

OR, THE

Mistress of Darracourt.

CHAPTER XV.

"Of Susie!" exclaimed Marie Verner, with admirably feigned bewilder-

"Yes, of Susie!" said Lucille. "She as she may, have you any right to you notice how Susie colored to-night

"Good; yes, but simple!" said Lucille. "It is just the romantic kind of subject which she would talk about; she might mention it to her father; in the servants' hall-"

"Yes, yes, to her sweetheart!" murmured Marie Verner, remorsefully. "I see; you are quite right, dear!

am a simpleton, as usual!"

At this moment Susie returned to

"Do you want me any more, miss?" she asked, standing before Lucille with crossed hands and downcast eyes. Marie Vernei's speech about Harry Herne was still in her mind, and made her shy and uncomfortable.

"No, thank you, Susie," said Lucille, and Susie turned to leave the

"Stop a moment," said Marie Verner, and Susie stopped and moved round toward her

"Susie, you are a good girl, know," said Marie Verner. "Marie!" uttered Lucille, warning-

"I am only going to speak a word

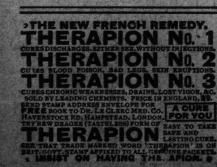
to her, dear. Susie, you never repeat what you hear at the Court, in your mistress' room, do you?"

"Oh, no, miss, certainly not!" replied Susie, shocked at the idea.

"That's right!" exclaimed Marie, with a triumphant glance at Lucille "You make that a rule, of course? But. Susie. I want you to be particular not to mention what I have said to-night about Lord Merle's platecloset and the word that unlocks it. You won't tell any of the young men

Verner, lightly, as she rose and they would say. No! I must go. incapable I am of keeping them; and yet, I could not help it; it was too now I have kept you up! Good-night, much for man to endure—the sight of

Lucille grew nale and stern. "Marie, you have made a mistake." she said, haughtily; "Harry Herne thinks no more of Susie than he does of-of-any one else."



during which Marie Verner appeared Stomach Always Balked, ction in the glass-"of Harry

"Did I, dear? Well, it was only to

Lucille's breath came thick and next morning

"That is nonsense! It is a libel!"

she said, scarcely knowing what she "Really?" responded Marie Verner,

> when I mentioned his name?" peated what I had heard. I hear good match, wouldn't it? Oh, dear, how-tired I am! Good-night, dear!" and she threw her arms about Lucille's neck and kissed her-just as Judas, if he had been a woman,

might have kissed—and then she wen back to her own room, and threw herself on a couch and laughed-a laugh of malicious enjoyment and exulta-

The mine was prepared and the train had been laid. It only required the match to fire it.

CHAPTER XVI.

Harry Herne went home to conviction that Lucille loved him fillhe had done filled him with an agony

could not lessen; he, her servant, had dared to love her, and to tell her of

What right had he to commit such an act of madness? He could not help loving her any more than the flowers can help worshipping the sun or the brook running down to the her to admit that she returned his

me, I must go. Oh, my goddess! my beautiful angel! Could I drag you shouldn't think of mentioning any- down to my level? Could I let you be the wife of Harry Herne-become the target at which the world would point the finger of scorn, whispering, 'That Marie Verner. "Good-night!" and is the lady who married her groomher servant—a young man who is not "It's all right, dear!" said Marie even respectable?" For that is what twisted the golden locks she had will break my heart; it will crush all spoken so slightingly of into a thick the youth and hope out of me; it will in 'scolding me! I am a giddy, If she were the daughter of one of her her loveliness, her beauty, which carried me beyond the power of restraint. I forgot everything, and nov I must pay the penalty. And she? thy of her than I am, and one will

come who will teach her to forget and sighed. How could be leave he so suddenly, without a word of farewell? Besides, during the last few veeks he had interested himself about a moment's notice! One or two days would be required to set matters

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"My food seemed to decompose in

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had a stomach that failed in some way to perform its work. Digestion general opinion that Susie and he are stomach became distended and im- light. principled girl, but let her be as good going to make a match of it. Didn't peded apparently the action of the heart, for often at night it would do great stunts. At times I would vomit a mucous mass, and at these times "No? Well, I'm sorry that I put it my head ached most terribly. A friend into Susie's head, dear. I only re- who had been cured of a similar conilton's Pills regularly, which I did. marvelous. Dr. Hamilton's Pills re stomach, excited the liver to normal away with him to penal servitude!" action, the kidneys were released of excessive work. Health soon grew within me. I can now eat, sleep and

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live like a live man."

bought, and other similar duties. He would leave everything in order, just as if nothing had happened and his departure were the result of a mere

Having so resolved, he did pack up some books and a few articles of clothing: then took his gun and wandered out into the woods to recall ed him with an exultation that was every word she had said to him, to static, the next, the thought of what go over every slight gesture she had made, to dwell upon the vision of her face, and indulge in the sunshine of happiness and misery which his love As he was striding along, com-

muning with the bitterness of his sight in the undergrowth. To hunt would afford him some relief, and mechanically he set off after it. By a knack which only your born woodsman can acquire he managed to deaden his own footsteps while he listened to the dog's. The animal had evidently dropped the hare, and was making for the ring fence, no doubt to rejoin his expectant master. If Harry Herne could catch both the human and the canine poacher, it track the animal down. The lurcher, Harry had given up the pursuit, was trotting comfortably along, pausing

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burrow, and Harry steadfastly followed him. The dog ran through the ence that divided the Hall grounds from the Darracourt, and Harry, un-

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Harry stopped and wiped the perspiration from his face and leaning against the conservatory, waited to my stomach." writes Mr. Ralph seemed more or less arrested and I silver tankards and salvers upon the lightly. "I dare say; but it's the grew thin, yellow, nervous. The sideboard glistened in the early moon-

"Oh, it is you, Master Harry!" he

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> night, isn't it, after the rain?" "Yes, it is I!" said Harry, gravely. 'I came here after that lurcher of Jem Waite's; he was in the woods and crossed the lawn. I expect you will find him about the pantry!"

lurcher, eh? Funny I didn't see him,

rearily. "I lost him hereabout "Good-night, Master Harry. Won't

you step in and have a glass of wine?" Harry shook his head. "No, thanks, Forbes. Oh, by the vay, don't you think it is rather un-

Mr. Forbes nodded once or twice-

"Well, you're quite right, Master Harry," he assented; "it oughthn't to be kept there! It ought to be with the rest in the safe. But the marquis won't, and there's an end of it."

'Well, I hope you will not lose it, Forbes. Good-night!" and he strode

All that night he lay tossing to and fro restlessly, and with the dawn was up and about the stables. The

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