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CHAPTER XVI.

"Your nurse is quite too devoted, my those shrill, labored tones, and with truth from you. I don't say he is actthat excessive politeness and pleasant- ually dying, Maria, dear. I only say fection." ness of manner which betoken wrath we are very, very anxious from hour. at the very highest pressure possible to hour. If you will allow me to see, ly, perching herself on the arm of his ney Ceal, to be delivered in the without an explosion. "She won't al- you," she adds, compressing her lips, chair like a dove of peace and inno- months of August, September and Oclow friend or relative to see your face "I myself will bring you the earliest if she can help it! Oh"—and she looks news of any change in the dear earl's soft garments. rather taken aback on perceiving Yol- condition." ande-"you were allowed in, Mrs.

"You see that friends and relatives shortly. "I shall come down to the holder—a very handsome one, gold can see my face, Aunt Murray!" Lady drawing-room after lunch. At what- and ivory, which his faithful little Maria breaks in, impatiently. "I told ever cost to myself, I must be in my friend, Miss Belle, has given him—into 230 mademoiselle to say I should like to proper place at a time like this."

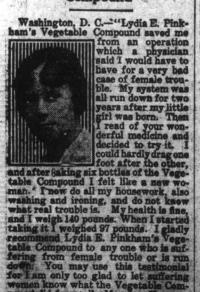
amiability of manner, but not able at 'Maria, love?"

"No, I don't!" "Maria love" re- have a pleasant excursion!"

this very curtly and frigidly, waving and aspirant for Lady Maria's friend- bosom, and standing, like "wily Vivaway the tempting glass of sparkling ship.

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about nine o'clock every morning, or is not suffering, poor old man-slipping away painlessly, I suppose. It is well he is free from actual suffer-

heard," Mrs. Murray says, with venonous politeness. "The earl has parsed a very restless night, and Sir Gregory Parker was telegraphed for half an hour ago. I have sent the young people off for a good long mountain walk; perhaps they will lunch at the farm at Penmawr. I told them not to hurry back to luncheon; it were just as well they were out of the house,

perhaps," she adds, with a grave face and a serious expression. "I always spare young people sorrow when I can," and the lady sighs heavily again, then continues; "his son and you and I are here; the poor, dear earl will not care to see many," and she puts her dainty, embroidered handkerchief hurriedly to her eyes. "You don't mean, aunt," Lady Maria

exclaims, starting up, hurriedly, a tall, gaunt strange figure in a long, semifitting, clinging garment of dark-red silk of stocking web material, "that the earl is dying Isabelle! Where is Isabelle? Isabelle!" she calls,

"Isabelle has disappeared for the time being, I suppose," Mrs. Murray sneers, "knowing you would not be" quite pleased at her having kept the

once to banish the red stain of anger are equal to it," she says, suavely, to they're as sharp as a hawk's somethat disfigures her smooth, soft, false Lady Maria. "You are a naughty little time's, let me tell you, my dear. Whatface, or recover the suave placidity of woman, Mrs. Glynne," turning to Yol- do you want, Belle? I have no time 850 her voice. "But I wanted to see you ande. "Your poor husband searched for foolery this morning." this morning to have some private talk for you high and low, but, of course, with you, if it were possible"-with a could not find you, and nobody could tightening of the lips and a lowering tell him where you were; so I had to of the eyelids—"on family matters. I send him off in my daughter's guard-terests of my own to take care of as following buildings: won't intrude on you now, of course, janship, looking most disconsolate. dear, and only came in to say good- poor fellow! He and Joyce and Lizzie morning. I hope you feel better, Powys, and her brother from Llanfair, are all the party. I hope they will

sponds, tartly. "Isabelle, my cham- Yolande's eyes light up with sudden pagne has grown flat. Some more, if wrath or pain or jealousy-Mrs. Muryou please. Will you have some, Aunt ray is not sure which. It is enough, however, for her that she has annoy-"No, thank you, dear-no, thanks," ed and distressed this new interloper plump arms across her white-draped 450

liquid, "beaded at the brim," which "Captain Glynne knew where I was, "A virtuous gentlewoman deeply mademoiselle is offering her, meekly. Mrs. Murray," poor Yolande responds, "Well, I must go now," Mrs. Murray in a forcedly calm voice. "He asked Upright and flushed, before him;" continues, smoothly, with a regretful me if I would go, and I partly declin- "but when you suffer me to endure unsmile as if concluding a long and ed, as I was going to visit Lady Maria, merited insults and hardships in your 1306 tons. welcome visit. "I have such a number as I told him. If he wanted to find me, service, I begin to doubt your will and of things to attend to. You have heard he could have done so easily," she your ability to befriend you, my lord!" bitterness.

