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The lady's name, for praise and blame, had blown far over england, and reached by what she had inadvertently witnessed, ed on in embarrassed silence, until the ever-changing kaleidoscopic scene again raised her curiosity.

the only reply.
"Oh, heaven! you would not destroy

burst in anguish from Sir Vincent. 'I will give you ten days, and then-" heard no more; she had passed out of the reach of the voices.

She gained the privacy of her own room, and with no disposition either to

her superb villa at Richmond came at length.

At an early hour the Duchess of Beres.

This was the first the Duchess of Beres.

entered their carriages to proceed to the The morning drive from London to ond, along the banks of the beau-

that Rose had experienced since leaving the beautiful home at Swinburne Castle.

It was nearly twelve o'clock when they reached the villa, an elegant mansion of white stone, crowning a commanding height above the river. Behind the house stood a tall, close, well-kept wood; before the store of natural seeners where he was could be known only to his hostess and the very few others who were in the secret of his disguise. The signal was given for breakfast, and the masters of the ceremonies began to arrange the guests at the various tables. The masks were not laid aside atood a tall, close, well-kept wood; before even during that long feast which made it rolled a green lawn, in all the dewy freshness of June, and adorned by grand the business of eating and drinking rather than the close of the breakfast the tables. old oak trees, standing singly or in groups, at various distances, between the

n house and the water's edge. The lawn presented a strange and grotesque scene. Such anachronisms of histesque scene. Such anachronisms of history and geogriphy, such solecisms of rank and caste, of politics, and religion, might have afflicted the uninitiated beholders with temporary insanity. It was covered with a multitude of people in the costumes of all countries, all ages, and all classes.

The Duchess of Posseleich was solecisms of history and geography, such solecisms of the grounds and in the house. The duchess and her party remained as spectators only, not wishing to enter into the active amusements of a company where all the figures were masked and most of them quite unknown.

beautifully arrayed in a floating, cloudlike robe of azure and rose-colored gauze.

A single diamond, like the morning star, blazed upon her fair forehead, and a large veil, like a silvery morning mist.

The due

lovely features.

l her woman's fame for a fickle favor, and lost both mond there under the ring and it will be brated Mrs. Fitzherbert."

"It opens with a opining; press the diamond there under the ring and it will fiv open; but do not open it here." Rose crimsoned and became silent.

linked together.

plump, active and energetic.

easily digested form.

girl's strength.

ber chamber.

In her hurried retreat, a few words from the library reached her ear, the first from Sir Vincent Lester, in a voice half-suffocated with emotion.

"For her sake, then; she loves you."

A derisive laugh from the other was the only reply.

She has taken the character of 'Nour-mahad, the Harem's Light.' You remember the Feast of Roses, in Talah Rookh

"Yes."
They passed on. Breakfast tables, covered with all the luxuries of the search as at at intervals about the she gained the privacy of her own room, and with no disposition either to sleep or read, retired to rest.

CHAPTER XIX.

The long-looked for day of Lady Howarth's rural breakfast and promenade at her sunerb villa at Richneyd came at message the Prince of Willia at Intervals about the son, were set at intervals about the sun. A large number of masked figures in white dominos, officiated as masters of the ceremonies, and etood in readiness to marshal the guests to the tables. It was rumored that they only awaited the arrival of his Royal Higher was the Prince of Welles who were the son, were set at intervals about the son, were set at

leigh and his party, consisting of the Bar-orenn Etheridge and the Ladies Wardour, sence of the prince and the rumor somewhat disturbed her; but she consoled herself with the thought that, in a crowd of

self with the thought that, in a crowd or five hundred people, her party might easily escape royal hotice.

A little after one o'clock, an agitation that moved the multitude as the wind Richmond, along the banks of the beautiful Thames, through sunny meadows and shady groves, in all the luxuriant verdure of an early summer time, was the waves of the sea, announced that the prince had arrived, though the state of the sea, announced that the prince had arrived, though

At the close of the breakfast the tables were swept away as if by magic and the real business and pleasure of the day commenced.

Music, dancing, waltzing, games and

The Duchess of Beresleigh was dreed as Roman matron, the Ladies Wardour in which the duchess thought herself and sparty might safely join. A number of the safely s

Lady Etheridge as Aurora, was young children, dressed as fairies, and without masks, came around among the guests to distribute tickets for a grand lottery, to be drawn at the villa at four

imiration as she passed, but the black velvet mask concealed her seen, so novel and so entertain mand her ventical v The scene, so novel and so entertaining, engaged her youthful faney. She knew that under those various and grotesque disguises the aristocracy, celebrity, beauty and fashion of the town were present.

