THE FOES OF A HOUSEHOLD.

A. TALE OF ENGLISH LIFE.

CHAPTER V-CONTINUED.

LAFONE

"That is better."

rather hasty."

"How hasty ?"

They were silent for some time, and

"You have not seen Alice. Suppose,

sthing in his tone which (lowed her first impulse and spoken out equed her to infuse a little assumed of the fulness of an overflowing heart : into here as she replied, now she was ashamed and reticent. She With very little danger, if one stud would say no more, though as Percival ies the mands a little, and makes due alcontinued to urge her she turned away, es for their peculiar shifting charsaying, "I don't know."

For a moment he did not speak, then "Well, I am going to imagine ; you he said must stop me if I am going wrong.

ald never have a moment's shall suppose that after the rejection peace. I should never be able to bear you out of my sight if I thought it possible you could attempt to do such a thing again. Promise me that you never Helen's lips trembling into a smile,

He wished partly in asking this to make a bond between them, so that if she refused that other request there vidual who, though neither handsome would still be that promise between When she wanted to do on nor brilliant, nor in any way a favorite lar thing she would have to think with nature, was fortunate enough to I him and deny herself by his tacit inpossess something in common with yourfuence over her on that one point.

self-something which harmonized with Her voice had been very earnest as h your own nature. That will do, will it made his request, and he looked straight not, unless you care to add anything into her face as he waited for her reply. yourself ?" It came after a short pause.

"Why should I do so ? I do not like making promises.

There was again a little defiance in her believe my own good fortune." tone. She had an instinctive wish to do "Is it so very great ?" whatever Percival told her, and promise all he saked. It was to resist this tempt ation, a last attempt to keep her freedom and be her own law that made her ask going to be perfectly happy?" "Don't say that, Helen. When you the question.

Perhaps Percival guessed that it was say you can't believe it, it seems to imso. There was no jesting in his voice or ply that your past unhappiness has been manner as he saidso great as to kill in you all belief in a

"Because when you do these things you risk your own safety, and your safety is very dear to me." a right to happiness." She did not speak. She had when

asking her question summoned all her resolution to her aid and lifted her eyes ed, and that happiness was altogether a to his. Now she lowered them, and there matter of conquest. However some came an almost imperceptible catch in people get what they have no right to her breath. and why should not we ?"

"I won't try to tell you," he went on, "what I felt when I heard where you had gone last night. I could not put it then Helen spoke, slowly and hesitatinginto words ; one feels more than talks | 1y. about such things. I think. But when I feared and almost thought I had lost you-when it kept coming across me that, perhaps, I had seen you and heard you speak for the last time-then I knew how dear you were to me, and how I than me," love you. When I found you, and knew that you were alive and safe-when I little severe as he saidheld you in my arms, and saw what a one to take care of you, and see you don't get hurt. I felt-po, I can't tell once, and ask you to be my wife.

for me - a beauty which is the as one may say, for anyone which does not vary very much any circumstances, about which all that could be said has been said, and which into his plans so perfectly, he grew to has been looked upon by all eyes and feel every day more dependent upon criticised by all tongues ; or a beauty

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which I myself have called forth, which belongs to me slone, and which no one ed ; her insight into character was so finding, those else perhaps would ever notice, because keen, he felt he might always trust her it would not exist for them-which judgment. Every day he felt more conbeauty do you suppose I should value vinced that in winning Helen he had some past vanity or She was conquered, he could not

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doubt it, every feature in her fage showed it. She could resist no longer, she was not proof against such fisttery. Her whole being went out in response to

him. Her love was patent as the sun in and fairy tales, and to seek for their real the clear September sky. meaning ?" "Will you trust me nuw " he asked

fter a pause. this unwelcome suitor, who, I daresay, "With my whole life," she replied,

was an exceedingly worthy young manarnestly. I am going wrong already ?" as he say He had bent down and kissed her cently, and she received and returned "He was not young," she whispered

is kiss gladly and proudly. "As I was saying, a very estimable "When may I speak to your father? elderly gentleman, you lost all hope until fate threw in your way an indi-

"Not yet, please. Let us have a little time to ourselves, before people begin to congratulate us and watch how we behave to one another in public. ter evenings when we are beginning to And then, I won't say anything more grow tired of one another, and have exabout Alice since you hate it so, but I hausted all our subjects of conversa should like her to here when it is to be tion." made known ; it is a little bit of feminine weakness, which you must allow

"Only that this same person original enough to prefer a girl for about it till I tell you." He promised, but they agreed that whom no one else cared. I can hardly Dr Hazlitt ought to be told.

