

For Her Sake:

The Murder in Furness your beauty is matchless!"

Wood.

CHAPTER XXVII "I cannot tell you," she replied

"One of the "Scarsdales," answered as yours, pass through life without

"I understand," Sir Liste laughed. meant Of course I am a Scarsdale; but that is no fault of mine, And why

"I do not say that it does," said of the past. Diana, conscious of the intense de- The sound of voices and music now light it gave her to be talking to him reached them, warning them that it "Do you consider all the Scarsdales

your mortal foes?" he asked. "Don't ask me such questions," said

Mana. "Talk to me of something less "You must not think me curious," arm.

reigning here as queen and mistress, you afterward took from me to see another take your place." Gracefully she drew the rich sables more closely around her.

"It was hard," she answered, quiet- Diana, quickly. ly; but he saw that she shuddered as with cold.

"Tell me the hardest part of it, Diana," he said.

. "The hardest?" she questioned. "It was not the loss of rule and power; liberty; it was not the feeling that home was no longer home, but an shode for strangers. It was that I was no longer with my father."

"I thought so," said Sir Lisle, em-

"And now," added Diana, "I refuse the passion of his heart the fair hand to say another word upon the matter. which had given him the flower. I did not come out into this lovely moonlight to talk of myself. Change face flushing as she spoke. "I will. Let me tell you that in this handsome face, the love in his dark,

moonlight you look to me like the god- earnest eyes, she could say no more dess Diana." She laughed a sweet tuneful laugh moment it seemed to Diana that the

bare to her, and that she saw there

e saw that the love he had been deni-Sir Lisle touched Diana's closk

Heaven bless the child!" said Sir Royat to himself as he turned away. eagerly besought to charm them with her fine contralto voice. Diana's re lieder; but she loved best the old English ballads and the old Scotch songs. ontour of head and neck, the same lear, faultless outline of figure. Dizna,

"Oh, my love is like the red, red rose
That sweetly blows in June!
Oh, my love is like a melody
That's swetly sung in tune!" "Sir Lisle, I have listened to you flattery before," she answered, with a

and your brightness marred by sor

it mattered little what happened, for

nothing could restore the joyous life

She was turning away, her heart

seemed a little thing, but it was cruel;

and it made me very unhappy. You

must make some reparation, Diana."

"You have been wearing some pale

geraniums this evening." he said;

She detached one of the aclicate

'open your cloak and give me one."

Sir Lisle listened with rapture.

"She could not be commonplace row. You could not, with such a face

> that she loved him, and then again, as when she flung the flower beneath her feet, it seemed as though she must

eyes; and yet her haughty little head had been raised once or twice in a beating with delight at the love in his fashion that did not speak of love.

Sir Lisle pondered this puzzle; but solution of it. Did she like him, or I never thought about the matter un- "I want to ask a favor. You were did she not? He would have given til I came to-day; then it occurred to mercilessly cruel to me when in town. much that night to have the question Diana. you did so, you would not tell me." "Indeed I would not," declared caprice—and yet caprice was foreign "It was very cruel. It may have

So he dreamed of the future, and wondered what time would reveal.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

"I knew I should hate this day," said Diana, when she saw the dawn. "It will bring anything but happiness She knew that; but even she never

flowers from her dress, and held it dreamed of what would happen beenough, with just a chill touch in the ing, this day that brought to her the architect of his own fortune?" "Sir Lisle!" cried Diana, her fair coming; and his wife had given him ply:

betrays want of good breeding so natural course: do not excite the ser-

"Poor papa!" she said to herself 'He ought to enjoy his triumph; he has paid a stupendous price for it."

Something had softened her heart, and made the earth and sky seen brighter, had made the flowers seem self up to its gracious influence. Seeing her father walking with a preoccupied air on the terrace, she went to him. Ah, surely something had softened Diana's heart! She clasped her white hands round his arm.

"Papa," she said, "I believe this is he happiest day of your life." He turned to her a face glowing with

neither she nor her dead mother had

"I hope," she said, gently, "that it



morning."

"Papa," she said, proudly, "I could have received the Duke and Duchess of Stone quite as well as Lady Cam eron."

Her father smiled.

"Could you, my dear? But the make everything pleasant?"

"It is plain enough that he sees

and hears no one but you. Diana," re-

there was something, he fancied, of Diana. What is the cause of the ex-

the first time that the Duke and

Duchess of Stone have dined here that there is such a sensation?" Diana blushed as the words fell from his lips, for she felt that there was nothing but humiliation in the confession that she must make. How hateful it seemed to her that he should

"Better tell him," she thought, "than leave him to find out one thing fore the day closed. It broke beautiful after another." She stood before him composed and stately, and said: "Sir air which made it fresh and invigorat- Lisle, you know that my father was father the realization of his heart's And the man whose ancestors had desire. The Duke and Duchess were fought with the Crusaders said, sim-

guess at the truth!

"Yes: and I honor him for it." "Try to be quiet," she impressed "So do I," she said, her eyes eager-upon her husband. "There is nothing ly seeking his, "so do I, Sir Lisle! Newfoundland, especially Caribon 1918 vants. I assure you nothing would aged gigantic undertakings; he has (to be continued.)



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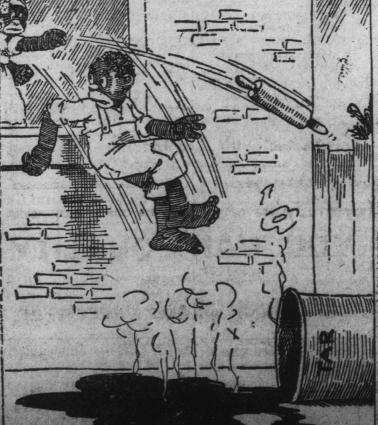
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