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CHAPTER XLVI.

Your heartfelt words do my seared

Tears ran down his furrowed

He began to ask after Sir Charles'

home again?" said Sir Charles.

old heart good."

heard that he was dead.

by an unkind fate," he said.

the disgrace ruined him."

cheeks.

He bowed his head, and the ho ars dropped upon his hands. "My poor uncle!" said Sir Charles ftly. "We have all been the victin of the plots of one scheming rescal. this steward, this bailiff. Your sweet heart was Lady Marcia Howard, and she is waiting for you now, with a patience that is beautiful to see." "My God! You know her?" "I do. I know, also, that the man you saw enter her room was her brother, the present Earl of Swinford. He had married against his father's wishes, and was dependent. His father

ight and day to get here for Christ

"No, no! and I killed him!" groaned Edgar Emden.

would not permit him to enter the

Lord Cecil's "You did not, uncle, and Heaven be raised that you have come home again, for this accursed scoundrel, this steward, declares that the earl killed you, and swears to have him denounced and arrested within a few days!"

> Edgar Emden started up, his fists clinched, his eyes blazing. "And this, this is one man's doings. wenty years of misery for many people, death for your father, a convict's

life for me! My God, his punishment "Uncle Edgar, I am happy to meet cannot be too severe!" you, and you must be happy to be "Providence has guided your steps home uncle, to set right many "Yes, I am glad to be back, lad; but wrongs," said Sir Charles. happiness and I have long parted com-"At last, then, I can be of some real pany. I have always been a mistake.

use in the world," he replied, softly. "And I shall see Marcia again. I am glad that she has been true to me. I am selfish enough for that, lad, and all the old love comes back again, even if I am a broke man!"

father, and was saddened when he After a while Sir Charles took the returned wanderer into the room "I never had any ill-will toward him where Lady Hastings and Herbert but my temper alienated all my Gardner were awaiting him. and the friends. I was soured and embittered reunion between brother; and sister was most affecting.

"Uncle, can it be that you know Until far into the night they sat nothing of my father's unhappy end? talking of the miserable past, of the He was charged with killing you, and foolish mistakes that had been made; but they spoke of the future with hope

"I know not one word of it, lad. How and determination, they made new reher-no, not one." was I to know? I was in the Austral- solutions, and the promise was fair fan bush four months since. I have indeed. spent twenty years of my life in an For the first time Lady Hastings

Australian prison. Don't shrink from heard of many things that she had me, lad, for I did no crime to merit never dreamed of; she was taken into Barden ?" that. I often quarreled with your fa- the confidence of her son, of her bro-

"I think it is the most beautiful one ther because I was disinherited in ther, and of Herbert Gardner, and on in England!" he cried; and she laugh- mile." your mother's favor. I used to taunt this Christmas Eve, while the bells ed at his enthusiasm.

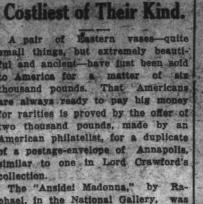
him with influencing my father against were tolling the old, old story of peace "That is great praise," she said. me, though it was a lie, and I knew it. and good-will, they were planning a "You certainly have the best estate in "I honestly believe," said John Bar- as long ago as 1459. Forty years ago, But the thing that broke me up was glad surprise for tortured hearts, who the county . Hyne Court is more don to himself, cha ing with rage, in 1884, the sum of £4,950 was paid

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Lady Iris thought she had been have made many improvements. We slightly abrupt: so she turned to him have the finest-really the finest con servatories in the county." with a smile and asked-"How do you like the country, Mr

The earl started, and Lady Iris smiled.



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rchased by the nation for 70,000 unds, and is usually looked upon as he most valuable picture in existance. But if the Italian Governnent had not prohibited the exportaion of its national treasures, the reord of the Raphael would not stand ong. A collector has offered 200,000 ounds for Titian's "Sacred and Pround Love," which hangs in the illa Borghese at Rome.

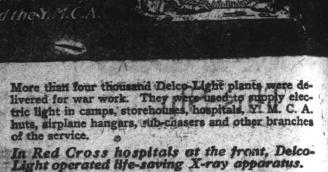
By a cruel frony of Fate, Prince orghese, owner of this fortune in a rame, is very poor. The Municipality of Rome keeps up the villa, the grounds, and the gallery. The prince has offered to give the villa to the nation if he may sell the picture: but the Government refuses the bargain The most valuable piece of pottery is in the British Museum. The story of how the Portland vase was wantonly smashed to pieces by a man named Lloyd and marvellously repaired, is well known. The vase, which is 2.000 years old, was bought for 1.029 guineas in 1786, and even in its damaged state is worth to-day at least 15,000 pounds.

## For beauty, no other piece of fur niture in existence can compare with Marie Antoinette's toilet-table. It is made of sycamore and tulip wood, of exquisite design and marvellously inlaid; 6,000 pounds were paid for it, and it would undoubtedly fetch three times as much to-day were it offered for sale. Oddly enough, the maker's name is unknown.

The most expensive chair in exstence belongs to the Pope. It is guite modern, and was made for his holiness to the order of an American banker. It is of solid silver, beautifully chased, weighs nearly half a ton, and is said to have cost 12,000 pounds.

To come to carpets, two belonging to the Royal Convent of San Antonio of driving over and looking round. We were sold at Lisbon a few years ago for 1,708 pounds, and the buyer is said to have got a bargain. These carpets are 405 years old, of Persian manufacture, and exquisitely em-"I have spared no expense," laughed broidered with real gold. They are the millionaire. "I have built my con- about eighteen feet square, and were servatories, I may almost say by the given to the Convent in 1500 by the Infanta Donna Sanche.

