

CHAPTER XXXVI. house on the skirts of a fashionable square, and with perseverance wor thy of a better cause began sweeping the matrimonial seas once more for

Leonora's behoof

Bounds.

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The labor was shortened unexpectedly. Mr. Rupert Villiers came dutifully to nay his respects to his aunt, his compliments to his cousin. About Leonora's broken engagement the major had withheld all particu-He was not the man to gossip his son over a woman' The ladies soon found to their relief that nothing of the pseudo Mr. Morecoombe-Wood's history was known to any one likel to retail it.

"The man was unworthy of m Leonora! never name him to me. On ly help her to forget him," Mrs. Al wyn begged, and Mr. Rupert obeyed very literally.

He found the cultivation of cynicism slow for a lengthened period. Mrs. Alwyn's "straightened means" (she kept Sydney's supplementing

hundreds strictly to herself) were not

contemptible, taken' in conjunction stock of with a valuable furniture. What was hers was Leonora's. Leonora was handsome still, especially by candle-light. Presently the young lady took to wearing a certain sapphire ring given her on a memorable occasion. Upon that hint, Mr. Villiers spoke, with the result that before another season began he was inducted as ostensible master of "Number twenty-three Gladys Crescent."

They suit in their new positions excellently. After his and her own self each admires the other to th top of their bent. But they never trouble each other with too much of confidences: so when one day Mr Villiers read aloud from his paper the tragic end, in a San Francisco gamb ling saloon, of a swindler of Euro pean reputation whose description he well recognized, he felt under no ne cessity to confess that he had had many dealings with this questionable character, nor did he dream that the rascal put an end to by a Californian knife was at one time near standing in the marital shoes he now wore so easily.

Major Villiers took his son's settlement with moderate satisfaction.

"It wasn't the one I wanted, more's the pity for you, Rupert," he said; and though fairly reconciled to life and his lot. Mr. Rupert once allowed himself to echo that regret.

It was at a big gathering the 'year after he had married, to which, after much toadving of a society magnate he had got himself and Leonora ina throng of name and rank, they had found themwas Tufter, by the way), spent five minutes in pointing out to him the notabilities of the evening-among them.

"That tall fellow with the brown beard. He's blind, though you'd never guess it. He's written a book on Upper Egypt that's all the rage among the blues just now. Some society got him up to lecture this afternoon, and my lord president nabbed him for tonight. That dark-eyed woman every one is looking at, leaning against



luxury, this weath had at first confused and bewildered her-she had now he little needs.

been summoned to it from a "first-For under Richard Drayton's prufloor-front" in Camden town: but dent management Granfvlde sends there is nothing to which one so soor steady stream of riches on them, and gets accustomed as luxury and Vero-Sydney declares if she had not Gil nica had grown so used to it that bert to tell her what channels to turn she had not quite forgotten the it into she should be perplexed out of old days of semi-gentility-what enjoyment of this troublesome hateful combination of words it is !--expanding wealth. the splendour of her surroundings

Troublesome indeed! Why, what is had ceased to impress-and oppres it Mrs. Gilbert Hurst likes better? her. Now, as she looked round at all This the evidences of wealth and position.

She came silently the other day upinnumerable in detail and large in the on her husband and their five-year-

they were not transient but perpetual. FREE TO ALL SUFFERERS which had seemed to her a rurai palace, and enormous wealth were to HE NEW FRENCH REMEDY Itol No2 No **THERAPION** be hers on one, and the simplest conrself if it dition. She was to marry a man of rank. Well, why not?

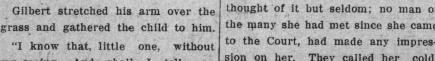
No woman was more free from old daughter conclave under small vanities than Veronica, but evbee-haunted could imagine it as possible that she would be able to comply with The sky above the condition. In the circle, the coun intensely blue. To life's beginty circle, that revolved round Lord world looked very fair. Said Lynborough, its acknowledged centre one, finishing a thought there were many men of title-some of them of historical title-and mos

of them had expressed an admiration "But it doesn't matter for that." for Miss Veronica Gresham, the nied "And what does not matter of the Earl of Lynborough. It seem ed such an easy condition; she had "Your being blind, father, for just so to speak, but to choose the things that are pretty. But oh. wish you were not blind for some

At the thought, the straight brows, the Denby brows, came together, and she made a little mone of distaste supposed to be always marriage: Veronica

gross, she could not help feeling that

Wayneford, which she had seen and



for Headache.

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my seeing. And shall I tell something more wonderful? That dear mother of yours grows more and more beautiful to me every single day of our lives

"To see mother. She is such

"I know that, little one,

she said, happy tears her eyes, her hand on her child's own hair, her head on her husband's

thing else!'

"What is it?"

eautiful mother.

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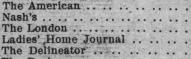
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