Just the two men composed the family at Carlyon Hall, and a gay, wild life they led. Not that they were much together, or, that goodwill inclined them to the same course. Truth to tell there was little sympathetic feeling lost between the two Carlyons.

The elder man gave his select dinners and champagne suppers to

The Hall itself was a patched-up pile of ruinous masoury. The Carlyons for three generations back had proved a spendthrift race; and their once ample patrimony had dwindled down to a few barren houses, which yielded the sole income of the present proprietor.
Still he could boast a long descent,
and we all knew how far an illusrious pedigree will go towards propping up a falling house.

This was the state of affairs when Mrs. Mondeville came down from town with a half-dozen serants at her back, and pretty Ber tha Mondeville, her very reluctant

Bertha was the lady's youngest daughter, and beside the generous portion of Mondeville property destined to fall to her share, had good prospects of an inheritance from a certain wizened, eccentric old woman who had stood godmother to her at her christening eighteen years before.

With such expectations, and possessed of natural attractions which draw hosts of sighing lovers to her

drew hosts of sighing lovers to her feet, it was certainly reprehensible in her to give preference to one far beneath her in the social scale. At least, so reasoned her lady mother. But Bertha was wilful, and mater-

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cheery young presence brought a flood of synshine into the dreary old house, such as it had not known for years. The grim, dark

Certainly, in removing her daughter from the influence of one lover, Mrs. Mondeville had not meant to subject her to the importunities of two. Carlyon, drawn perhaps by visions of the ample dowry destined for her and Ralph—base as he was—actually touched with an approximation of noble sentiment were both soon numbered among har devotees.

Ralph, impulsive and passionate, could wait to take no politic moves in prosecuting his wooing. His very carnestness would have pleaded powerfully for him, had not the girl's heart and mind been filled with other love and other thoughts. He came in upon her suddenly one afternoon, when he knew her to be

pain her words must inflict upon

"Oh, Ralph, I had hoped you might not subject me to this test! It would be cruel to give you false

The elder man gave his select dinners and champagne suppers to his clique; while Ralph, his son, scoured the country for a score of miles about with choice spirits of his own.

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"Bertha! Bertha! You can't mean to leave me in utter despair? I will wait and work, and prove my self a better man than I have yet been. Only tell me that there is a chance of winning you at last!"

"It never can be, Ralph! Because — because I love another!"

The still white rage which settled

The still, white rage which settled down upon his face frightened her more than if he had broken out in

angry words.
"I shall not give you up nevertheless," he said, quiet with intensity. "Give me a little hope, and an equal chance, and I will try for your love by fair means; but by measures foul or fair, no other man measures foul or fair, no other man shall ever take you from me?"

With that he turned, leaving her abruptly, as he had come, and his quick steps gave back a sharp ring from the paved walk without. At a little distance he encountered the elder Carlyon, who accosted him, thing his leisurely pace to the other's hasty strides.

"Easy my son! I have some in-

"Easy, my son! I have some information which it may be best to impart at once. I happened to overhear your conversation of a overhear your conversation of a moment ago—by the way, you should never make love near open windows—and am gratified to know that Bertha holds such an Manufacturers of Steam Engines and Boiles, Gang and Rotary Saw Mills, Gang Edgers, Shingle and Lath Machines, and Well-Boring Machines for Horse and steam power.

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sentiment were both soon numbered among her devotees.

Bertha's position was becoming extremely unpleasant. A note, smuggled out, despite the watch-fulness of the maid, brought no response from Henry Bernard. Her mother remained unmoved by her urgent entreaties for a speedy return; and meanwhile the two Carlyons urged their individual suits with persistent ardor.

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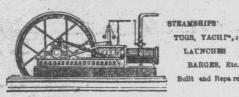
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and a lynx-eyed maid to the hospitable charge of the Carlyons.

It was not a pleasant duty for the latter to assume, and for a time they regretted the necessary suspension of their reckless pleasures. Not that either reformed, even temporarily, but the Hall could no longer be thrown open to boon contrades and nightly orgies. They clung to their customary habits, but unused to the trouble of concealment, chafed against the bondage which common courtesy imposed upon them.

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