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"Llanilo. "Dear Aymer,-I find that my presence here is not as imperatively necessary as I was led to believe. I will therefore be with you soon after you receive this. I. H."

"And who is 'I. H.'?" asked Vivien.
"Unnis Hatherfield, of course. Where
are your brains, child? I'm very glad

he is coming to us, aren't you?" "Glad! Did I ever like a paragon? Haven't you dinned that man's perfections in my ears till I detest the sound of his name? Glad! oh, you stupidstupid boy, hadn't we bores enough in the house without your inflicting another upon us?"

And, without waiting for a reply, Vivien St. Orme swept away, pre-determined to make Esselyn Manor so disagreeable to her brother's priggish friend that he would not honor it with his presence again.

In her hasty departure from the breakfast-room, Lady Vivien let fall the half-dozen notes she had gathered into her lap to read in the intervals of playing with the little Maltese dog frisking about her. These Lord Esselyn espied as he started from his chair, incensed at his sister's disparaging remarks, and, in his first paroxysm of anger, he gave them such a vicious kick that they were scattered in all di-

"I'm afraid my dear ma is right, and I'm a boy still," he muttered, as his Mi-humor partially evaporated in the effort, and he stood, with his back against the mantelpiece, surveying the scattered letters. "But Vivien s awfully provoking. I lie under immense obligations to Hatherfield; I feel that he ought to be received here as the most honored guest who ever came under my roof. I have pressed him to come with such warmth that it will be a positive insult if he is not well-treated, and yet here is this capricious girl steadfastly setting her face against him, and evidently intent apon making him so uncomfortable that he will be glad to get away again. Be off, you pampered little beast!" he suddenly vociferated, as the Maltese dog, hearing his voice, came capering towards him. "Hence! avaunt! you are more the master of this house than I am. If you were big enough to resent it, I would kick you.'

eper settled the frown on Aymer's forehead, as, with his hands thrust into his pockets, he brooded over his in-

"Of course, the counters will be on the opposition. If I say to her, 'Hather-field is my friend,' she will turn up her sea-green eyes and piously wish she could approve my choice of com-panions; if I say he is a man of good family, she will remind me that he is only a baronet; and if I explate on his many excellent qualities, she will give me an exasperating little giggle, and say it is so so extraordinary that no one else is even able to admire the person in whom I find such perfections. If I could have won Vivien over to my side, we could have defied the ma, and kept her at bay; but if the pair of them are ranged against me, Hather-field will be affronted, and I shall have

a nice—a very nice time of it." He broke off in his musings to fillip a piece of crust at an aged and snappish parrot-Lady Esselyn's-that was swinging itself in the window, and the bird resented it by screaming "You're a fool!" at the top of her dissonant

"Thanke, Polly, for the information; but it's nothing more than I knew already. If I were not what you so politely call me, I should have the ladies of my household under better control, and be able to invite my best friend without a dread of his being driven away again disgusted. This would be a very pleasant world, and I should be one of the happiest fellows in it, if nature hadn't invented women, to be continual thorns in one's side. If ever I marry, which goodness forbid, my wife shall—hem! who's this coming? My dear ma's ward, the East Indian, I suppose. Miss Cressida Smith, whom she is flinging at my head for the twofold reasons that she sees I don't like the girl, and that she considers it her

to find me a wealthy bride." By the time the door had swung open, and the trim little figure that appeared was wholly unlike the short, stout form of his stepmother's ward. It was that of Mary Delilie. She wore an exquisitely-fitting black dress of some soft material falling in graceful folds around her petite form; a frill of crepe lisse around her throat. an apron of velvet and point lace, and a scrap of the latter pinned upon the

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coils of her dark hair, and called, by courtesy, a cap; completed a costume so simple and elegant that the highest lady in the land might have worn 4t, although it was perfectly appropriate to my new lady's maid.

Without seeing, or, at all events, appearing to see, the figure lounging by the fire, Marie crossed the room, collected the letters she had been sent to fetch, and, still avoiding a glance towards Lord Esselyn, was, in the same sedate fashion, retreating, when a couple of strides placed Aymer betwixt her and the door, and she was com-

pelled to raise her eyes.

With his own full of fun, yet his demeanor respectful, though cordial, he

"Aren't you going to shake hands, Mademoiselle Marie, and let me congratulate you on your recovery, and safe arrival at Esselyn?"

"To whom am I speaking?" queried the girl, surveying him coldly. "The gentleman who traveled with me, and did not hesitate to let me discuss the characters of the residents of this house without a warning that I spoke too rashly, has been pointed out to me

as the Earl of Esselyn. Can it be so?"
There was a sharp rebuke conveyed by her looks as much as her words; sharper than the young earl felt con-scious of deserving, for he had not been guilty of any deliberate intention of duping her.
"Which part of your speech am I to

answer first?" asked Aymer, redden-ing slightly. "It is quite true that I am Lady Vivien St. C.me's brother

"And my master," she interposed, with a low curtsey that would have been reverential if her mocking air had not contradicted it. "I claim no authority over my sister's attendant," said Aymer saucily.

