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CHAPTER XXX. A VISIT FROM THE PRINCESS. "And where is Mrs. Lambton?" asks

"Ob, mamma is at the hotel. She in bed. Wheever would have thought of seeing you here! How kind of Mr. Bertram to trouble about the ale! my lady.' And isn't Germany delightful! We papa gets so angry with everybody because they can't understand English; and our German we learned of the governess seems quite different to what they speak here!"

"And you've got a castle here! aid Georgina. "How delightful!" "You must come and stay with us," says Jeanne. "You must come at once Vane will be so glad that we have met you; it is a fortunate chance."

"Papa, do you hear? Jeanne, the

Mr. Lambton, still excitedly exous misconduct of the waiter in not understanding English, is properly count, so calmly courteous to his grateful, and the invitation is accept

Mr Lambton is so relieved at meet ing with some one who can talk to "these confounded" German's, that he grows quite cheerful, and the party go back to the hotel-which happens to be the same at which the carriages have seen put up-quite happy.

Jeanne goes up to visit Mrs. Lambton, and finds that lady in a magnificent apartment-wherever Mr. Lamb ton goes, he has the best of everything, and pays twice the proper charge for it! - and exceedingly un-

"My dear" she says, "I shall only be too delighted to come! I can't bear these foreign parts, where you don't understand a word that's spoken!

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"I don't come against my will

"You must come at once, to-night," ays Jeanne. "Hal and Mr. Bell shall make all the arrangements. I am so glad we met you! Why didn't you tell

me that you were coming abroad?" "I didn't know it," says poor Mrs. ambion; "they made up their minds all in a minute, and away we came. And how is Mr. Vane—the marquis mean? It seems so strange to call him by so grand a name." "Vane is quite well," says Jeanne,

with a little sigh. Then she goes down and finds Mr. Lambton fussing about Lord Nugent, in a state of excitement caused by so many lords and ladies.

But Hal is restless, also, and wants to get back, for a reason which Jeanne knows. Presently, in the midst of the clatter. Lord Lane's carriage arrives. To

say that Clarence is not in a good humor is to describe his state of mind is the mildest phrase. The day is hot, the road dusty, and, thanks to Mr. Bell he has been nacked up in a barouche with three other

persons, instead of driving with Jeanne. His surprise, not to say consternation at the sight of Maud and Georgina is indescribable; however, he conceals it. and they-well, they greet him in the friendliest manner possi-

Hal and Bell make arrangements for the Lambtons' journey, and, after. wha reems an endless delay to Hal. the castle party are ready to start on their way home Once more Clarence hovers about

the phæton in which Jeanne is aleady seated "If you are tired, Hal," he says

I'll take the bays home for you." But Hal shakes his head. "No. thanks," he says; "I'm all

right; better go as we came." "Let me drive," says Jeanne, "and Mr. Lell shall sit in the front for a change." And so Bell is rewarded, and Hal is left to meditate beside the

has a headache; she doesn't care to ne is in her boudoir writing a letter go about much. She says the langu- to Aunt Jane, Mrs. Fleming knocks age makes her ill, and generally stops softly, and enters with two cards. "The Princess Verona and Count Mikoff are in the small drawing-room,

Jeanne jumps up at once, rather are enjoying ourselves so much! But aghast. The companion she had been prepared for, but the count! "Is Mr. Bertram about the castle?

she says. "Yes. my lady; I saw him go into

the billiard-room a little while ago. "Tell him." says Jeanne, "to keep out of the way: you understand?" Mrs. Fleming courteries. "I understand, my lady," and Jean

ne goes down. As she enters, the count and the princess arise, and, with a polite shakes hands with the count Any one observing her would think that she had instantaneously taken a fancy to that nobleman, and that she had failplaining to Hal and Bell the outrage- ed to be prepossessed by the princess, so friendly is Jeanne with the

> companien. But in every woman is a latent store of artfulness, and Jeanne is practic-

ing hers now "That woman," she thinks, "has gone home, and told the count of our meeting, and he has come here to watch this sweet child instead of his accomplice. He will expect me to treat him coldly; he shall be disap-

pointed." So Jeanne, exerting herself to the utmost, lays herself out to charm the him?" man of wrinkles, addressing a stray remark or two to the princess, who is evidently puzzled to account for the

change in Jeanne's manner. As Vane says, the man does not live who can resist Jeanne when she means to charm, and the count is soon And Lambton does fly into such vio- entirely engrossed and thrown off his lent passions! And how well you are guard. Before he is scarcely aware of looking-not an hour older! I al- it, he has accepted an invitation to ways said that you were quite a child dinner for himself and the princess, and you look it still. Oh, I shall be and is engaged in a discussion on old china, when Jeanne says, sudden-

"I am very sorry my husband is not in the way; will you come into the billiard-room, Count Mikoff? I heard the click of balls as I passed. and I think they are playing pool;

et me in oduce you." The count's eyes brighten. If there is anything which a Russian finds irresigtible. it is a billiard-table. He riscs with his most polished smile. and Jeanne, with a polite excuse to the princess, takes him away.