> er!" Mrs. Murray exclaims, with a sil- each other!" Ca, tain Glynne who is a naughty man and turns to the door, instantly. and has left his poor little wife at Yolande in the coin of such reprisals you!" as she knows so well how to make.

** ** Maria's rooms with a subdued air and drooping, downcast head, as Mrs. Murray observes with satisfaction. She glides out slowly and softly, meekthe thick-carpeted corridor and the swing baize-covered door and heavy cloth portiere that shut off Lady Maria's rooms from the rest of the house; and then the young lady-

"Fleeter of foot than the fleet-foot kid" runs down the back-staircase, and along another long corridor, until she is at the other side of the house. Here s from women in every she pauses at a man one might a more panel which any one might



a small, rather meager slip of a room, Viscount Glynne's special private sitting-room, where no one ever intrudes unless by express invitation.

Mademoiselle, however-after two little taps, with a pause betweenenters boldly, and, shutting the nar-

of rent books and account books over urnine smile on his lean face, his sunken, lusterless eyes gradually brightening into something like warm

th and admiration. "What have you been doing to yourself, Belle?" he inquires, with a slight grin. "The Puritan maiden, Pris- ed at the office of the Department of

cence, in her pure gray and snowy

"It is not necessary to trouble you "or a young rose in summer time!" Glynne! Really, I congratulate you!" so much, aunt," Lady Maria says, and he puts the end of his ivory penthe dimple of her pink cheek. "What 2000 Mrs. Murray winces at this piece of do you want, you little baggage? To "Quite right; and I am coming in information; and, as her cold, pale- get your nice white apron inked, as 900 at tea-time, dear," Mrs. Murray re- blue eyes rest on Yolande, they you did the other day, and then tell joins, almost recovering her usual brighten with a malicious glimmer. her ladyship a pack of lies when you "Certainly, dear, if you are sure you go back under her sharp eyes —and

"Nor have I time for 'foolery,' as 5118 tons. you put it so politely, my lord!" Belle retorts. "But I have a few poor in- Anthracite Coal, to be delivered at the

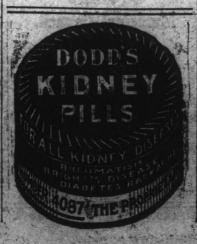
"I thought you said they were identical, my luck of diamonds " sneers

"One would think the interests of your most faithful and devoted friend were identical with yours," Belle re- 200 turns, gravely and coldly, folding her 120

of the earl, of coure, this morning, adds, with an irrepressible touch of "Who has been ruffling your feath-

Maria, dear!" and she trips off gally, slave nor your debtor, that I should when and in such quantities as re having paid off both Lady Maria and endure ungentlemanly language from and the last day of July following.

count says, humbly. "I've been great- \$(300.00) must be enclosed with ten Mademoiselle glides out of Lady ly worried and perplexed and all that forfeiture should a tender be accepted -you quite understand me, I'm sure!" and the tenderer fail to enter into the (To be Continued.)



Just Folks.

They'd take me to the store, And they'd fit me out with a gar

They did not ask, "Do you fancy

Though the sleeves were long and the coat was wide
And the pants too wide round here,
hey wispered low: "The boy will grow, And they'll fit in another year."

My boyhood days were free from style,
And now my memory brings
picture glad of an awkward lad
Who was growing up to things.

But times have changed, and the boys, to-day In the latest style are dressed, And they'd make a fuss were they asked like us.



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> "I beg your pardon, Belle," the visder, which amount shall be open to contract or give necessary security within three days of proper perform

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