"A Sorrow's Crown of Sorrows.

CHAPTER XV., Continued.

"Perhaps she is here," he muttered aloud, "kept a prisoner in these walls. She is being kept from me by her father or is it her father who is keeping her from me? But I will kill the man who stands between us.'

The sound of his own voice, hourse and strange in its tones, helped to recall him to his senses. From a fevered dream of rage he seemed suddenly to awaken to outer things, and he knew that it was he, Aubrey de Vanx, who stood there and heard the winter wind howling in the tall trees and round the ruined towers of Donnithorpe.

And Lola was gone! In her father's presence she had destroyed his letter: and after her father's departure she had tricked the man who loved her by a false message, which kept him waiting for her two hours, and would have kept him waiting many more in the dear hope of seeing her. Yet he felt no anger against ner; it was impossible for him to feel anything but love and worship where she was concerned. He understood that his mother and the Doctor had quar-relled over some silly story of Lola's humble birth, and that, as neither would give in, they had between them worried Lola into leaving her home to escape

from her lover's prayers and reproaches.

"The marriage is out of the question. I forbid it, and Lola will obey me," were the Doctor's last words as he got into his train that afternoon, and Aubrey's mother had signified the same in gentler fashion. With Lola's guardian Aubrey's prayers, threats, and remonstrances had proved unavailing; but with his mother he had hardly used them so far, having hurried off to Oldford the moment that he had news of the supposed quarre! hetween the heads of the houses was communicated to him.

He was resolved now to use all his influence with his mother to enlist her on his side. The fury had gone out of him : his heart ached for Lola as well as for himself, as he stood there bareheaded in the snow. He imagined her pleading in his favour with her father; pained, indignant, and hurt; perhaps in tears. He supposed that she had fled to some hiding-place designated by her father: perhaps that she had joined him by arrangement at Oxford; and even in the burning anger and excitement that possessed him when he heard of her departure, he yet knew that his wisest course lay in gaining his mother to his side. and in inducing her to make friends with the Doctor.

Like a ghost in hunself - worse still, like that worn and miserable being he wa I never to call father-he entered his mother's drawing-room, and, kneeling at her feet as he used to when a boy, laid his head upon her lap.
"Mother," he said, "she has gone.

Her father has taken her away. It is you who have done this. I cannot live without her, and if she does not come back to me I shall go mad."

suffer nothing for me to see you harden not Lofa as well as any other woman! your heart against me, who have loved "Dr. Merimee has infected me with you better than my life ever since I first this own fears; the danger for Aubrey held you in my arms, for the sake of a lies in crossing him. He is as same as I girl whom three months ago you had am." never seen ? `

el him. "I love you, little mother, with all my heart, and you know it. No one can ever come between us. But this girl, my Lola—for she shall be mine—when she touches me my blood turns to lire; she looks at me with those blue stars of hers, and my very heart seems by." I was half-mad with anxiety about to melt. I grow weak with love. She hair. She might stab me, and I would kiss her fingers until the breath was out of me. Mother, you must help me to win her back, for I cannot live without her.

He knelt by his mother's side and threw his arms about her. She strove to salm him and to lead him to speak of other things, but it was wasted labour. The fever that shown in his eyes and in the rain and show, with no bat him and to lead him to speak of other things, but it was wasted labour. The fever that shown in his eyes and in the rain and show, with no bat him then the wife of a man with such a labour and his eyes and the rain and show, with no bat him then the product of the day, so prestrated him that he easily let blusself be persuaded into remaining the neight at Oxford, the more so as he dreaded another interview with Lola in her present tempestuous state of mind.

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I cannot be happy without Lola.

