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"YOU DON'T CARE FOR ME," HE SAID. "I WOULD MARRY YOU TO-MORROW, IF YOU WOULD HAVE ME."

JUPITER'S TOWER.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "A LARGE FORTUNE," "VELVET SNOW,"
 "FATE OR FOLLY?" ETC.

CHAPTER XVI.

NEWS FROM CARRIGSTONE.

LONDON is said to be empty towards the end of July. Yet carriages throng the principal thoroughfares even then, while in the City life is as busy as ever, and men crowd, jostle, and hurry as usual. It was afternoon, and Fleet Street was thronged by moving masses of humanity—all sorts and conditions of men. Amongst them was a tall, shapely,

athletic, young fellow, whom we lately saw in the orchard at Ravenscroft, pale with passion—not anger, but love—that headlong, impetuous, and wild rapture which only a few, perhaps, experience in these prosaic days.

Derrick Ravenscroft was certainly the handsomest man in Fleet Street on that hot afternoon; but then, perhaps, Fleet Street is not exactly the spot where one would go to look for Adonis-like young men.

City men, stout, prosperous, and altogether unpicturesque of aspect, were to be seen hurrying away to lunch, presumably; clerks were there, thin-faced, yet cheerful of aspect, whose coats were not too new, perhaps; and there were greasy-

looking individuals, who might be set down as money-lenders at exorbitant interest; honest faces, mean faces, cruel faces, miserable and haggard faces, gay laughing faces, all were there, but scarcely one handsome face except Ravenscroft's.

We have not seen the outcast heir as yet divested of that disfiguring brown beard which hid the rare beauty of his mouth and chin, and added at least a dozen years to his appearance.

Seen now, minus that beard, Derrick was a truly splendid and distinguished-looking man—tall, athletic, with features cast in those straight facial lines which we associate with the classic heroes of antiquity; a bronzed complexion, bright gray eyes, short fair hair rippling in irrepressible curliness