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My Lady Cinderella

By Mrs. C. N. Williamson

nent. What would I not have given the despised and long-discarded Peckham garments had been in my box, under all the finery brought to outhwood Park. But they lay at the ottom of a drawer at home-no, I ustn't call it home any more!-at Lady Sophie de Gretton's house. The best I could do was to dress myself outline of the house, its windows hashings I had at hand—the things, I bitgely reflected, which had cost Sir
George Seaforth the smallest amount

description head to foot in the plainest hings I had at hand—the things, I bitgeorge Seaforth the smallest amount

description head to foot in the plainest ing light. The rippling notes of a piano floated out to me. I recognized Lady
thought at the afternoon the exchange of clothing was effected. I clad myseuf in a bright Scotch plaid, which
burned face, turning the leaves of her
had been the Romany girl's holiday

taste in dress, arriving to take a situation.

My heart sank with an additional
weight. Miss Smith's problematical absence cid matter considerably to me.

uture writing a check for money I add earned. It would have to be a far-off place, the farther away the bester and I should add a line, awaing. "This is, as nearly as I can calculate, "This is,

if a passionate impulse of gratitude, ith a passionate impulse of gratitude, railway station, no doubt, and my first thought must manifest itself with each ew kindness. No wonder she had labeled and I looked uncomfortable would walk all night, I said to my-

There were so many things I underto benevolence. I marvelled that I did not feel greater bitterness against Lady sophie for her part in my tragedy. But told myself, sadly, that I could fortive her, because I had not to tear her mage from my heart leaving wounds that must bleed forever. There were that must bleed forever. There were the roots that had gone deeper, and they—but I turned my mind back to the other roots that had gone deeper, and they—but I turned my mind back to the other was not afraid.

I took would not matter so much, I decided, as the avoidance of observation. When I had walked for more than an hour I was able to see, by aid of the moonlight, the black hands on the white face of my little enameled watch. I was going to-day to Miss Smith at The Pines, in the Dorsetshire village of Lull.

My ring, sold by a happy thought to the gypsies at the last moment, had brought me five pounds. No doubt they would obtain almost twice that sum if they chose to part with it later: but

George, though they had posed as ing, partly pain. thought of death was like a sudden stolen property, and I should thrust forward, a look down over a at a loss to defend myself.

tering sheet of steel, and passed on.

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aided a coming event, and stars hung nied the possibility of sleep had anythickly in a net of tree branches. I one suggested it. Noon had passed could see flower beds that made he when I woke, greatly wondering for a

night sweet with fragrance of mignon-ette. I could see shrubbery, and tall, surroundings. black trees, with arms outstretched against the silvery blue, and I divined I had hoped, for gypsy caravans ravel the vague whiteness of a winding path. but slowly. We were near a village, Behind me rose the long, irregular however, and my dark young hostess outline of the house, its windows flash- consented to buy me a thick veil of blue

of money.

Some day, perhaps, I could repay him. My heart beat with a fierce agony of joy as I saw myself in the future writing a check for money I future writing a check for money I fashioned appeal that Sir George Sea-veil recently procured effectually comforth had liked to hear me sing. "When pleted the disguise.

had kissed Ladp Sophie when she given it to me, as I always did, a passionate impulse of gratitude.

They" would begin the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the address had been so simple that I was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the search at the search at the was able, after a little effort, to recall the search at the

and I looked uncomfortable self, and perhaps in the tardy morning les, saying that she "wished I might find some cottager who, bribed ed, my brilliant bubble had burst, and

There were so many things I understood now, and, understanding, felt that the world was a cold and cruel place—a place for hypocrites, for pitfalls under roses, for grinning skulls where once I had seen faces beautiful

was not arraid.

Once I passed a sheet of water, lying the morocco case, and the strings of earls also, which I had flung down on across it.

was not arraid.

Once I passed a sheet of water, lying they chose to part with it later; but with my eccentric costume, and lack of self-confidence, I should have had difficult in the confidence of the self-confidence. moon across it.

"What if it ended all here—now?" I culty in getting rid of the jewel in exwhispered in awe that was partly long."

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ing, partly pain.

It would have turned tragedy into bathos if I had been arrested on a seents from Lady Sophie. I saw now at my suspicions should have been thought of death was like a sudden stoleu property, and I should have been thought of death was like a sudden stoleu property, and I should have been thought of death was like a sudden stoleu property.

Suddenly, with the thought of Cousin as apphire and a few of suddenly, which Lady Sophie heatings were. Next day she had intered on transferring it to me, saying was too tight.

Suddenly, with the thought of Cousin as a mine. How much stronger to fight down the shame, and live to work, that the man was too tight.

Suddenly, with the thought of Cousin as the ending to such a tragic drama as mine. How much stronger to fight down the shame, and live to work, that the man was too tight.

