(Continued.) CHAPTER XIII

INTERVENTION. Mrs. Graham saw clearly before her the difficulties and danger of the task she had undertaken, and she approachtion. Time and abundance of opportunities were on her side, however. Moreover, she and Yolande were like sisters now; and when the men-folk were smoking together in some other part of the dahabeevah, and talking about public affairs or their chances of most likely seated in the cool shade of the Belvedere, having a quiet and conwhile the slow-moving panorama of the at all." Nile stole stealthily by.

And gradually Mrs. Graham got Yolande to think a good deal about the future, which ordinarily the girl was loath to do. She had an adent moment, so long as the weather trouble, and why should she look fortimes, when Mrs. Graham was talking on earth to depress her—except, per-haps, the absence of dear Baby. In ious about herself. She was content to take the present as it was, and the future as it might come. She was far more interested in watching the operations of this or that African kinglisher, when the big black and gray bird, after fluttering in the air for a while in the manner of a hawk, would swoop down and dive into the river, emerging with

a small silver fish in its beak. But if she could not easily be made anxious about herself, she very easily indeed could be made anxious about her father; and Mrs. Graham quickly discovered that anything suggested about him was instantly sufficient to arouse her interest and concern. She played upon that pipe skilfully, and vet with not the faintest notion that her siren music was anything but of the simplest and honestest kind. Was it not for the welfare and happiness of every one concerned ? Even Jim, with his faculty for looking at the sardonic side of things, had not a word to say against it. It would be a very good

arrangement, that oracle had declared. "Do you know, dear," said she, one morning, to Yolonde, "what Jim has been saying ?-that he would not be surprised if, sooner or later, your father were offered some place in the Govern-

Yolande opened her eyes wide with surprise. But then she laughed, and shook her head.

"Oh no. It is impossible. He is not good friends with the Government. He has too many opinions to himself." "I don't know," said pretty Mr. French mirrors, and smoothing her hear Jim, anyway. Of course I don't for you a pretty dinner, with flowers on grove of dark green acacias. mean a post with a seat in the Cabinet; but office of some kind-an Under Secretaryship or something of that sort Jim says he heard just before he left town that the Government were going to try to conciliate the Radicals, and that some member below the gangway would most likely be taken in. It would please some of the northern towns; and Slagpool is an important

"Oh, do you think it is possible?" cried the girl, with a new light in her always in town ?"

"That's just it, Yolande dear." said Mrs. Graham. "If your papa were a member of the Govern ent, in what-

"Oh, of course not certainly not the girl said, eagerly. "He would live in London. He would have a house-a proper home. Do you think it is likely? I never heard of it before. But always has: does it not say that those ham. You will just see what a Highworking for the good of the country? Very well; why should it not be?"

'I quite agree with you; and Jim says it is not at all unlikely. But you being all that time left by himself in soon. If I have done anything indisare talking about a house, Yolande London-" dear; well it would scarcely be worth your papa's while to take a house mere-frankly to you, even if you fancy it have this knowledge in the background. ly for you; though it is certainly of importance for a member of the Government to have a town house; and enter tain, and so forth. You could scarcely manage that, you know, my dear; you himself a little more than at present? are rather young; but if your papa Don't you think it would be better for mean what you say-" were to marry again?"

"Yes?" said Yolande, without betraying any dismay. In that case I have been wondering

what would become of you," said the Parliament." other, with her eyes cast down. "Oh, that is all right," said the girl cheerfully. "That is quite right.

