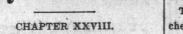


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self a sullen frown of dark, thunder-Love in the Abbey theratening clouds.



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nodding impressively. "It was a rum kind of thing to do, threateningly overhead, and Possie by his side-always by his side! there would be a shindy about it. feet, and over here creeps that sick- that he will come with that soft smile going-going! of it, old Wigsley would get the sack." else waits also, in the shape of Tap- has almost felt, in the vividness of looks up at him. of the earl's feelings and your tutor's den, and announces that luncheon is kisses clinging to her lips; and now! going yesterday." situation, Reg." served.

says Lord Reginald indifferently. petite at the moment is infinitesimal. numbed and stupefied by its stern sad- lips. the same time; he's a cute fellow, and not wish to be disturbed." knows a thing or two."

dangerously.

"Mr. Calthrop's knowledge and valley, while the dogs snarl at each grace; whatever has happened, or is says; "but neither he nor you need be other round the skirts of her dress. rob her of one great saving gift: he eyes as she confronts him. afraid. Reg-I can keep a secret."

half with an assurance of her reply- lously. "And this is my happy day!" day she has been his! "you won't let it slip out, and get me Some poet, who no doubt learned in ia's a scrape. Kitty?"

Kitty nods; and her nod, as the boy marks that when we cannot feast up- smothered pain, that, indeed, it seems is? Kitty, Kitty!" brokenly, reproachknows, is as good as another person's on the joys that are present, we to her like a voice in a dream. most solemn asseveration. "No one shall hear from me that you that are past. Kitty, unconsciously | say good-by."

and I went to see the play, Reg," she accepting this truism, sends the dogs Though the horrible words stabbed answer. It was easy to deceive me says quietly. "If it is any comfort away, and, seating herself under the her, she does not start or utter any ex- for God knows I loved you! But how to your quaking heart, I'll promise chestnut, gives herself up to the clamation of surprise or pain, but she did you deceive yourself-how trick open my lips on the subject." eetset of all lotus eating-the mem echoes them inaudibly. "You will! That's what I call being ory of a sweet yesterday. Here he quietly, with a word of languor, on a brick!" exclaims his lordship. "Now sat beside her-unless it was all a to the seat, and, clasping her hands on I'm off, mind, not a word to a soul. dream-and told her that he loved her her lap, looks up at him. Gool by, Kitty; here, I say"-and he -here he had pressed her to his heart. He waits a moment to see if she will h n's forward-"you might let a feland gently forced the confession of |

shade of the small, quick ear, the lithe grace of the languid, drooping figure, and above all, the little, fearful, plaintive droop of the sweet lips, all seem to cry to him: "Take me! I am vours!" But Elliot Sterne is made of metal that has passed through the fiery furnace of the world; through the long watches of the night he has gained the victory, as he thinks, over self, and after that moment he hardens again, and steels himself to the witching influence of this child-woman whom he loves so madly, so passion-

ately.

question all day, and cannot find an

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low give you a kiss at parting-on a her love from her trembling lips. voyage, too." Kitty, lost in a dream, gradually But Kitty has suddenly become shy, forgets the present, and is so aband instead of letting him kiss her sorbed by that so recent past, that a forehead, as she would have done a footstep, grave and slow, does not

week-ave, a day past-she holds out break the web of her musing, and it is her hand to him. not until the tall figure of Elliot "That's enough for you, Reg," she Sterne stands close beside her, and says, blushing and looking up into looks down upon her young, girlish

his face with a shy smile. loveliness that she realizes his pres-"Oh, I see!" says the unabashed ence.

Reginald; "that's enough for me, the Then she starts up, panting and rest is reserved for James, I suppose!" blushing, scarcely able to raise her and with an audacious laugh he kisses eyes, feeling that she has conjured her hand, and flinging it away from his presence by the very power and strength of her longing; and then, as him. dashes off.

Kitty looks after her playmate, the if startled by his silence, she looks up. kindred spirit with which she is al- and draws back, with that unspeakways in accord with a vague feeling able dread which stabs all the more bitterly because of the perfect bliss gets it wrapped by the wind in a of sadness and wistfulness, and then turns with a dim unconsciousness and of hope and love which it slays at its disappointment, for while she and thrust.

