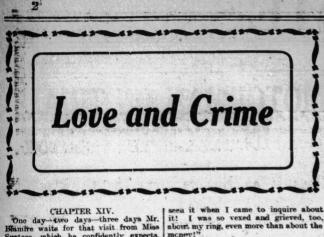
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CHAPTER XIV.

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mmel. "Who can it be from?" she says, smil-g, and turning the missive about airily her long, slim fingers. "How can group have known where to write to prome have known where to write to arrone have known where or "with a posting curve of her thin, red lips. "I have a good mind not to open it until we come home from our shopping, Lord

Miss Surtees and Lord Cardounel are intinually driving out together, alone

affairs. Lady Christabel is invariably invited to acompany them, and invariably de-clines. She has steadily refused to make a third in their society, or ahare her father in aby way with Lydia Surtees, since the hour the earl obliged his daughter to formally invite the woman she dreads and dislikes to accompany them to twa.

"You had better open it, I think," Lord Cardonnel says, with an admiring suile at her toilet of striped crimson foulard, in two shades, with under pet-ticeat of pale pink, and pale, pink bon-net, with a huge cluster of crimson rose-bilities a deriver alerert Perisian carticoat of pale pink, and pale, pink bon-net, with a huge cluster of crimson rose-bodis-a daring, elegrate, Parisian gar-mient, in which she looks wonderful, charming, beautiful, wicked. "It looks like a business lotter, Lydia." Solaly this morning, during a ride in the park, has the earl ventured to call his fair guest by her baptismal name. "So it does," she says, with a shrill, little lungh. "Perhaps it's a dun from some unfortunate florist or glover, whose "little bill" is overdue." In terror, with fingers cold as ice, she terrise open the white, oblong letter, ad-dressed in the clear, precise writing. For her eyes have caught sight of the printed words in one corner, a name."Heary Blamire, solicitor"-and she knows not what she will have to read.

Hamire, solicitor"-and she knows not what she will have to read. She opens the page, glances down the closely running lines without being able to desipher a word. Her sight is blurred, her heart thumping fiercely against her tight-laced Paris cosest, the paper shakes in her trembling hands. "Oh, ves." she says, moistening her dirr, stift lips, which will not form the words properly. "At least, it's only a leifer from a business man-a-a stock holder. He-was employed by me at one time. It's not of the slightest conse-quence!" She crushes the letter, and puts it in her pocket. "Dear me!-Tve förgotten my purse! Will you excuse me, Lord Cardonnel? I shall not be two finnutes!" She leaves the room gracefully and de-

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ILAMILITON and without any companions, except our or two Engliamen, and the rest morely of gargot bushmen and bullock drivers, and persons of that class: Colonial desper-soles; I dars ay?" Trecisely," Lady Christabel assents, in a canon positive voice, her eyes fixed on her grandmother's vicked, false old into. "We had one of them to dinner inst week." "Who? What de you mean?" Mre-Mallitrane demands, imperiorations." She does not at all like the kees, fear-les look abe meets in her granddaugh tor's eyes.or the fine lines of scorn about the mobile, girlish lips. She has seen that look on Christabel's hace a fer time, and it always means rebellion, open or suppressed, to her tyrannous authority. "One of the 'colonial desperadoes," Lady Christabel ays, with a slight smile. "Our cousin, Roderie Lindsay!" "Inde of the 'colonial desperadoes," in a curious, half-choken voice, and fydia Sartees, watching her also thorough her mek, downcast eyelaines, seen a dark red finah suffues her sellow, sunk-mads clinch themselves tightly on this progent head of her "familier," and the fiery aparks of the ruby eyes peer out be sonath her fingers. A tremor passed over her, which is a spasmodie thril to the fury that possesses her, and the fur-tion the know, Ruthven," ahe says, witheir sockets, her livid lips drawn from these do floor at her fest. "Tidd not know, Ruthven," ahe says, in their sockets, her livid lips drawn in their sockets, her livid lips drawn frequent, polished floor at her fest. "Tidd not know, Ruthven," ahe says, in their sockets, her livid lips drawn frequent, bound and sharpend!" "The very essence of meek mildness forth grappend:" "The very essence of meek mildness forth archering apprehences. The very venom of malignant hate and vergeful loord cardounte, giancing apprehencing-

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