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CHAPTER XXXV.

From being freely gracious to him, or disdainfully amused by his language of words and looks and tones, and his house flowers and costly fruit, and new books and magazines sent continually to her rooms, Lady Nora descended to become friendly and confidential with him, and asked him to afternoon tea with herself and some lady friends.

Mr. Carter went to tea, and disdained a bill for Lady Nora Glynne of very easy—remarkably easy—terms, a bill drawn in her favor by Loph, Lord Glynne. And Lady Nora the next morning was summoned to town by a telegram "from my niece, the viscountess," she explained, and departed by the early express, having paid all claims on her in Cheltenham most honorably, leaving Mr. Carter disconsolate, with only that bill at two months which he discounted for £50 to comfort him—that bill which was a forgery!

There was an awful quarter of an hour for Lady Nora when the bill came due—a time she shudders to remember—when Loph Glynne, her own nephew by marriage, in Mr. Carter's office, told her in coarse and cruel language what he thought of her conduct, and menaced her and denounced her and renounced her in a scolding manner.

"For a wretched trifle of three hundred pounds!" Lady Nora cried, amidst her sobs, not seeing the sin, but the amount for which the sin was committed.

But, Viscount Glynne continuing fiercely obdurate, and even merciless, Mr. Carter interfered, and with a grave, stern face, canceled the bill.

"Lady Nora will repay me one day, perhaps," he remarked, in a low tone. Acting on that hint, Lady Nora—never a proud woman—wrote a dainty and most friendly letter to him about six weeks later—to the man whom she had absolutely defrauded of three hundred pounds—asking for a "loan" of fifty more. She obtained it by return of post, and obtained other "loans" each time she asked for them, until at the end of the year she owed John Carter nearly nine hundred pounds; and John Carter asked for payment by a promise for "some day" in the future.

Lady Nora gave the promise, delighted to get off so easily, and, arranging matters with her conscience, permitted Mr. Carter to go on trusting to this future "some day," and to pay into her banking account the sum of three hundred pounds yearly for two years longer, until the Earl of Pentreath, or, rather, his faithful friend Miss Glover, played Deus ex machina, and advised Mr. Carter to meet Lady Nora at the costume ball, got the invitation for him indeed—and gave him a friendly hint to press his cause, as the time was favorable.

Lady Nora was advised by Miss Glover as to the answer she ought to give her faithful lover, and advised, also, of the ruin that was impending over the Dormers.

"So your kinwoman is off your hands, my lord," she says, in her self-lauding, half-sarcastic way, he has had the news privately from Mrs. Vavasor, her former employer, who whom mademoiselle has become

very intimate and friendly of late. "Poor Mr. Carter is now the only one entitled to wear all the anxieties and expenses that the dear little lady's taste for practicing calligraphy may entail on her nearest and dearest!" And the Earl of Pentreath, being in a gracious mood, says, affably: "You're awfully clever, Belle! I'm much obliged to you for putting the spur on."

CHAPTER XXXVI.

Twice before she goes to bed Lady Nora has rashly generous impulses—so she tells herself afterward. One is, considering she has more than two hundred pounds in her possession, and a prospect of much more in the near future, to send her son something—say, twenty pounds—a slice of her newly-acquired prosperity. But, on second thoughts, she wisely considers that if she does so Dallas will only begin worrying about that unfortunate ring again—perhaps go on teasing and writing and asking questions until the whole story comes to Mr. Carter's ears before she is married to him. Later on she can arrange everything—get back the ring, send Dallas a handsome present, help him to pay off his debts, to get another situation, do everything that is affectionate and motherly and generous; but for the present she sends him—nothing. Her other generous impulse is to tell Yolande about her husband and the evident miscarriage of those letters, and Dallas' utter unconsciousness of the change that has taken place in poor Yolande's fortunes. But here again wise second thoughts prevent her from doing anything so ill-considered and impulsive.

When Yolande comes into her room to say good-night, Lady Nora looks at her dubiously for a few moments. "How ill and thin and faded she does look lately!" she thinks, with a satisfied glance at her own brilliant face, almost as fair and smooth as forty-eight as it was thirty.

"I saw Dallas to-day, Yolande," she says, in a cold, sad, unwilling voice, as of one who introduces a disagreeable subject and is sorrowfully aware of it.

"Did you?" Yolande responds, frigidly careless.

"Yes," Lady Nora sighs. "He asked how you were, and desired to be remembered to you. His kind regards," he said. Such a phrase for a husband to use!" she sighs again. "Dallas is very much altered—so cold and



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curt and impatient! I could scarcely get a kind word from him."

She is secretly very much frightened by Yolande's pale face and blazing eyes, and tries to shift all the blame and wrath and burden of wrong-doing on to the absent one's shoulders.

"He is quite well, I hope?" Yolande inquires, in a hard, indifferent tone, absorbed in remedying a defect in her bedroom candle-wick.

"Yes; he looked rather thin. He said he had not been very well," Lady Nora answers, impatiently. "I got him to drive a little way with me, but he would not come any farther than Albert Gate."

"He was very busy perhaps," Yolande says, with a slight frown. "I think I will say good-night, Lady Nora; I feel very tired."

The same words used by the wife as by the husband in their miserable separation—each with bitter secret blame supposing the other to be absorbed in selfish business and pleasures—each heart lonely and wretched, and with a rankling pain against the other which increased day by day.

Lady Nora knows it well; shallow and unsympathetic as she is, she knows it well, but she will not speak one word to soothe the pain and heal the wound.

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GRECO-ITALIAN AFFAIR CLOSED.
The Greco-Italian affair was brought to a close to-day, so far as the Inter-Allied Council of Ambassadors is concerned, when that body decided that fifty million lire be deposited by Greece in the Bank of Switzerland, as security for the indemnity which should be paid to Italy. The payment was ordered as a penalty for Greek intransigence in searching for the assassins of Italian Boundary Mission chief Janina, the slaying of which brought about the Italian-Greek crisis and the subsequent occupation of Corfu Island by Italy. The Ambassadors upheld their decision that in view of Greece's action in fulfilling the terms laid down by the Council, including the payment of indemnity, saluting the Allied fleet at Phaleron, and releasing her from the bodies of slain Commissioners, Italy was in duty bound to evacuate Corfu. It was announced that this evacuation was already begun and would be completed to-morrow.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN IN MUNICH.
MUNICH, Sept. 26.
Dr. Von Kahr former Premier, was to-night appointed General Commissioner for Bavaria, with full power to proclaim any exceptional state, and adopt any other military or police measures to protect Munich against insurrection from reactionary or radical sources. The appointment follows upon the activities of Hitler Guards or other so-called patriotic Leagues, who are publishing for a general review on Friday. This official action is viewed as purely a local precautionary measure and is in no wise aimed at the central government. The rumor that exceptional state has been proclaimed, is officially denied.

COMMUNISTS AND SOLDIERS CLASH.
IA, Sept. 26.
A decisive battle between the Communists and the Communists is being fought in the city of Ferdinand, in the village of Berkowitz, which is four miles apart, and half way from Sofia to the Danube. According to a statement issued by the War Office, five thousand Communists and Bulgarian Allies are besieged there, after having proclaimed a Soviet Republic and established complete control over the area. Four thousand soldiers aided by civil

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