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THE QUEEN OF THE SEASON

"Thanks," said Aymer. "It's a great
relief to be allowed to do as one likes.
As for you, Viva, you're a hypocrite,
my dear. It isn't because you're se-
verely good, and impressed with the
propriety of whisking out of bed at
unreasonable hours, that you do it.
No; it's simply and solely because
someone, or your looking-glass, has
told you that it's excellent for the pure
red and white of your complexion.
You're a pretty girl, Viva—for a blonde,
that is."

"I know it," she answered composed-
ly, as she pulled off her gloves and
warmed her fingers. "Your fraternal
compliments have nothing original
about them. You'd not be bad-looking
yourself, Aymer, if that dark streak of
fluff across your upper lip could be per-
suaded to take a more decided ressem-
blance to a moustache, and you could
cultivate with it a more dignified de-
meanor."

"I'll advertise for a professor of de-
portment, who gives lessons in dignity
as well as the dumb-bells. It's not my
fault, Viva, that I'm a peer of the
realm, so don't be always throwing it
in my teeth."

"Fault? I thought most men were
proud of their rank; but you speak of
yours as if it were a burden thrust
upon you."

"So it is when it bores me, or I'm
expected to convert my natural self
into a stick wrapped in velvet and er-
mine, and topped with a coronet. The
moustache is good, Viva, give it
time, and it will be as bushy as Hath-
erfield's. By-the-way, have you seen
him this morning?"

"I have not. Is he up?"
"And out. Like you, he patronizes
the early worm. Odd that you should
develop the same tastes, isn't it? Must
be all owing to congeniality of soul,
sympathetic rapport, and all that.
While I slumber peacefully, the two
creatures dearest to me hover round
my path—no, park—beam mildly on
each other, then return to hallow my
waking, and help me to eat my break-
fast."

"But we have not beamed on each
other, your ridiculous boy, or I have
not encountered anyone in the shrub-
beries."

"That accounts for your looking so
radiant with good humor. I have
noticed that whenever you have no one
to quarrel with but yourself, you get
so tender and pitiful over Vivien's
little shortcomings, that you bring her
home the sweetest and most subdued
of women."

"My sweetness will evaporate if I
listen to any more of your nonsense,
so good-bye," retorted his sister; but
he put his hands on her shoulders, and
playfully pulled her back when she
would have gone away.

"One little morsel of sober good sense
and I'll let you depart. What do you
think of Innis?"

"Ask me at the expiration of his
visit, and I shall have had time to form
an opinion."

"But first impressions—yours espe-
cially—are always worth hearing," Ay-
mer persisted.

"Sir Innis is a handsome man; yes,
he is decidedly handsome," said Vivien,
meditatively.

"Then you do like him?" cried her
brother, looking very much gratified.

"My dear Aymer, now do I ever like
handsome men?" his sister remonstrated.
"They are always so insufferably
conceited."

Aymer's countenance began to flame
with indignation.

"Innis Hatherfield conceited! Good
gracious, Vivien, what will you say
next? But have you had any conver-
sation with him?"

"Yes, I had him to myself for nearly
a quarter of an hour. He talks
well."

"Oh! you concede that?"

"Yes; why should I not? I am al-
ways ready to give everyone his due,"
she protested, with an injured air.

"Unfortunately, these men who talk
well and know it, never can tell when
to stop. Sir Innis Hatherfield would
bore me to death in an hour."

"So would anyone else, I suppose,
who couldn't discuss the latest fash-
ions from Paris," retorted the provoked
Aymer.

"You need not be so satirical, my
dear boy, because I answer you frank-
ly. You should bear in mind that I
did not force my opinions upon you."

"Oh, no; I was idiot enough to in-
sist upon hearing them, and you were,
as usual, most obliging. I might have
ruined their nature. You wouldn't
have been so ready to favor me with
them if they had been more agreeable."

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"But you know, Aymer, I never have
been able to comprehend your infatu-
ation for Sir Innis Hatherfield."
"And never will," said he, coolly, who
was now too cross to be polite. "Your
intensely feminine mind cannot grasp
the fact that when I am bound to a
man by all the ties of gratitude and
affection, I not only honor and love
him myself, but strive to make others
sensible of his worth. Hatherfield
warned me that I had made one of my
worst blunders in praising you two to
each other; he predicted that the re-
sult would be a violent aversion, and
he was right. Not that I wonder if he
dislikes you, for never did a girl so
deliberately set herself to be disagree-
able as you are doing."

"Shall I open the windows?" asked
the unruffled Vivien, "or fetch you a
fan?" You are really getting quite
feverish, my dear boy. Adieu till you
are calmer."

Aymer, who was venting the rest of
his wrath on a refractory lump of coal,
dashed down the poker, but did not
reply, and had thrown himself into a
chair and picked up one of the morn-
ing papers, when he suddenly felt his
sister's arms steal round his neck.

"You peppy fellow, need you and I
quarrel because a third person has
been between us? Can I help it, if I do
not share your liking for your old school-
fellow? Perhaps I'm a little jealous
of the great Innis. When we were
younger we were all-in-all to each
other; you came to me for help and
comfort in every trouble, and I would
have made any sacrifice for my brother.
But now your college chum is the
keeper of your secrets; it is Innis
Hatherfield who counsels you, and I
stand out in the cold, chilled with the
thought that no one wants me."

