VICTORIA TIMES, FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1907.

"TRISTRAM OF BLENT" =BY ANTHONY HOPE=

viction belongs by law to another

would be hard to avoid classing

CHAPTER III.-(Continued.) "Duplay, isn't it? I never heard it."

"No good waiting for that," was his "Well, I can't remember anything conclusion. "Somehow if I married and about it, but it sounds familiar. I'm conclusion. "Somehow if I married and had children, it would seem to make everything more settled." His great ble do they?" had children, it would seem to make everything more settled." His great able, do they?" pre-occupation was on him again. "We "Oh, yes, as people go," he answered, could do with some more money, too," resuming his walk. If a determination to keep for yourhe added, " and, as I say, I'm inclined self what according to your own con-

to like the girl." "What's she like?" "What you can call a fine girl-tall-

10

makes a criminal intent—and that ir-respective of the merits of the law well made-" Lady Tristram and her son as crimin "She'll be fat some day. I expect."

"Straight features, broadish face, ark rather heavy brows-you know dark, rather heavy brows-you know ed excellent specimens of two kind the sort of thing. 'Oh, Harry, I hate all that!"

"I don't; I rather like it." He was smoking meditatively, and jerked out what he had to say between the puffs. shouldn't like to mortgage Blent, he went on a moment later.

"Mortgage Blent? What for?" He raised a hand to be asked to be heard out. "But I should like to feel that I could at any moment lay my hand on a big lump of money—say fifty or even a hundred thousand pounds. I should like to be able to pull it out of my breaches' pocket and say "Take that and hold your tongue!" "He look-ed at her to see if she followed what was in his mind. "I think they'd take it," he ended. I mean if things got "You mean the Gainsboroughs?" the brain and the brain and

"You mean the Gainsboroughs?" it never left the brain. And she had no adequate conception of what it was the seemed to incline to Harry's side; a little girl." cheaper than that. Fifty thousand to him. Even his scheme of marrying the Major was left out of the talk for cheaper than that. Firly doubtful case. But it would have to be done dout living with the check by him the major was left out of the tark for minutes together. More for fun than from any loyalty to her kinsman, Mina the was Mrs. failed to bring it home to her. This rose and walked over to Harry. about it. I should like to live with the very evening, as soon as he was out of

directly—before a like to live with the about it. I should like to live with the check by me." He spoke very simply, as another man might speak of being ready to who had brought him and it into ex-istence. There are people who carry is the being ready to the the total state of the mind of the speak of being ready to the being ready t man might speak of being ready 10 meet an improvement-rate or an ap-plication from an impecunious brother. If would be a good who had brought him and it into ex-istence. There are people who carry the doctrine of free-will so far in their Tristram rose without a word and be-"I fancy she was—I'm not sure." whether he declining to allow causes to work on gan to walk off; and it was left to

and in them, what are logically, moral-lady was immaterial; it came to the "It's all very troublesome," Lady "it's

The smile whose movements had ex-cited Mina Zabriska's interest made its appearance on Harry's face. He had never been annoyed by his mother's external attitude toward the result of her own doings, but he was often

the world, you know-or it seems as it it was going to be." "You'd better think about it," Lady Tristram concluded, not wishing to think it any more herself. "You wouldn't tell Mr. Iver anything about

justify my position to Iver." No wonderful state of things on which she dor. shadow of doubt softened the clear- had hit, and without asking him to "N

that at last he might take his ease and at Merrion Lodge. say without fear of contradiction," "Here sits Tristram of Blent." To be thus was-something; but to be safely thus was so much more that it did not seem to him a great thing to carry

She Could an' She Would. In spite of Mrs. Iver's secret opinion amusement. out the plan which he had suggested that people with strange names were

CHAPTER IV.

