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However deeply a man or woman may love, if the social status of the object be much beneath their own, it is impossible for them to divest them-selves of the feeling that they are conferring a favor. Though Lord Caris-ford had not been conscious of this, Maria's rejection somewhat awakened the sensation, and he felt hurt as well as miserably disappointed.

He could no longer hope, she had not left him the faintest possibility. Henceforth Maria could be nothing to him, and, a dulled, stunned sense upon his brain, he proceeded to a side street where he had left his groom with his

As he went he remembered his cousin, and reflected how pleased she would be to hear again of the com-panion she had so liked. No doubt it would serve to cheer her in her illness. Consequently, mounting, Lord Cecil rode at once to the earl's, Mayfair.

He had not seen Lucille since her

illness, but on learning that she had risen and was in her boudelr, he sent up a request to do so, to congratulate her on her convalescence. The message the footman brought back was to the following effect:

Her ladyship had already exerted her strength overmuch that day, therefore would Lord Cecil excuse her not receiving him until the morrow, when

she might feel better able to do so.

"Assuredly," responded the young nobleman. "But take this paper to the countess. I am certain it will give her much pleasure, and not do her any possible harm."

And he wrote on a scrap of paper these words: "Dear Lucille,-

"I am so delighted to have such good news of you. My visit was to say that at last I have found Maria S-. She is living in Chester Square. I will tell you all when I see you tomorrow. "Yours affectionately,

Dispatching this, he lounged for a few seconds about the drawing-room, then had entered the hall to depart, when the footman, hastening down the stairs, said that the countess would pe exceedingly glad to see him for a

"I knew it would please her," he thought, as he ascended to her bou-

not seen the countess since. in all her sweet, happy, radiant beauty, she had returned from Lethrington, and he was struck as well as filled with concern at the ravages her late illness had made.

She was yet attired as in the morning; her face was pale and worn, making more ghastly brilliant the sparkle of her eyes and the small bright spot on each cheek, caused by feverish excitement.

Her swoon had not lasted long, but instead of awaking to greater prostration, the suffering she had gone through had produced a fever of the system which supplied a fictitious

Fictitious or otherwise, Lucille little cared since it enabled her to carry out the purpose which, in a brief, painful conversation, she had, with the earl's full approval, arrived at. This was that she should start immediately for some quiet locality in the south of France, after which the earl, who had now learned all about the Squelchers, and experienced intense compassion for Lucille, promised to take upon himself the task of privately breaking the intelligence to the marquis and obtain-

ing his advice. Thus her ladyship had been occupied in giving directions to her attendants relative to her quitting England early on the morning of the day following the morrow, and was lying back fairly exhausted when Lord Cecil sent up his

For reasons the reader may understand she had at first refused to see him, but was unable longer to do so on receipt of his written paper. Her first feeling was only that Maria had been found, and the idea caused her a joy that was more curative than any drug in the whole pharmacopeia. instantly occurred to her that if she could persuade the Italian to go with her abroad, the wrotchedness of her solitary future would be modified with such a friend for a companion. Then, however, the recollection flash-

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ed back why Maria had fled, and that it was Lord Cecil who had discovered her. It aroused her anxiety and curiosfirst for the marquis, the second 10. her cousin's passion, and she dispatched the footman to bring Cecil if he should not have already quitted

the house.
"My dear Lucille," exclaimed Lord Carisford, hurrying forward, "I never knew you had been as ill as your must have been. Are you not trying your strength too soon? Have you not too early left your apartment?

As he took her hand she smiled up into his face, saying: "Pray do not look so concerned Cecil. I am better, almost well." "Almost! My poor Lucille!" and, stooping, with a cousin's love he kissed her forehead.

Yet holding his hand, she remarked in a tone of forced galety: "How kind you are, Cecil. Everybody spoils me. Remember what Goethe says, 'There is something in every man which, if known to his fel-

low, would make him hate him.' I wonder if it be true?"
"Possibly, for Goethe spoke of man, not woman," laughed Lord Carlsford.
"My sweet cousin, before I would believe that of you I'd discredit my own

"Thanks! 'tis a compliment I will prize," she replied. "Never of my own will would I risk losing such an opinon. But come, relate to me all about Maria Saproni. I am full of anxiety and impatience, for the day after to-

morrow I quit England."
"Quit England!" ejaculated Lord Cecil, sitting by her chair and leaning over her, "in your state of health?"
"It is my state of health that necessitates it," she rejoined, yet dropping the lashes over her eyes. "My indispositing has been tiring on the nerves.

Change of air and scene are the best curatives. All my illness now is weakness; that is what makes me so tired." and she raised her eyes, smiling faintly at him; "also which made me refuse to see even you, Cecil, but for the tantalizing bait you held forth—Maria Saproni. How is it you have found her? Tell me each particular."

He did so-at first calmly, almost indifferently, but his manner grew more earnest as he proceeded, though he made no reference to the interview at the hotel.

It was not that he intended to keep it secret, but he left it for Maria to disclose.

