

Lady Norah.

The dining-room door had scarcely exclaimed, in a low and fervent voice: "What a lovely creature, Arrow

"I am grateful for your approval

Ferndale," he murmured. "Approval!" muttered Lord Ferndale, frowning slightly, as if he did think she is most exquisite! I know Jeanne"-that was Lady Ferndale-

of such a daughter." earl, holding up his glass to the light.

"No. no! The wine's all right," said the squire bluffly. "I must say I agree with Ferndale; Lady Norah is mostmost charming. Gad, she reminds me find some comparison—"of a picture!"

The earl smiled. that she reminded you of one of the thought she resembled." He looked round the room. "I must confess that I see no likeness to any of them."

"For my part, I don't see one of them-begging your pardon, Arrowter." exclaimed Lord Ferndale.

"No?" The earl lifted his delicate-

"There isn't one with such beautiful hair," remarked the squire. "Nor such eyes," said the rector.

The earl looked from one to the!

"A bronze gold," murmured the

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"Perhaps Lady Norah takes after

"A very natural suggestion," he said, smoothly; "but Lady Norah is mite unlike her mother.'

"Well," said Lord Ferndale, hassesses a new type, of which it should

be proud. Arrowdale."

The earl inclined his head. "You all make me very happy," he

Lord Ferndale pushed his glass

away with a movement half impatient,

coldness. "She'll make your life worth living, Arrowdale," he wound up

worth living, Ferndale," he retorted, if anything so sweetly and suavely spoken could be called a retort. Then

tracing the pattern of the tablecloth. and he raised them with something

"Yes, sir," he replied, "and saw Farmer Goodman. The roof is out of repair, as he says, but I arranged that he should pay one-third of the cost."

very good of you to take so much trouble, and on so hot a day-very good; and it is an excellent arrange-"They are very lovely, and so full of ment, far better than I should have been able to make."

"I'm glad you approve of it, sir," said the young man, calmly. "Being "None of the Arrowdales have had in the neighbourhood, I rode on to come to my-I should say ourterms."

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"Say yours," said the earl, with ile. "For they were yours, and Vill you please help yourself and pas he wine? No wine, Ferndale? Will

himself, and refilling his glass, held it in his white, delicate hand, and looked at the old lawver with a keen scru-

Mr. Petherick made a great fuss in filling his glass, and coughed nervous-

I am surprised, Mr. Petherick," said the earl, with a half sarcastic smile.

Mr. Petherick colored. "I am sure you are not disappointed,

"Yes." said the earl, thoughtfully. "I am surprised. I had expectedthan of the lawyer.

"Allow me to remind you that she is your daughter, 'the daughter of a hundred earls,' as the poet says."

Mr. Petherick coughed.

say that Lady Norah was not only educated, but accomplished."

"Well. I saw a copy of Browning or

Did not poison her mind, in fact," said the earl. "Is that what you mean?"

"It is as well she did not; it will be difficult enough for us to live together as it is. And the woman, the nurse Catherine Hayes, is dead, quite dead, and buried?"

"I saw her grave, my lord." The earl was silent for a moment or

two, then he fingered his glass, and without looking at the old lawyer, "I wish to speak to you about that-

"Your nephew, my lord?" said Mr Petherick.

that other matter upon which I in-

A flash of anger rose to the earl's face, and he pushed the wineglass from him. "Call him the viscount, if you

nlease," he said. "I dislike being re-

minded of our relationship. "You saw "No, my lord," said Mr. Petherick,

in a low voice, "he declined an inter-The earl smiled, instead of frown

"Characteristic insolence," he said, noothly. "Well?"

"I wrote to him at some length, setting forth your lordship's views. I ent to cut off the entail, you would neet his views in the matter of money -that, in fact, you would be willing to ay him a large sum."

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willing to sacrifice a fortune!" "I made that clear to him, I think, ask from mere idle curiosity."

"Well?" demanded the earl, suavely enough, but with his white fingers ruffling the cloth in wrinkles. Mr. Petherick emitted a dry little

my lord."

"I am sorry to say that he declined

your lordship's proposal." The earl's thin lips came together sharply, as if they checked an oath.

"Oh, he declined," he said, dryly. "Yes, my lord, absolutely. He remarked in his letter that he would rather starve than barter his birthright." The earl smiled, a remarkably dis-

counts upon my dying shortly, I pre- head.

Mr. Petherick shook his head. "I-I think profligate rather too the writer, and have no desire to make harsh a term, my lord," he ventured. acquaintance even with his hand-"The viscount has been wild, it is true; and-and, yes, extravagant, but of late he seems to have changed-reformed, as one may say."

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"In-deed! And how is he living?

"I don't know, my lord," replied M I'etherick. "I made inquiries, but I could not find out. Indeed, no one moving in the circles which he used to frequent."

"In hiding from the Jews and money lenders." said the earl, with a sardonic smile. "We will give him a little more

The old lawver shook his head.

"I venture to think that the viscount's decision is final, my lord," he said, "I have his letter here," he drew out his pocketbook, but the earl put "His birthright! The profligate! He | forth his hand with a shake of the

> "Thanks, but pardon me, I would rather not see it. I have never seen Mr. Petherick put back the pocket-

book with something like a sigh. "It-it is a pity, my lord," he venured, timidly, "a pity that there should be-ahem-bad blood between it this vast estate-"

The earl smiled. "You forget," he said, courteously, "that I might marry again." Mr. Petherick looked at him.

"You are right," said the earl, "I ne went on, in the softest of voices,

"He might," said Mr. Peherick, in sponse to this truly Christian reection, "but---"

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I can understand a new hesitating to pay large sal first, but once on an establis ing, labour should share also succes. The editor makes generally followed by highe prices which more than cor the merchant for the increa bour. Now I blame the merfinitely more for this than I employee, who needs an inciasking for more money. But case it is the employee who i and the merchant goes scot fr surely, are we never to asl creases of pay, just because chant has the power to exa with usury, from a supine pu any rate, this objection c ply to the firemen's case j First, because one firm ha employed Spaniards as fire paid them fifty dollars a m a bonus, which is more than men here ask. Second, benotorious that almost all who signed the ultimatum t men have made enormous pr their shipping interests sinc started, and there is absolu just reason on the score of for their objection to the wa the firemen ask, and no just them to increase the freights wise seek to bleed the publ

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