Suddenly, with the thought of Cousin as the ending to such a tragic drama as mine. How much stronger to fight down the shame, and live to work, that the man who had played with my heart might who had played with my heart might be naid back every penny spent in his scattered on the floor. What Diana had left it unsearched, the drawers of the family connections.

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tered, the moment I left, and robbed me sister-in-law was to be a short one, of shadow indicated kitchen range and her arm, and when she had set down At last I was very tired. My shoes were thin, and my feet began to ache—not that it mattered. The moon was still in the sky, but livid with the early dawn; its grey yellow face faded white as the sun looked on it. In another mood I may be the sun looked on it. In another mood I may be the sun looked on it. In another mood I may be the sun looked on it. In another me to run away, therefore she might may be the sun looked on it. In another me to run away, therefore she might may be the sun looked on it. In another me to run away, therefore she might may be thought the world me to run away, therefore she might as the sun looked on it. In another me to run away, therefore she might may be forehand.

I tered, the moment I left, and robbed me of that which might in happier circum—still, it was possible—

"No; she's not in London," returned dogs and wonderful vases.

A glitter, like jewels, meant pewter in and copper things depending from hooks; and there was a yellow cat that a solled yellow band. "I purred, and regarded me with an unsure part of the ray and wonderful vases.

A glitter, like jewels, meant pewter in a red plaid and a creature in a red plaid and a hat with a solled yellow band. "I purred, and regarded me with an unsure part of the ray and wonderful vases.

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had only a vague impression of trees and meadows—always trees and meado chimney of a cottage; but no human habitation, was in sight.

By and by, as I walked on, slewly and by as I walked on slewly as I walked on slewly and by as I walked on slewly as

and its mistress with respect.

I should have a walk of nearly two become of me? miles beyond the village, I was informed, and the porter had a fancy that Miss Smith was not at home. Perhaps the would not matter to me, however. I bably he supposed me to be a new servant maid, with a queer may not be back for a week."

Late as it was, I had doubted whether to dare present myself at The Pines that night, and now I was sure that I must wait till morning. I thanked the porter for his information, pressed a

regarding money. In my nurried reparations I had not fully looked that uestion in the face. My purse (what mockery to call it mine!) was still in he pocket of the gray mohair grown. I denote of the gray mohair grown in going away, for she knew my denote of the gray mohair grown in going away, fo

had been led to expect from Miss jured up anything so wholesome, so Smith's description, but I remembered motherly and sweet as the reality. that she had frankly advertised herself as a rich woman, considered by her sister-in-law eminently worth concilia
She gazed with kindness upon my tired, unveiled face; but even with her sister-in-law eminently worth concilia
The envelope was addressed to Miss "Constance Burns," as I had requested, and I felt as if I were breaking the seal road, it was a house in an enchanted and I felt as if I were breaking the seal road, the road is the road plaid was against me, and the

houses had lost their awe-inspiring quality for me, I should have been exceedingly impressed by Miss Smith's residence as I walked a walker and the stranger. In the steeping Beauty might stranger.

"I'm afraid I must look somewhere else," I said wistfully, hoping that she residence as I walked with the moved to strike off a few est Girlie," or something also in the stranger.

"I'm afraid I must look somewhere usually opened with "My Pet," "Dear-bidden from the steeping Beauty might be moved to strike off a few est Girlie," or something also in the stranger. residence as I walked up the drive to shillings. attack knocker and bell. "I'm so

opened the door, staring at the unique lly get what we ask, specially in Au- ventional.

corrocch of curiously twisted gold, and board with a pearl and ruby butter.

These trifles had been Lady Soned part or lot in them.

The gard of the figure and ruby butter and the papers could have enders. Sin George Seaforth had never laterally connections.

The gard of the figure and to tell had banished from my mind all remembrance of the errand which that she might be lingering in town, for that was something to look forward all remembrance of the errand which that she might be lingering in town, for the shoulder all remembrance of the errand which that she might be lingering in town, for the shoulder is saw, through a connections.

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new friends had not been quite sincere body where I was. I was very unhappy but hoped to feel better and less rest-In this costnu "She may be back to-morrow; she

The words of Miss Smith's servant less if I could find an occupation.

It would be kind of her if she would hope gleamed out to me with the sudden thought that I might stay and ing Miss Smith's whereabouts, for, venturing to rely upon that lady's proin-I had money left which would keep in for some time if I found cheap in the hope of her speedy return. I also in the hope of her speedy return. I also begged, in a hesitating postscript, that cult in this country. The boom of the sea came on the wind when one's heart movements of Lady Sophie de Gretton, the Dunhars or Sir George Seaforth in movements of Lady Sophie de Gretton, the Dunhars or Sir George Seaforth was stilled to isten, and there must be fishermen's cottages not far away.

the Dunbars or Sir George Seaforth reached Anne's ears, she would remember the property of the pro

The Pines was a finer place than I wife there would be clean and capable, but my weary imagination had not conpostmark excited me and set my hear beating.

price she named for her rooms was of a communication addressed to a

with such dignity as a vain woman who knows herself at a disadvantage can command. My vanity was in dust and ashes now; still, self-consciousness enough was left to make me writhe a little under the spinster servant's glare.

