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were cast down, and then raised to rusticity. "Whom did you think it was?" her face, with a slinking kind of in-

quiry. Had she witnessed the scene asked. between him and Gerald Wayre? But! Luck fumbled nervously with the her face was like that of the Sphinx, strings of her sunbonnet, and looked and as she rode off Mr. Mordaunt as if she were confused. She had gaawed at his mustache and swore thought it was Mr. Mordaunt Sapley, but she could not say so. She was again.

"Curse her, she speaks to me as if I asking herself in a nervous tremor were a dog myself!" he said. "She whether Miss Cartoris had seen Morhates me, worse than hates me, looks daunt Sapley parting from her a few down at me as if I were the dirt un- minutes ago. A sudden idea struck been here so many years, there are der her feet! The guy-nor must have her

been mad last night when he talked as he did-stark, staring mad. Yet miss," she said. The smile still lingered on Claire's life, and since his death," her voic he said he could help me. What did face; but a slight color also rose to it. dropped, "I have felt no desire to he mean? Oh, he must have been

mad! He ought to have seen her Treatment of me this morning!" And he walked on, gnawing at his prise. "Yes, miss," said Lucy, regaining to share it with me. Hp and cutting viciously at the wild

flowers beside his path. At the turn of the road from which another leads down to Regna, she violet eyes.

paused for a moment or two to look at The exquisite view. Here the cleft in the rock in which the village lies Lucy felt as if they were reading her and they went into the grounds and opens out like a funnel, and a triangular piece of the see is visible. It still came and went, glowed like a sapphire this morning, the fishing boats dancing on an ocean, lodges with us."

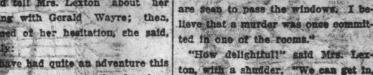
of jewels. that he was staying at your cottage. "If I were an artist like Mr. Wayre, And you are looking for him?" Tshould like to paint that," said Claire

"Yes, miss," replied Lucy, looking to herself. down, and working the toes of her As she was about to ride on, the slim neat but serviceable boot into the figure of a girl came out from a meadow gateway, and stood with her grass. "I-I wanted to tell him that

hands shading her eyes looking up his lunch was ready. I-I thought he

eal. It is like a beautiful picture. some of the windows. With its arched haven't seen half of it yet." doorway and diamond panes, the wing looked very ancient, and somewhat "We will make a tour of inspectio after lunch," said Claire.

Mrs. Lexton looked at her m. "And this part is m "And I have not guilts persua Yes and has been for years. myself that you are real, Claire," she said. "How well you look! Did you urbed since the time of Lord What have a nice ride?" ton's grandfather. The village folk "Yes," said Claire, rather absently say that it is haunted, and that figures The was asking herself whether sue of the usual vagueness and whit should tell Mrs. Lexton about her meeting with Gorald Wayre; thea,



"I have had quite an adventure this wrning. I went up to the chapel on the hill and met Mr. Wayre, the gen-

Mary 2"

soon as possible." she said.

Claire laughed;

"I have brought some old keys with tleman who found my spray last me." said Claire, "and I am hoping night. He is an architect," she smiled, that one will fit. Yes, this is the one. "and ever so many other things, and How still the lock is!" he is sketching the chapel."

The key turned after some pres-"Oh," said Mrs. Lexton, with placid sure. and the door creaked back on interest, "Is he a clever young man?" its hinges. They entered a small "Yes, I think so," said Claire, with passage, with an old worm-eaten stair | in indifference which she felt was asat the further end. Dust lay thick sumed. "I only saw a part of everywhere, and to Mrs. Lexton's consketch which he had made. Shall w sternation, a mouse, as much startleft go for a drive this afternoon, or would as she was, scampered across the oak you like to wander about the grounds. floor. They opened the doors leading

to the ground-floor rooms, and found Mrs. Lexton said that she would themselves in spacious apartments, rather see something more of the furnished in old world style, and with the dust as thick as in the hall. Claire "I feel that I want to know it as looked round her curiously, and Mrs. Lexton held her breath.

"I can quite understand the village "Your enthusiasm is quite catch eople's belief." she said. "the place ing, Mary," she said, "although I have feels haunted. What magnificent fur-Claire, it is a sin to leave it niture! some parts of the house that I have here, neglected and going to min." "I thought it might be Mr. Wayre, not been into. A portion was always "Let us go unstairs," said Claire. kept closed during Lord Wharton's They went to the upper floor. It was as fully furnished as the rooma One was a bedroom, with the "Mr. Wayre?" she said, and there pentrate into it. The inhabited part was a touch of coldness in her sur- it quite huge enough for one person, the hand of time. A satin coverlet lay and I am glad you have come. Mary a chair, as if it had been her composure somewhat, but still changed my habit and we will start

blushing under the regard of Claire's while your enthusiasm is still hot." mitted in that bed!" said Mrs. Lexton She exchanged her habit for a dress in an awe-stricken voice. "Let us There was something magnetic in of plain, white merino, whose black come away! those wonderful eyes of Claire's, and sash made it a significant mourning,

They went into the opposite room, and Mrs. Lexton uttered an exclamasecret; so, as she answered, the blush toward the wing which Gerald Wayre of surprise. had spoken of on the preceding night.



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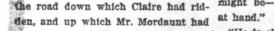
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called to her softly.

Lucy had not seen Claire, and as she heard her name, she started with she added, aimlessly. a vivid blush, and seemed about to shrink back into the meadow again, thusiasm. "He's the best we ever had then she stopped, with her hand pres- -so kind and thoughtful, and he gives

coming fast. Claire rode up beside her. "Good-morning, Lucy," she said. "How startled you look! Did I fright-, that comes-tourists, and such likeen you?"

"Oh, no, miss," said Lucy, dropping Wayre." a courtesy. "That is-yes; you did startle me a little. I thought it was omebody else."

Claire smiled and looked at her with friendly admiration. In her pretty, print frock and cotton sunbonnet,

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might be-painting somewhere near sone. It was Lucy Hawker, and "He is sketching up at the chapel,"

Mr. Wayre, the gentleman

"Oh!" said Claire; "I did not know

Blaire, who knew and liked the girl, said Claire, a little coldly. She could not account for the girl's evident confusion. "I hope he is a good lodger?"

"Oh, yes, miss," said Lucy, with ensed against her bosom, and her breath so little trouble, and he's so pleased

with everything. Father says it's quite a pleasure to have a gentleman like him at the cottage. There's many as calls themselves gentlemen, but they're not real gentlemen like Mr.

-"I am glad you have so satisfactor; a lodger," said Claire. "You've not

been up to see me lately, Lucy." Lucy had been in the habit of coming up to the court now and again. bringing fish or mushrooms, and Claire had often taken her round the garden and filled her empty baskets with flowers.

Lucy looked from right to left, with a little troubled expression in her eyes, then cast them down, and dug at the grass nervously.

"Having a lodger has kept me way, Miss Claire," she said, with a little catch in her voice.

"I see," said Claire. "Well, you must come up as soon as you can; I have some new flowers to show you." "I thank you, miss," said Lucy, timidly, and with a suppressed sigh.

"You will find Mr. Wayre up at the chapel" said Claire; and with a nod and a sinile she rode on.

Lunch was on the table when she got home, and Mrs. Lexton awaited

Claire sat down in her habit. "I hope yuo've not been dull, Mary?" he sale

her.

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