So Percival told him on his way to Brantwood, and the old gentleman "Immense. I am only twenty. How received the news just as Percival had am I to believe that to the end of my expected he would. He did not say life, which may be a very long one, I am much : little mere than-

> "You have won a treasure, lad, see you keep it. Trust Helen entirely. She is as true as time, and will never grew old, or ugly or ill-tempered ?" fail you."

And to Helen he said --brighter future. I can't bear to think "It is not to every man by a long way of it. You must consider that you have that I would have let you go ; but you "I thought we agreed only the other may trust Moore. He will never love

day that people's rights were very limit- any woman but yourself."

CHAPTER VI. A FAIRY TALE.

Never in all Helen's after life did she forget the month following the day on

which she had promised to be Percival's wife. Each day formed a separated "I am afraid, after all, we have been item in her memory, and yet the whole month seemed like a long, happy dream from which she scarcely wished to wake. No one could fail to notice the change in after that no real sorrow or troubles.

when you do see her, you like her better her now. Some attributed it to her accident, which they said, by keeping her whelm him, he can defy them all : he is Percival's face was both grave and a a prisoner in the house for a fortnight, possessed of a strength which will pre-

helped her complexion to recover frem "You speak without reflection. Helen. its summer tan. Others said she was at fact that once every man and woman amall creature ycu are, wanting some Do you suppose I do not know my own last learning to be reasonable, and to feels a desire to drink of the Water of mind, or that I have no more respect take things as they were meant. No Life and sooner or later everyone goes in for you than to ask you to be my wife one pat it down to the right cause, of search of it. It is rather a dangerous you what I felt. But I made up my before I am certain if I love you? If course. As before said, Helen was not search, for it may only be undertaken mind to wait no longer, but to speak at you do not trust me it is a different strictly beautiful, and with reputation once, and if anyone fails to find it he thing, only you should have spoke be- for possessing an uncomfortable temper must abandon the search for ever; and very few people do find it. For

nhonstand. and enter he in the not miss a fe her. Her woman's wit came in so often, "Not only just where his solid common sense fail-Alike everyth Water of Life ing a sacrifice won a treasure. and one day after a long seemed to some as if the discussion on some point on which they ing their whole individ

clear

had thought differently Percival said, half gravely, half jestingly-"Did it ever occur to you, Helen, to look below the surface of the old myths

"I don't believe they had any. You are bitten with the spirit of the nine teenth century, Percival, you want to find a meaning in everything. You are trying to make out that those simple minded ancients were just as much both ered and worried as we latter day sin-

ners. You will never do it." "We will keep the discussion of that problem until we are married. It will

do nicely to fill up one of the long win-

"I am convinced they had no mean ing," persisted Helen. "They were me. Promise you will say nothing simply petty fancies, invented to while away the evening hours, when people were too tired or too lazy to think anything mild or serious. I shall always look at them in that light." "One at any rate had more than sur

face meaning," said Percival, "and that was the one about the Water of Life. What do you suppose they meant by the Water of Life, of which when you had once taken a draught, you never

"An impossibility, I should think, said Helen, who chose at that moment to appear unsympathetic and matter of fact.