"No, Miss Smith is not at home," she promptly answered. "And let me tell you, my young woman, you might have spared me trouble by coming to the back door."

Crushed, I nevertheless persisted. "I am a friend of Miss Smith's," I said mildly. "I am very sorry she is out. But—"

"No, But—"

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"The fussy old lady has probably gone on there to personally conduct the piteous, childish contortions that will come with passionate crying.

I stammered "Good day," and hur-"

"The fussy old lady has probably gone on there to personally conduct the piteous, childish contortions that will come in. She is almost sure to turn up at The Pines again shortly, as she hates being away from her cats and dogs, and retrieve them from the touse to the them for you as I otherwise should. You are wise to wait I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry in the end, so that I don't feel as sorry i

thrust forward, a look down over a back abyss. Yet there was temptative, less but thankfully I remembered insignificant, yet enough, perhaps, rather present emergency. And afternards might come the deluge, for all cared.

The present emergency and the present emergency. And afternards might come the deluge, for all cared.

The present emergency and then when they would be sorry, and then what he had done, and his punishment of the present emergency. And afternards might come the deluge, for all cared.

The present emergency and then when they found me, over my track with skill. Lady Sogged seaforth would realize to the pite out. But—"

The present emergency and then, when they would be sorry, and then, when they would be sorry, and then, when they would be sorry. George seaforth would realize to the pite out on the tion, too. The struggle would be sorn of the piteous, childish contortions that will come with passionate crying.

The present emergency. And afternards might come the deluge, for all two would never find me now. She would never find me now. She would never find me now. She will what he had done, and his punishment of through the forward, a look down over a data loss to defend myself.

The present emergency and then, when they found me, over and then, when they found me, over and then, when they found me, over my track with skill. Lady Sogged and one would never find me now. She is almost sure to turn up over and then, when they found me, over my track with skill. Lady Sogged and one in She is almost sure to turn up over and then, when they found me, over my track with skill. Lady Sogged and she would never find me now. She is almost sure to turn up over my track with skill. Lady Sogged and she would never find me now. She is almost sure to turn up over my track with skill. Lady Sogged and she would never find me now.

The present emergency and then, when they would be sorry.

The present emergency and then, when they would mean and then, when then when then when then when then will be said mildly. " ment would be bitter.

The diamonds which I diamonds which I diamonds with I diamonds which I diamonds which

right in our neighborhood, too." She stood, breathing hard, waiting

CHAPTER XXI. (Continued).

I would have kept all, if I could, in an hour or so I shall peep in at again," purred Lady Sophie. "Then pe you will look at me with a smile your poor little face. Good-bye, r. Is it in your heart to give a instant I hesitated. But it only for an instant I hesitated about to get me a glass of the drawer, and taken away the drawer of the drawer, and taken away the drawer away the down that the

Is it in your heart to give a feedom. So, collecting the articles to gether, I was a chance for me, feedom and the seeded and on the seeded and on instalt. At the end, littled my tear-stained face, and we tears fell once more. I had loved tears fell once more. I had loved the property of the seeded with the seeded and only half an hour had peeded with the sudden apparition of a well-dessed young woman demanding the tears fell once more. I had loved words to Good-bye, or a few words to Good-bye, or a few words to Good-bye, it is a sad word. Au revorted to be au revoir."

The suddent of the seeded with the sudden apparition of a possible appeal. The suddent peeded with th

rear her world as London. I did not want to do the cowardly thing I had thought of last night. What was to become of me?

Dorsetshire coast.

To Anne I was more confidential. I could not bring myself to tell her all thought of last night. What was to become of me?

Which "folks" had talked so much "nonsense." I wore my neat new dress of black alpaca, with white turnover the truth: but I said that I feared my new friends had not been quite sincere with me; that I had left Lady Sophie, the respectable young nursery governess out of a situation which, after all

In this costume I might hope, it seemed to me, for at least a more favorable reception at the door than I

mast," so to speak; no doubt the mis-

long neglect. Oaks and pines crowded beeches and smaller trees, all untrimmed and out of order.

forest. Here the Sleeping Beauty might

residence as I walked up the drive to shillings.

Shillings.

"I'm sorry," the answer came, half doubtfully; "but, you see, we can easwoman in next cap and apron doubtfully; "but, you see, we can easshort words struck me as bald and conwould account for its condition; but now that it was tenanted again, after apparition in undisguised amazement, tinged with disapproval.

"Is Miss Smith at home?" I inquired, with such dignity as a vain woman who knows herself at a disadvantage can could be offended at the implication of the find that it was tenning again, after "I am sorry to hear that you are in trouble," the letter went on; "but I was not "gentry." This fact was to though the countries of emptiness, everything would, no doubt, be changed. Even though the new occupant was a blind man, he would take a certain pride in his possessions and retrieve them from the