LILIAN,

THE HEIRESS

"I!"-with a little shocked start; doesn't matter. I—I quite forgot. I—She presses her hand nervously down upon the top of her goodly pile, and suppresses the gay little erection until it s prostrate on her plate, where ever

"You meant it for something, my dear, did you not?" asks Lady Chetwoode, she goes, as is her wont.

turning upon her two great earnest eyes on, happy, unsuspicious of evil to come that shine like stars through regretful free of care (oh that we all were so the stars through regretful free of care (oh that we all were so the stars). tears. "At home I used to collect all the broken bread for them every morning. And they grew so fond of me, the but the sufficing joy of living, the glad very robins used to come and perch carth beneath her, the brilliant foliag upon my shoulders and eat little bits upon my shoulders and eat little bits from my lips. There was no one to frighten them. There was only me, and I loved them. When I knew I must leave the Park"—a sorrowful quiver making her voice sad— I determined to break my going gently to them, and at first I only fed them every second day—in person—and then only every third day, and at last only once a week, until"—in a low tone—" they forgot me altogether."

around, the blue heavens above her head.

Alas! alas! how short is the time that lies between the child and the woman! the intermediate state when, with awakened eyes, and arms outstretched, we inhale the anticipation of life, is as but one day in comparison with all the years of misery and uncertain pleasure to be eventually derived from the reality thereof!

Coming to a rather high wall. Lilian

—in a low tone—"they torgot me altogether."

"Ungrateful birds," says Cyril, with honest disgust, something like moisture in his own eyes, so real is her grief.

"Yes, that was the worst of all, to be

without missing a day for five years. But they were not ungrateful; why should they remember me, when they thought I had tired of them? Yet I always broke the bread for them every morning, which she has traveled, a young man though I would not give it myself and

broke the bread for them every morning, though I would not give it myself, and to-day".—she sigs..." I forgot I was not at home."

"My dear," says Lady Chetwoode, laying her own white, plump, jeweled hand upon Lilian's slender, snowy one, as it lies beside her on the table, "you flatter me very much when you say that even for a moment you felt this house home. I hope you will let the feeling grow in you, and will try to remember that here you have a true welcome forever, until you wish to leave us. And as for the birds, I too love them.—dear, pretty creatures—and I shall take it as a great kindness, my dear Lilian, if every morning you will gather up the crumbs and give them to your little feathered their blue is not indeed black.

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iends."

"How good you are!" says Lilian, standing on her airy perch, still singing, and imparting to the sur gratefully, turning her small palm up-wards so as to give Lady Chetwoode's "Barb'ra Allen's" vile treatment of her hand a good squeeze. "I know I shall be adoring swain, and consequent punishhappy here. And I am so glad you like the birds; perhaps here they may learn to love me too. Do you know, before turn, she finds herself face to face with a to love me too. Do you know, before turn, she finds herself face to face with a cleaning the Park, I wrote a note to my cousin, asking him not to forget to give them bread every day?—but young men are so carcless"—in a disparaging tone—"I dare say he won't take the trouble to see about it."

"I am a young man," remarks Mr. Chetwoode, suggestively.

"Yes, I know it," returns Miss Chesney, coolly.

"I dare say your cousin will think of simple to the most dignified situation in the world, trusting to her activity in the ground, and regains with

"I dare say your cousin will think of springs to the ground, and regains wit "I dare say your cousin will think of it," says Lady Chetwoode, who has a weakness for young men, and always believes the best of them: "Archibald is young wery kind-hearted."

"You know him?"—surprised.

"How could you be so foolish? I do hope you are not burt," says the gay young man, coming forward anxiously.

"Not in the least, thank you," smiling

"Very well indeed. He comes her almost every autumn to shoot with the moment or two. Then he says with some boys. You know, his own home is not

ten miles from Chetwoode." "I did not know. I never thought of him at all until I knew he was to inherit the Park. Do you think he will come you are my-guardian?

and we saw nothing of him; but now he has come home I am sure he will renew his visits. He is a great favorite of mine, oldfashioned reverence.

I think you, too, will like him." "Don't be too sanguine," says Lillian; "just now I regard him as a usurper; I feel as though he had stolen my Park." "Marry him," says Cyril, "and get it ack again. Some more tea, Miss_

"If you please- Cyril," with a little laugh. "You see, it comes easier to me than to you, after all."

"Place aux dames! I felt some embarrasament about commencing. In the future I shall put my mawvaise honte in my pocket, and regard you as something I have always longed for—that is, a he has first seen her. "Had we not bette

to me," says Lilian, "because, never having had one, I have a very exalted idea of what a brother should be." gayly—"to be defeated by such a simple obstacle as that? I have surmounted greater difficulties than that wall many a

"How shall you amuse yourself all the morning, child?" asks Lady Chetwoode. "I fear you're beginning by thinking us

"Don't trouble about me," says Lilian.
"If I may, I should like to go out and take a run round the gardens alone. I can soon he draws her in triumph to his side. always make acquaintance with places quicker if left to find them for myself." When breakfast is over, and they have all turned their backs with gross ingrati-tude upon the morning-room, she dons her hat and sallies forth, bent on dis-

Through the gardens she goes, admiring the flowers, pulling a blossom or two, making love to the robins and sparrows and gay little chaffinches, that sit aloft With such a slight burden to lift he feels himself almost a Hercules. The whole act does not occupy half a minute, and in the branches and pour down sonnets on her head. The riotous butterflies, on her head. The riotous butterflies, skimming hither and thither in the bright sunshine, half her coming, and rush with wanton joy across her eyes, as though seeking to steal from them a lovelier blue for their soft wings. The flowers, the birds, the bees, the amorous wind, all woo this creature, so full of joy and sweetness and the unsureastable. and sweetness and the unsurpassable beauty of youth.

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ing, and raising his hat.

"And I am Lilian Chesney," replies she

"I shall reserve my oath until later on,

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"How can I be sure," replies she, also in doubt, "until I know whether indeed before, go to

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says Miss Chesney, demurely, but she gives him her hand nevertheless, with unmistakable bonhommie. "You are going home?" glancing up at him fron under her broad-brimmed hat. "If so, I shall go with you, as I am a little tired." CLOTHS.

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"Very well, and you must be very good "A thousand times no. What?" Jacket & Mantle

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her. "You must not risk your neck a second time," he says.

"Am I so very small?" says Lilian.
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