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in very innocent tones, while his lace flushes a little deeper, and his blue eyes glow darkly.

"How do I mean?" repeats Sir Roger, dryly; "you'd never find out if I didn't itell you, I suppose? She's of age in July, you say? Well, marry her in Augusti".

"Why, goodness gracious, Sir Roger!" Roderic says, crimson to the roots of his hair, and his eyes lit up with radiance like sapphires, though he tries to look severely dignified and reproachful.

"What an idea!—marry her?"

"Aye, a splendid idea, so simple and concise." Sir Roger says, calmly. "I'm only surprised—that is, rather surprised—you're never thought of it!"

At this Roderic is obliged to burst into a convulsive sort of laugh.

"I've never thought of much else since the first time I met her," he confesses."

"But I haven't exactly asked her, you see."

see."
"That's a pity." Sir Roger rejoins,
"calmly. "Ask her by the next mail."
"No, I won't do that." Roderic says,
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reluctantly, smiling and sighing, as he thinks of that last letter of his which Christabel has never answered. "But I'll tell you what I will do, Sir Roger; I have been thinking of it for six months, and this letter decides me. I will do it without delay now. I will give Christabel a house of her own?" repeats Sir Roger, flokking very much puzzled. "Yes, the Furnace House and grounds. She admires the place so much, and is so fond of visiting it." Roderic explains, eagerly, in hurried words, as his heart beats high with the hopes that his words conjure up. "She loves the old place! I—I thought of buying the lease of it, the moment I heard her praising it, and fearing some speculator would. buy the grounds for building lots. I'll tell Feardon to buy the leasehold at once. Send him a cablegram, and write instructions to him by mail!" he goes on, hurriedly, "and tell him to have the place put in nice order, and on her twenty-first birthday give Christabel the lease of the Furnace House as a birthday gift from me!"
"Meaning to add yourself to the gift of the Furnace House, Roderic!" Sir Roger says.

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"This is your twenty-first birthday, my dear," Lady Flora Lindesay says to her niece, in the tone of one who announces a strange and unexpected piece of news, "I wish you many happy returns of the day, Christabel. And here's any little offering, my dear." Poor Lady Floras' offering is a set of lace of her own manufacture—collar and cuffs, and chandkerchief in Honiton braid lace, Lady Flora's offering is a set of lace of her lace is very soft, and fine, and pretty, though obsolete in shape and style, but Christabel thanks her with tears in her eyes, and kisses her for the patient, kidneyes, and kisses her for the patient kidn-mess that made poor Lady Flora's fingers labor so many hours at her present for her niece's birthday. "I've been making them for you since Christmas," Lady Flora says, delighted. "I wish I had grora says, delighted, "I wish I had some nice ornaments to give you, Christabel, but I haven't anything of value but my emerald ring. That I'll bequeath to you, my dear, but I don't like parting with it while I live."

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"Auntie, dear, I don't want ornaments, nor costly presents of any kind, I assure you," Christabel says, gravely.

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"Ah, but you're going to have them," the portentous meaning. "I foresee that in a very short time—within twenty-four hours, I think, of this birthday—you will have a splendid gift bestowed on you. I see wealth—house—lands," Lady Cardonnel says, stamping with fury.

"You are an extractive the whom her own hands "in love and charity," have brought into this house for the first time, and her great contempt for her, her great pity for her unhappy father, on the grateful, blissful sense of her own deliverance, keep her quite calm.

"You are rather too excited at present for me to quite understand what you are saying, Lady Cardonnel." she says, coldly, contemptuously, and turning her back on her. "I must ask you again, father, to be quite sure; have you let this house, the abbey—to strange for her husband, who was you let this house, the abbey—to strange for her husband, who was you let this house, the abbey—to strange for her husband, who was you let this house, the abbey—to strange for a farmer in another section, says, stamping with fury.

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A sad fatality took place near Lynden on Tuesday night. Mrs. Albert Blasdell, in the absence of her husband, who was you let this house, the abbey—to strange father.

