

THE LIFTED VEIL

Out at sea he read the words, in a periodical he found in the smoking-room, and of which he knew the cover. "The marriage arranged between Mr. Bainbridge, the assistant rector of St. Mary Magdalen's, Fifth Avenue, and Mrs. Martin Gildersleeve (Clorinda Rintoul) will not take place."

Somehow, in this laconic notice, worded after the most correct models of its kind, he divined once more Miss Higgins's change of heart.

He was more sure of it, however, in the flattering article on Clorinda which he found in another column, an article describing the handsome residence of the new Lady Grant in Sherbrooke Street, with an account of the remarkable collection of miniatures formed by the first baronet, also a Sir Malcolm Grant—and the prophecy, founded on the Lord only knew what intuition of Miss Higgins's own, that in recognition of his splendid services and heroic financial sacrifices in the patriotic cause the present Sir Malcolm Grant would soon be made a peer.

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