Virgie's Inheritance.

But she had never touched his heart; she was bright, beautiful and accomplished, yet there was something lacking in her nature which his own demanded, and which he recognized at once in the lovely mountain maiden the moment that he met her that wild night when he came a stranger to her easy home.

maider his when he came a stranger to her new home.

But Sadie was so heart-broken over the blighting of all her fond hopes, and grieved so sorely that her health began to suffer in consequence, and when Sir William's return began to be talked of, Mrs. Farnum decided to take her daughter traveling and thus avoid an unpleasant meeting and fresh grief when the young Lady Heath should come to take possession of her new home. Accordingly they sailed for America, and knowing that the baronet was in New York, well directly to the Pacific coast about a fortnight previous to Sir William's return to Heathdale.

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A portion of it read time, and questions which you income meet other eyes. I sid that sure a family resided here a number of the mane for fear that this letter might sometime meet other eyes. I find that sure a family resided here a number of the mane and the world. They occupied a high overtaken with terrible misfortunes which cut them instantity down from their high world them instantity down from their high world the mistant and they were obliged to flee from the city in disgrace. It is quite a complicated story, and I have not been able to learn all the details. I can do zo, howaver, if you wish.

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never enter this sacred ancestral house it there are any means, lawful or otherwise, to prevent it."

After the examination of the portfolio which she had found in her brother's trunk, Lady Linton's curiosity had been insatiable, and simulating an air of friendliness and resignation which she was far from feeling, she had encouraged him to talk of his wife, hoping thus to learn more of her history, and trap him into acknowledging something of the mystery which surrounded her.

But though Sir Wi liam was never loth to talk of his darling, and always spoke of her in the fondest terms, he would never commit himself regarding her past; that was to be a sealed book in England, and not even to his mother and sister would he ever be athe one word of that sad story that Mr. Abbot had told him when he pleaded for his danghter's hand, or aught that would cast a shadow upon any member of her family.

"She was the daughter of a once wealthy Californian, whom reverses had impoverished," he invariably told them. "She was fine y educated and fitted, both by nature and culture, to shine in any circle."

"By whom were you married, William?" his mother asked, having at last designed to show some interest in the circumstance.

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"No, of Virginia City," and Sir William smiled thatshe was not familiar enough with the geographical Leation of the place to know that it was not in California at all.

"Oh, then, you were not married in San Francisco?" interposed Lady Linton, looking up oagerly, and hoping now to get something definitor regarding that outlandish place in Nevada. Ont thinking it necessary to enter into particular, and leaving them to liner what they chose.

Her ladyship was baffled again, not daring to press him further lest he should suspect the should suppose that she had been tampering with his papers.

But she tried to console horself with the word of the content of the content of the content in the particular, and could not endure the least confusion.

Sir William was very rostless, and anxious to get back to his dear ones in America; but Sir Herbort Randall was opposed to his kerne.

"But I've left—" Sir William began, when he was interrcupted by a startled or particular, which he was an intered to his kerne." How awkwardfor me was of flowers on the ladyship could not possibly rally, even if it did not kill her outright. Haventyod one with the proposite side of the content of the particular, which he was an intered to have a mase of flowers on the laws of the content of the particular of the particul

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Sir William had indeed missed his wife's last litters, and this was the only one that he ser received from him after that date. How was it?

Ask Lady Linton, or goseek in the brazier which stood at night in the dressing-room of her mother for the purpose of heating the nourisment she was accustomed to take at which the fond husband and wife believed no other as we themselves would peruse.

CHAPTER AHI.

BECOMING ACQUAINTED.

Little Virginia May Heath was just 6 to weeks old, and becoming most interesting to the corridor, outside her rooms, when one morning as she was pacing slowly band, and forth, thinking of her absent husband, and whining, oh, so yearaingly, that the could come to her, she encountered two ladies who had just ascended the stairs, and who had

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