"I must see that my poor uncle has I'll ask her," said he. The next mo-So Lady Tristram went back to her fair play-what do you call it?-a fair, ment he put a question. external attude toward the tesht of her own doings, but he was often amused at it. "Why do you smile?" she asked inno-"Oh, that's what you meant, Madame came to Merrion?" "Why do you smile?" she asked inno-cently. "Well, worrying's a mild term," he explained evasively. "It's my work in the world, you know—or it seems as if the world, you know—or it seems as if

the difficulty, would you?" "The dif-ficulty" had become her usual way of referring to her secret. "Not a word. I'm not called upon to justify my position to Iver." No

has been said, sending him invitations.

there was a touch of regality in his pleasant conversation of ours?"

she?"

ways with the swells now."

comes?"

was?'

houses, Mr. Tristram," she begged. came into the title."

said to be amusing sometimes.

manner; the reserve was prominent;

and his prerogative. Very soon he

the shrubberies. Miss enjoyed her un-cle's frewn and chafed at Bob's self-

your, and conversation flagged. They

reappeared. Janie looking rather ex-

ness of Harry's conviction on this consider the facts and to have a look talk to you! Why? Because you're "No-and still she ought to want to was now to him "Miss Janie." point. He rose, filled his pipe again, and began to walk up and down. He was at his old game, counting chances one the began to walk up and down. He was the books which were so puzzling mr. Tristram, I suppose?" Mina in-Bob." "I dulged in a very scornful demeanor. "I the books which were so puzzling and exercising her brain. Yet Harry Tristram, wary sentinel as he was, did "It's very friendly of you to resent ways at his old game, counting chances, one not dream of any attack or scent any my behaviour on Miss Iver's behalf." "It's very friendly of you to resent danger from the needle with two very ate risks, one by one, every risk, so ate risks, one by one, every risk, so large eyes, as he had called the lady she doesn't resent it! I think you give yourself airs, Mr. Tristram, and I Harry Tristram was savage enough should like-

"To take me down a peg?" he ask- been with me?" ed in a tone of rather contemptuous She paused a minute, and then nodded significantly.