"No," replied her companion. "they didn't; they meant human love, Listen, and I will tell you a fairy tale. Imagine that somewhere-no one knows where, but somewhere-is a fountain containing the Water of Life, an eterna spring that never fails. It is quite a small fountain to look at, but deeper than the imagination can picture ; it contains a whole a whole ocean of the Water of Life-nay, it is infinite; its depth

cannot be sounded. Whoever finds the Water of Life and drinks of it, knows whatever disasters threaten to overvail against everything. Now, it is a

"How come so few to find it ?" asked

"For many reasons. One is that there

Helen thoughtfully.

others it came quite as a course. No one cause they who find the for the very nature of the seat purest and best in their m everybody cannot make this their natures are not so strong, ing to remain unchanged they ne

the true foundation. They were both silent when he finished speaking, until he said, "Now what do you think of my fairy tale ?' "It is true enough." she answered,

smiling, "very true." Tacy were on the island. They had rowed across the bay just when the tide turned, and now had to wait for it to

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their action," is the concise testi of Dr. George E. Walker, of Ma trees; the sun was shining softly through a golden haze, mist lay all around on ville, Virginia. the horizon, only above their heads was the sky clear and blue. The retreating see had left the sands wet and glistenin and their boat lay there helpless until the tide came up again. At last Pere

val spoke-"When am I to speak to your father Helen ?"

"Not yet," she said, "do not meak vet. We are so happy in this way, at east I am ; what about you ?"

"I am right enough, too, only this privacy does not suit my vanity. I want everyone to know of my good fortune and congratulate me upon it.

"Do not build upon being overwhelm ed with congratulations. I shall get far more than you. People will wonder what has made you choose me out of all t ie girls in the place."

"We must console ourselves with the hought of the unhappy position of the prophet in his own country; but, serionsly, Helen. I do expect people will envy me, and I want to be envied." "I will not be flattered into acting

against my judgment," she said, frown ing. "I will chose my own time."

Have you any reason for supposin he will not consent !"

"Oh, no, don't have any fears on that head, they are quite groundless. Pape will be gla enough and mamma will be delighted. By the way, she heard from Alice this morning.

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fore you told me the couch, her face turned from him, her turned my love." colour coming and going, and trembling from head to foot. plied-

Her silence lasted so long that Moore began to speak again, saying-

"Helen, say something, or I shall think you are angry." She put out her hand, and he clasped It firmly in his, as though to give her

couraga. "Tell me something," he said again, "I am waiting to hear your voice."

"I cannot speak," she said, casting aside her wraps, as though they weighed upon her, and suddenly sitting up.

"You said yourself just now that people cannot talk about such things, and I omnot tell you what I feel." "Won't you try? Not everything

but just a little to give me an idea." He was smiling and speaking softly

and persuasively. Helen went on-"I have been so unhappy here, and I

think I was like a princess in a fairy tale always looking for a deliverar. I thought sometimes someone would be sure to come, must come ; it could not go on for ever. Sometimes things were so bad I feared that if they went on I

I cared for him or not, just to get away for him. from here. But I could not. Last summer a man came and wanted to

marry me, and I tried to accept him, but beauty." I could not. When it came to the point my courage failed, I could not do it, though both papa and mamma were angry with me. Then it was worse because I knew that, unless some one came for whom I cared enough, I should

never beautiful.". my life. All the men who came here liked Alice best, though neither did I sare for them. I began to think it would | ly " always be so, and-

chest heaving: Percival, who had kept his hold on her hand, pressed it gently very much." to reassure her, though he still said mothing. He wanted her to say all that was in her mind. But she said nothing more, and he at last repeated "And now ?"

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was not likely to be accredited with a superfluity of lovers, and, as for Percival, Her cheeks were crimson as she re- it was not generally supposed that a man is, and it happens sometimes that those of Mr Lafone's pride of birth would who set out haphazard, or don't set out

"You say hard things, and you think allow his daughters to marry the sons of at all, stumble upon it straight away you have a right to say them. You wealthy manufacturers, though he might while others who have elaborately exthink I am jealous, and I am only make them welcome to his house. Be- plored the ground and made particular speaking from experience. You have sides, Percival and Helen were discre- inquiry of others who have been success never seen people pay me attention, and tion itself. Never, in the presence of ful in the search never find it at all as soon as Alice came into the room, even the most insignificant third person. Now then two people, a man and a wo make some excuse for leaving me to go they fall into the familiarity of employman, meet at the fountain, and if only to her. I do not grudge Alice her many ing their Christian names. It would the impulse to stoop down and drink moves them at the same moment, from lovers. She may have a world full, so have been impossible to detect in their that time their souls are bound together. long as she leaves me my one. But I manner anything warmer than a close could never hear to hear the words that friendship. and they live happily every afterwards

