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"Ah, I thought there was some unwor-

thy motive lurking at the back of this sud-den burst of hospitality. What is it?"
"I want you to come and laud Herne Bay up to the skies, and make my mother "I want you to come and make my mother imagine it is a paradise upon earth."
"No, no, Thurnan with all my faults I am not a villain," said Durnford sclemnly, stopping and shaking his head. "There are limits to hyporisy even when friendship is in the question. You ask me too much, "Thurnam—too much."
"Don't be an ass, Durnford," returned Percy a little impatient y.
"But, joking aside, who wants to go "But, joking aside, who wants to go "White impatient y."
"But, joking aside, who wants to go "What is her name?"
"Yes, yes," exclaimed Percy eagerly. "That one."

OR, LOVE WINS.

CHAPTER IV.

FOILED.

down to such a hole as Herne Bay?"

"I do."

"You do? What, have the Levenshulmes gone down?"

"Yes, and it's no use your trying to chaff me out of it. I mean to go. The only difficulty is the old lady. She wants to go to Biarritz, but you know she thinks you are a sullivise a houseway of a case and conductive of the effect that Muriel must remain by her mother, and must not tease strange gentlemen and people on the

Biarritz, but you know she thinks you are a walking phenomenon of sense and good taste. So you can persuade her into anything you like."

"How long do you mean to stay!"

"Six weeks," said Percy boldly."

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"Six weeks!" gasped Durnford. "Ye gods! No, Percy; I would do a great deal for you, but I have feelings; I have a heart, dulled as it may have grown."

"It is no good humbugging. I want to be off at once. Now, we'll hail a hansom and go home directly. I expect she will be alone, and you will have the field to yourself."

"Why can't you go to the bay and your"

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yourself."

"Why can't you go to the bay and your mother to Biarritz?" inquired Durnford as they rolled on towards Bayswater. "That is what I should suggest."

"Well, you see, you and I are differently situated. "You can go on your own hook, but my mother has no one else to look after her if I don't. She always expects me to take her away once in the year."

"Excellent son," murmured Durnford. "May she appreciate your choice in the present instance."

Arrived at the Thurnam residence, Durnford went calmly in, leaving Percy to settle

the young man appeared.

She welcomed Durnford graciously.

There was a little ordinary conversation about the weather and the park, and so forth, and then Durnford cleverly opened fire with the inquiry—

"I suppose you are not going to stay in town much longer, Mrs. Thurnam?"

There was a little ordinary conversation for some time before he summoned sufficient resolution to put it in practice.

It was a desperate step to take, but if carefully carried out would certainly attain success, and to return to town and to Durnford's derisive jests, without having gained the introduction was a thought not to be

and then furnished crearly opened the wind the inquiry—

"I suppose you are not going to stay in town much longer, Mrs. Thurnam?"

"Indeed, I hope not. It is Percy's fault that we are here so long."

"May I ask what part of the world you intend to favor with your presence?"

"Well, we have hardly decided. Where

"Well, we have hardly decided. Where are you going?"
"I was going to Scarborough, but every ene seems beat upon rushing to Herne Bay just now, so I suppose I shall go with the crowd."
"Herne Bay!" echoed Mrs. Thurnam innocently. "I haven't heard of it. What a pretty name. I haven't heard you mention Herne Bay, Percy. Do you know it?"

"I believe it is one of the prettiest places on the coast," said Percy.

He could not control his features as Durnford did, and the desire to laugh was irresistible.

SUCCESS.

The "Har'ld" mentioned so persistently by the little Lvdy Blue-eyes was the young-conductive sate Levenshulme, a boy about three years old, a handsome, adventurous little fellow, surprisingly fond of voyages of discovery, and requiring watchful supervision on the part of his mother and nurse.

He could not speak plainly, being rather in the art of conversation for his age, and his dialect when excited might have passed for broken Hungarian or Hebrew.

But that was in favor of Percy's project. The dark plot he had laid—which I blush sistible.

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"Splendid place," murmured Durnford.

"Some people go there every year of their lives. Fools," he added, under his breath.

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The dark plot he had laid—which I blush to record—was nothing less than a plot to inveigle and entice the child away, unseen, from its protectors to some rameter.

breath. "Where is it?" asked Mrs. Thurnam, growing quite interested.

