# Beautiful Cynthia;

Victory After Many Defeats.

CHAPTER XXXI.

A LOVE-INSPIRED HOPE. Instead of replying, Parsons stole I can spare from my regular ones. from the room and dispatched Betsy Yes; I should go to the sale, if I for the doctor and Lord Northam. To

her amazement and indignation, the former, who arrived first, received boots which inclosed his big and usethe information with calmness and ful feet. Then he looked up with a

"Not at all a bad idea, my dear," he said, patting her hand, "A complete change of scene-"

Cynthia smiled wanly, her eyes fixed on his kindly ones.

"I am going out to find him," she He nodded. "Well, why not? Your emancipated sex can travel anywhere

She nodded at him gratefully.

"You are wise as well as kind." she murmured. "You understand. He is not dead, and I shall find him.'

"I really believe you will, if he is alive!" he said. "But you will have to be quite well and strong before you can start on so trying a journey and

"How long?" she asked, with a flushed face and shining eyes.

"Not for a year, if you excite yourself," he retorted. "But if you will keep your mind cool, and eat three square meals a day, presently-we'll say in a couple of months."

Northam stared aghast when the doctor informed him of Cynthia's resolutions.

"Going to look for him! Why-

"Is he?" said the doctor, screwing un his eves. "Well, upon my word, I'm not sure of it. You see, I've listened to her so often that I'm beginning to believe that she may be right Anyhow, there's a month before us; the sale to-morrow?" he broke off.

"What sale?-oh, the Fraynes', the Court? I don't know. Why should

"To employ your mind," responded the wise old man. "Go and buy something. I shall have you on my

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truth, my lord. I've already got a patient who demands all the attention

Canadian Agent, Northam gazed vacantly at the IOHN JACKSON. Resident Agent. look of intelligence in his placid

"I understand!" he said. "Right you are! I'll go!"

CHAPTER XXXIII.

#### THE REPENTANT SINNER.

That same afternoon Parsons ar ranged the table beside the sofa to which Cynthia had promoted herself beloved young mistress when she saw the only station fly draw up to

A lady stepped out and stood lookovering from a collapse, said:

'Here's a visitor, Miss Cynthia; it, of course, you won't see her." "Her?" said Cynthia, with faint sur

"Lady Alicia, miss, Bless heart, and how bad she looks! She's that thin and white. I'll go down

"No," said Cynthia, quietly. will see her. Ask her to come up and bring another teacup.'

"The doctor-" remonstrated Parsons; but Cynthia shook her head.

bring back that night before the wedding, when Lady Alicia had, alas! persuaded her that it was her duty to break the engagement with Darrel. Lady Alicia entered and stood for a

As Parsons had said, Alicia Northam was but a shadow of her former self; her bright, vivacious air had given place to one of settled melancholy, and the dark shadows under her eyes, the pallor of the lips, spoke of sleepless nights and brooding days

tept her eyes on Cynthia's face, with

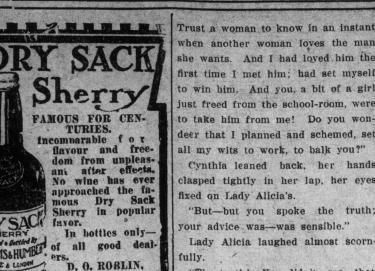
he expression of one doggedly carryng out a painful resolution. "Yes," she replied. "I look what

does not know I am here." "Not know!" echoed Cynthia, with surprise.

"No," said Lady Alicia slowly, "and

Darrel Frayne?' Cynthia colored, "No," she said

"Yes, perhays it isn't necessary;



ed me in your heart. I deserve it, and, if you can understand, it would be a kind of relief; though I have

"I don't understand-" said Cynsuppress her agitation, for she had to get well and strong quickly. She must not permit herself to be thrown back; she would need all her strength or the journey that lay before her. Lady Alicia looked at her with a

kind of dull curiosity. this simplicity that helped me to get would have been suspicious, have asked herself why I should have taken he trouble to dine with you that rating you from Darrel Frayne:"

Cynthia's face flushed for a moment. My aunt acted for the best accord-

"And I wish I were dead, also performed my part well; my friends

The truth dawned on Cynthia at last, and she shrank back involun-

"Don't-don't say any more!" she

"Yes: you see now." said Lady Alicia bitterly. "It was because I to snatch him from you. You look as if you were startled, amazed. You ou were in love with each other.

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clasped tightly in her lap, her eyes "But-but you spoke the truth;

your advice was-was sensible." Lady Alicia laughed almost scorn-

"The truth! You didn't see that, robbed of you, Darrel Frayne was more likely to rush headlong to ruin had sunk as low as a man could sink.

"Yes." said Cynthia quietly. "I was a fool. I know it now. And that makes

who prompted, persuaded you. Day and night I am conscious of that. know what a murderer feels when he

"He is not dead!" breathed Cyr hia, almost inaudibly. Lady Alicia started and caught her

"You have heard-news?" she pan

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