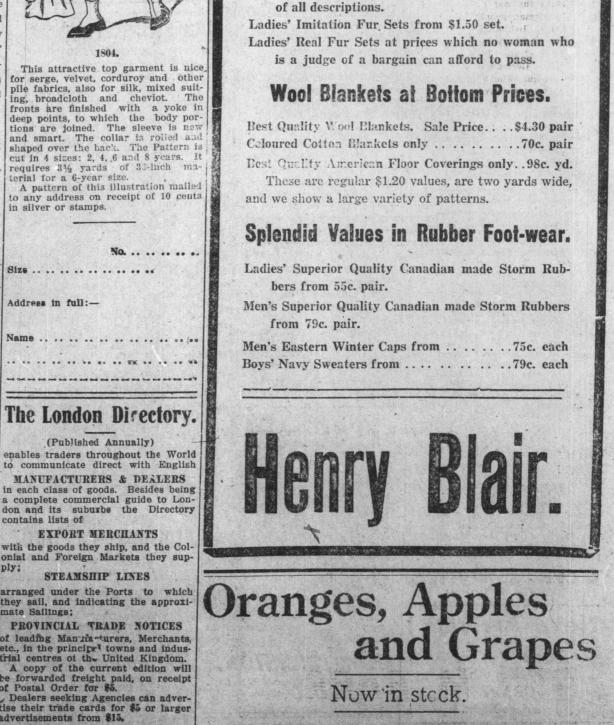
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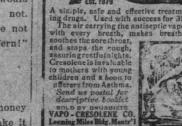
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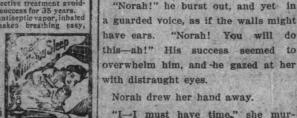
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