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"Take care that you do not play with your prize too long," the countess warned her. "Men sometimes grow impatient of so much rooling, and revenge themselves. There are girls as fair and more prudent than you, who would wish for nothing better than a chance of consoling the lover you trifle with."

Lady Esselyn spoke of the marquie, but her stepdaughter thought of Sir Innis, and turned the. She had seen him greeted with smiles, and courted and fiattered by the mothers of pretty daughters who would have no objection to be wooed by the stately, handsome baronet. Was she really as ready to fling his love from her when she was to fling his love from her when she was tired of evoking it as she had fancied she would be? Would the high spirit on which she prided herself enable her to look on without a pang if he transferred the allegiance she scouted to another? Vivien had forgotten that while she revenged herself, others might be making ready to step in and catch the heart at the rebound which she was toying with so carelessly. But now these thoughts were forced upon her, they proved very difficult to chase away again.

my wishes are to be granted, after all?" Lord Esselyn exclaimed, when his sister joined him in the breakfast room on the morrow. "Hatherfield was with me an hour ago"—and he glanced at the clock, which pointed to the hour of noon—"and he tells me—"

But here, Vivien, with an imperative sture, silenced him.
"I do not want to hear what he told There cannot be anything more absurd than full-grown men making sentimental avowals to each other." "But, Viva, you must listen while I tell you in what terms Hatherfield has

proposed to you." Indeed, I know it already. He graclouely condescends to lend an ear to your hints that you have a sister to dispose of, and out of pure friendship agrees to take her off your hands. little thought that you would ever be so eager to be rid of me. Why have you not said to me, 'Vivien, you are in my way; I want my house to myself; find yourself another home as soon as you can.' It might have sounded harsh, but it would have been more honorable than the course you have pursued."

deserve such a wigging as this?" de-manded Aymer, planting himself on the hearth-rug and thrusting his hands to the bottom of his pockets. "I certainly have wish to see you happily married, and I ...d once or twice tell Hatherfield that it would please me much to see you and he united; but that is long, long ago. You have both made such strenuous efforts to convince me that you hated each other, that even now I find it difficult to believe to the contrary."

'Then don't try, for I'm not sure but that our hate is only slumbering, and will soon break out anew." But Hatherfield told me he had

reason to hope---'As if the word 'reason' were not out of character in connection with such & silly affair!"

"But, Viva, do talk sense. Have you not agreed to marry Innis?"
"Certainly not!"

"Then what have you done?" asked aymer, sternly. I will be no party to the tricks of a heartless jilt. When you rejected the addresses of other men I did not complain much, because I did not want to see you throw yourself way on suitors who had so little to commend them; but all the same I was vexed and grieved, for you did not behave well."

"The men were egregiously vain, and am blamed for it," cried the young dy, with an air of injured innocence.
"Not for that, but for encouraging I don't like to see women anging for admiration, Viva, and it makes blush for my sister when she stoops

"Have you finished? Of what is this eture apropos?" she asked drily.
"Of Hatherfield, and I insist that u answer me this one question truthully-do you love him?" "I like him sometimes."

"But are you prepared to marry 'No, mon frere, most certainly I am

"Then, you are playing with him as you have done with others? The coun-tess is right, after all, when she says that you intend to accept Mandeville Not for himself, poor, silly, duped lad! but for his title and the immense income pertaining to it. Do so, then; I may pity, but I cannot prevent it, for you have long spurned my advice; but you shall do it openly and at once. You shall not defer it till you have grown tired of amusing yourself with Hath-erfield's affection."

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"Are you going to make the marquis propose? Am I not to be allowed the old-fashioned alternative of a num-nery?" asked Vivien, leaning back in her chair and putting her queries with such a taunting smile, that Aymer, who was far more deeply moved than she imagined, grew more trate than

cause I am but a year or two your senior; but take care. There are times when I see the necessity of acting as the nead of our house, and your nat-ural guardian. You shall neither make Hatherfield ridiculous, nor disgrace yourself by any more of the contemptible conduct I have just been rebuking. Once again I ask you, have you accepted the proposals of Sir Innis?"
"And once again I make reply, 'No

-no, most redoubtable earl, I have not. If he says I have, he is guilty or a wicked little fib for which I hope you will reprove him sharply. I don't see why all your fierce looks are to be bestowed on poor me!"