Marsden would oppose an adamintine obstinacy to all suggestions of a renewal-

said, as he kissed her be ore going to from which city she included yet returns of one penny by his death; Lola should bed; "it will all end happiny. Now that cd. I have convinced you that I cannot and |you know, that it was all your jen onsy in home for him. Yes, you may take and pique that made you quarrel with tu. says the Factor; "and (cli Mis, the Doctor and start all this wreteined ness. You were jealons of my lature wife's place in my heart. Now, that was very sily, for, of course, I must marry some day. And, as I am so crazy some day. And, as I am so crazy shout my angel girl that Legal's this legal and the formula of the formula of the place of the course of the formula of the formula of the formula of the source of the formula of very si ly, for, of course. I must marry street."

so ne day. And, as I am so cruzy about my angel girl that I can't think of anyone else just now, it is much better had relented, and was coming to see him.

if it mattered who the parents of an angel assurances that "they can't be much would do any harm, but in my doubt

London, in the dreary second floor paring impatience he felt began to show lour of a dingy looking-house. Bruce itself in incessant restless movement. Laidlaw was drawing Lola Marsden He would not send in his card because, close against his heart, and kissing her lafter what had passed at their last inter-

for the first time. Children, and dogs, and madmen possess the faculty of second-sight, so an after another quarter of an hour had ancient superstition tells us. Was it passed, the bell in the inner effice rang, from Aubrey that night, and filled his mons, Aubrey got up, too. mind with confused thoughts of things sad and horrible; of danger for Lola, trouble for him, and mischief to both worked by the unseen hands of unknown to the Doctorrnemies?

vain imagining, but with the ever pre- going in. ent dread of a very real danger, rest she had first known it; she recalled the moment was not responsible for his and the ardonr which had thawed her hesitating indifference into something like love; she compared the fierce, conhim with the emotion which Lola had excited in his son, and with something like hespair she realised that the nature of a touch he said loudly : the father was the nature of the son; and that, given the haunting dread of the in here now! If you'll give me your tate which might at any time be his, sweet-tempered, sunny-natured, excitable Aubrey might develope into a duplicate of the miserable creature who had threatened her life on that Swiss mountain-road more than twenty years ago.

Yet, with the thought came barassing loubts as to the wisdom of the course she had taken with regard to Anbrev's

marriage. Dr. Merimee's telegram from Spain had been worded thus: "Aubrey engaged to marry Dr. Marsden's daughter. Break off the match at once."

And Madame de Vaux, acting upon her old friend's advice, had at first withheld her consent on transparent prefexts. and then, forced to it by Dr. Marden's nncompromising obstinacy, had taken him into her confidence in regard to her family history. She half regretted the step now with the memory of her son's grief before her; for was it not possible that such a bitter disappointment, acting on so emotional a nature as Aubrey's, might be the surest | m oved an instant as though in the action means of drawing upon him that fate which it had been her constant care to his tingers, and as Aubrey, shocked by

So she reasone! through the night, recalling to her mind instances in the De Vaux tamily, and in the decendants of He did not know the terrible meaning other houses cursed by the taint of madhis words conveyed. He thought it was ness, in which one and even two genera-her sympathy alone that made his tions had lived and died unseathed. To mother suddenly clasp her hands in a man of Aubrey's temperment needs prayer over his bent head. Yet even in must that he should love; to keep him his own grief the anguish in her voice in ignorance of his father's fate would smote upon his ear when she spoke. smote upon his ear when she spoke,
"Aubrey, my son, do you think I be so his mother realized now well night impessible; and it he ever married, why

So her mother's Leart argued, yearn-"It is not the same thing?" he said ing for her son, and it was a rude shock starting to his feet, with something of to her when, while breakfasting with the excitement which had before possess. Aubrey on the following morning, he | burst int

The fever that shown in his eyes and Castle in the rain and show, with ne hat him than the wife of a man with such

ed to talk of nothing but Lola when he an apology, and to learn that Dr. Mats- her marriage. Death walked alongside came back.

"Would you give up all thoughts of a ldressed to him lay on the half-table; any moment to claim him. Once he was her if your mother's happiness—nay, if it had arrived very late to the pre-celling gone, heartiful, passionate Lola, with her very life depended on it?" she asked by the property was told, and the heart torn by pique, wounded pride, and the latter to the pre-celling gone, heart form by pique, wounded pride, and the latter to the pre-celling gone, heart form by pique, wounded pride, and the latter to the pre-celling gone, heart form by pique, wounded pride, and the latter to the pre-celling gone, heart form by pique, wounded pride, and the latter to the pre-celling gone, heart form by pique, wounded pride, and the latter to the pre-celling gone, heart form by pique, wounded pride and the latter to the pre-celling gone. whole household had been are used from disagrainted love, would be utterly "That is an impossible case," he said lightly. "And as to your happiness. Aubrey's tagers tagged to open it. little mother, you have always told me it consisted in seeing me happy. And mews of the missing Lota.