Phone B1247. USSEX (PRIVATE) HOTEL, road, Kensington, London, Addison road station, 3 minu Shepherd's Bush tube statio utes. Terms, Box 340. Victori Janie?" Bob was almost at the point sonal stake in the matter. If you live friendship. Now that does put me unto Lady Tristram. To be sure he was likely to be strange themselves, and ed significantly. "Exactly; and to make you feel a it-le uncomfortable—not quite so sure" I mean—why should it matter to open denunciations she turned to mys-to it is the second state of the second sta Mina's stock of discretion was threatened with complete consumption. From on crumbs, a good big crumb is not to der an obligation, Mr. Tristram. not in love with anybody else, which that, for all she saw, foreigners were-URNITURE We have so agency for the famous Gu book cases. Come and exam clal features, fully explained Johnson, Government street to him. Had the question arisen at quaintance was soon made between the uncomfortable-not guite so sure quaintance was soon made between the uncomfortable-not quite so sure of an "I ne the uncomfortable-not quite so sure of yourself and everything about you." be despised. be despised. "You refer to our friends the Ivers? Harry Tristram was sorry that his Yes?" terious hintings. The explanation checked an advance. "I could bring him to reason if I "Oh, I-I see. I don't know, I'm sure. liked," she said. The explanation checked an advance. mother must die and that he must lose "In my view, under a heavy obligaher; the confederates had become close friends, and nobody who knew her in-bound to serve them in all ways in my that moment he would have said that Fairholme and Merrion Lodge. Her set on his face and watching it keenly. thing could make any difference. "Did you go up to the Lodge, Harry?" is mother called to him as one of his was very sociable. The friendship grew "I wonder if I could?" she ended slow-"I' wonder if I could?" she ended slow-ly. "I' on my word, I don't see how it's START YOUR LIBRARY NOW Gunn sectional book case. You nothing could make any difference. Well then, I don't know how to deal "What, make him fall in love with timately could help feeling that his life power, and to deal with them as I with him." you?" cried Duplay, with a surprise not Gunn sectional book case. miss the investment in one o tions each month until your complete. Baxter & Johnson and even the world would be poorer by should wish and expect them to deal his mother called to him as one of his was very sociable. The friendship grew "Well, good-by. very complimentary and prospered. Mr. Iver began to teach to be done." He was openly chaffing the loss of a real, of not striking, in- with me in a similar case." turns brought him near her. "Good-by, Miss Janie." "Oh no," she laughed; "better than "Oh, yes; I forgot to tell you. I did, the Major to play golf. Janie took her now. dividuality. But neither he nor she Harry nodded a careless assent, and "Are you coming to see us again, ment street. opp. the Post Offic that-by a great deal." "Oh. I don't know that you're invul thought of her death as the main thing; turned his eyes away toward the Pool and I found Madame Zabriska having Mina aZbrinska out driving in the highever? He eyed her closely: probably this a look at us from the terrace, so I had est dog-cart on the countryside; they nerable," she said, with a toss of her head. "Don't defy me, Mr. Tristram. it no more than ushered in the great even already he seemed to know what event for which they had spent years "If you ask me, I---" WANTED-MISCELLANEO was only another of her whimsical "And am I coming again to Ming-Advertisements under this nea a word each insertion tricks, with which he was very famil-I don't mind telling you that it would "What's she like?" This was a fa-orite question of Lady Tristram's. and get out perhaps for a wander by the pool, or even drive higher up the valley and demand tea from Bob preparing. And he was downright glad "Facts have come to my knowledge ham? Although you don't ask me?" iar; if he showed too much interest she iar; if he showed too much interest she would laugh at him for being taken in. Fut she had binted before to day's up WANTED-At once, by a yo single room, with board. App be very good for you if you weren't-"Will you, really?" "Appreciated?" he suggested ironicalsingle room, with board. App WANTED-To rent, in Victoria two, or three years, modern t ed house, or large bungalow; r dining room, drawing room, kitchen, at least four bedroom bathroom, W. C., and connet sewer; advertiser will pay g Address 1,555, this office. vorite question of Lady