Some, from the peculiarity of their figure, gait and manner, the duchess was enabled to identify and point out to her young charg.

"That fine looking young a few trilling prizes, were drawn. The crowd of ticketh-loders, and also the choice filling up the halls and rooms. The second prize was drawn by the Duchess of Gordon—it was an emerald ring of great value. The crowd pressed near to see it, and Lady Etheridge felt heiself for city, separated from the Duchess of Beresleigh, and pressed enward toward the wheel. Her number have been more costly offering would have been more costly offering would ward toward the wheel. Her number the Goddess Diana, is the beautiful Dueness of Devonshire, my love."

"Yes; there is no mistaking her graceful carriage. But who is that stately woman, in the character of Cleopatra?"

"I think the Margravine of Anspach; there is the Margrave, as Mare Anspach; there is the Margrave, as Mare Anspach; there is the model of the state of ward toward the wheel. Her number

man in the character of Cleopatra?"

"I think the Margravine of Anspach; there is the Margrave, as Marc Anthony."

"And that Oriental looking beauty, dressed as a Suffaira?"

"Hush, speak low, one, my cear, who bartered her woman's faine for a prince's fields favor, and lost both.

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sion has plenty of rich, red-blood; she is

and terror; yet, controlling herself by a great effort, she courtesied deeply to the

great effort, she courtesied deeply to the hear of the crown, and, speaking with the most respectful coldness, said:
"I am fortunate in having this opportunity of returning to your royal highness a jewel which could only have reached my hands through the greatest mistake." mistake. And she laid the locket on the table

before him, and turned to leave the But he took her hand and reseated ner upon the ottoman, saying:
"Nay, retain the gift, most beautiful Rose, and behold the giver at your

feet!"
And then, with the grace, fervor and eloquence of which he was the perfect master, he told, to perhaps the hundredth hearer, the oft-repeated tale of his unchangeable love—a prince's love.
"A prince's love! a prince's insult! an

insult as deep, coming from your royal highness, as though it had been offered by the lowest hind in your dominions!" exclaimed Lady Etheridge, indignantly.

And so saying, with her beautiful And so saying, with her beautiful countenance exalted to fervid enthusiasm, Lady Etheridge passed from the room, while the eyes of the prince followed her with a gaze full of admiration. tion, wonder and reverence.

He did not attempt to detain her; persuasion not force, was the weapon of

the prince.

This admiration of her virtues only strengthened his desire to win her heart. He pulled the bell rope impatiently, and

"Perhaps a more costly offering would have been more successful."
"I do not believe she can be bought!"

"What then, was left for me to do? I could not tempt her, as I did Fitzher-bert, with the rank of a princess and the prospective rank of a queen."
"No, your royal highness; it is rather too late in the day for that."
"What then, was to be done? What

"What then, was to be done? What the deuce do you mean by your talk of the conquest of this woman being a matter of more or less expense and of shorter and of longer time? I care nothing for expense, but a great deal for time! I must win that girl, whatever it may cost, McElroy, but I must win her soon. By my soul, she is the most enchanting greature I ever saw. Tell me, what is compared to the control of th reature I ever saw. Tell me, what is

failure on my part, since it has accom-plished all that it promised—a private

the lady met your advances. She was hours brings him a day nearer spring, unprepared, surprised; she was not, perunprepared, surprised; she was not, perhaps, so accustomed to be wooed as your royal highness is to winning, and, perwinter.

grove and river, all bathed in the clear sunlight of a June afternoon, she said: "Do but look up, Rose. What a glori-ous day! With what a lively green the fields and groves are clothed; how deeply blue and clear the sky, how high the dome of heaven'.

Rose looked up and heaved a sigh. "Ah, madam, so I thought when we came out this morning. Now, alas! I might say with Hamlet, that It goes so heavily with my disposition, that this goodly frame, the earth, seems to me sterile promontory; this most excellent canopy, the air—look you—this brave, oerhanging firmament, this majestical oof, fretted with golden fire-why appears no other thing to me than a foul and pestilent congregation of vapors."

The carriages now came up; the duch-

ess and her party entered, and were driven to Beresleigr House. Her grace sought no time in seeking Lady Etheridge in the dressing-room of

the latter.
"Now, my love, that we are alone, you may tell me what so distressed you at the villa." "Oh, madam, an event that makes it

"Oh, madam, an event that makes it necessary that I should beg your grace to absolve me from my promise of spending the season with you, and to sanction my immediate return to Swinburne Castle," and December 19

a page entered.