had once been said to me repeated to Helen was happy-perfectly happy. for they have drunk of the Water of another woman. Rather than that, I Her happiness overshadowed, swallowed Life, and the strength which it gives would go through life without having a up all the daily worries of home life. shall never fail them." single such word spoken to me. You They no longer existed for her. Ske

cannot understand it of course ; you saw them not ; her eyes were fixed upon have never seen her ; you do not know an object so bathed and flooded in golden how, sooner or later, every man falls in light that they were blind to mere earthlove with her."

ly things. She was accustoming herself Perceival had risen from his chair, and to look up, and the first result of her up- that only those whose instincts are true with everybody. I never can get on was welking up and down the room. lifted gaze was that she lost sight of and pure can distinguish the right from with Alice's friends." All that Helen said showed so clearly these low impediments to her content the wrong. Most people drink at these what her training and life had been, which had formerly occupied all her at- fountains, the water of which is neither and how her doubts and fears of her- tention. If she had never before been so pure nor so cold as that of the true self had been created and fostered. His really beautiful, she was so now. There one; but their taste is vitiated-they heart ached for her; how he could seemed a glory and splendour in the soft don't know the difference. Some knew should become hard and reckless, and prove to her that her fears were un- fire of her glance and the haunting from the very first that they were wrong, and the preacher have take the first person who came, whether founded. She herself opened the way sweetness of her smile. Percival saw and console themselves by trying to be-

the beauty and rejoiced in it ; beauty lieve that the real fountain is a myth. "She is so beautiful," she said, half created by him, born of the power of his and that those who go in search of it are to herself ; "and I know you admire being, kept alive by the attraction of his wasting their lives in running after the individuality; beauty which flashed rainbow. Others drink is good faith,

"Did no one ever call you beautiful ?" forth at his call, and at the call of no and only later find out their mistake, he asked, abruptly, pausing in front of one else. They had not been engaged a and feel that their lives are speilt be her couch! "Nover," shaking her head, with a wisdom in keeping the engagement a se-search again; they must abide by their

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smile. "I have been called "nice look-ing," and "essentially ladylike." and a During this month, too, Helen's end of their lives and never find it outfirst choice. Others, again, go on to the never get away, and it would last all few other things of the same kind, but doubts and fears seemed to vanish. She never to find it out; they are content obeyed Dr. Hazlitt and her own instinct with what they have got-nay, they scoff "You are quite sure ; never even late- and trusted Percival. In the warmth of at those who seek the true fountain. his love and the peace of the thought The pure, cold water has no taste for "Yes, really now you mention it. I that her life at home might be ended them."

She paused, her lips trembling, her member two or three people have told whenever she chose, she grew to have "And these are the worst off of all," hest heaving: Percival, who had kept me that I am improving; it amused me confidence in herself. It was impossible said Heler. rather dreamily, as he paused to feel Percival's dependence on her in again, "because their natures must be "Well, don't you know what brought many things and the perfect sympathy coarse and low. It is better to die with the improvement about? Don't you between them without coming to a sense longing for heaven, knowing we are or see it came because you were happier, that she, too, had a place in her world, the earth, than to rest stupidly content and you were happier because you had a She even forgot Alice, or if she thought with earth from inability to raise our

good reason for being so ? Now use of her it was as apart from herself ; she eyes to heaven." But she was still allent. She had fol- our own judgment. Which do you ceased to believe that Alice would have "Is it ? Some people would tell you

ome the day after tomorrow. thing, no one knows exactly where it "Is not that rather sooner than you expected ?"

"Yes, we did not expect her for a week, but Mrs Herford, her sunt, wants SARSAPARILIA to come home sooner : they will get to London tomorrow, and Mr Herford will bring Alice here the day after."

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"You will see a great change at home after Alice comes," yent on Helen pre-sently, "she cannot endure to be alone at home with just orrelves. A great many people will come to stay with us, the whole house of be upset, and peace and quietness of be at an end." "I did not know yo were such a her-mit."

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