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CHAPTER IIL

A COVETED PRIZE.

"My dear," said Lady Fanshaw, "if I may say so, I think you have no to be apprehensive. Charlie readily. He is one of those men who for them, and I think what we wish is a foregone conclusion in his mind."

Lady Florence leaned her head upon her hand-a white hand, whose fingers were loaded with rare gemsand sighed.

"It is good of you to say so," she scarcely know what. A man is but a man; a strange face may rob meyes, rob me, for I have grown to look mon him as mine." She said this almost defiantly. "That girl, the dressmaker's niece-Olive Estcourt-did you hear how he spoke of her?" Lady Fanshaw broke in with a soft laugh.

Lady Florence tapped the arm of

of a country hoyden strikes him and supported her dead weight in his you to think of walking." attracts his attention. Oh, I know arms, then was seriously thinking of "I can walk it," she said calmly,

"but I think you alarm yourself un- to draw away. necessarily. This Mr. Derrick-I had better make-arrangements; they must be made comfortable."

and kind of companion moment that she was a lady.

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ing so. Just as she was right in front

unlifting it and carrying it into the and I would rather do so. You will village, when, with a shudder, she not think me ungrateful?" "Perhaps," said Lady, Fanshaw; came to, and trembling, endeavored

> CHAPTER IV. TWO STRANGERS.

THE moon came out at the moing along the awenue, with a cigar in ment, and Charlie saw that the face his mouth and nothing particular on though white and wan enough, was his mind, excepting a faint feeling of that of a woman anything but old or pleasure in the coolness of the even- uncomely. She was dressed in black, and had a certain air about her that "It is always jolly at the Court, and bespoke good breeding and refinethere is something refreshing in Florment; in fact, Charlie concluded in a

ooked up at him to thank him again

ing herself, sat upright and shook he

"No, oh, no! Thank you, I am quite for me; thank you very much."

"Dartley," said Lord Charles, eyeing her gravely. "You don't mean to atmpt to walk there?" She smiled a faint smile of

indeed, I must. I am quite well: the weakness has entirely gone—vanished as quickly as it came."

confidential, and still more plainly would have fallen, but Lord Charles evident that she was anxious to get

"No, only unreasonable," said Lord Charles.

out looking at him, inclined her head. he pulled up the collar of his by no

words, but ran back along the path giance of a pair of dark and rather been distorted for the moment with

The two young men looked at each other—the one calmly apologetic, the of a moment, then Lord Charles went

"Give me a glass of brandy and waer, cold-sharp, landlord."

The landlord, who knew Lord Char-

Fashion

dreaming, surely! and that was only take my oath! Well! the brandy is tangible enough, anyhow." And with another laugh he emptied the tumbles and pitched it under the seat. "And now I suppose I'm too late for the train, and Derrick will be prowling about the station, wondering why and set off in the long, steady swing that he had learned in his college

But one of two things perhaps had happened, either the uncertain light turned out to be the longest road; and while Lord Charles was pounding to any address on receipt of 10 cents along in the best of tempers as usual, in silver or stamps. the train came into the station, and one solitary passenger alighted. This was a tall, thin, dark gentleman, none other than Hastley Derrick. As She smiled the same self-reliant he alighted from the comfortable first-class carriage, it might have "At least," he said, "you will let me been remarked that he did two things, "Thank you, if you do not mind the means light overcoat, and shuddered slightly; secondly, he stood for a mo Lord Charles waited for no more ment, and with a comprehensive

"The Court? Certainly, sir," was the reply. "But-perhaps there is something here to meet you, sir. Her adyship generally sends-"

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