Then you have not given Sir Innis a definite reply?" "Oh, yes; but he is sadly obtuse; he

would not take it."
"I will be the bearer of your deci-

"Thanks, but I'm not quite sure that I'm in the same mind that I was yesterday, or that I shall not think differently again by tomorrow. In fact, dear Aymer, I am so worried about my dress for the princess' ball that I cannot think of so much else. Mamma persists that tilleul becomes me, and

my glass tells me a different story. Aymer stamped his foot in his anger at her gay indifference, although he suspected from the tremulous movement of her hands that it was half-

"Vivien, I will be heard and answered seriously. Do you forget that the happiness of the best friend I have in the world is jeopardized by your friv-

"I thought Sir Innis politely declined to accept your invitation and rid you of your troublesome sister. If I had a friend whom I worshiped so enthusfastically as you adore him, I would not scheme to burden him with a girl for whom my best epithet was 'frivol-

"I'm quite ready to acknowledge that Innis has acted like an idiot in falling in love with a woman utterly incapable of estimating him at his true value; a woman whose greatest recommenda tion appears that he would be a puppet in ther hands."

Vivien rose from her seat, her face as dark with anger as his own. "It is commonly reported that brothers are apt to forget their manners when a sister is in question, but such speeches as you have just made are more than I ought to submit to, and

so I leave you." But Aymer interposed to prevent it. "Forgive me, Viva; I spoke rudely, and I am sorry for it; but you are trying my temper more than you seem to think. You know I have always been touchy on the subject of your treat-ment of Hatherfield, and I think you might be more forbearing, more womin your mode of listening to what

I feel it my duty to say."
"If we are not to quarrel, would it. not be prudent to lay the bill on the table for six months? When the London season is over, and I am satiated with its gaieties, you will find me more amenable to reason."

Now, what the deuce have I done to saucy proposal. "Do you intennd to reject him?"
"I do not know," was all that Vivien

would say. "Have you resolved to accept him?" To this she gave the same reply.

How long will it take to ascertain How can I tell? Fickle and frivolous creatures like myself— But here Aymer dashed in:

'Must have such momentous questions settled for them." He said this so imperatively that Vivien began to breathe more quickly, and her blue eyes to glitter with re-

bellious light. "Do you mean to say that you intend to marry me to Sir Innis whether I will or not?"

'Certainly not. The momentous question to which I referred is how long you must be permitted to trifle with I shall tell him from you that this day two months—your twentieth birthday, Viva—you will give him the

reply he demands."
"As you please," she answered, carelessly. "You may also tell him if you like that my beloved mamma will forbid him the house if she discovers his intentions."

Then Lady Esselyn will have to be told that this house is mine, and that I receive within it whatever guests I choose to invite And to prove how thoroughly he was

in earnest the young earl rang the bell and ordered the hall porter to be sent to him.

The man made his appearance just as Lady Esselyn came down accompanied by Cressida. The countess star-ed at her stepson, whose unusually

A MAN

Lost! No man understands the full meaning of that word like the man who has been lost. He will tell you: "I was in the woods going ahead steadily when I realized I'd missed the trail. With a cry of 'Lost!' I broke into a run heedless or ignorant of the direction I was

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position, Son times a business man gets up at the usu hour, breakfasts, kisses his wife and starts for the office. He has for sometime seen signs that he was off the trail of health. To-day the signs multiply. His brain is dull and dizzy, his heart does not beat right, his breathing is difficult, his limbs feel tremulous. He is scared. He realizes that he's far away from the trail of health, and suddenly like a panther from a tree, the thought leaps on him, "You are a los man." The first impulse is to run for help, though the way is honey-combed with pitfalls of quackery. But the rational man faces the facts, sits down and thinks over the position and its proba-

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dignified air startled as much as it sur-prised her. The good-humored boy who had borne his inflictions so cheerfully. was giving place to a man who knew his rights and would assert them; and half afraid to question him, she looked

to Vivien for an explanation.

