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of the street, he was too absorbed in the impression of the delightful con-tact from which the girl had violently released herself to reflect that the great reason she had mentioned a moment before was a reason for their marrying, of course, but not in the least a reason for their not making it public. But, as I said in the opening lines of this chapter, if he did not understand his mistress' motive at the end, he cannot be expected to have understood them at the beginning.

CHAPTER II. Mrs. Portico, as we know, was always talking about going to Europe; but she had not as yet-I mean a year after the incident I have just related—put her hand upon a youthful ciceroue. Petticoats, of course, were required; it was necessary that her companion should be of the sex which sinks most naturally of the sex which sinks most naturally upon benches in galleries and cathedrais, and pauses most frequently upon staircases that ascend to celebrated views. She was a widow with a good fortune and several sons, all of whom were in Wall street, and none of them capable of the relaxed pace at which she expected to take her foreign tour. They were all in a state of tension, they went all in a state of tension; they went through life standing. She was a short, broad, high; colored woman, with a loud voice, and superabundant black hair, arranged in a way peculiar to herselfwith so many combs and bands that it had the appearance of a national coiffure. There was an impression in New York, about the year 1845, that the style was Danish; some one had said something about having seen it in Schleswig-Holstein. Mrs. Portico had a bold, humorous, slightly flamboyant look; people who saw her for the first time ived an impression that her late husband had married the daughter of a barkeeper or the proprietress of a menagerie. high, coarse, good-natured voice seemed to connect her in some way with public life; it was not pretty enough to suggest that she might have been an actress. These ideas quickly passed away, however, even if you were not sufficiently initiated to know-as all the Gressics, for instance, knew so well -that her origin, so far from being developed in mystery, was almost the sort of thing she might have boasted of. But in spite of the high pitch of her appearance, she didn't boast of anything; she was a genial, easy, comical, irreverent person, with a large charity, a demo-cratic, fraternizing turn of mind, and a cratic, fraternizing turn of mind, and a contempt for many worldly standards, which she expressed not in the least in general axioms (for she had a mortal horror of philosophy), but in violent ciaculations on particular accessions. She dations on particular occasions. She from the country for several n ejaculations on particular occasions. She had not a grain of mortal timidity, and she fronted a delicate social problem as sturdily as she would have barred the way of a gentleman she might have met in her vestibule with the plate chest. The only thing which prevented her being a bore in orthodox circles was being a bore in orthodox circles was that she was incapable of discussion. She never lost her temper, but she lost her vocabulary, and ended quickly by praying that Heaven would give her an opportanity to show what she believed. She was an old friend of Mr. and Mrs. Gressie, who esteemed her for the antiquity of her lineage and the free lineage and the fre

quercy of her subscriptions, and to whom she rendered the service of making them feel liberal—like people too sure of their own position to be frightened. She was their indulgence, their dissipation, their point of contact with dangerous heresies; so long as they continued to see her they could not be accused of being narrow-minded—a matter as to which they were perhaps vaguely conscious of the necessity of taking their precautions.

Mrs. Portico never asked herself whether the cought to be much more willing now. she liked the Gressies: she had no dissomething-go somewhere-keep, in one way or another, her situation unper position for morbid analysis, she accepted somenow, that her acquaintance with these people helped her to relieve herself. She was always making scenes in their drawing-room, scenes half indignant, half jocose, like all her manifestation. to which it must be confessed that they adapted themselves beautifully. They never "met" her in the language of connever "met" her in the language of con troversy, but always collected to watch her, with smiles and comfortable platitudes, as if they envied her superior richness of temperament. She took an interest in Georgina, who seemed to her different from the others, with suggestions about her of being likely not to marry so unrefreshingly as her sisters had done, and of a high, bold standard to his ship, and other things, and the were right; for it was over-or it would of duty. Her sisters had married from duty, but Mrs. Portico would rather have chopped off one of her large, plump hands than behave herself as well as that. She had, in her daughter less condition, a certain ideal of a girl that should be both beautiful and had been accustomed to analyzing thing romantic, with lustrous eyes, and a little more she would have said she little persecuted, so that she, Mrs. Por- had so little conscience. She looked at tico, might get her out of her troubles.

were, so little shame. If the good lady had so little conscience. She looked at Georgina with dilated eyes—her visitor was so much the caimer of the two— She looked to Georgina, to a considerable degree, to gratify her in this way; but she had really never understood Georgina at all. She ought to have been shrewd, but she lacked this refinement, and she never understood anyunderstand; that they should all have thing until after many disappointments been so deceived, that they should have and vexations. It was difficult to startle thought Georgina was giving her lover her, but she was much startled by a communication that this young lady discouraged or had grown tired of him) made her one fine spring morning.