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says, quietly. "Of course, I did not
know you had any very great objection
to meet him, Lady Cardonnel. He called to see me on a matter of business,
which I will speak of after dinner."
"Business of yours?" the countess demands, insolently, despite her husband's
appealing glance and frown, and Lady
Flora's wide-open, shocked eyes. "Orwas it some business of mine? Old
Feardon was always a horrid gossip!"
Lady Cardonnel continues, biting her
lips and looking about her restlessly.
"Horrid, stupid, gossiping set they were;
I am quite glad to be rid of them. No.
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But she omits to add that Mr. Feardon is going to call at the abbey again this evening.

"And now, Lady Christabel," the countess asks, with a sarcastic smile, as she seats herself in a large, luxurious chair in the drawing-room, after Christabel's birthday dinner is finished, "we are to hear your wonderful news, I presume? We have some news also, but that is not so important as yours, of course, so may be deferred in the telling."

telling." Christabel looks at Lady Cardonne christabel looks at Lady Cardonnel with such genuine surprise at her unusually aggressive, insolent manner, that her ladyship forces a slight, hard laugh, and lays her head back on the cushion of the chair with an affection of sleepy good humor.
"So pray tell us at once, won't you. Christabel?" she says, yawning. "I hope it is something thrilling. I am so tired and sleepy, after that dull ride to-day, that I should like something to wake me up."

blankly.
"Don't you hear me tell you that he has? How dare you doubt my words?"
Lady Cardonnel says, stamping with

and the property—happiness.

Aunt Flora?" Christabel inquires, skeptically.

"Through a ring," says Lady Flora,
solemnly.

"I thought so," Christabel retorts, her
cheeks reddening angrily. "I didn't think
you were going to cauvass in the Glea"No, no, it's not from him," Lady
Flora says, dreamily; "your gift comes
from over the sea." Christabel repeats, and the color deepens and spreado
over her fair face up to the tips of her
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the sea," she whispers over again to her,
self, her heart fluttering, her pulses
hopes. "Oh, no, nantie, how doy our know?"

"Mr. Peardon, my lady," the parlor
maid says, entering with a card. "He
gasked for Lady Christabel, my lady."

Half an hour before dimer Lord and
Lady Cardonnel arrive. He looking more
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"Th? Well, of course," the early says; miserably irresolute, and ashamed and sorry. "Flora can stay with her—ah!—her friends in—in Yorkshire for a time, at least. Then, when we are settled somewhere—say at Cannes, Flora can join us. Can you not, Flora? It will be—ahvery pleasant wintering abroad, you know!" with a dismal attempt at a satisfied smile.

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"She—Christabel, I mean," stammers Roderic, flushing hotly, and drawing lines all over his blotting pad. "I think then, of course, she is under her father's control, under the control of her end miss, that wicked, worldly, old Mrs. Mal. [Bibrane, and the user Countess of Cardonnel: helples, indoent, selfish, cold-hearted! And I have no authority at all, you see, Si Roger ito interfere."

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and sleepy, after that dull ride to-day, that I should like something to wake me up."

"My news is not exactly 'thrilling,' and it principally concerns only myself,' Christabel answers, coldly, and turning away to address her father. "What is your news, father?"

"Oh! news! Oh, hardly worth calling news," the earl answers, with an assumption of indifference, belied by his restless, unhappy glances at his wife, who is watching him through half-shut eyes, gleaming with yellowish light. "Only—we—are thinking of abroad for the autumn again this year, and you must come with us this time. Christabel."

"Yes, sure you must!" breaks in the countess, with a croaking laugh, and strange fire in her eyes that suggests that she has been drinking too much champagne. "The fact is, you've got to go, my dear. You will have nowhere else to go, for Lord Cardonnel has rented the abbey!"

"The abbey rented! You cannot bave done this, father!" Lady Christabel says, blankly.
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