Whose nonsense are used from alone are sequenced in the world, without a counsellor, without a friend, without a friend.

For the doctor summed up his nephew Andrew with tolerable accuracy. Had

extracted a promise from her that she mother and the Doctor, Aubrey hurried character, the herid correspondence extracted a promise from her that she would go with him to the Doctor's house on the following day and see him as soon as he returned from Oxford. Madame de Vaux knew well in her secret heart that, even if she herself affect el to yield to Ambrey's carrea is, Dr. Masselan would arrosse an adam urroa. obstinacy to all suggestions of a renewal ford, and journeyed thither by the major party after various small legacies of the engagement. But this promise of hers brought back Aubrey's gaiety and hopefunes in a wondering degree, and hopefunes in a wondering degree.

The will healt light refer to the pure than the long hours of that night at Oxford, and hour later, had purchased a single the Discour reserved that the scapegages

will not give her up, and that she is dear an hour ugo, sir." Andrey's informint - a mere and so less that he had regrethen my life, to me, you will be my best continued. "He had has bag in his case I during his made's lifetime. friend, as you have always been. I believe, | nand, and our boy Walter offered to carry

that I should marry her as soonas possible. | Outside Mr. Bryce's connortable square (

77 private-room; would be like to wait in letter, and sent it, and wished I had not. the office?

are! They were very lucky, whoever longer now, sir," and words to that effect; fulness I learned reticence, and event they were—and rolla tout! Good-night," but Aubrey gradged each moment that [u,ily it was destroyed. And at that very moment, away in separated him from Lola, and the burnview, he felt convinced that the Doctor would refuse to see him; but when, some touch of this gift that drove sleep and the clerk rose to answer the sum-

"I can't let you come in, sir, during a private interview," protested the clerk. " But if you will let me give your name

" You have nothing to do with letting Whatever the cause, he could not me in," said Aubrey quietly, while a dandeep; and to his mother, vexed with no gerous light came into his eyes. "I am

The clerk was small and fair and nervwas equally impossible. During the ous; he looked at Aubrey and turned long wakeful hours of the night she lived pale. He knew nothing of this young again through every incident of her gentleman, or of his family history; but ons; he looked at Aubrey and turned married life with Gaston de Vaux; she he instantly realized that he was in the saw his handsome melancholy face as presence of a man who at this present passionate fervour of his short wooing, actions. But he had not been four years in a solicitor's office without grasping the meaning of the word dissimulation: so he opened the door of the inner office suming passionshe herself had inspired in just a very little way, and then setting himself to all appearance rigidly against it, but in reality in readiness to yield at

The rest of his speech was lost, for on his last word the clerk half fell into the room, as the door was impatiently pushed open by a touch from Aubrey's arm.

Mr. Bryce, a lean, elderly man, rose from his seat in surprise at the intrusion. A bright fire was burning in the grate. and curling in the flames was a large sheet of paper closely written upon. whilst the table was strewn with many other documents. One in particular lay before Dr. Marsden: it was freshly written, and only awaited his signature and that of two other witnesses to make it legally his last will and testament, by which almost everything he might die possessed of was left to his adopted daughter, Lola, known as Lola Marsden,

At sight of Aubrey, a grey pallor crept over the Doctor's face; he raised his hand, the very one in which he held the pen, and made a deprecatory gesture, but no word escaped his lips; his hand dropped down upon the paper before him. of writing, then the pen dropped from something injexpected and terrible in his old friend's face, sprang towards him and caught him in his arms, his eyes met the fixed stare of a dead man.

CHAPTER XVI.

So Dr. Marsden died, and died intesate, notwithstanding all his care.