Tristram's. "Ob, you do ask me? When I ask noyances; she was hinting again. He her the need of being told about Mina that Mr. Iver should be informed." Harry paused a moment, looking for Broadley at his pleasant little place- ly. you to ask me. "No; I was going to say if you half farm, half manor-house-at Ming-"Any day you'll_" a description. "Well, if you can imagine one needle with two very large eyes, you'd get ham, three miles above the pool. Mat-ters moved so quickly that Mina un-Lord Tristram of Blent." "I thought the facts concerned me?" had yawned at her hints till he became Zabriska and warned to bear herself "No. I'll surprise you. Good-by. Harry Tristram's rival; he was ready warily toward the daughter of Madame asked Harry, with brows a little rais-Good-by really." to be eager now, if only he could be de Kries. Harry did not ask his mother If she had hoped to catch him off some idea of her. She's smart, mother derstood in a week why Janie found it The conversation, it must be admit "Yes, and as matters now stand they sure that they pointed to anything whether she remembered the name-the concern him too for that very reason." his guard, she was mistaken. Not a ted, sounds commonplace when verbalpleasant to have a companion under whose aegis she could drop in at Mingnd and body. Pleasant enough more than folly or delusion. "Oh, my dear child," he exclaimed, question was unnecessary; nor did he Duplay had gathered confidence; his passed over his face as he re- ly recorded. Yet he would be a de-WANTED-To exchange, 160 as farm land in best part of Al mile from town and school, as ment on house and lot in Vi O. Box 236, city. though. She's coming to see you, so you needn't bother to go up." He ad-ded with an air of impatience, "She's been hunting in the Peerage." whose aegis she could drop in at Ming-ham; in little more than a fortnight she began to understand why her youthful uncle (the Major was very tell his mother that one who had borne spondent man who considered it alto- "you musn't talk nonsense. We mayn't marked: marked: "I'm afraid Providence can hardly manage that now, either for my good or for your amusement. Madame Za-briska, much as it might conduce to
"spondent man who considered it alto-gether discouraging: Mina did not think Janie's glances discouraging, either. But Bob Broadley, a literal man, found no warrant for fresh hope the name was at Merrion Lodge. He step by step near his mark, as he es tone was calm and assured as he came not like him, but what in the world could waited, vaguely expecting that trouble GASOLINE ENGINE (SECON WANTED-For boat, about must be in thorough working cheap for cash. Address Box Office. tablished position after position in his would come from Merrion, but entirely oung now) grunted unsympathetical-"Of course she would; there's nothing "I don't want to hurt him, but I confident in his ability to fight, and ly when she observed that the road to y when she observed that the road to Mingham was the prettiest in the neighborhood. The Imp was accumu-lating other people's secrets, and was accordingly in a state of high satisfac-tion. The situation developed fast, and for a time at least Janie Iver was heroine and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-and held the centre of the stage. A merely for the reformation of his man-merely for the reformation of his man-h "You are paying attentions to Miss Mingham was the pretiest in the neighborhood. The Imp was accumu-"No, I suppose not," he admitted al-Iver-with a view to marriage, I premost reluctantly. lating other people's secrets, and was WANTED-For month of July, a ed house, with five bedrooms. with terms, Box 1627. Times Off "I can't help thinking I've heard the Harry made no sign. Duplay proceeded, slowly and with careful delibname before-not Zabriska, but the eration. uncles'." WANTED-Old cotton rags; clean. Times Office. WANTED-To rent for one year by a gentleman from the East, NISHED HOUSE of at least 1 with 4 or 5 acres of ground p Apply to Gavin H. Burns, F Five Sisters' Block. and held the centre of the stage. A chance of that state of comfort which was his remaining and modest ambi-tion had opened before the Major-and to modest ambi-the possibility of sharing it with a cigarette, "I'm not seriously disap-EE EE tion had opened before the Major-and "Meanwhile," he continued, as he lit the possibility of sharing it with a cigarette, "I'm not seriously disappointed that attentions paid to one pointed that attentions paid to one the way of the the twenty. The continued, as not a raw girl; she was a capable young woman of two-and in fair fight, that's all." WANTED-To purchase, abou of land, suitable for poultry, a from city; must be reasonab E. T., 146 Johnson street. tures from Blent, more stately "Nonsense," she said rather crossly. "It's not flirting to take time to make grily. The next instant she broke into E. T., 146 Johnson street.