In five minutes she is back again and with an entirely different manner-ob Jeanne-Jeanne, how can you be so descitful?-bends down and kisses the sweet face.

"There!" she says, looking with laughing eyes into Verona's startled of tea waiting for us, and no one can sighs. disturb us. Let us go at once, or he will come back!

Verena colors and allows herself to e led away. As Jeanne has said, a miniature tes service of costly Japanese ware is on the table in the boudoir, and Jeanne with gentle strength, forces Verons

into the easiest of easy-chairs. "At last!" she says, standing over her, and looking at her with a protecting smile. "I almost despaired of getting rid of him, he was so polite and courtly. Now, don't you think me very bold and forward to drag you

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says Verona, blushing, "I am very glad to come. Why are you so kind to me, marchioness?"

she breaks off-"don't call me marhioness: my name is Jeanne-uness you would wish me to address you as 'princess.'" "Oh, no-no!" says Verona,

"Because." Jeanne says, and then

Jeanne laughs "That is all right. And I may call rou Verona?" . We seem like old friends already," says Jeanne, pouring out a cup of tea. "Perhaps it is ecause I heard so much about you

he title!"

rom my brother-" "Your brother!" says the princess bending her head over the teacup; "has he spoken about me?" Jeanne nods.

"Yes, a great deal. Dear old Halyou have seen a great deal of him?" "Oh, no, not much," says the prin cess, with a charming blush; have met once or twice.'

Jeanne smiled. 'More than once or twice, Verona. "Well-more. He is very kind; he has-has caught some fish for us and-and-

"Called to inquire after health," says Jeanne, with a smile. "Poor Hal! The princess looks up with a sud

den surprise. "Why do you pity him?" she asks. with wide-open eyes.

"Because," says Jeanne-"will you have any more sugar?-because he is such a dear, good boy; not clever and brilliant, like some people, but so good and so strong and brave; and he is so unhappy just now."

The dark eyes hide themselves be hind their long lashes. "Unhappy?" she murmurs "Yes" says Jeanne, "very-very un-

happy. He has set his heart upon something which he thinks far, very far beyond his reach. Don't smile, Verona."

"I was not smiling," says the princess, raising her dark eyes almost reproachfully. "Of course he is only a

old are you, princess "Seventeen," says Verona, softly "Seventeen!" echoes Jeanne, clinking her teaspoon. 'And how old is the

"The court? I do not know." "Ah," says Jeanne, slowly. "Well, poor Hal has set his heart upon something which he thinks he never can gain, and so he is unhappy. Verona, he is my only brother, and I am

unhappy when he is unhappy." "I am very sorry," says the princess. "It is not right that he should be unhappy—he is so kind and good and brave, and-"

She stops suddenly, and colors a deep carmine. "And now tell me." says Jeanne about the count. Where did you meet

"Meet him:?" says the princess. "I-I don't remember. He is an old friend of papa's; I have known him ever

since I can remember.' "Ever since you can remember!" says Jeanne: "and you are going to marry him! How old is he. Verona?" "How old?" she repeats, with a lit-

tle frown. "I do not know." "And you are very fond of him?" The princess blushes a deep scar-

"Fond of him?" she says. "He is a very old friend and very kind." "I see," says. Jeanne. "And how long have you been engaged to him?" The princess considers

"Ever since I can remember, years ago," she says, so simply that the tears rise to Jeanne's eyes. "My poor darling," she murmurs, as if she were an old woman, a mother sympathizing with a daughter! "Have another cup of tea?" she says. The princess looks around the room. "What portrait is that?" she asks,

looking at an oil color of Vane.