His knowledge of his own profession had taught him to be ready for death at any moment during the past ten years, and the excitement of the preceding day had so severely tried him that he had felt the need of obtaining a specialist's opinion upon his case. Death itself he feared as little as any man; but a life of pain, wearying to biaself and to those around him, had for years been his avert or alleviate this, that he had sought the counsel of his friend, the Oxford

cannot be happy without Lola. Determined to miss no time in arguing been wanting to lower his Before the evening was over he had ranging another meeting between his estimate of that young gentleman's

dimselt a first-class return ticket to Ox- nephew, and the remainder of

It will be all right now, mother," he ticket not to Oxford, but to Lordon, Andrew should not begin it to the value "But the Dector, he cause back half the identical sum of two pounds a weak To be Continued.

Кеер Sин.

Keep still. When trouble is brewing, Then we shall come and be very lappily white house he paced up and down for ke p sulf. When stander is getting on domestic with you, and you will have a daughter as well as a son; and a daughter who loves you as you destree to be loved. And you were going to lose all this and lawyer were shut up in the latter's leve. In a commotion once 1 wrote a

In my later years I had another commo-This Aubrey agreed to do. The office tion, and wrote a long letter; but life ruin Lola's happiness and mine for the by a door, and Aubrey's eyes remained kept that letter in my pocket against sake of a little realousy and pique at not being consulted—as if you did not know weeks ago that I loved her!—and take offence at a silly story of her birth—as guardian. The clerk encouraged him by necessary to send it. I was not sure it

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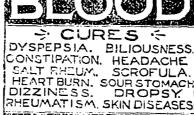
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This church is away from the usual haunts of white men, and all the members are Indians. The priest, Father La Lumere, an old, white-haired French-Hot Water Furnaces, man, has had charge of the parish for more than half a century. The church is closely guarded, and no white man other than the priest has ever been permitted to enter its sacred precincts by

It has always been supposed that the cause of this rigid exclusion was the superstition of the natives, but an adventuresome young American artist has discovered that there was a method in the apparent madness of the descendants

of the Montezumas.

A party of tourists went out from Chihuahua to the old village for the purpose of seeing the sights and taking pictures of the Indians and old buildings. they were refused admission to the church they at once concluded that there was something there that they ought to

They visited the priest and tried to induce him to let them enter, but he was obdurate and gave them no satisfaction. In the party was a young man from Illinois named William Morrison. He determined at all hazards to see the inside of the church and at once set about laying his plans. He found that a num bet of old Indians were constantly on guard, each being relieved at stated intervals. He also found that the door was kept locked and the key was at the priest's house, but that the windows

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THE POTTLE SPOKE FOR ITSELF, and it was not difficult to induce the old man to take two or three drinks. Morrison then passed on, but soon returned, and found the Indian fast asleep.

Registered. A delight-folly refreshing preparation for the half. It told his story to the other members of the party, and they concluded to get the tacts from father La Lumere. The old priest was much surprised when asked about the meldon of the family. 25 cts. per bottle. Hence to the meldon of the family. but when convinced that it had been seen he said that it was pure gold and had been made from the ornaments and idols of the old Azters when they were first converted.

They were induced to make offerings of this kind, and when all had done's in gold was melted and ren into the statue. Lather by Lanneze refused to give an estimate or the value of the image, but it it is as heavy as Moreison thinks it must be worm fully \$50,000. Father La Lameire said that in many of the charches in the interior there were sum ar statues, but the Indians were so jealous that it was dangerons to attempt to penetrate the mysteries of the intrelas

Headvised the party not to let it be grown that they had seen the statue, for die Indians might take extreme measures to prevent its becoming known outside of the town.

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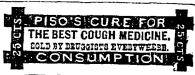
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He quickly forced a window and gained entrance to the church. The interior was very common, but upon the altar was a small statue of the virgin, which Morrison at first supposed to be gilt, but as it was the only thing in the place that had the appearance of being of value, and as it had a peculiar lustre, he gave it a closer examination.

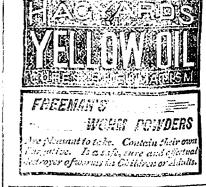
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