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## The Imprisoned Heiress The Spectre of Egremont.

## CHAPTER XVII

tempt to learn the cause of her emo- let us have a serious talk." tion at the moment he had intruded upon her, and she did not enlighten him., feeling angry and annoved at been hitherto almost obsequious, but the failure of her scheme.

They conversed a little longer, not her, too, was stern, where it had alof love, nor of their united future, but ways heretofore been extremely genof the topics the heiress most loved to tle and deprecating. And the heiress ful conversation. dwell upon, and Lord Ashcroft's brow did not like the change

whom she chose should have been so it."

short-lived. She was weeping softly when the ly. curtains were lifted, and Lady Egre-"I do not choose to sit." she said.

walking to and fro with rapid steps. mont stood beside her. "Crying, Xina!" she said, in a low. "Alexina, are you aware how very lar morning she gave and received a lone of surprise. "Why, what is the nearly you came to wrecking your great deal of pleasure in arguing treat was on.

fortunes a few minutes since? Supmatter? Have you and Lord Ashproft quarreled? He came into pose you had rushed out as you understand the subject as well as herthe drawing-room just now, looking threatened . Why, Lord Ashcroft self. as though he had lost his best friend." would have dissolved your engage-

"We have not quarreled," answer- ment with him at once." ed the heiress, drying her tears. "But I hate him !-- I do, indeed, and I wish he were dead!"

"Hush!" said her guardian's wife you do not know," and the countess able progress in the development of warningly, with a glance at the draw- calmed herself by a strong effort. "Do a marvelous animal, with pink eyes was permitted to witness the withing-room. "They might have heard you think I am blind, girl, that I have and blue hair, supposed to belong to drawal from a point ten miles south you then if they had not been at the not seen what is going on? I have the canine species. iscovered that you and Lyle Indor

were assembled in the pleasant morning arawing-room, engaged in cheer-

she did not feel.

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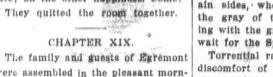
with him,

was grave and his heart heavy when "Seat yourself, also, Lady Egre- trace had been found, was dismissed, ment, fighting, marching again. he at last quitted her side and re- mont," she said, with a condescending and a feeling of general security prejoined the party in the drawing-room, air, and with the remembrance that vailed. The Lady Lorean, who had And Alexina, in her lonely nook, she, and not the countess, was the been nervous and anxious from the wept tears of anger and disappoint- owner of Egremont. "If you have moment of the assault in the plantament that her hope of freedom to wed anything to say to me. I will listen to tion on the day of their arrival, now Wet, sullen, cursing men tramped The countess smiled contemptuous- well-informed woman, of whom her

brother might well be proud As has been said, she possessed a masculine mind, and on this particu-

been so wild, so crazy? But I forgot and wool, and was making commend-

caused her superstitious charge to Lord Ashcroft made no further at- "Sit down in this chair, Alexina, and shiver; "on the one hand terrible fate; on the other happiness, 'Come!" The heiress obeyed wonderingly, The countess' tone with her had now it was commanding. Her man-



arther end of the room

"I should not have cared much if are in love with each other." passionate voice, "I am almost des- | heiress, defiantly. about wedding me."

"This is madness," said Lady Egremont, sternly, yet trembling with feat least the heiress should do as she a small income, scarcely more than indeed was the fact. suggested. "Ah! thank heaven, they have all gone into the music-room. and the Lady Lorean is going to play upon your organ. Come with me, Alexina. We can slip out unobserved,

and I have something to say to you." knows the penalty of your refusal to and to affect an interest in him which She took the arm of the unresisting keep the compact-" maiden, and conducted her through ! "And he has urged me to keep it," With this idea she sat near Lord the deserted drawing-room to the wide interrupted the heiress. "He has told Ashcroft, and listened to his every hall up stairs, to her own suite of me frankly that he cannot afford to word with apparently rapt attention, rooms.