With her florid appearance and speculative mind, she was probably the most else. And with this, her inconsequence, innocent woman in New York.

Georgina came very early—earlier even than visits were paid in New York her apparent belief that she could hush thirty years ago; and instantly, without any preface, looking her straight in the nothing shameful in having married poor face, told Mrs. Portico that she was in Mr. Benyon, even in a little church a great trouble and must appeal to her harlem, and being given away by a pay-for assistance. Georgina had in her master. It was much more shameful to aspect no symptom of distress; she was stresh and beautiful as the April day itself; she held up her head and smiled. And she must have seen very little of with a sort of familiar bravado, looking her husband; she must have given him like a young woman who would naturally be on good terms with fortune. It as soon as she had taken him. Had not was not in the least in the tone of a Mrs. Gressie herself told Mrs. Portico, person making a confession or relating in the preceding October, it must have a misadventure that she presently said: been, that there now would be no need. Well, you must know, to be n with— of sending Georgina away, inasmuch as

of course, it will surprise you-that I'm the affair with the little navy man-TO BE CONTINUED.

panels, indicating only by the distance

she had placed berween herself and her hostess the consciousness of an irregular position. "I'm not Georgina Gressie—I'm Georgina Benyon; and it has become plain, within a short time, that the natural consequence will take

Mrs. Portico was altogether bewild-ared. "The natural consequence?" she ered. "The natura exclaimed, staring. "Of one's being married, of course—I suppose you know what that is. No one must know anything about it. I

want you to take me to Europe." Mrs. Portico new slowly rose from her place, and approached her visitor, looking at her from head to foot as she did it is impossible to produce a scar or blemish so, as if to challenge the truth of hor remarkable announcement. She rested her hands on Georgina's shoulders a moment, gazing into her blooming face, and then she drew her closer and kissed the she drew her closer and kissed the she with it. It is a powerful, active, reliable and safe remedy that can be manipulated at will for severe or mild effect. Thousands of the best Veterinarians and Horsemen of this country testify to its many wonderful her. In this way the girl was conducted her. In this way the girl was conducted back to the sofa, where, in a conversation of extreme intimacy, she opened Mrs. Portico's eyes wider than they had ever been opened before. She was Raymond Benyon's wife; they had been married a year, but no one knew anything about it. She had kept it from every one and she meant to go on keep. every one, and she meant to go on keeping it. The ceremony had taken place in a little Episcopal church at Harlem one Sunday afternoon after the service. There was no one in that dusty suburb

who knew them. The clergyman, vexed at being detained and wanting to go home to tea, had made no trouble; he tied the knot before they could turn round. It was ridiculous how easy it landing place of seven ocean cables—the had been. Raymond had told him two Gould cables thence to Penzance: the frankly that it must all be under the rose, as the young lady's family disapproved of what she was doing. But she was of legal age and perfectly free; he could see that for himself. The parson had given a grunt as he looked at her over his spectacles. It was not very complimentary; it seemed to say that over his spectacles. It was not very complimentary; it seemed to say that she was indeed no chicken. Of course she looked old for a girl; but she was not a girl now, was she? Raymond had certified his own identity as an officer in the United States navy (he had papers, besides his uniform which he wore), and introduced the clergyman to a friend he had brought with him, who

was also in the navy—a venerable pay-master. It was he who gave Georgina away, as it were; he was an old, old man, a regular grandmother, and perfectly safe. He had been married three times himself. After the ceremony she went back to her father's; but she saw Mr. Benyon the next day. After that she saw him, for a little while, pretty often. He was always begging her to come to him altogether; she must do him that justice. But she wouldn'tshe wouldn't now—perhaps she wouldn't ever. She had her reasons, which seemed to be very good, but were very

hand in hers, and pouring forth this ex-

The girl declared that she would d

hadn't she?-that, any time the las year, Raymond Benyon was less to he than he had been before. Well, so h was; yes, he was. He had gone away-he was off, Heaven knew where—in th Pacific; she was alone, and now she would remain alone. The family believed it was all over-with his going bac

Mrs. Portico, by this time, had grov almost afraid of her young friend; she had so little fear, she had even, as i

tones.

Georgina got up, walked with her majestic stap across the room, and closed the door. Then she stood there, her back pressed against the majestic.

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