Kitty, one moment al! trembling Lord Reginald have been bantering come anything but lovely, and like an en love welcoming its master and its less, idiotic way in which a sick per-

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and short few hours, that you loved me?" At this passionate reproach, at this astounding accusation of falsehood and treachery, Kitty seems turned to

speak, and then, with a sharp spasm With a sigh of convulsion born of of pity for her that makes his voice broken and hurried, goes on: "Perhaps it would have been better gain his calmness ,and succeeds. "Forgive me, my poor child!" he f I had not come; yes, I think it says, gently and sadly; "God knows I would have been wiser and kinder to both of us; but, Kitty"-how sadly the did not mean to upbraid you-I did

familiar name sounds to both of them not mean to speak an angry, reproachful word, though you have done me -"I could not go without a word-one word of farewell between us; one the cruelest wrong, unwittingly, that a woman can work a man. A woman. word, too, of forgiveness." Kitty looks at him and beyond him. my poor Kitty, I forget that you are but a little, thoughtless, impetuous

At the same moment with that bitter child, ignorant of your own heart mockery of the tragic, a comedy is go-How-how could you understand me? ing on within sight, for the storm is No. it was not deceit-I know it, I breaking, and two of the maids are feel it: but-but, oh, Kitty, how could rushing to and fro to save the linen you forget that you were giving me

that is hanging up in the meadow, and what was not yours to give?" one, struggling with a huge blanket, He takes her hand, as if with an ef tight swathe round her head, and fort, and looks at it tenderly, wist stands, blindfolded and helpless fully.

squealing for help. For the life of her Kitty cannot help smiling in that help- er her. "do not let us say any more ill-tempered beauty, has taken unto it- mate, shrinks back the next, chilled son might smile in the delirium of ness, and I do-I do! Listen, Kitty: and frozen by the stern sadness of that physical pain. Then, with a start, she I thought that my little child-woman face she had expected to see full of comes back to his haggard, working was free, heart-whole, unpledged, un-

-if-vou had but spoken out to me-

there, in the stable yesterday-you re-

member. Kitty?-if you had but said

what you ask me to give you has been

promised years ago to some one else:

if you had told me all about that good

memory of your poor little self, too

frightened to tell me all the truth

Ah! Kitty, I could bear it better if you

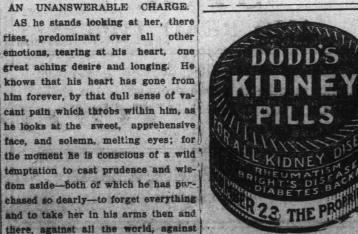
had not deceived me!"

the warmth and sweetness of a love face and the consciousness of his promised, and so-and so-I lost my heart to her. I did not know that she meaning "You-are-going!" she murmurs, was to be the little wife of anotheralmost inaudibly, and with a sudden ave, and a good honest fellow, too! It

hands and moody, distorted face, telling, like an index, of the struggle pallor. "Yes." He nods sharply. within; she, pale and trembling, wait-"Yes," he says, "it is better that I ing for the thunder of the coming

CHAPTER XXIX.

should go, is it not, Kitty?" She looks at him in an amazed fash



and to whom you had promised your self, I-well; my darling, my misery would have been hard enough to bear here to say good-bye, and have noth ing to carry away with me but the

Pale and trembling, she looks t him with tearless, burning eyes. (To be Continues

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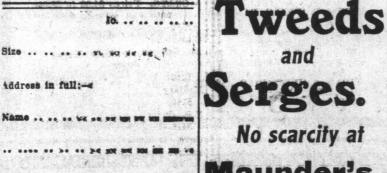
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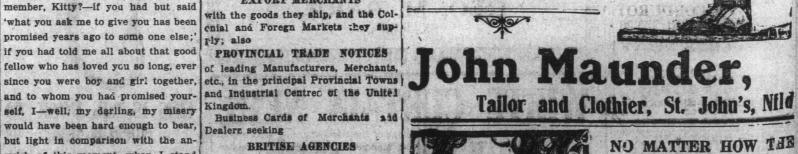
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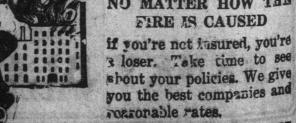


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