"Send my equerry hither," was the order of his royal highness.

The page bowed low and disappeared.

A few minutes elapsed and Colonel McElroy entered the presence with a deep reverence. blazed upon her fair forchead, and a o'clock.

The duchess, her daughters and Lady covered her form. Her dress, her figure and her graceful motions excited univer.

The duchess, her daughters and Lady gry and sarcastic expression, saying:

"I have to congratulate you, sir, on of drawing was near at hand they retained to congratulate you, sir, on the eminent cureus of your second strat. the purposes of royalty. You are right, my love, we must leave town; but we claim you as my guest," said the duch-

And this course was immediately decidthe ed upon. But an unforeseen event that ledge shall be related in the next chapter premyself for," replied the equerry, bend- vented the contemplated journey, and turned the fate of our heroine.

(To be continued.)

HEALTHY BABIES.

"I do not believe she can be bought!"
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"Pardon me, your royal highness did not, perhaps, bid high enough."
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happy give them. Particularly and lappy give them. I happy give them. Particularly and lappy give them. "Pardon me, your royal highness did not, perhaps, bid high enough."
"I do not believe she can be bought!" angrily repeated the prince.
"Pardon once more, your royal highness; but one who knew this world right well declared that every man had his price, and I have never yet met the woman who had not hers. It is but a question of more or less expense, of shorter or longer time."
"I offered her the rank of a duchess."
"She is Mely to obtain that honorably, and without the aid of your royal highones and find them a spicidid medieine. A few deses always restores them to perfect health. I would not out the Tablets in

The Tablets are sold be without house." The druggists or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co.,

y my soul, she is the most enenanting reature I ever saw. Tell me, what is be done?"

"If your royal highness would trust the week that makes me feel a little tired. Not long ago our firm wished to the week that makes me feel a little tired. Not long ago our firm wished to the week that makes me feel a little tired. The week that me week that me week that me week the week that me we With submission to your royal high-ess, I would humbly suggest that this econd stratagem has scarcely been a ailure on my part, since it has accome the right. She wanted \$400. It was She wanted \$400. failure on my part, since it has accomplished all that it promised—a private interview with the lady, an opportunity of pleading your cause to her slone."

"That is true and if my pleadings proved unsuccessful, you are not to be blamed, I suppose." said the prince.

McElroy bowed in answer, adding:
"Nor should your royal highness be alsocuraged—with the manner in which the lady met your advances. She was hours brings him advances that every 24 hours brings him advances that every 24 hours brings him advances that every 24 hours brings him advances.

The optimist rejoices that every 24

a stranger, looked around for her party, ber could not see thom anywhere. The their company of the ord of from the Wate doe of keep you not discovered her price.

"To ser us in search of the Duchess of their company."

"To ser you ryngh highness to the bodies," and you poor shifty, as becomes you head and," and they may poor shifty, as becomes you head and," and they may poor shifty, as becomes you head and, and they were the servent, and by you poor shifty, and they were the servent, and they were the servent and the servent and they were the servent and the se

AN HEIRLOOM FOR CANADA. ILSES' CHIEF (Halifax Record.) CROP LILIES,

NARCISSUS FARMERS OF SCILLY NOW IN HARVEST OF FLOWERS.

Bulbs Developed in Hothouses in Order to Escape Violent Storms-Benedictine Monks Perhaps Responsible for Introducing the Blooms.

narcissus farmers of Lyonesse are busy over the January produce of their floral harvest. Many a hothouse is all aglow with white and gold and local steamers are beginning to bear their growing consignments of fragrant boxes past the perils of the Welfe and the Rundlestone to the Great Western railway terminus and starting point at Penzance. But beautiful as is this horticultural industry and

tle," said Rose, excitedly.

"Explain, my love," said the duchess.

Lady Etheridge, with deep blushes, commenced, and related the details of her forced interview with the prince.

'Ah, I see it all now. The breakfast, the masked promenade, the lottery, all was got up for the especial purpose of bringing about your meeting with his royal highness. There are men, and women, too, I am sorry to say, of the high. vegetables and other produce not only the vessels detained in harbor-by easterly winds but with the fleets always cruising off a great change.

From being scattered, disconnected village and the contract of Brest and "the Gib," as the rock fortress at the mouth of the Mediterranean was fa-miliarly known to them.

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Brest and "the Gib," as the rock fortress at the mouth of the Mediterranean was far and limitarly known to them.