 WANTED-Old coats and vests boots and shoes, trunks, valise guns, revolvers, overcoats. etc. cash prices paid. Will call at dress. Jacob Aaronson's new i ond-hand store, 64 Johnson str doors below Government street.
 WANTED-Scrap brass, coppe lead cast iron, sacks. and all bottles and rubber; highest cas paid. Viotoria Junk Agency, 5 Store street. Phone 1335. uncommon, you know. By the way, we're not on the path to the greennone the less prompt, showed that Harry Tristram had not spoken idly to mother. And what about Bob houses; but you don't mind that? They "It looks like it, though." were a pretext, no doubt? Oh, I don't counted upon would wound him some-EDIGRE Broadley? He seemed to be out of the "And I've no reason to suppose "Mina, dear, do you know you rather what too. He had keen eyes, and he want to hurry back. Your uncle shall hey've any one of them made up their hinds." Steedman's running, and indeed to have slittle inclination, or not enough courage, to minds.' 'I should think you could do that for press forward. Yet the drives to Ming-"I may mean what I like without tellstraight on his course; and the spinster them pretty soon. Besides, uncle has, ing you, I suppose?" ham went on. Mina was puzzled. She ladies were a little shocked to SOOTHING observe anyhow SEEDS DODD'S "Certainly - but don't ask me to that Lady Tristram's illness did not inbegan to observe the currents in the "I'm to be your aunt, am I?" terfere at all with her son's courtship; Fairholme household. Iver was for "Oh, he's only an uncle by accident." Powders "You think it's all nonsense?" TLLS THE WING people in that position of life were cer-"Yes, I think that's true. Shall we Harry, she thought, though he main-TO LET. "I do, my dear," confessed the Major. tainly curious. How far he spoke sincerely he him-"To Mingham? Or to Blent Hall?" "Not Blent. I wait my lord's pleas-"Not Blent. I wait my lord's pleas-Advertisements under this head a word each insertion. tained a dignified show of indifference; Relieve FEVERISH HEAT. Mrs. Iver-the miraculous occurring in Write for Catalogue of 1907 Farm a fortnight, as it often does-was at TO LET-Housekeeping roo Blanchard avenue. Prevent FITS, CONVULSIONS, etc. and Garden Seeds to the Agents-FURNISHED front room to lei ly located and pleasantly situ Bellot street. least very much taken with the Major "Yes, that's just how I feel about cease to weary him; if she meant any- a small ineffectual man with Preserve a healthy state of the constitution Bob Broadley had no friend, unless in him," cried Mina eagerly. thing real, his challenge would bring it tawny-brown beard and a big soft felt Janie herself. And Janie was inscrut-"But all the same-" out. But for the moment she had fallen hat, who had an air of being very tim-CHILDREN able by virtue of an open pleasure in the attention of all three gentlemen THE BRACKMAN-KER MILLING "No, I won't hear a word of good into thought. TO LET-Furnished, modern, up furnished, 5 roomed house, Wor corner King's road and Secon For other particulars see Grant ham, real estate brokers, No. street. id, rather pressed for money, and enabout him. I hate him!" Please observe the EE in STEEDMAN. "No, he doesn't fight fair," she redowed with a kind heart. Now, i and an obvious disinclination to devote Janie smiled in an indulgent but peated, as though to herself. She seemed, Mr. Gainsborough was again herself exclusively to any one of them. rather troubled way. Her problem glanced at her uncle in a hesitating, overflowing with family affection (a CONTAIN She could not flirt with Harry Trist-COMPANY, Limiled. was serious; she could not afford the undecided way. "And he's abominably disposition not always welcomed by its EE ram, because he had no knowledge of the art, but she accepted his signifi-NO Imp's pettish treatment of the world rude," she went on, with a sudden re- objects), and wanted to shake poor and the people in it. Janie had re-sponsibilities-banks and buildings full the Major's shrug expressed an ut-Lady Tristram's haid, and wanted po OFFICES TO LET-IN Bank of Chambers. Apply at Bank. FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET week or month. Apply 40 Kan POISON Victoria, BC, cant civilities. She did flirt with the 125 Government St., Lady Tristram's haid, and wanted poor