"My sister, I love you dearly," and
the young earl twisted himself round
that he might kiss her lips.

"I know you do, and I also know that
I am horribly provoking; but don't
imagine that I confess this with any in-
tention of turning over a new leaf. I
can't promise that. I shall go on irri-
tating you till you are driven into mar-
rying and turning me out."

"You are a riddle, Vivien," sighed
her brother.

"I am so; to myself as well as to
you," she answered composedly. "But
why knit your brows over such an
enigma as a willful woman. The
bell, and I must run upstairs and
say half a dozen words to Marie about
my rink hat before I go to breakfast."

"Stay, Viva, I wanted to ask you
something. This new maid of yours—
do you like her?" asked Aymer, en-
deavoring to look unconcerned as he
put the question.

"Yes; she has excellent taste in
dress. I think she will suit me very
well."

"You find her rather superior to the
common run of maids, don't you?"
[To be Continued.]

REMARKABLY QUEER CONDUCT

Of the Steamship Briardene's
Commander.

Ten Persons Burned to Death in a
Timber Shed—Suicide at Sea.

Queenstown, Nov. 19. — Something in
the nature of a sensation has been
caused here by the extraordinary
conduct of Captain Johnston, com-
mander of the British steamer Briar-
dene, which arrived here on Oct. 21
from New York, extensively damaged
by severe weather, during which she
was almost submerged for ten days.

Since that time the Briardene has
been repairing for a passage west.
The Briardene was seized by a mar-
shal of the admiralty court for debt,
and a bailiff was placed on board of
her. The captain determined to defy
the court, and started for Delaware
breakwater; but the pilot who was on
board refused to navigate the ship out
of the harbor, with the result that the
captain attempted to do so, and ground-
ed the Briardene off Haul Bowline. Ten
hours later she was towed off. In the
meanwhile the admiralty court officials
communicated with the admiral in
charge of this station, and the latter
sent a steam pinnace to intercept the
Briardene. The pinnace met the Briar-
dene as the latter was passing out of
Queenstown harbor at full speed, and
ordered her to stop. The captain of the
steamer paid no attention to the sum-
mons, but continued on his way as fast
as the engines of the Briardene could
drive her, with the little pinnace fol-
lowing in pursuit. The chase was
watched by excited crowds ashore. Off
Spike Island the Briardene had com-
pletely outdistanced the pinnace, and
the chase was at an end.

The British steamer Rydaholm, Cap-
tain Brown, from Montreal, Nov. 2, via
Sydney, C. B., Nov. 6, for Hull, passed
Lizard Head yesterday, and reported
that the upper decks were damaged, and
that the mate had been washed over-
board, and lost during the voyage.

The Cunard liner Campania, Captain
Walker, which left New York on Nov.
12 for Liverpool by way of Queens-
town, touched there yesterday morn-
ing, and reported that a Swedish pas-
senger named Mockarisen committed
suicide by jumping overboard while on
the passage across the Atlantic.

A SURPRISE.
London, Nov. 19. — The Birmingham
Post learns from a Belgian source
that Major Marchand, upon his re-
turn to Fashoda, will probably find
at that place several French officers,
including Colonel Fouque, with rein-
forcements and supplies. A column of
French soldiers, under command of
Lieut. Rowie, may also have arrived
at Fashoda.

TEN PERSONS CREMATED.
St. Petersburg, Nov. 20. — In a large
fire which completely destroyed an
extensive timber shed here yesterday,
ten persons were burned to ashes.

CABLE NOTES.
The Austrian Reichsrath rejected a
motion to impeach ex-Premier Badeni,
by a vote of 193 to 174.

Prince George of Greece, the high
commissioner of the powers in Crete,
has arrived in Athens on his way to
that island. He received an ovation
from the Cretans here and at the Pir-
aeus.

Hon. Cecil Rhodes' supporters have
forced a compromise on the Dutch el-
ement for a redistribution of seats in
the assembly, and it is believed that
Rhodes will soon resume the office of
premier.

Mr. James Brown-Potter, the ac-
tress, is seriously ill with pleurisy. Her
condition is serious. The physician ex-
presses hopes for her recovery, but it
will be some time before she can again
appear on the stage.

Paris papers give currency to a ru-
mor that Count Esterhazy recently ad-
mitted receiving \$20,000 from ex-Min-
ister of War Billot for forging the
bordereau, famous document in the
Dreyfus case.

Chang Tungli's raid into Chantui and
Derge caused friction between the
Chinese and Tibetans, which may result in a
clash between the two countries, de-
spite efforts of Chinese officials to ad-
just matters. China claims the raided
territory, but Tibetans had absolute-
ly contradicted it for a long time. China
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of the day says that there are several
forms of melancholia; simple melanc-
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cholia atonita, and melancholia with
stupor. The first two are the most
difficult of recognition, and are the
forms that especially endanger the lives
of victims and their friends.

Some of the first and most important
symptoms of melancholia are sleepless-
ness, depression of spirits, slow mental
movements, terrifying hallucinations
and aversion to food. The whole ner-
vous system is soon in a most alarm-
ing condition, the mind becomes affect-
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Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Thos.
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