"Here we are!" she said, ushering the sacrifice of my fortune, even if I him, and her heart throbbed with a a few days." her husband's ward into her boudoir, would make it." which glowed with its wealth of The countess regarded Alexina cied that her betrothed was nearly crimcon coloring, and glittered with searchingly, and then her features re- overcome at her condescension, and its profusion of golden adornings. laxed into a smile, and she said: that Lyle Indor was enduring all the

"Lyle is a sensible fellow. He is pangs of jealousy. no sentimental lover, if he has a girl's face and hands. He thinks of your good, and I wish you would think of it, too. How could you have been so

mad as to say such things down stairs?" 1. 100 83 "Because I meant them. I mean, if possible, to bring about a dissolution of my present engagement, and not only keep my fortune, but receive that which his lordship will forfeit I wish Kepp had succeeded in his designs," she added; "It would have

> saved me a deal of trouble." "Alexina! You shock me! If any other had heard you express that wish they might have fancied that Kepp had acted but in obedience to your will-that you had hired him to kill your promised husband. Never speak so again, unless you would link yourself with a murderer. Give up your thoughts of Lyle, or I shall send him away."

"Net from Egremont!" declared the heiress, with flashing eyes. "I am mistress here, if you are nominally so. And I choose to break with Lord'Ash- MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR COLDS.

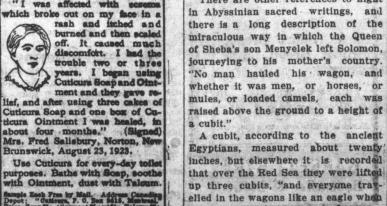
The heiress had been greatly impressed with the declarations of Lady only twelve miles farther south. But it was "twelve miles of hell" they had," returned Alexina, in a! "Well, what of it?" demanded the Egremont on the previous evening. as a young officer said profanely-Perhaps her very failure to compre- twelve miles of fighting an unseen perate enough to rush out and tell "Simply this. If you give up Lord hend them added to their impressive- foe, twelve miles over scores of tons them, and let him do as he pleases Ashcroft, to marry Lyle, you will for- ness. She could not understand why of supplies, thousands of men, huge feit every penny of your fortune, and she stood on the brink of a fearful guns, herds of live stock and all the lose every acre of Egremont. Lyle gulf from which Lord Ashcroft alone litter that goes with an army on the move must be transported with order cannot make up to you, even in part, could save her, but Lady Egremont's and precision,

what you would lose, for he has only manner had convinced her that such A twelve-mile test of the ability of the Military Directorate in Madrid, sufficient to gratify his own tastes. I Without endeavoring to arrive at a which seized power in a bloodless do not see how he can have been so comprehension of the truth, without revolution to liquidate this very Moroccan disaster-the disaster of mad as to win your love! he knew caring to question her guardiah's wife trying to hold an impossible land that you were promised to Lord Ash- further, she had resolved to treat her against a bitter, determined foe. croft; he has always known it. He betrothed with more consideration It will be days before the with-

pleted. Meantime, it is an everlasting credit to the Spanish command and the dogged bravery of the men of Spain. Primo de Rivera is confident. "We will succeed," he says, "The marry, and that he will never accept seeming to see and hear no one but withdrawal will be completed within

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Sheba's Airship? There is reason to believe that omeone constructed an airship which Solomon gave to the son of the Queen of Sheba. Of course, there was no motor-possibly it was a glider. The Secretary of the Royal Aeronautical tched and Burned. Scaled Society states that Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba "a vessel wherein Off. Cuticura Healed. one could traverse the air for wind." There are other references to flight "I was affected with ec in Abyssinian sacred writings, and there is a long description of the miraculous way in which the Queen of Sheba's son Menyelek left Solomon,



whether it was men, or horses, or mules, or loaded camels, each was raised above the ground to a height of a cubit." A cubit, according to the ancient Egyptians, measured about twenty nches, but elsewhere it is recorded that over the Red Sea they were lifted up three cubits, "and everyone travelled in the wagons like an eagle when his body glideth above the wind."

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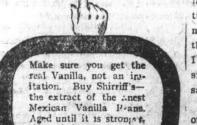
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