The Earl's Mistake

She came and stood beside bim, so mear that the sleeves of her dress touched his hand.

"Are you not going also?" she asked, her eyes not looking down into his ling eringly.

He paused a moment, then he beid out his hands toward her, pleadingly, prayerfully.

"Zenobia!" he said, with a long breath. "Do not send me away untill have told you what my heart cannot keep bidden any longer. Zenobia! I love you!"

She looked at him, and her lips parted with a soft breath.

"You love me!" she murmured.

"Yes, yes, yes," he said. "I love you!"

She hesitated, and he saw her turn pale, then she held out her hands to him with a yielding gesture.

"Yes, I love you!" she murmured.

"And I will be your wife."

Like a man indeed intoxicated Lord Neville reached the hotel. Her kissess were burning on his lips; her hands still seemed to touch caressingly his ripping hair. Before him the vision of her beauty floated in place of the bright lake and dusty quay. With a sigh of extatic joy he sunk onto the couch, and in answer to Mr. Forsyth "Well. Neville," he just managed to falter out "Yes, i van her to pose the room. He did so for some minutes in silence. then he stopped in front of Lord Neville, sitting now pale and rapt in a kind of dream, and looked at him with a troubled stare. "You have asked this lady to be your wife, Neville."

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a startled look, as if that duty had never occured to him.

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"No! Then you have not their consent?"

"Not yet."

"Ah, hum!" said Mr. Forsyth. "You intend to write—to night, of course?"

"Yes, to-night. I should have done so before, but did not think of it. I have thought of nothing but Zenobia since the night I saw her, Forsyth."

"I am aware of that," dryly, "and of course you will give your father every particular. By the way, pardon me if I seem inquisitive, but you must remember that I am, so to speak, a sort of bear-leader to your honorable self:

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"Who is she'f' said Lord Neville, then he kmtted his brows. It was not an unnatural question, but for the life of him he could not answer it except by declaring that she was the idd of his heart, his passion's queen; all of which Mr. Forsyth knew already.

"That she has a mother, I know, because I have seen her. Has she a father alive? Where did they come from? What is their family? Who are they, in short?"

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What is their family? Who are they, in short?"

"I do not know," said Lord Neville: "do not care. It is enough for me that love her, and that she deigns to love me."

"Just so; but will that be enough for Lord Fiaz-Harwood?" said Mr. Forsyth, dryly—"for the countess, your mother? They will, I think you will admit not unreasonably, demand to know something of the antecedents of the young lady whom you intend to make their daughter-in-haw. For instance, what nationable does she belong to?"

"I den't know," said Lord Neville. "To me, she is an angel!"

"Ah," breathed Mr. Forsyth, lighting list cigar and smiling ironically. "Don't be offended, Neville—or, rather, fly into a passion if you like: I don't care. I must do my duty, and it is my duty to remark that angels do not live in a villa at Lucerne, with a mamma who is no better guardian than a wax-figure at Madume Tussaud's. Angels do not entre acques accept pony phaetons and pairs, and pearl and ruby suites costing a small fortune from gentlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to whom they are not engaged; and also that angels do not permit gertlemen to make the intendent to be a supplied to the permit and the

Lord Neville smiled calmly.
"You are judging Zenobia by the nar-row standard which rules the life of English girle," he said. "She is not Eng-

English girls," he said. "She is not English, and is not bound by the slavish prudery which fetters our women."

Mr. Borsyth sarkled grimly.

No, she certainly is not inconveniently trammeted by rules of propriety."

Lord Neville sprung to his feet, his eyes allame: but Mr. Forsyth looked at him calmly, and laid a hand on his shoulder.

"Neville," he said, and there was an accent of pain in his voice, "at present, you are not in a fit state to argue, or to apprehend an argument. You are, you are not in a fit state to argue, or to apprehend an argument. You are, my dear boy, as mad as a March hare. Yes, glare at me, if you like; but it is the truth; you are simply under a spell. I am not surprised; I admit that there is method in your madness. Miss de Norvin is as beautiful as a dreammore, she is as charming as a Cleopatra. I can say nothing more emphatic in the way of admiration, and I am not surprised that you have fallen a slave at her feet. But—but!—but!—bo is in love with Zenobia, as you call her, and to make her Viscountess Zenobia are two different things."

"They are one and the same to me!" said Lord Neville, steadily. "That she has promised to be my wife I count the happiest circumstance of my life."

"Good," said Mr. Forsyth. "Then you will not! and I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of anything that I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of anything that I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of anything that I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of anything that I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of anything that I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of anything that I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of anything that I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed of anything that I should be ashamed of, and I should be ashamed to deceive my people. I will write to-night." you are not in a fit state to argue, or to apprehend an argument. You are, my dear boy, as mad as a March hare. Yes, glare at me, if you like; but it is the truth; you are simply under a spell. I am not surprised; I admit that there is method in your madness. Miss de Norvin is as beautiful as a dream—

"Have no fear, Forsyth; I would not do anything that I should be ashamed to deceive my people. I will write to-night."

He wrote; a will drapsody. He spoke of her beauty, of her sweetness, of her intellect; he said that she was an angel and a goddess; but he didn't tell them who her father was, or where she came from, because he didn't know himself.

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The letter went on its way, and while it journeyed to England Lord Neville even while Gerald Moore came out, pass-

Half an hour later Lord Neville put

"Where are you going?" said Mr. For-syth. He was uneasy at every move-ment of his charge now. Lord Neville smiled.

think that it was I—actually I myself—who brought him to you." "Soh! If not you then another. I should have met him and made him love

should have met him and made him love me. It was fate. Did I not say that I was not born for a low estate, that I could not be satisfied with you caro mio, unless I could get nothing higher; was candid, as you call it."

"Yes, but I didn't believe it; and now

Mr. Forsyth laid his hand on Neville's

ed them, and descended the steps; held him while the woman who had revealed her baseness in all its hideousness play-ed the Spanish wine-song again for her own amusement, and at last dragged and half led him away from the accursed

spot.

Not a word passed Lord Neville's lips until they reached the hotel and Mr. Forsyth had locked the door upon them, then, raising his handsome face, all livid and drawn just as a face becomes when the Roman fever seizes him, he looked at Forsyth with piercing eyes, and muttered with a parched tongue that clove to the roof of his mouth.

"Is it true?"

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on Goat Rive timber on Goat River.

It is thought that Barker and McCurdy had left the company of Spittal
and Henderson and were returning to
Bakerville when they met their death
through exposure, as they had neither
food nor blankets when found.

DAY TO KILL RATS.

Bill Before Indiana Legislature Provides For an Annual Slaughter.

New York, March 5 .- A despatch to The Times from Indianapolis tells that a bill has been brought before the State Legislature setting aside one day each year for the wholesale slaughter of rats. By careful mathematical calcula-tion the State authorities have figured that it costs 50 cents a year to board and feed a rat, so the father of the bill to pay a bounty for each rat killed, and that in addition the farmers, by preventing future destruction of corn and other grain, will save more than year's taxes by killing the rats.

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