"That," says Jeanne, "that is-my husband." The princess regards it fixedly. "How handsome he is," she says, "and how young." Then she looks at Jeanne. "And you are young-alface, "he is disposed of! Now come though you talk so-so-matronlywith me into my room. There is a cup how happy you must be," and she



"Do you think so?" she says. "Yes." says Verona, "You are young and beautiful-yes, very beautifuland he is young and handsome, and know you love him by the way i which you looked at his portrait. Yes ou must be happy!" and she sighs:

Jeanne's lips quiver. "And you." she says. "You will be appy. You are going to marry Count She stops, for suddenly the prin

cess arises and throws herself on her

knees at Jeanne's feet. "Do not do not say so!" she says. am most unhappy! I-I-did not know it until—until a few days ago but now I know it, and it seems un bearable. Do not talk of my marriage They are all talking of it, the coun and Senora Titella, and-and I can not bear to think of it!" and she bursts into tears. "Oh, you are married to the man you love," she goes on, clutching Jeanne's arm and hiding her face in her lap, "and you are

not understand!" Jeanne, thoroughly frightened ends down and kisses her.

happy and cannot understand-can-

"Hush-hush!" she murmurs, with her eyes full of tears "Don't crydon't cry. Verona! There may be some hope, some chance!" "No... not for me!" says th

princess. Then, with a sudden effort, sh arises and dries her eyes, pale and distressed.

"I--I-forgive me!" trying to smile come to me. I cannot understand my self. Until lately I did not feel like. this. What is it?" "I will tell you," says Jeanne;

'you are in love!" "In love!" echoes, Verona, and warm flush suffuses her face and neck. "With-with whom?" "Let us go down," says Jeanne; "I

think my brother Hal will be down frightened look.

"You brother," she says, hesitatingly, and still looking at Jeanne. "He has been very kind." "Has he?" says Jeanne, lightly; "he s a good boy, is Hal; ah, a very good boy; a little rough and blunt.

"Do you think so?" says the priness, gravely. "I don't think-Jeanne laughs at the innocent heart laid so bare for her to read. "Yes, he is rough and ready, but he s gc and true."

The princess' eyes brighten. "Yes, that I am sure." she says. 'Oh, yes, good and true," and then she sighs. "Let us go down," says Jeanne

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The Norwegian returns for 1920 show

dull in spite of the reported short ed to 31,516 barrels. supplies of hogs. Such a weakness in the market under the circumadvance is inevitable in the coming

BEEF.—The same conditions apply to beef that appertain to pork, viz.; a dull market, and short supplies. The general business depression the

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with the poorest demand in years. \$36; Boneless, \$31; and Family, \$35. of the prices advancing, at least FLOUR.—There has been no change stocks are used up. that the exports from that country worth recording in the wheat market amounted to 43,736 barrels, which has the past week. Prices declined weak. There is no change, however always been, and no doubt will con- gradually and slowly for some days in local prices as yet, but with the tinue to be, a formidable competitor and then recovered suddenly in one coming of spring a decline is indicawith Newfoundland Refined Oil. Their day almost all that had been lost ed in the Canadian quotations of fishery seems to have started well Exports continue to European counday. In St. John's white oats a this year and the prospects of any- tries at the same rate. The local quoted at \$4.30 to \$4.40, mixed \$4. thing like last year's prices for our market is steady. Leading brands to \$4.30, and black at \$5.20 per sack product the coming reason are poor. \$14, other quantities \$13.50 to \$13.75. There is a good supply in stock to PORK.—The pork markets continue The imports since New Year amount-

SUGAR-Raw sugar markets continue firm in the United States. Plant- price of feeds, this week, but the stances is unprecedented. It can ers, it is said, are trying to fix the ket in bran, hominy, corn meal, from St. John's and the outports this only be attributed to a general lack price of Raws in Cuba. This, if suc- is very weak abroad, and lower price of Raws in Cuba. of demand. Some American experts cessful, will make a firm market. The are likely to rule in the co believe that the bottom has been question is whether the price will spring. At present the price is reached in pork prices, and that an stay fixed. Our own experience here quotably lower. The S.S. Sable would seem to point in a contrary brought in 250 sacks of bran St. John's by Monroe Export Co., per three months. This opinion is based direction. Some dealers think that 2,900 bags of meal from Halifax la schooner Svelen 3,200 quintals to on the shortage of supplies. The the low price has been passed. White trip, so that the market is well s Oporto and by the S.S. Sachem 2,794 local quotations are Ham Butt, \$47; granulated is still 231/2 cents whole-Fat Back and Short Cut, \$40, and sale and 25 retail. The Food Control Board reports stocks on hand February 19th, 7,200 brls.; the consumption from January 26 to February get a Suit or Overcoat for the

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