Lucille listened in silence, though she never removed her gaze from his face. She saw the color come and go; she beheld the manly effort to stifle mental pain in his eyes and on his features, and partly guessed the truth. This was no lover, throbbing with eager gladness, expectant joy; rather

one conscious of disappointment.

Her heart bled for him, for that passion buried in his own solitary breast; and, actuated by a sudden, sympathetic impulse, placing her hand on his shoulder, she exclaimed:

"Cecil, though I apparently grew callous about Signora Saproni, you, for over two years, have sought to find Dear cousin, when a man takes all this trouble to discover a woman, he can only be actuated by one feel-He raised his eyes quickly and look-

ed at her in silence.
"Love," she added, meeting his gaze. He bowed his head so low that it rested on the arm of her chair. "Lucille," he said, with a break in the voice like a sob, "you have guessed my secret. I love Maria Saproni with

my whole soul." "Poor, poor Cecil," she whispered, gently," woman-like touched by, and grateful for a love confidence. "Un-

Still, think of your "Stay," he interrupted, checking her; 'your arguments are unnecessary-as useless as my love. Maria Saproni does not return my affection. At her

feet today I have asked her to be my 'Your wife!" cried Lucille, aghast, thinking only of the marquis. "You asked her, and-

"She rejected me," he answered, abruptly, rising up and moving from her to hide his emotion. The countess dropped back in her

"Noble, self-sacrificing Maria," she thought. "How much better, grander are you than I." "Cecil," she said, at last, "tell me

all; make me your confidante, will you.' He came back to her, and with the quick perception of woman she saw by his features how sincere was his passion, how it absorbed his whole

"I possess the weakness of my kind, Lucille," he replied, with a gloomy effort at mirth. "I find it difficult to support a secret trouble; I like sympathy, and to share my burden with

another. Yes, I will tell you." Resuming his seat he commenced the recital, not now omitting the scheme he had had recourse to to obtain an interview.

"My poor Cecil, I can forgive your using my name, aware you used it for no sinister intent. I am very, very sorry for you. Nevertheless, Maria has acted wisely; in time you will think so o. You will forget her."
"Never!" he exclaimed, resolutely. "But her own lips have made me

aware I have no hope; therefore, enough of myself." he added, as if throwing the subject from his mind. You leave England the day after tomorrow, you say: then you will not have time to see Signora Saproni?" "Not only shall I make a point of doing so, but, if possible, I also hope to persuade her to accompany me. Now, Cecil, you will, I am certain, pardon my asking you to withdraw; the excitement of your intelligence over, I begin to feel faint and weak."

He perceived that she spoke truth, for all the color had faded from her countenance; consequently he instantly rose to take his departure. Before he went, stooping, he kissed her affection-

As she watched him depart, she re-flected, sighing: "Probably before we meet again he will know all. Will he compassionate or blame me?"

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OF THE REGENCY

Government of China Retrogressive.

Reforms Vetoed-Kang Yu-Wai's Statement-He Urged Britain to Save the Emperor

London, Oct. 8 .- The Pekin correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Thursday, says: "The Tsung Li Yamen, having unavaningly entreated the foreign legations to spare China the humiliation of bringing foreign escorts to the capital, agreed to the demand of the powers to bring the escort from Tien Tsin tomorrow."

The Pekin correspondent of the Times, telegraphing on Tuesday, says: "The restoration of the regency is complete. The empress dowager receives the cabinet daily, seated beside the emperor openly, and not, as formerly, behind a screen. The government is more retrograde and reactionary. Young Lu, one of his trusted friends, succeeds the late Prince King as the chief Manchu, while the vice-roy of the province of Chi Le is a Manchu. Nevertheless, despite assertions to the contrary, the balance of power between the Chinese and Manchus in high offices is unaltered in the central government, though there is a small proportionate increase of Manchus in provisional posts. The Tsung Li Yamen contains no member cog-nizant of foreign affairs. Its chief working member is Hsu Yung Li, the negotiator of the Gerard convention of 1895, who was subsequently removed from the Tsung Li Yamen at

the instance of Sir Nicholas O'Connor, then British minister to China, for breach of faith, but who was reappointed last month. He says his chief colleague will be Hsu Ching Cheng, former minister to Russia, and now director of the Trans-Manchurian Railway, who long received Russian financial assistance. The Russians welcome the change as increasing their influence. The immediate exciting cause of the change was the impending edict ordering officials to abolish the queue and to adopt foreign dress. A search of the house of Kang Yu Wei, the reformer, resulted in the discovery of papers proving that he was

carrying on a correspondence with the

leaders of the anti-dynastic movement

in Southern China." The Hong Kong correspondent of er, in which the latter recounted his history of the crisis. Kang Yu Wei said that on June 16 he had a two hours' audience with the emperor, who, anxious about the Russian encroachments, was ready to listen to any plan to secure the integrity of the empire. The Times' correspondent