But the latter only shook her head and remained mute. A storm she had often dreaded, was now lowering in the distance, and might at any moment burst over her head. She had more reason to dread a serious rupture between the countess and Aymer than either of them imagined, and she sat, outwardly tranquil and indifferent, but really suffering from an anxiety that almost deprived her of the power of

CHAPTER XL

"Benson," said Lord Esselyn to the porter, in loud, firm tones, such as that functionary had never before heard him use, "remember that I am always at home to Sir Innis Hatherfield, and so are the ladies. Any want of respect shown to him will be resented, and very sharply, too, by me. Take care that my orders are not neglected."

"What is the meaning of this?" asked the countess, when the astonished man had retreated. "You had better not inquire," Vivien

responded, with a curl of her lip. "It is I who am the culprit. I am guilty of sundry acts of incivility to the lord of my lord here, and am threatened with condign punishment if I do not turn over a new leaf."

"Dear me! what have you been do-g?" asked Cressida. "I'm sure I ing?" asked Cressida. "I'm sure I thought you were growing quite polite to Sir Innis."

"How very ridiculous it is to have this doughty baronet thrust upon us in this way," the countess exclaimed; but Aymer, instead of retorting and loshousehold the advantage, picked up & newspaper, and sipped his coffee on sil-

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MIDDLESEX NEWS

Pretty Social Event at Union-Dorie Lodge, 289, A. F. and A. M., Komoka, Elects Officers.

Miss Birdie McDougall, of Shelbourne, is seriously ill. Miss Emma Nicholas has taken the

position of matron at the institute at Muncey. Mrs. Howell, London, has been visiting her son, Cecil Howell, V.S., of Mel-

bourne. The matter of repealing the local option bylaw in Lobo will be voted on in January. Davidson Micks, of Union, who has

been very sick with appendicitis, is improving.
Rev. Mr. Shepherd preached in the Mount Brydges Methodist Church yes-

terday (Sunday).
Mr. William Forsythe, of Delaware, is home, after spending some few weeks with his sisters in the States. Mr. Solomon Graham, of Napier, arrived home on Friday evening, after

putting in about nine months sailing on the lakes. Mr. Wm. Gardiner, of Mosa, was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday, "Not a day, not an hour, shall Innis be kept in suspense if I can prevent it!" was the vehement reply to this the second stroke he has had in the

past few months. Smith & Gale, of Glencoe, are rapidly completing the plastering of the new school at Melbourne, and the trustees hope to have everything in readiness

Miss Eliza Willoughby and Mr. Jos. aice. Delawai noon on Thursday. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. James McKenzie, only the relatives being present. Rev. Mr. Going officiated. At Sutherland's school house, Caradoc, an entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. A good programme, consisting of readings, recitations, singing, dialogues and drills, will be given. Rev. D. E. Martin, chair-

A musical and literary entertainment, under the auspices of the Kerwood Methodist Sabbath school, will be held in the church on Wednesday, Dec. 28. Great pains will be taken to make the entertainment a success in every par-

Candidates for municipal honors are beginning to crop up in Adelaide. It is understood a contest for reeve is probable between Mr. Ed. Henderson and Mr. Wm. Sullivan. For councilors the names of James Early, James Adair, Thomas Patterson, Samuel Belton, Angus McCabe, Julius Shields and Samuel Mahon are mentioned.

Mr. Lewis Clark has resigned the position as teacher of the Melbourne school. Mr. Robertson, of Strathroy, it is understood, has been engaged in his

place, at the same salary.
A regular meeting of Doric Lodge,
No. 289, A., F. and A. M., Komoka, was held in their hall on Thursday. The following officers were elected: W. M., Bro. E. Shaw; S. W., Rev. Bro. Lindsay; J. W., Bro. H. McIntyre; F. S., Bro. P. S. Graham; chaplain, Rev. Bro. Holmes; treasurer, Bro. D. McGugan; S. D., Bro. D. Steel; J. D., Bro. G. Tuckey; I. G., Bro. G. Murch; O. G., Bro. J. Robinson.