Then came the peace and a commercial collapse, partly reteemed from disaster by the inauguration of a kelp industry. Then the demand for kelp failed and again there was distress. Still in the days of sailing ships an east wind always filled the pretty little roads and undaunted enterprise also made Scully a shop-owing and ship-building port Besides, the cultivation of early potatoes for the London anaket brought as new affluence to the farmers, who invested their savings in island owned ships. Then the development of steam destroyed the ship-owning and ship-building industry and a spirit of financial gloom settled down on Lyonesse.

All the while, however, unknown to most of its inhabitants, the makings of a Pactolus lay dieregarded in many an island nook, orchard and garden. And this brings the story to a date about thirty-seven yearss ago, when it was known that in the liste of Scilly of there were eight varieties of narcissus quite apart from any that might be growing in the Abbey gardens, the beautiful pleasaunce of Mr. Dorrien-Smith, the Tresco. A few of these were to be found growing wild, others in the gardens of the farmers.

How these flowers came into the islands is, so Mr. Dorrien-Smith, the popular "king of Stelly," says, a matter of some obscurity. Sitty-three years ago, however, it is known that the captain of a French vessel which had taken shelter in the roads presented two bulbs of Campernelli to Mr. Gluyas. It is not unlikely that some of the varieties of narcissus mentioned may have been introduced by Benedictine monks, who through long generations occupied the priory of St. Nicholass.

Certain it is that seventy-two years ago the late Augustus Smith, the uncle of the present with a disconnected will all and assile, and also in the

s deminions his aesthetic eye was observant the marcissus, noticed how carly and luxiantly they bloomed, and game to the consistent that as an export they might be pro-label.

Take for

with a small consignment of lilles and was rewarded by receiving a cheque or a sover-eign. As occasion offered he mentioned the matter to certain of his tenants, but they were influenced by a natural consequence.

A clergyman of this city on Friday night last visited a Scotch family of six who arrived by the Corinthian and were on their way to Toronto. During the conversation the mother showed him a craversation the mother snowed mm a cra-dle, 160 years old which she was bring-ing to this country. It was either ma-hogany or wainut, but the reverend gen-tleman not being well posted on the subject of cradles averreth not what it

But what a tale could not that cradle But what a tale could not that cradle tell were it gifted with the power of speech? How many lullabys have been sung over it? How many of Scothad's sturdy sons and gifted daughters have been rocked to sleep in the good old-fashioned way, that mothers of the Twentieth Century do not practice. The hands that carved that cradle have long cassed their labors, yet note what changes have taken place since then.

The cradle was constructed two years before Halifax was founded and sixteen years before the sovereignty of Great

beautiful as is this horticultural industry and fascinating as it is also in association with storm-swept little islands, runged around in the hours of heavy gales with a girdle of foam from the black crags of Penmuis to the towering rock mass of Minayawr, the story of its origin and growth is more domantic still.

Indeed, that microcosm of the Scilly isles has had vicissitudes of fortune in the last found a great nation.

countries mighty upheavals took place.
And over Canada has come in that time

lages, we are now a nation of provin

certain it is that seventy-two years ago the late Augustus Smith, the uncle of the present "king," brought in eeveral sorts of nacissus. To him must also be accribed the credit of discerning the commercial posibilities of the bulbs. As he sauncered about his deminions his aesthetic eye was observant in place of the shirt-waist suit. There in place of the shirt-waist suit. There is no doubt that it has many good points

ally they provided.

Take, for example, the jumper site is a small consignment of liles and was possibilities for usefulness. The pattern as small consignment of the particular possibilities for usefulness. The pattern as the skill of three garments—the skill on the provided provid Take, for example, the jumper frock consists of three garments— the skirt, the waist and the bib jumper. In making up the gown it would be wise to have at least two waists to wear with it, and two or more jumper bibs. One of the waists might match the skirt, and the fother might be of slear India. the other migh be of sheer India linen or all-over lace. When the waist that or all-over lace. When the waist that matches the skirt is worn, then the bib jumper may be of some other material. For instance, if the waist and the skirt are made of dark blue cotton voile, the bib jumper would look attractive in allbib jumper would look attractive in au-over lace; and then again, if an entirely different sort of a dress was wanted, the skirt and the bib jumper could be made of plaid mercerized Madras, and the caist be of all-over embroidery linen. The jumper in this freek is slipped on over the head, and is made with tabe at the with tabs at the back and front which button onto the belt.—Grace Margaret Gould in Woman's Home Companion for

If marriage is a lottery, alimony must be a gambling debt.