It was on the tip of Durnford's tongue to say-" Near Margate." But there was an odor about that name that would have made Mrs. Thurnam veto Herne Bay at once. He

"But what are the attractions at Herne Bay?" asked Mrs. Thurnam, smiling innocently again.

Durnford had nearly said "The Leven-shulmes," but checked himself in time and answered—
"It is such a magnificently healthy place.
No one dies there. By the bye," he added, looking across at Percy, 5 have you heard that the plague has broken out in the south

of France?"

Mrs. Thurnam gave a gesture of alarm.

"How shocking! Has it really? And
we thought of going there. Are you sure
it is a true report?" she said anxiously.

"I thought every one knew it," replied
Durnford. "If you are going, I don't envy

you." I only said I had thought of it. Of course I should not dream of going now."
Five days later saw the Thurnams at Herne Bay.
Percy had taken rooms in the principal hotel facing the sea.
He ran down the list of names in the visitors' book eagerly, hoping to see the name of Levenshulme among them.
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But his search was fruitless; the Levenshulmes were not there.

"It seems a remarkably quiet place," said Mrs. Thurnam, when he returned slightly out of spirits with the result of his investigations. "I have not vextured out because of the rain. I sat in the window and thought I would watch the people, but really there were no people to watch—only children."

"It is rather early in the year for the bay, I think," shologized Percy. "The season begins a little later on."

"Well, I hope Archie Durnford will soon come down. He is very amusing. He promised he would join us, did he not?"

"Y—yes."

The auch traitor had certainly made that promise, but Percy knew he had not the slightest intention of fulfilling it.

At last, however, Percy met the Levenshulmesfon the pier.

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Only the colonel and his wife were there. They stayed a short time listening to the band, and then they left.

He followed them at a discreet distance and discovered their habitation.

They were in apartments.

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They were in apartments.

For a week following Percy's conduct was

a model of patience, perseverance and ingenuity.

They met every morning upon the hill.
They met every afternoon, with certain exceptions, upon the shore.

The Levenshulmes formed an isolated but pleasant little group by themselves.
They were an ordinary, happy, contented group of English people, such as you meet all the summer through by the shores of the sea, and just as unreserved and unapproachable as English people usually are.
Once and only once he advanced a step nester the goal he held in sight, and that time the step was followed by a speedy fall that came in his way.

He was lounging in their vicinity as usual one morning, when the blue eyes of a little,

PERCY'S MISTAKE;

fair-haired Levenshulme looked up at him from under the brim of her wide hat.

The young lady had wandered from the family circle, and was engaged in excavating a well on her own account.

Percy was aroused at once.

"Shall I help you to dig that hole?" he said, offering to take the spade. "I shall dig a much deeper one than you will."

The little one's answer was to lay the spade mutely in his arms.

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Then she crossed her tiny hands behind her back and waited for results.

"How old are you?" asked Percy, digging away with great zest "Fife," lisped the owner of the spade.

"And how many brothers and sisters have you got?" pursued Percy, leading up forthwith to the main subject.

"Har'ld—and—and—Har'ld," returned Lady Blue-eyes reflectively.

"Harold; yes, and who else?"

"Iwee, and Eve in, and—and Har'ld."

Harold was evidently a favourite brother.

Who could she mean by "Iwee" and

ford went calmly in, leaving Percy to settle with the man.

Mrs. Thurnam was having tea alone when the young man appeared.

Still only a fortnight had dragged away.

There was another month to get through before the Levenshulmes left.

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Boys were wading far out with their shrimping nets, looking black dots against the glowing sky.

The scene was full of sunset, rest and tranquillity, but the repose of it did not turn Percy from his purpose.

Muriel was busily employed in sorting white pebbles of a fixed size.

The nurse was talking to a young boatman, evidently bent upon a mild flirtation.

Harold had wandered to the offside of a boat by himself: he was already out of the week. J. H. BENNEYWORTH, Proprietor. 88 YONGE STREET, boat by himself; he was already out of the nurse's range of vision. Now or never was the moment for which

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He amused himself with the lid of the chocolate box for some little time. The creams had been consumed long ago; but presently he sighted a livelies occupation.

He began filling Percy's low shoes with sand and little stones.

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