lips becoming a little tremulous. Madame has directed me to that once or twice-often; but not always with and Mrs. Graham, with abundant good sense, I consider. For it can not cheerfulness; "but I see the natural always happen that step-mother and way out of it. Perhaps you don't, step-daughter do not get on well-if dear Yolande; but I do. I know what there is one who is very anxious to will happen. You will have a house please. And if my papa were to marry and home of your own; and your you attention; and I made sure you again, it is not likely that I should have father will be very glad to see you less of his society; I should have more: happy and settled; and he will give please you..." if there was a home, and I allowed to remain, I should have more. And why Parliament is sitting; but when Parshould I have anything but kindness liame, is not sitting then he will come bewildered. for his wife, who gives me a home? to you for relaxation and amusement, Oh. I assure you it is not I who would and you must have a salmon-rod ready he is of you; and your father approv-"Oh no; I dare say not-I dare say nice luncheons to be sent up the hill, ing too-"

not, Yolande dear," said the other, where he will be with the others. Now The girl started as if she had been with a gracious smile. "You are not isn't that something to look forward struck, and her face became quite terribly quarr lsome. But it seldom to ?" the way. Sooner or later you would the girl said, bewildred. find yourself in the way."

"Then I would go." "Where?"

The girl made a little gesture by one in a proper position." turning out the palms of her hands ever She said neither yea nor nay; there that he would be more free to attend to

just make a sister of von "

She spoke with feeling, and, indeed, orthern home, wholly apart from the they were told belonged to Merhadj; I am telling you a secret to clear my projects of the Master of Lynn. And but the Reis had had orders to moor own mind. Ah, and if you only knew Yolande for a second put her hand on the dahabeeyah by the shore at some how glad we should be to have yo her friend's hand.

very kind of you to think of it; and I ed among the confusion and squalor tears, but she would not own it. She believe it true—so much that, if there | further along. The consequence of this | had courage. She looked her companwas any need, I would accept it at once. | was that very soon they found them- | ion fair in the face, as if to say, "Do having a little shooting in the neigh- And it is a very nice thing to think of; selves the practical owners of a portion you think I am crying? I am not. borhood of Merhadj, these two were that there are friends who would take of Africa which seemed to be uninhabit you into their own home if there were ed; for when the whole party got strange sort of smile, and need, Oh, I assure you, it is pleasant ashore (with much excitement and crying fidential chat all to themselves, the to think of, even when there is no need eager interest), and waded across the

ent moment, so long as the weather was fine, and her father not a long way off. She had never experienced any for the twelfth they will be lucky.

They say that if they get cap at them—and wood-pigeons, the latter of a brilliant blue and gray and saway for the twelfth they will be lucky. off. She had never experienced any Now you know, dear Yolande, between white. But by-and-by, as they wanward to any? She was in perfect very forbearing. It is all very well for shore again, and grateful for the shelter

-really-really-" with the sadness begotten of worldly Yolande, quickly; "and you think he rushes and hot sand; and as the anilaugh lightly, and ask what there was and always be at the House? Yes, yes; doubt that the natives were carrying in that is what I think too. Do you farm produce to sell at Merhadj. would rather have him always at the Effendi, written in excellent English, House. I would rather read his saying that his father had just returned speeches in the newspaper then see any from the interior, and that they both more cities, and cities, and cities." "Very well; but what are you going | ing a visit the following morning.

to do, Yolande dear, between the time of our getting back and the twelfth ?" bri shtening, "that will be a busy time -no more of going away-and I shall be all the time in the hotel in Albemarle Street-and papa and I dining before he goes to the House."

"I am sure you are mistaken there," father won't let you stay all that time in town. He hates the very name of town. He is too fond of you, too careful of you, Yolande dear, and too proud of the roses in your cheeks, to let you choosing of a costume for dinner, and shut yourself up in a town hotel." "But look at me !" the girl said in

dignantly. "Do I not look well? Am I sick-looking? Why should I not Are all unwell who live in London? anything were likely to make me unpapa, and that he is living alone there. | the situation ; why should she be star-Think of his living alone in the hotel, and dining alone there-worse than the crush and the badly cooked joints-

the table ?' you stay in :own. I know that."

sigh. Why should it?" said her eyes. "My papa in the Ministry—and friend, briskly. "Come to Inverstroy. looking rather frightened. Oh no; I