Major, who had many years' experi- have his fair show. How well you're of them-and a heart to please into the ter exhaustion of patience, a scornful wanted in fact, a thorough-going bury. ence of the pastime. And she was kind mastering English!" to Bob Broadley, going to see him, as At this moment Mina hated him heartily; she swore to humble himand seeming in some way to be fight-before herself, not before the world, of course; she would give him a fright geration to say what. ing against his own readiness to give anyhow-not now, but some day; if

it is hard to help a man who will not better, it would be some day soon, Iver, whom nothing had great power help himself; on the other hand, it is though. "You see." Harry's calm exasperating she bristled surprisingly. They all met at Fairholme one after- voice went on, "it's just possible that "I nope you've all enjoyed this lovely fternoon." she said to Mina. "Oh, yes, we lave. Mrs. Iver-not tuite equally perhaps, but still--' As he greeted that gentleman, even the limits of candor which you your more when he shook hands with Bob, self indicated as allowable in thi

Mrs. Iver sighed and kissed her. "Men are always the difficulty, aren't "Oh well, we shall see," she declared with another nod. The vague threa hey?" said the Imp. "Poor child, and you've lost yours!" "Yes, poor Adolf!" There was a touch

carried Janie off for a solitary walk in (for it seenied that or nothing) elicited of duty in Mina's sigh. She had been fond of Adolf, but his memory was not a low laugh from Harry Tristram. cle's frewn and chafed at LOOP set. "facement; he had been talking to inde when Harry calmly took her present; do you, Madame Zabriska?" "We shall," he said. "And in the meantime a little sparring is amusing a constant presence. The world for the living was Madame Zabriska's view.

"I'm so glad Janie's found a friend in Mina did not confess, but she felt the hit all the same; if she were to you-and a wise one, I'm sure." of criminals which a study of assire courts reveal—the criminal whe drifts and sat down side by side. The Major into action. Mina did her best to look the part know." thus charitably assigned to her; her

courts reveal—the criminal whe drifts and the criminal whe drifts former usually termed by coursel and former usually termed by coursel and sternly dubbed "dangerous." Lady Tristram's face. A duel began. Du-tristram's face. A duel began. Du-

Tristram had always drifted and was drifting still; Harry had begun to a trick of flattering deference: on "How very kind of Lady Tristram!" drifting still; Harry had begun to plan at fifteen and still was busy plan-ning. One result of this difference was

> the rejuvenescence—nay, the unit of a sine saw; something serious in which against the burden he carried, yet with two resolute men were involved. She no thought of laying it down. He did not know where it would end. But did not notice a man who came up the road fancy to refer to him as she might to a now she could not resist. The youth-

younger brother

"Come again soon — you're always speak. welcome; you wake us up, Madame Za-"You've seen my mother before? briska.'

"She was Mrs. Fitzhubert, wasn't "So I did, but my tongue's out of "Yes, of course she was-before she "Well, a Mrs. Fitzhubert used to come and see my mother long ago at Heidelberg. Do you know if your Musn't let him get lazy and spend half mucle a crack player before long. Musn't let him get lazy and spend half ran up to her own room and threw her-

Still the Imp was very innocent, although the form of Harry's reply caused her inward amusement and triumph and that clever little cricketer, the "It's all very troublesome," Lady "Tristram complained. "It really half spoils our lives, doesn't it, Harry? One alwavs has to be worrying." soning from what they have done to have been responsible for to what they must feel, breaks down; they are arbi-trouv, unconditioned, themselves as it
"With a laugn. They walked on the with a laugn. They walked on the way in silence. "You're not very conversational, Mr. Tristram. I suppose you're angry with me?" and let the name." It was a hit for her at last, though Harry took it well. He turned quickly toward her, opened his lips to speak, "Not to me," observed here." Imp, kept her bat away from it. She laughed; that committed her to nothing -and left Iver to bowl again.

Tristram at a tea-party, though! Makrepented, and did no more than give "No her a rather long and intense look. ively. "Not to me," observed Mina decis-

Then he nodded carelessly. "All right, "Did you young, you see. know about having met her before you "No, he chaffed me. Oh, I think I-

think." "No, it's very uncommon."

"Oh, I don't know," murmured Mina twinkling again. apologetically; but the glance which Finally there was the Major to be

from youth; he was "Bob" to her, she The Major roundly termed him an over- ity at Blent would mean much to their tongue and making the most of its better manners. This coincidence of views was a sore temptation to the "You haven't said a word to me, "I haven't had a chance; you're al-

"How can I help it, if-nobody else superhuman. "I really shouldn't have the cheek, him."

launched on an account of how Harry "Why should it matter what he had treated her; they fanned one another's fires, and the flames burnt mer-"Do you really think that, Miss rily.