The Komoka Methodist Sunday school entertainment took place on Thursday evening, and a grand programme was given by the children, which was a credit to the young ladies who took the pains to teach them. Rev. Mr. Moyer was chairman, and the programme was chairman, and the programme consisted of songs, marching songs, and drills, including five tableaux. The first was "Recess"; second, "Home, Sweet Home"; third, "Sleeping Silence"; fourth, "Faith, Hope and Charity"; fifth, "Rock of Ages." Then came Santa Claus, who gave the children Santa Claus, who gave the children candy, etc., off the tree. Receipts at

the door, \$6 05. Stratford Herald: A pleasant event took place in McGillivray township on 21, being the marriage of Miss Maude, eldest daughter of the late Henry Miller, of that township, and niece of E. Hodgins, of the Windsor Hotel, of this city, to Joseph Shoebottom, a prosperous young farmer of London township. The nuptial ceremony, which took place at high noon, at the bride's home, was performed by Rev. L. W. Diehl, rector of Allsa Craig. The bride was prettily attired in Mc. Kinley blue and wore the regulation veil and orange blossoms. She carried a handsome bouquet of cream roses. Miss Shoebottom, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and wore a dainty costume of blue cloth. The groom was supported by Horton Miller, the bride's brother. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served, and the happy couple left for their future home in London township. The guests were principally relatives of the contracting parties, among the number being Mr and Mrs. E. Hodgins and family, of this

Mr. Harker, the postmaster of Delaware, also the Bible class teacher of the Memorial Methodist Church, gave his class of over 40 members an oyster supper recently. The members turned out in full force and spent a very enentirely lost. The "Discovery" is not stimulant and contains no alcohol of whisky. Sold at all medicine stores.

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on string instruments. Mr. and Mrs. Harker, of Michigan, gave two grand selections in the way of songs, which were appreciated by all present. The speakers were Mesrs. L. Vail, Glennie, Cook, Elsie Heatly, Boles, Williams and Rev. Mr. Moyer. Everybody was high-ly pleased with the very enjoyable evening and the spread of oysters. Mr. Finch, of Komoka, brother-in-law of the teacher, acted as chairman. The programme was closed with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again." Mr. Harker had his mother and sister, of Strathroy, also his brother and wife, from Michigan, present at the supper. The number partaking of supper was 50. The class wish

their teacher every success. The Union Methodist Church was the scene of a pretty social event on Wednesday evening, when Miss Bertha Sut-ton was led to the altar by her brother Cecil, of North Yarmouth, and married to Mr. Adam Fulton, jun., of South-wold. The bride looked extremely handsome, attired in white silk, satin trimmings, and pearl jets and lace, and carried a bouquet of roses; she also wore roses in her hair. Miss Mabel McIntyre assisted the bride, and carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Gertie Mellor, Southwold, also assisted. Both young ladies wore white musin suits, trimmed with blue satin, and looked very pretty. Mr. Hugh Sulton assisted the groom. Rev. Mr. Going tied the nuptial knot in his very able manner. Mr. Josiah Long presented the Bible, as this was the first wedding in the church.

A grand concert and Christmas tree, under the auspices of the Sunday school of St. George's Church, Thorndale, was held in Harding's Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 22. A splendid programme was carried out, consisting of songs by ing temper in the boyish fashion that the school, recitations, tableaux, a had so often given the ladies of his candle drill by the little ones, and the flag drill by sixteen young ladies in costume. The rector, Rev. R. S. W. Howard, made an excellent chairman, and besides his address there were speeches by his brother, Rev. O. Howard, of Montreal, and Mr. M. Wright, superintendent of the Sunday school. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful gold watch and chain to Miss M. Logan, organist of the church, from the members of the congregation. A visit from Santa Claus concluded the festivities, and everyone passed a pleasant even-

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