Countess Westerleigh

CHAPTER XIX.

(To be Continued.)

"My cousin, Ernest Mortimer," said Vane. He had got hardened by this time, and spoke without a falter.

"Mortimer! Mortimer!" said the earl. "Don't remember any Mortimer in your family. No matter." He extended a couple of fingers to Nora, who took them and shook them. "Ought to have been among the birds by this time," growled the earl: but this beastly political business keeps me. The country's going to the dogs. Mortimer, Mortimer!" He bent his shaggy brows upon Nora. "Why the devil don't I remember him?"

"A distant branch," said Vane. "Oh, looks like a confounded sailor." muttered the earl.

"He is," said Vane; "just left his ship."

"Ah! Navy's going to the devil No ships, no men. We shall be in a deuce of a hole presently. What's the name of your ship, Mr .-- Mr .-- ' "The 'Neptune,'" replied Nora in her low, musical voice.

The old earl bent toward her. "The what? 'Neptune'? Don't know-don't know a quarter of the ships affoat."

He glared at the clock, and looke round the room impatiently.

"Where's Florence?" he demanded irritably. "It's a strange thing that I can't have the few meals I eat a Talk of slaves! We're the slaves of our cooks and footmen-yes, our very footmen. I wish to Heaven lived in a cottage by myself!"

At this moment the door opene and Lady Florence entered.

Little wonder that Nora started and for a moment stared at her wit wide-opened eyes.

Never in the wildest moments ed anything so lovely, so grand, s overpowering as this woman of fashion, who sailed, glided into the room

masterpieces, a robe of faint mauvetinted satin trimmed with cream colored lace so delicate in textur that it looked as if it had been spun by a spider. Pearls, arranged coronet fashion, gleamed softly in her golden hair and on her white neck and arms, and the Warlock diamond a priceless gem, shone fiercely in the bosom of her dress.

Nora felt as if she must screen he

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ves and did actually put up he small brown hand as the imperia

How was it possible, indeed, the Vora should ever have heard of reamed of such a creature as this? She glanced at the vision of love iness, and then at Vane, and he me the glance, and responded with or of warning and cantion.

Lady Florence gave her hand Vane with something more than smile of welcome, then turned Nora.

"How kind of you to come!" si said. That was all; but the liquid Lady Florence wore one of Worth's ice-like tones seemed to ring an ring in Nora's ears. She could fir no word of response.

> "Dinner is served, my lady," sai the grave butler; but Lady Florence nerely inclined her head and did no

"What on earth are we waitin or?" demanded Lord Warlock wit

As he spoke the footman open the door and announced:

"Mr. Senley Tyers." Vane felt surprised and must hav ooked it, for Senley Tyers smile

and raised his brows slightly, a much as to say: "Yes, it is I. Won-

lerful, isn't it?" The earl put up his gold eye-glass

"Who the devil is this?" he mutter ed, to no one in particular, but quit oud enough to be heard by the las

Vane saw Senley Tyers glance a the fiery old man, and then look steadily at Lady Florence, and cied that her eyes drooped; but he told himself that it must be fancy

Lady Florence turned to her father "Mr. Senley Tyers, the artist, father." she said. "He is a great friend

"Eh?" said the earl. "How do you

This ought to have made Mr. Tywith his hands behind his back, ex-

"For Heaven's sake, let us get ome dinner, if we are all here," said the earl; and he signed to Vane to

Nora, and Lady Florence smiled. "Your cousin is all right," she said. You were quite right, he is very

"Isn't he?" said Vane, with a sudlen flush. "He is a nice boy, and I ope you will like him."

"Oh, I dare say," she said, with find it dull to-night," she said, "and

Vane: "but you might have asked im for his own sake. He is a wonlerfully clever and entertaining man s I dare say you have found out by

Her lips came together, and he

"Yes: I suppose he is clever," sh

Nora followed with the earl and the artist into the dining room.

It was a magnificent apartment but its wonderful decorations, the rare pictures, the small round table rich plate and costly glit dles were lost upon Nora, Lad carcely noticed Senley Tyers, and when he spoke and she looked up an recognized him, she felt a strange sensation of repulsion mingling with

her surnrise She had been comparatively at L ease at the Cavaliers', but the subdu the room, the noiseles novements of the servants, the rega splendor of Lady Florence, confuse nd bewildered her, and now she fel the cold, keen gaze of Senley Tyers ark eyes as an added weight.

"You are not often in London, think you said?" he remarked, as I unfolded his table napkin.

Nora did not remember having sa nything of the kind to him, but si hought she must have done so an orgotten it in her confusion.

"This is my first visit," she replied "Indeed," he said. "How strange ou must find it all! When did yo eave your shin?"

He spoke in the leisurely tone will which a grown man addresses young lad ignorant of the world, ac Nora, as she listened, felt that alady she was beginning to hate hir "Not long," she said.

He seemed to listen with a sudde ncrease of attention.

"What is the name of your ship"

"The 'Neptune.'" replied Nora, her yes fixed on Vane, that she migh see which spoon to use, and what dish to accept or refuse. The num ber of knives and forks and glasse mbarrassed her, though she had no ielt embarrassed by nearly the same umber at the club

"Do you like the navy?" asked Sen ley Tyers, after a pause, durin which the soup was served. Nora hesitated a moment.

"I am in the merchant service" sh said, coldly

Senley Tyers looked at her out he corner of his eyes.

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"You are away on leave, I sup

Nora felt her heart, beginning to beat flercely at this persistent quesgether. She did the unwisest thing

or "no" Senley Tyers would have came he glanced at her, and saw that the color had risen, and that he eves were flashing, and knew that she had shirked his interrogation.

And though he turned from her and addressed Lady Florence, he watched her closely. Most men would have seen nothing

spicious in the handsome lad, and stributed his silence to a not unbe coming shyness; but Senley Tyers possessed the mind of a detective, and just now was on the lookout for any thing-any incident or circumstance n Vane Tempest's life which h night be able to turn to advantage.

Vane leaned forward. "I was just asking Lady Florence f she wasn't tired of sitting for he ortrait." he said.

"Quite, I am afraid," said Tyers with a smile. Then he looked a her, and waited.

Vane quite expected her to say with her usual hauteur, "More than tired:" but instead she said, with a "No; I am not. It is very inter-

esting." Senley Tyers leaned back as if he

"Lady Florence is patience itself and too kind. Yes, the picture has lress-by the way. I have to than! ou for suggesting it, Tempest-is as laborate one, and means a vast amount of work."

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