The Heir?

'Continued.)

CHAPTER XI.

'That is very interesting-' he

At that moment a woman came to

sington looked up as she called to the

'You can see her now, for there

'Yes,' replied the woman. 'Isn'

'Is-is she blind?' asked Sidney

Rachel nodded, as she answered

Then she rose, gave Sidney a bow

The girl joined her grandmother,

and, swinging the novelette in her

hand and humming, walked towards

the cottage beside her. As they went,

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ing cough by experimenting.

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'Yes-a gentleman,' she said.

turned back to the house.

woman's eyes.

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Smeltzer, Maurice, card girl, and was struck by something Salandra, E. M., Waymore Grove, City singular in the expression of the elder Spencer, Matthew, care G. P. O Snelgrove, Mrs., care Postal Telegraph she is,' remarked the girl. 'Yes, I'm Stevens, Jas., card here, grandmother. Do you want Shennell, Minnie, care Mrs. Gorman.

Spencer, Matthew, card Sheppard, Mrs. M. there someone with you, Rachel?' late Tilt Cove Stewart, Martha Mrs. Carnell Stree Symonds, W. n a whisper. Alexander Street Shines, Miss Eliza Simmonds, Jessie, retd. her grandmother. Barnes' Road Smith, Katie, retd.

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listening for someone, and her lips moved as if she were talking to herself. Presently, as if she had remembered, she said:

Who was that with you. Rachel? The girl stopped humming while she answered:

A young man form the castle. A friend of one of the servants. I suppose. He was precious curious about us-me.

'What is his name?' asked Mrs. Farren, in the low monotone of the blind who see with their ears. 'Oh, what was it? I've forgotten

a long name—Bass—Bassington—yes, that was it.'

The elder woman started and turn

ed her sightless eyes on the girl. 'Bassington!' she echoed in a low voice, and her hand went to her lips as if she was confused and bewildered. 'Not-not Mr. Edmund-no, he's dead. It must be Mr. Reginal -yes, Mr. Reginald! But he's dead, too, I've heard. Girl, you are mistaken: there is no Mr. Bassington! Rachel Lane looked at her with a roused curiosity and interest.

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'There is no Sidney Bassington, said Mrs. Farren, absently, and still plucking softly at her lips. 'Who are they? You seem to know

them,' asked the girl, repressing her impatience, 'Who is he, grandmother? The woman came down partly from

'He must belong to the castle,' she said, still dreamily. 'Child, don't you know that Bassington is the family name? This gentleman must be a relative of his lordship. Perhaps-I don't know-I have forgotten-my mind-my mind! It must be the

The girl's face grew crimson! and her red brows came down with a frown of mortification.

'What!' she said, not shrilly, but in a low and deep voice. 'The heir His lordship's relative! And I've been treating him, talking to him, as if he were no better than a servant Oh, it's-it's maddening! What must he think? What a-a fool I have been! Are you sure, grandmather? You know your mind wanders s metimes-is Bassington the family name -the Starborough name?

Mrs. Farren nodded. 'Yes.' she said, more to herself

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than to the girl. 'Yes, that must be it-they have found the heir.'

Then she turned to Rachel almost sternly. 'What business have you to be talking to one of the family? It's not fitting, not right! You forget you place, Rachel, and that's a bad thing in a young girl. It's what I never did, though - though there might have been some excuse in my place.' Her voice dropped and grew slower, and the preoccupied and faraway expression came into the sightless eyes; but she roused herself presently. 'If you see him again you will curtesy and say nothing, remember. It's not your place to be talking

to him: and he the heir, perhaps.' 'Very well, grandmother; I'll remember,' said Rachael, dutifully enough; but her thin lips were slightly apart with a smile, and the redbarred eyes glinted with a curious expression-a mixture of regret and mortification and calculation.

When Sidney reached the house he found the dog cart awaiting him, and

Mr. Oldham standing beside it. 'Good-morning, Mr. Bassington,' he said, cheerfully. 'I am going to ask you to give me a lift into Starborough -I take it you are going there? I have been transacting some business at the castle this morning. Will you drive, or shall I?'

'Oh, you, please!' said Sidney Bassington, who had been eyeing with misgivings the high-spirited horse which the groom had some difficulty n keeping quiet. 'I'm - I'm not accustomed to driving.'

'Oh, you'll soon get into it,' said the lawyer, blandly, as he took the eins. 'Stead, my boy! Too much corn and too little work, eh, James? he remarked to the groom who had sprung up behind, and smiled and touched his hat. 'You must give them plenty to do, Mr. Bassington. Been round to the stables this morning I suppose?'

'No-o,' replied Sidney, flushing, as he thought he had missed doing the proper thing. 'No, I went for a stroll in the grounds.' He paused a moment, then, as he recalled the peculiarly fascinating girl of the hammock, he went on: 'And I came upon an extremely pretty cottage, just on the edge of a small wood. Do you know which I mean? There is an old wo man living there, a blind woman.

Mr. Oldham nodded. Vou mean Mrs. Farren? he said 'Yes: who is she? An old servant, I am told.'

'That's right. She was a kind of confidental maid to the family. Has been in it from quite a young girl, In fact, she was a sort of nurse to the earl's brothers, Edmund and Reginald.'

'She must be older than she looks, remarked Sidney.

'Y-es, I suppose she is. Most blind persons retain a certain youthfulness, they carry their years well. She is not quite right in her head. Not insane, by any means, but wandering and absent-minded. She had a great trouble some years ago which so affected her that she lost her memory, and has been vague and bewildered ever since.'

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