Inverness; and Archie will get the dog. to you." cart and horses for you; and we might ever place, he could not go gallivanting even go down to Allt-nam-ba, and see right. And then we will all go on to trouble : Inverstroy-Archie as well; and he will why should it not be?—why should it while; but we will make you just one I am not afraid." not be, dear Mrs. Graham? There are of the family, and you will amuse yourvery few members in the House of Commons—why, scarcely any at all—don't pet you, and make you comfort-been clear enough to the rest of us for who are returned by such a number of able, and as happy as ever you were in some time back. Dearest Yolande, am persons. Look at the majority he your life, then my name isn't Mary Gra- I speaking too much now?"

land welcome we will give you!" "I know-I know," said the girl.

cruel. Don't you imagine your father and be hiding it like a secret from you.' stituents, and consequently be more at ease in his own mind, if he were left by

"Yes, yes-it is so-I can see it." "And if you were with us, he could give his whole time and attention to

"Yes, yes-though I had other wishes as well," the girl said, with her

"It is a very awkward situation," proper attention to Parliament while

answers. You would find yourself in "Yes-but-a house of my own?", "Did you say-that my father wish-

the girl said, bewildred.

"Of course when you marry, my dear. That is the obvious solution of the whole difficulty: it will put every

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dear child, of no protest of any kind. But her eyes his reason, though it might be one of one place where you could go. If you were distant and thoughtful; not sad several reasons; but I can very well came to us at Inverstroy-now, or then, exactly, but seemingly filled with understand his being pleased at the or at any time—there is a home there memories—probably memories of her notion of seeing you married and comwaiting for you; and Jim and I would own futile schemes and hopes. fortably settled among people who That afternoon they came in sight of would make much of you, as I really some walls and a minaret or two, half and truly think we should. Now, dea with honesty; for she was quite ready hidden by groves of palms lying along Yolande, don't say anything in haste. o have welcomed Yolande to their the high banks of the river; and these I am not asking you on behalf of Archie

short distance from the town, so that among us !" "I know that," said she, "and it is the English party should not be quarter-

ourselves, your father's constituents are dered along-highly pleased to be on health and consequently her brain was us to make a joke of it here; but really of the trees—they met a slow procession of Arabs, with donkeys and camels, "I understand you very well," said | wending their way through the dry imagine it is I who take him away on Then when they returned to the daha voyage after voyage? No! For me, I beeyah, they found a note from Ismat

> But what to do till dinner-time-now that the dahabeeyah was no longer Nile? Ahmed came to the rescue. The chef was anxious to have some pigeons: would the gentlemen go ashore and shoot some for him? The gentletogether every night, and having a chat | men flatly refused to go and kill those half-tame creatures; but they discovered that Ahmed could shoot a little; so said Mrs. Graham, promptly. Your they lent him a gun, and offered to beat the wood for him. It was an occupation, at least. And so the two

the donning of the same. It was an opportunity not to be missed; and yet Mrs. Graham was terribly nervous. She had an uncomfortable live in a town hotel as well as others? suspicion all day that she had not been quite ingenious in her conversation of No; it is folly to say that. And if the morning; and she was anxious to confess and clear her mind, and yet well, it is not living in London ; but afraid of the effects of her confession. it is the fretting, when I am away from But Yolande had spoken so reasonably London, that I can be of no use to my and sensibly; she seemed to recognize

For good or ill, she determined to that still, dining at the House of Com- plunge in medias res; and she adopted mons! Why, it was only last night a gay air, though her fingers were Colonel Graham and he were speaking of the bad dinners there—the heat and Yolande's arm. They were slowly yes, and I sitting there, and saying to under the awning. They could just myself, 'Very well, and what is the use see the gentlemen of the party, along of having a daughter if she cannot ger with Ahmed, disappearing into the