"But if you think proper to swear feal-ty to me, I'm sure I have no objection.' "I will refer the subject to my lady." said Marie, looking very demure. "In the meantime, I am not bound to obey

any orders from my lord? Then I may "Of course, you may; but I hope you will not until I have finished what I had to say. You implied just now that I took an unfair advantage, when 1 did not say to you in the railway carriage, 'I am the Earl of Esselyn.' Perhaps I ought to have done so; but it

would have embarrassed you, and I was silent." "It does not signify," answered Marie. "My lord had an undoubted right to amuse himself at the expense of the little lonely French girl. Fortunately for her, not having seen her new mistress, she had nothing to say, either of praise or blame, that can be repeat-

ed to her injury." "I should be a mean hound indeed if said or did anything to injure friendless young creature like your-self," responded Aymer, warmly; "and as long as you reside in this house you shall not be exposed to annoyance or impertinence from anyone. But do you seriously intend remaining here in the

character of maid to my sister?"
"Most assuredly I do. Why not? The countess complains that I am too young; that my manner is not defer-ential enough; but Lady Vivien says I arrange her hair to her satisfaction, and that my taste in dress is good; therefore, she wills to keep me. Well, monsieur. It seems that you object; that you purpose to go to the countess and say. 'I would not employ this girl, Marie Delille, because she has had some advantages of education, and so I telieve her to be unfitted for the position she would hold in this house. She will not invent a romantic description of her birth and parentage for my edification; and this displeases Moreover, although, with true English obstinacy, I have determined that she shall be a princess en masquerade, she refuses to admit it; therefore, send her away. What matter if she grieve at the lose of her situation? What matter if she be seriously inconvenienced, and return to her own country disappointed? It is nothing; I—the earl—have said that I wish it, and I am the master of Esselyn Manor.'

"Upon my word, if this is your notion of a manly Briton, the sooner your mind is disabused, the better," exclaimed Aymer, alternating between amusement and anger. "You are all wrong, for, first, mademoiselle, I should as soon think of flying, as of interfering with my sister in her choice of a maid. Secondly, when you called yourself lonely and friendless, you advanced a claim to my forbearance, which I shall never ignore.'

Mary Delille compressed her lips. There was a generous frankness in his manner that impressed her more than she wished him to see.

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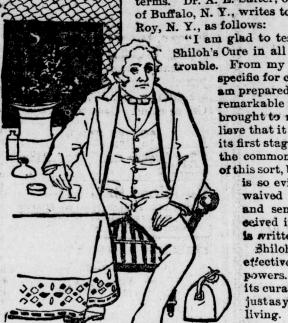
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To know That which before us lies in daily life Is the prime wisdom. -Militon.

Friday afternoon of last week Miss Magee, of Albert street, gave a pleasant little tea for a few friends of Miss Pauline Beddome, who left the following Monday for Windsor, where in future she is to live. We are all so sorry to lose Miss Beddome from amongst us, but hope often to see her CONVALESCENTS as a visitor in London,

Mrs. Malcolm Kent, of Central avenue, gave a charming euchre panty on Monday afternoon for her girl friends. Everyone decided afterwards that a card party "without men" is a delightful innovation (I believe it is quite a usual event on winter afternoons in Hamilton). Surely many of the "sterner sex" who declare that "no woman can play cards properly" would have changed their minds if they had seen the tables surrounded by girls with a rapt expression on their faces. And skill (or was it merely luck, fair losers?) was well rewarded, for the prizes were very pretty-the first one a souvenir spoon, the second a hatpin, ornamental well as useful. Mrs. Kent was asin the chine used.

Mis Louie Tracey, daughter of Col. Tracey, of Vancouver, formerly city engineer of London, is the guest of Miss Weston, of Ridout street. Miss Tracey will remain in the city some time, and intends studying music with Mr. Barron.

Mrs. Lionel Eliot, of Goderich, is the

Mr. Frank Reid played with the Osgoode football team last Saturday. This week he will accompany them to Ottawa. All success to them!

One of the most popular young debu-tantes in Toronto this year is Miss Meta Macbeth, daughter of Mr. George Macbeth, formerly of this city. Miss Mac-beth made her debut at the Victoria Club ball in a lovely gown of white organdy, trimmed with innumerable tiny frills edged with white satin rib-

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of Queen's avenue, accompanied by Miss Dyment, of Barrie, leaves today (Saturday) for the New York horse show. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Beck will also be in New York for the same event.

A calico ball is on the tapis. What delightful visions it conjures up! It is over ten years since the last one was held in London, and a great success it was, though I scannot speak from personal experience. This one is in aid of the children's wing of the hosp tal. I believe.