> Mr. Plerpont Morgan owns the most costly book in existence. That is the Psalmarum Codex, which was printed



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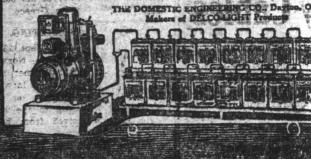
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the fickleness, the faithlessness of the dreamed not that Christmas was beautiful than any other that I know." woman I loved and believed in as I bringing any benison to them? do in Heaven. I was told hy a servant-one of her father's servantsthe land-bailiff, that she had another lover. I did not believe him, but he proved it to me. I saw the fellow enter ed for him with murder in my heart. I struck him from behind, but he turned and we grappled. We fell into the lake, and the next thing I knew was that I was in bed at the house of the balliff. He told me that I had killed the other man, and the police were on my track. He kept me in hiding for

a week, and then got me safely away on board a private boat bound for for gentality," said the quiet voice. Australia. The crew mutinied, and the "She is never so happy as when she is captain and both officers were killed. trying to make others happy." And To cut a long story short, they were sgain the earl's proud daughter did finally captured, and I suffered for homage to the simple sterling nature. erimes that I did not even witness. Lady Iris merely answered by a We were tried by the Australian bow. She could not commit herself to courts, and I have served twenty years a promise of any great degree of inas a convict. I was released two years timacy with a person like Mrs. Bardon. since, and have worked in the gold But at this juncture John Bardon mines with varying success. I have broke into the conversation-he could enough to keep me, and that is all, not endure it any longer. He was ex-Why I have come home I do not know, asperated to the highest degree. It but the longing came over me four seemed to him that his mother had exmonths since, and I have traveled ceeded herself in the way of vulgarity,

and look amiable. monopoly; but you are hardly kind to engross Lady Iris' entire attention." Mrs. Bardon was in a flutter of delight-she generally was when her son noticed her. Lady Iris replied quickly to the tone rather than the words. "I generally give my entire attention where I am interested," she said. Cuticura Quickly Sooth Rashes and Irritation John Bardon felt rather than understood that there was some latent neaning in the words. How beautiful with intense admiration.

(To be continued.) him at the antipodes.

CHAPTER V.

answered-"My mother is always an advocate "That is a very pretty compliment,

forget." "I know how to talk to the ladies, you could tell tales; but you will not." "This is the last time I shall join my family in paying visits," said the son to himself; while Marie thought that if she could help it her parents

> out her. Good Mrs. Bardon rushed once more into the breach. "I am very delighted that you think Hyne Court pretty, Lady Iris. As you

and had made herself ridiculous behave no time for ball engagements, fore this proud young beauty whom he had resolved to woo and win. He perhaps you would do us the honor

could not keep silent another moment; he must interrupt the conversation even at the risk of being considered. Constipation rude and abrupt. He tried to smile "My dear mother, ladies expect a

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the was-how refined, how different from other girls! He looked at her

"I do not believe," he said to him-self, " that there is another girl like

"that my family come out to make for another copy of this book. Mr. Lady Iris's words unfortunately themselves ridiculous!"

"Will you decide upon a day, Lady Bible, sold in December, 1884, fetached caught the millionaire's ears, and he crossed the room in order to join in Iris, and just drive over in a friendly £3,900, and may be said to be the secthe conversation, while his son wished way? It will make us all very happy, ond most valuable among printed I am sure," said Mrs. Bardon; and works.

"I am proud to hear what you say again the expression on Marie's face about Hyne Court, Lady Iris. It is a kept Lady Iris from laughing. beautiful place; and will be more "I must not make any promises un- Codex Alexandrinus, for instance,

ty to say."

eautiful still when your ladyship til our London journey is settled, Mrs. which may be seen in the British Bardon," she answered; "but I thank Museum. This contains, the Septuadeigns to visit it." The earl winced, not knowing how you for the kindness which prompted gint version of the Old Testament and his proud daughter would take the the inviation.

he inviation. The earl and his daughter glanced of only three codices known, and its value is practically inestimable. Half very broad compliment. She was disarmed by a glance at Marie's face, and at each other; surely they had had a million would not buy it.

enough of the visitors. John Bardon The most expensive guns are a pair was not satisfied. Lady Iris had made by a celebrated firm of Birming-Mr. Bardon, and one that I shall not talked easily and kindly to his mother ham gunsmiths for presentation to an and sister, but she had said little to Indian prince. The stocks are cut in

him. He must make one more des-solid gold; the barrels are heavily my lord, you see! Ah, Mrs. Bardon, perate effort to attract her attention. gilt, and the cleaning instruments of "Do you like riding, Lady Iris?" he livory and gold. These guns cost 500 asked. "Do you ride much?" guineas the pair, which is believed to "Yes, I ride every day," she replied be a record price for any pair of guns ever made. "it is my favorite pastime."

As he heard the words, the heir of \_ Eleven hundred guiness were paid, more than twenty years ago, for a feashould never go out to pay calls with- Hyne Court resolved that at any cost ther cloak made by Indians of Westhe would contrive to meet Lady Iris ern Brazil from the plumage of a rare

pretty frequently out-of-doors. Then, bird, But Lady Brassey possessed a he could think of nothing else to say. similar garment made for Royalty in He tried to call up some eriginal the Bandwich Islands, which was valued at twenty times that sum, and idea, to think of some pretty com- is, therefore, the most valuable garpliment but in vain. ment in existence.

"I must read up," he said to him-Yet furs run it close. A tie for the self; "I seem to know nothing. If I throat, made of, real sable skins, is were one of those self-contained cheap at 300 guineas. This price fades aristocrats, I should have found plen-cost of even a small wrap of silver fox, which may cost from six to seven

(To be continued.) hundred pounds. Considering its small size, it is probably the most costly of. all articles of modern dress, apart Hair From Fibre. from fewellery.

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