"Yolande, I am a wicked women," "I understand you so well : when she said, suddenly. "Hear my confesyou speak it is like myself thinking," sion. I was not quite frank with you said Mrs. Graham, in her kindly way this morning, and I can't rest till I have (and not at all imagining that she was told you. The fact is, my dear child, anything of a hypocrite, or talking for when I spoke to you about the possibila purpose); "but you may put it out of your head. Your father wou't let wishes of one or two others, and I ought to have told you. And now I wish to "Then I suprose it will be Outlam ! confess everything; and you will for-Park," said Yolande, with a bit of a give me if I say anything to offend or

alarm vou-" "About my marrying?" said the girl, Go back with us. Then we will see do not wish to know. I do not wish to about the cook and the housemaid in know of anything that any one has said

"Then you have guessed?" The mere question was an intimation the winter, and that the lodge is all with an eager haste, and in obvious

"Why should we speak of any such take you out salmon-fishing, for I shall thing? Dear Mrs. Graham, why have my own house to attend to for a should I be afraid of the future? No;

She stood still and took both the girl's hands in hers.

"Am I telling you too much? O "How can I thank you for such kind. am I telling you what you have guessed ness? But then to think of my papa already? I hope I haven't spoken too creet, don't blame him ! I could not "My dear Yolande, I must speak | talk to you just like sister to sister, and would stand a little better with his con- Yolande drew her hands away; she seemed scarcely able to find utterance. "Oh, no, Mrs. Graham-it is a mis take-it is all a mistake-you don't

every one if he were left a little freer?, "But indeed I do!" the other said, eagerly. "Dearest Yolande, how can I help wishing to have you for a sister? But if I have revealed the secret too soon, why, you must forget it altogether and let Archie speak for himself. But against the excessive immigration of you know I do wish it. I can't help Chinese men alone. telling you. I have been thinking of what we might be to each other up there in the Highlands; for I never had a sister, and my mother died when I was quite young, like yours, dear Yolande. You can't tell how pleased I was when Archie began to-to show

> must have seen how anxious he was to She paused for a second here, but there was no answer; the girl was too "Why, Jim would be like a bi

brother to you; you can't tell how fond

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> "Now I remember what you were saying in the morning. And you knew then also that my papa wished "Oh yes, certainly-not that he has

But Yolande was scarcely listening should remain in London till the twelfth, mals were heavily laden, they made no Rapid pictures were passing before her -pictures that had been suggested by Mrs. Graham herself. And Yolande's father, not her future husband, was the central figure of them.

spoken directly to me-

Then she seemed to throw these speculations with an effort of will "Come,' she said more cheerfully would do themselves the honor of pay-"is it not time to dress? We will put away that secret; it is just as if you had never spoken; it is all away in the air-vanished. And you must not tell "Oh," said Yolande, with her face moving past the familiar features of the your brother that you have been talking to me; for you know, dear Mrs. Graham, he has been very kind to me, and I would not give him pain-oh, not

for anything-" "My dear Yolande, if he thought there was a chance of your saying yes, he would be out of his senses with joy!

cal air. "It is not to be thought of at Pleasant Worm Syrup, which co women were left by themselves again, all as yet. My papa has not said anywith nothing before them but the hing to me. And a little talking be tween us two-what is that ? Nothing -air-it goes away; why should we remember it ?" Mrs. Graham could not understand

this attitude at all. Yolande had said neither yes nor no ; she seemed neither GRAY'S SPECIFIC MEDICINE. elated or depressed; and she certainly TRADF MARK THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY, An u had not-as most young ladies are supupon a refusal-expressed any compasover, at dinner, Mrs. Graham observed that more than once Yolande regarded the young Master of Lynn with a very attentive scrutiny. It was not a conscio as furtive scrutiny; it was calm and unabashed. And Mrs. Graham also noticed that when her brother looked up to address Yolaude, and met her eves, those eves were not hastily witheyes, those eyes were not hastily with-drawn in maiden confusion, but rather answered his look with a pleased friend liness. She was certainly studying him

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"Why should we speak of any such thing? Dear Mrs. Graham, why should I be afraid of the future? No; I am not afraid."

"But there are others to be consider—"But there are others to make the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the kidneys, leave the body upon the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Dropsy, Stone in the caloric influence of the sun's rays so does bright's Disease, Drops

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