

Lady Balfarras laughed.

as infatuated as the rest."

"It is evident that the men do not

think so," she said. "My husband is

Presently Irene went to the piano.

be? Are you not going to have a

"Not yet," he said. "I have some-

he came a little closer and stood be-

side her, leaning against the mantel-

rene flushed, and her heart beat.

Was he going to speak of Royce of

der the gaze of her pure, soulful eyes,

that, after all, the words before him

"No," she replied in a low voice.

"But-yes, perhaps I can!" and her

cigar?"

his own accord?

The Countess of Landon.

CHAPTER XV.

"What a lovely creature!" murmured the young officer to the baronet,

"Miss Tresylian? Yes, indeed. She

"The countess's ward. She lives for life.

Who is she?'

terward in fear and trembling, but | these fools." for him, and with the art which wom- brandy, he returned to the drawing- hand from his and shrunk back. en learn in their cradles, drew him on room, he found Irene standing by the

fire-place, her head resting on her to talking of Royce again. But he did not have her to himself hand, and a sad and thoughtful excther men drew round her and vied elated and triumphant one. with one another for a share in her | She looked up, starting slightly.

"Irene will be the belle of next smoking-room," she said. "Madame season, my dear Lady Landon," said stired, and has gone to her room." Why, it seems only the other day that you are not sorry to see me, Irene?" "That is what I mean. Oh, I could back to Dr. Adam's home. she was a child in short frocks." and he smiled tenderly.

"She is a child still," said the countess in her measured tones.

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touch of color to his face. "They say," he went on, but not quite so smoothly, "that a woman knows at once when she is beloved; that a er certain electric sympathy exists between her and the man who adores her: and I trust that you have seen-are conscious that I have given my heart to you that-that I love you,

look confused him and brought i

She did not move, did not take her eyes from his face, but there came into them an expression of surprise and fear-actual fear-which was not pleasant for the Right Honorable the Earl of Landon.

"Ah! I see you did not know," he went on, softly. "In the innocencethe sweet innocence of your heart, you deemed the love I bear you but the affection of a brother."

"What-what are you saying?" camfrom her lips at last.

He looked at her with a sudden gleam in his eyes, then dropped then

"I was trying to tell you in my poo way that I love you, Irene, dear: that the happiness of my life is at stake: that you have the power to make me the happiest or the most miserable man in the world. Do you not understand, Irene? I love you with all my heart and soul. Will you b wife dear dear Trene?"

She opened her lips, but no sound came, and the look of fear was intensi

fied in her expanded eyes. "I have startled you, dearest," he murmured, "and yet I thought I had shown something of the love with her little court followed her, each which my heart is o'erbrimming. But was always pretty as a child, but she benevolent smile, but it was the smile remained silent, regarding him almost of the fowler who watches the inno- breathlessly. cent bird unconsciously fluttering in- other for years, and I trust you have voutly. "You know her, Sir William? side the circle of the net which he has not formed too bad an opinion of me, only to draw tight to imprison her or have any doubt that I shall make everybody declared. The carriages your beauty and rank will adorn. We against Dr. Bond and £7,500 against

of any sort, until I have got her safe!" took the hand that hung beside her. His touch seemed to recall her to appeal within a month. He went into the drawing-room af- be completely turned by the flattery of life and the realization of what his Mr. A. Neilson's application for a

"No, no!" she breathed.

for long, for presently most of the pression on her face, instead of an gleam shone for a moment in his light a stay of execution.

"No?" he murmured. "Surely, sure- 1912, after being duly cereffled, and "I thought you had gone to the ly, dear Irene, you can not mean that was allowed out or twenty-eight -that you will not be my wife?"

not-I could not. Do not ask me-to There he was detained until Feb-She looked up at him absently. See not say any more. Let us forget that ruary 22, 1913. He was afterwards was trying to decide whether or not you have spoken at all. Yes," and she transferred to various homes, and she should tell him of what she had held out her hand timidly, imploring-until in October, 1921, he escaped. heard of Royce, and ask him to take ly, "let us forget it. I will try not to A King's Bench Division jury found remember it, and—and— Let me go, that Mr. Harnett was sane on Decem-"Sorry?" she said. "No; why should Seymour. I could not."

(To be continued)

thing to say to you, Irene, dear;" and

"I don't know whether you can So Says Mrs, MacPherson of ruess what it is?" he said, feeling un-Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

was not so easy as he had imagined Brantford, Ontaio. - "I was always tired and the least exertion would put me out for a dy or two. I had a pressing pain of the top of my head, pain in the nape of my neck, and when I stooped over could not get up without help, because of pain in my back. I did not sleep well and was nervous calculating admiration the contour of the lovely face and the grace of the girlish figure—very much, again, as the fowler glocks over the delicate ment and disappointment, and the MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR COUGHS of a stocking leg.



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words meant. With a shudder which stay of execution for Dr. Adam was the Judge might have an assurance regarding the fulfilment of the con ditions imposed upon Dr. Bond. In His face grew paler, and an ugly the meantime, Dr. Adam was granted

Mr Harnett was originally sent to Dr. Adam's home on November 10, days' probation on December 12, 1912. "Yes, yes," she replied, quickly with On December 14, 1912, when he Lady Balfarras. "I never saw a girl "Quite right," he said. "No; I came intense earnestness, as if to imply that sioners in Lunacy, he was detained improve so much in a few months, back, hoping to find you here. I trust her answer was final and complete by Dr. Bond, afterwards being taken

ber 14, 1912. GRAVE WANT OF CARE.

Mr. Justice Lush, in giving judgment, said the true view to take of the question of "remoteness of damages" was that the detention during the whole period was the direct consequence, following in an unbroken chain, of the wrongful sending of Mr. Harnett back by Dr. Bond and the wrongful assistance given by Dr. Adam in accomplishing that purpose.

"Dr. Adam," said the Judge, "was guilty of a grave want of cars in at once agreeing that Dr Bond should imprison Mr. Harnett and to assist him in making that imprisonment complete. Dr Adam did nothing to assist Mr. Harnett.

"He did nothing to ascertain that he was really insane which we know in truth he was not."

"Of all persons the unfortunate and "Yes, dear Irene," he said, bending forward slightly, and taking in with calculating admiration of the said, bending the least foise. I keep house, but I was such a week that I could not sweep certificated as insane require every calculating admiration. care from those in charge. They are powerless to resist the acts of officials who administer the lunacy laws."

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