bargain. Singularly complicated ques-tions are rather cruelly put before She could not endure it; she must justi-cliation, almost a contempt for her. ing of hatchets and a touching reconciliation. With that justice of judgyoung women, who must solve them on peril of — It would sound like exag-Harry for his rudeness and on her ment of which neither youth nor prejuuncle for his scepticism. The triumph dice quite deprived him, Harry liked There was Mrs. Iver to be said good- would be sweet; she could not for the the letter; but he was certain that the ing against his own readiness to give anyhow-not now, but some day; if up the battle before it was begun. But her temper could not stand the strain by to-plump, peaceful, proper Mrs. what she did. She could not keep her And again-in the end as in the beg to stir save an unkindness and an un-conventionality; before either of these least must see that she had power to at the present time when Blent bring it about. With the height of ma- about to pass into his hands. It lay and said: play and said: "Suppose he wasn't Tristram of Blent Mr. Gainsborough was obviously who would not waste his chance Duplay stopped short where he stood funeral; he might be fenced with then, but it would need startling on the slope of the hill above Blent

ures to keep him from a funeral, itself. "What? Is this more nonsense?" Harry, as he threw the leter dow "No, it isn't nonsense.' the Gainsboroughs were soon He looked at her steadily, almost severely. Under his regard her smile dis-

more immediate and threatening. appeared; she grew uncomfortable. "Then I must know more about it. Blent Pool is a round basin, some fif "Then I must know more about it. Come, Mina, this is no trifle, you know."

"I shan't tell you any more." she Hall side there is no approach t maternal. "You must," he said calmly. "All you know, all you think. Come, we'll have road up the valley runs close by it out now at once."

and the brink. The scene is gloo She followed like a naughty child. drifting still; harry had togan plan at fifteen and still was busy plan-ning. One result of this difference was that whereas she was hardly touched or affected in character he had been immensely influenced. In her and to her the whole thing seemed almost ac-

> ful uncle seemed youthful no more: he There was Mr. Iver to be said good- was old, strong, authoritative. He made her follow him, and he bade her

She followed, like the naughty child she now seemed even to herself: and presently, in the library, beside those most solemn, as ner trifle in formal salute. "You promised to say Mina!" wretched books of hers, her old law-

names. Why, I call my wife 'Mother' -only Janie says I musn't. Yes, come nughty child who would revolt but

the day over five o'clock tea, though." self on the bed, sobbing. She had let This was hardly a hint, but it was an herself in for something dreadful. It dication of the trend of Mr. Iver's was all her own fault-and she was thoughts. So it was a dangerous ball, very sorry. Those were her two main conclusions. Her whole behavior was probably just what the gentleman to whom she

owed her nickname would have expect-"It's quite a change to find Harry ed and prophesied. CHAPTER V.

> The First Round. Within the last few days there were

'You chaffed him, I expect. He stands ominous rumors afloat as to Lady a bit on his dignity. Ah well, he's Tristram's health. It was known that she could see nobody and kept her

room; it was reported that the doc- a step nearer, and stood over Harry. I left off even, you know." room; it was reported that the doc-"They get a bit spoilt." He seemed to tors (a specialist had been down from "Certain facts have come to my know-

be referring to the aristocracy. "But town) were looking very grave; it ledge which concern you very intimate-there's plenty of stuff in him, or I'm was agreed that her costitution had not ly." much mistaken. He's a born fighter, I the strength to support a prolonged strain. There was sympathy - the icism were expressed in Harry's "In-

"I wonder!" said Mina, her eye neighborhood was proud in its way of deed!" Lady Tristram-and there was the "And not only you, or - I need hard

usual interest to which the prospect of ly say-I shouldn't feel it necessary to

bearing young cub, and professed a de- neighborhood, and if it were indeed the flavor.