continues: "Kang advised replacing the Conservative ministers by young progressives, and the employment of Englishmen and Americans to effect suggested reforms. He advised the emperor to study the progress of Japan under western methods. The emperor admitted the cogency of his argu-ments, but expressed his regret at being unable to remove high officials, suse of the empress dowager. Kang then urged his majesty to strengthen his friendship with foreign powers, and particularly to seek an alliance with England. The emperor said he realized that foreign countries were no longer insignificant states, and observed that it was a pity that his ministers had not avert-

ed the impending trouble." Kang says the real power at Pekin is held by Li Luen Yan, a sham eunuch, and that the dowager's illegitimate son, Chun Ming, will probably be made emperor. On the morning of Sept. 18, Kang received two letters from the emperor, dated, respectively, Sept. 16 and Sept. 17. The first represented the difficulties of his position, the empress dowager's anger, and his fears that he would be unable to protect his throne, and commanded Kang to consult with his colleagues as to

how to save the emperor. In the second letter his majesty said: I have commanded you to superintend the establishment of an official organ. It is strongly against my wish. I have great sorrow which I cannot describe with ink and pen. You must proceed immediately outside to devise means to save me without a moment's de-lay." The letter concluded with an expression of gratitude for Kang's faithfulness, a warning to him to take care of himself, and an expression of hope that matters would mend ere

Kang promptly visited the American missionary, Rev. Timothy Richard, whom he asked to call upon the British and American legations. Sir Claude McDonald, British minister, was at Poi Tai So, and the American minister. Mr. Conger, was at Shan. Ominous rumors were in circulation that day, and Kang fied. He was astonished that England protected him, and he urges the British Government to take prompt action to save

FALL FAIRS

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Cornwall Woman Thought Her Hus band Dead and Married Again.

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The case was a peculiar one. The prisoner's maiden name was Mary prisoner's maiden name was Mary Compo, and in 1874 she was married at Cornwall by Rev. Father Murray to Patrick Laughrin. In 1890 Laughrin went away, and although he claims to have written to her several times, she denied having heard from him, and swore that she believed that he had been killed at Mille Roches. A letter addressed to her from San Fran-cisco, and signed by him, had been read to her, but she still persisted in thinking him dead. When Laughrin returned to this section he found his wife had been married a few months before at Lancaster to John Trickey, She was arrested and sent to Cornwall to await her trial, which took place on Thursday.

FRUIT AFLOAT

Steamers Being Fitted Up With Special Ventilation Devices.

Ottawa, Oct. 8 .- Prof. Robertson has received a cablegram stating that the last shipment of Canadian pears in cold storage had been sold at 5 shillings and 6 pence per case of about 26 pounds. The steamships sailing from Montreal are being fitted up with special ventilation devices designed under Prof. Robertson's direction, with a view to the transportation of Canadian apples in prime condition. The device consists of a ventilator from the main deck, which carries pure air into the compartment, from which the vitiated air is carried off by means of an electric fan. All the steamship people approve of this plan, and will have their vessels equipped in time for the fall exports of apples.

HIGHER MASONRY

Annual Meeting of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Hamilton, Oct. 8.—Thursday evening the annual meeting of the Royal the Times telegraphs the substance of a long interview he has had with higher Masonry, was held, and the long the Contoness reforms election of officers took place, resulting

as follows: John W. Murton, provincial grand master; Hugh Murray, deputy provincial grand master; J. J. Mason, grand senior warden; W. H. Ballard, grand junior warden; T. M. Lester, grand secretary; Donald McPhie, grand treasurer; Benjamin Allen Torento grand secretary; Donaid McPhie, grand treasurer; Benjamin Allen, Toronto, grand sword bearer; David Dexter, grand banner bearer; Wm. Gibson, M.P., grand marshal; A. T. Neill, deputy grand marshal; Dr. H. S. Grif-fin, W. H. Davis, Thomas Lees and W. G. Eakin, grand stewards; James Chisholm, inside guard; Jos. Mason, outside guard.

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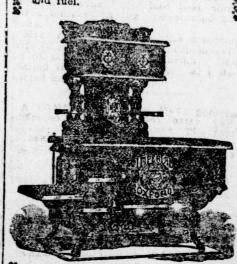
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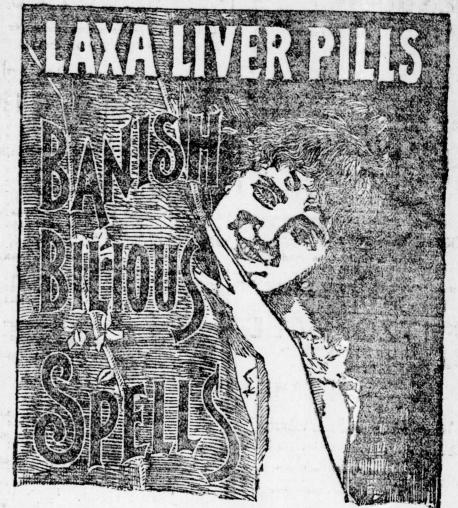
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