

TRUE LOVE'S PASSION

The Artist's Model.

which only the barbarian refuses to acknowledge. I beg you will consider

Cyril Burne bowed his thanks, and

"May one venture to ask the favor of a sight of your picture, Mr.-

"Burne, Cyril Burne," said Cyril, "Ah," murmured the earl, "I do not but, indeed. I have been so long out of ignorant of its most famous men." Cyril Burne laughed shortly.

"Then your merit still awaits its reward, believe me," retorted the earl, figure of Norah, he turned his glasses upon the artist, and then upon Norah

"Yes." she replied, "and I did it un-

un the brush as he had done before

Were Al! the Same to Edward.

"No, no," said the earl, evidently ollified by such prompt deference pray let it stand. Lady Norah is the his shoulders slightly, as if the matter urne, and to wish you good-day. Come, Norah," and he raised his hat

with a stately grace. Norah bestowed a bow and a smile pon Cyril, who bent respectfully, and

"Had you ever met that young man

"Why should I not tell you, papa?" had not overheard him and Mr. Ber on-talking," she said, instead of

The earl looked up.

"Oh! Guildford Berton and he me this morning. Does he-Guildford, mean-know him?"

"Evidently not." said Norah. "fo Norah, who stood listening to the two Mr. Berton was warning him off as

A faint color rose to Norah's face.

"You forget, papa, that I did not taking Casper's portrait." "Ah, well! Your friend is evidently

wish that he should be treated as he

"I comprehend," said the earl; "but pardon me if I venture to remark, that you must have misapprehended Guildford Berton. He is incapable of rude-

Norah looked at the aristocratic face with momentary surprise. Could asked it be possible that the earl, who seem-

"Indeed," he resumed, "the young

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man appears to me to have any quan tity of-we will call it confidence Doubtless he will paint a finished pic as a portrait of Lady Norah Arrow dale. Perhaps that would not altohis lips curved slightly and sarcastic-

"I am sure he will do nothing of the kind," she said, quietly and confidently. "You said, papa, that he was

"A gentleman leavened by the artist." he retorted. "But we can easily set the matter at rest. Guildford Berton shall make inquiries about him, and if he finds his credentials satisfactory. I will, if you like, call upon him

"I am quite indifferent, papa," she said, "and perhaps he would not

The earl was again nonplused. "It is possible," he said, dryly, "but not probable. We will see. Guildford shall make inquiries about him. One should encourage art."

As they were ascending the steps, young girl in a pink dress came from a small doorway below the terrace and moved slowly toward the shrub

She was a slim and graceful girl, a brunette, with hair and eyes almost black in hue, and Norah stopped and

laimed, with the prompt admiration of one handsome woman for another. The earl turned and adjusted his "Indeed! I did not notice. Ah. yes,

g" said Norsh "She has most beau

maid; perhaps she can do so. Excuse ca's wages. I am quite rich," she

terrace, evidently not seeing Norah and the earl, stood shading her eyes with her hands, and looking after the isappearing figure of the young girl. Norah went up to her.

"Who is that pretty girl. Harman?

"It is my niece, my lady," she re plied with an air of apology and em-

Harman stifled a sigh.

"Rebecca South, my lady. We cal er Becca. Yes, my lady, she is no ad-looking," and she sighed again. "That is scarcely giving her he

she live here-at the Court?"

on as if explaining the pause, "Becca's headed. If people would only not be she's well favored it would be better for her!'

"It must be difficult not to be vain with such hair and eyes," she said ed and looked at her. "And I suppose

her as she should be looked after. My

enough," and she glanced with a smile

"But one can't be born an accom-plished servant," said Norah, laugh-De Vere Stacpoole's New Book, "The

anything, she's so quick; but---" "Well?" said Norah, who saw there was still something behind.

for all this," said Norah, gently, "and my clothes? I'm afraid you will have would like to have her under you charge, would you not?"

gratitude for a moment and some "You are very good, my lady," she said, almost inaudibly. "And she will

"Very well, then," said Norah, light-"Nothing, my lady," said Harman, But if anything, very little, indeed."

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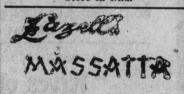
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