Imp; to resist it altogether would seem be nothing to prevent the hospitalities guests." "I should like to cut his comb for "I should like to cut his comb for" "I should like to cut his cut his comb for" "I should like to cut his cut his comb for" "I should like to cut his Harry Tristram was savage enough with the Major-what would he have been with mean with mean was in essential agreement. She were to succeed the sick Lady Tris-tram and to marry the new Lord. Yet niece out of the question) have been re-

a single garden party in the year would ceived with a hearty, cordial, warm represent pretty accurately their per- friendship that seems already an old

Mere REAL

REPLIES TO ADVERTISEME

Letters in reply to advert he classified columns of watt claimants as follows: NUMBERS-45, 60, 75, 77, 91, 16, 230, 253, 442, 450, 509, 705, 718,

"I hate hearsay people," grumb LETTERS-B., C., F., G., H. T. J. O., R.

WANTED-MALE HEL Advertisements under this he a word each insertio WANTED-Boy to work in tory. Apply J. Piercy &

WANTED-Man for position pality. All applications mus July 12th. Address H. O. quitz, B. C. earn \$75 to \$109 monthly co

canvassing; experience un Send for partfculars. Press Lockport, N. Y. WANTED-FEMALE HE A ivertisements under this he a word each insertio WANTED-A first-class wai ply.Victoria Hotel.

WANTED-Two waitresses. minion Hotel.

WANTED-Young girl to do li word. Apply 11 Springfield av toria West. waiting there for a moment in silence

WANTED-Apprentices to lea cutting and designing by simpli-patterns cut to measure. 134 Fo WANTED-A woman to do gene work. Apply 47 King's road.

embarrassment hung about the Major; he seemed to have little liking for his SITUATIONS WANTED .- M task. "I'm aware," he went on. "tha

Advertisements under this hea a word each insertion.

dress Box 939, this office.

WANTED-Position in office man, seven years' experienc references, not afraid of wor Box 642.

BOOKKEEPER, experienced competent to take charge, d gagement; highest references monials. Address C. J. F., ca: Box 93, Victoria, B. C. CONTRACTORS We can furn with laborers, or any kind of short notice; Poles, Slava, Italians, Lithunans, etc. Boat ping Co., 18 Norfolk street, Ni Cuty.

A polite curiosity and a slight scent-

MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head a word each insertion. A REFINED YOUNG LAD position as a companion. Ac 19, Times Office. \$8,000 TO LEND on security of property. J. Peirson, 92 G

AMES M'K. WILSON, Scaven PROME 652. FREE-Camping ground, 251 i main road, good spring waten wood, shade trees. etc... Soo, passes to Victoria daily, E. & passes three tiems daily within good fishing. F. J. Bittancou perty, Goldstream.

ing a few yards of turf between

and took his stand just behind him

I may lay myself open to some misun-

derstanding in what I'm about to say

I shall beg you to remember that I am

in a difficult position and that I am a

Harry said nothing; he waited with

unmoved face and no sign of perturba-

"It's best to 'eb plain." Duplay pro-

I have taken the liberty of following

you here for that purpose." He came

ceeded. "It's best to be open with ye

and apparent irresolution.

"Do I interrupt you?"

gentleman and a soldier.'

"Mr. Tristram."

me?'

tion.

THE LATEST sheet metal ele J. Market, maker, Victor Market, Be B1947

IF YOU WANT TO SELL OI thing, give us a call. C. B. Store street:

Harry turned his head and saw Major Duplay; the Major was grave, almost solemn, as he raised his hat a "You couldn't have found a man more at leisure." Harry did not rise, but gathered his knees up, clasping his hands round them and looking up in Duplay's face. "You want to speak to "Yes, on a difficult matter." A visible

ANY INTELLIGENT PERS arn \$75 to \$109 monthly corr for newspapers; sure, steady canvassing; experience unn Send for particulars. Press & Lockbort. N. Y.

Lockport. N. Y. 6 WANTED-Ladies to do plain s sewing at home, whole or spe good pay; work sent any charges paid; send stamp for ticulars. National Manufacturi pany. Montreal.

YOUNG MAN, 10 years' exp