polled to submit to it. He superintended all the dotails of
polled to subseld, or, as the servants said, "he had a finger in every pie."
One day, soon after that evening walk upon Croplay Com-
mon, which had united Edmund and Esther with the sacred mon, which had united Edmund and Esther with the sacred
bond of betrothal, Mr. Bain took occasion to make some inquiries about Ars. Carter
"Why do you keep that woman, Lady Perriam ?" he asked. "She wary costly kervant. I was aurprised to find wha heavy wages you pay her, and she can hardly be of any use
now."
"She is a great denl of use" replied Sylvia, "and I have no intention of dismissing her."
Tho agent shrugged his shoulders, and gave Lady Perriam that keen look she both feared and hated. Her cheek had paled at his quektion. Was it anger that sent the rensitive blood from that fair cheek?
"Don't be angry, Lady Perriam. Of course I've no right to interfere, but-
"Some peopleare fond of interfering without right," re
turned Sylvia, bharply. She was turned Sylvia, sharply. She was generally beaten in he struggle.
"But I ake a naturnl interest in your afnirs" continued "Be agent calmbly, without any notice of the interruption "and I don't like to see you do anything foolish-out of good nature. For my own part I never keep more cats than can catch mice, and I really don't see what enrthly ure this Carter woman can be to you.
"Perhaps you will kindly remember that she began life as a lady, and call her Mrs. Carter instead of this Carter woman.'
"1'l b in deferential as you like, Lady Perrian, but jou "She is useful to ye keep her.
Somost, she nurses Mr Pere ways than one. First and horta.:
"But if Mr. Perriam is ill enough to want $n$ nurse he ought surely to have the attendance of a medical man. Stimpson "Mould take him in hand."
"Mordred is not ill enough to require Mr. Stimpson; but his head is a little queter now and then. Mrs. Carter has more influence over him than any one, and can monthe him, as ahe "Yea, she is a clover woman.
women with their soothing ways have a tonch of the elever in their composition.'
"I trust Mrs. Carter and I like her, so you may suppose that she is not a serpent."
"But you are so innocent, Lady Perriam, any oue might take you in. I'm sorry poor Mr. Mordred is so quear. Ti take you in. ©m sorry poor Mr. Mordred is so queer. He the world a little, in short. It's enough to addle any man's brain to be shut up in two rooms from one week's end to the other."
"Mr. Perriam has uever cared to leave his rooms since his rother's death. Pray don't suggest that doctors should see him. They might urge us to put him into a lunatic asylum. He is only a harmless, half-imbecte old man. He is well off as he is.
"Very well, Lady Perriam. I will not interfere. Nothing pleasea me better than to obey your wishes, if you will only express them plainly."
"Then I wish Mordred Perriam to be let alone, and not to "so bed by Mr. stimpson or any other doctor."
larm. We must not let him die for want of medical canee for "He is not likely to die yet awhile," said Lady Perrian with something like a regretful sigh, an if Mordred's existence were just a little burdensome. "He is well cared for by Mrs. Carter, and he is as happy as he can be, allowing for his nacural grief for the loss of his brother."
This settled the matter. For once the land-steward was conqual than usual. He seemed, as he deciared mimself deferanzious to please Lady Perriam in all things He was not a little disturbed by the thought view with Sylvia as he rode slowly homewards. He had never liked Mrs. Carter. Her placid countenance and her repose of manner worried him, for he fancied that beneath that smooth exterior she concealed an active intellect, and perchance a plotting brain, a brain that might counterpiot his own secret plans. He would have given much to get her away from PerBut he now perceived that it was vain to think of gitingelf. of her. She had some hidden influence, some firm hold upio Sylvia Perriam.
(To be continued.)

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