

CHAPTER XXIII. ACROSS THE STREAM.

After an hour or two Lord Foyle ar-

rived. "My dear Coverdale, what-ever is the matter?" he exclaimed. "I have heard the most extraordinary achimself proved as true as steel, and counts, what is it? has Lillan proken her neck, or her leg?—either or both?" at once entered into an agreement with photographers, offering her certain er neck, or her leg?-either or both?' Iris which gave her a very large sal- sums of money for the privilege of Must Earn Price

ther, I am glad to say, but I am sorry to say that she has sprained her ankle. "Tut-tut!" exclaimed Lord Foyle.

"That is just like her. She is so impulsive. Just what I was at her age. And you have had her brought here. That was very good of you. But I'm afraid you will find it a terrible nuisance."

was mainly my fault. Lady Lilian was a little too venturesome."

about Miss Mabel Howard "You buy nothing for yourself The Lyric was crowed nightly, and Mabel," he said, reproachfully, and that by no means perfect play, "The she answered with a smile. Imprisoned Princess," was a success "I have got all I want, Paul, I am beyond anything that Mr. Stapleson happy in trying to make you happy, dear.' had as yet produced.

She had requested Mr. Stapleson t The illustrated papers gave pictures of its principal scenes; the street or- keep her address secret, so that no one That better far than brilliance is the gans played the popular airs; and in knew, excepting himself, where the every Belgravian drawing-room was famous Miss Mabel Howard hid herheard Paul's song, as sung by Miss | self away when she escaped from the Mabel Howard. Mr. Stapleson and public gaze. But presently, on the sec-

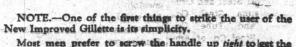
everybody connected with the theatre ond day after her first performance. were in the seventh heaven of satis- there arrived sundry letters and packfaction and delight. Mr. Stapleson ages addressed to her at the theatre. Some of these letters were from

ary, while it, very properly, secured taking and selling her photograph. To her future services to the Lyric. Paul, these requests Iris got Paul to write a too, was not forgotten, and was pro- civil but emphatic "No." Other letters moted to first violin at a good salary. | contained avowals of the writers' in-

Five new vessels are in operation It had all come so suddenly that Iris tense admiration, and prayers for her could scarcely persuade herself that autograph. And there were some which on the New England coast, which it was more than an unsubstantial contained offers of marriage-and were built for auxiliary power, but dream. Like Byron, she woke one some which did not. All these Iris will be sailed until they can earn the morning to find herself rich and fam- threw upon the fire of the green room price of an engine. This little fleet is said to comprise the finest fisher after reading the first few lines.

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