Invitations are out for a ball given by the St. Thomas bachelors, to be held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, at the Grand Central Hotel. Mr. Bob Arkell, now of Exeter, is the honorary secretary. a fact which assures suc-

What a fatiguing time a woman has who devotes herself to what is called the world. So much, nowadays, is expected of her. It is not sufficient just to look pretty; she must have skimmed over the last novel, be able to discuss the latest psychological problem, be prepared to give an opinion on all the phases of the Dreyfus case, and know the new microbes, at least by name. And in spite of all this men occuse her of laziness, and declare that she leads an aimless existence.

Who in London will affirm after this that Friday is unlucky? Did we not all awake this very week on Friday to find on gazing out of our windows a beautiful. beautiful fairy-like world of snow-laden branches above, and snow-covered ground beneath? And later, over our comfortable breakfasts, we read that the strike was over, that peace and goodwill reigned once more in the hearts of men, thank goodness! Most fervently do we cope that with the year 1898 will end the series of accidents and events that have gone far towards making London a byword among Canadians.

LITTLE WIFE. O little wife, O little wife, your tears must fall some day, Sad tears that rise from aching heart,

and fall the while you pray; The sea is hungry still, for all it wears a smile tonight, For skies are not all starshine, and the moon not always bright.

O little wife, O little wife, the greatest ioy gives pain,

OVER THE TEACUPS | And some day dawns with sorrow that will never go again. will never go again,
A sorrow that lies hidden and a crief that cankers all; O God. for strength when days ar

void, and over all a pall! O little wife, O little wife, so strong in love's vast strength.

The days are not all sunshine, and the clouds must come at length; The joy that lights your eyes today will yield but greater pain

When fotosteps on the threshold now shall never come again. -The Gentlewoman.

REMEMBERED

A Marked Act of Kindness-Donations to the Home.

At the monthly meeting of the Convalescent Home it was reported that through Miss Perrin, sister of the Bishop of British Columbia, and the ladies of the National Council of Women, great kindness had been shown to John Ferris, a former inmate of the home, who had been helped by several London citizens to obtain a passage to Victoria with a view to joining a son in that place. On arriving there Ferris found that his son had gone to Oaksisted at the prettily decorated refresn- | land, California, and not only did these ment table by her daughter, Miss Edna | ladles treat Ferris with every possible Kent. Miss Geraldine Beddome, and kindness, but they provided for him a Miss Marjorle Gibbons, all wearing free passage to Oakland. The board of dainty white frocks. The color scheme the Convalescent Home passed a spethe Convalescent Home passed a special resolution of thanks to Miss Perrin and the Local Council of Women of

The following donations for September and October were also gratefully acknowledged: Miss Meredith, apples and tomatoes; Mrs. Cronyn, apples; Mrs. de la Hooke, five jars of preserves; Mrs. Bullen, fruit. etc.; Mr. Gammage, decorating plants; English Church Flower Mission, flowers; Bradford & Hodgins, basket of buns; Mrs. B. A. Mitchell, vegetables, etc.; Mrs. guest of Mrs. E. W. Hyman, of Wolfe Niven, curtains and dining-room oil-street, for a few days. cloth; Mrs. Graydon, a jar of honey; Mrs. Boomer, cake and buns: Mrs. W. J. Reid, basket of apples; Mrs. Macbeth, a drum for stove; Gustin House, stovepipe; Mr. Gill, men's clothing; Mrs. Kidner, preserves and pickles; Mrs. R. Long, reading matter; Mrs. Blith, preserves, etc.; Miss Norton, \$2.

LOCAL LABOR NEWS

The Metal Polishers Union added fourteen new members at their last meeting. The cigar makers, molders and building laborers and Industrial Brotherhood report additions to their membership.

The last regular meeting of the local printers' union was an interesting one. Applications for use of the union abel were received and referred to the executive. The president reported that a small printery had been deceiving the public by representing that they could affix the label when required. A bill that had been printed by the firm was produced, and it was at once seen that the label was a fraudulent imitation of the genuine emblem. Instead of the label bearing the words "London, No. 133," it has the words "London, Miss.," and is so gotten up as to deceive the customer unless it was closely scrutinized. The question of prosecuting the firm was left in the hands of the president, who will secure legal advice, and institute proceedings in the regular way.

The meeting of the Trades and Labor Council this week was well attended, President Donnelly presiding. The reports of the various committees were received and adopted. It was decided to hold a series of lectures dur-

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ing the coming winter months, and a committee composed of a member from each union affiliated was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The first lecture will possibly be held on the 28th inst., when J. W. Martin, of the Fabian Society, London, England, will open the series by an address on "Municipalization of Monopolies." The printers reported that a firm of printers was using an imitation of union label, and asked for the support of the council in putting down such contemptible conduct. It was decided to assist the printers and report the name of the firm to the different unions connected and to do everything possible to bring the guilty parties to justice. It was reported that orders for the special strike edition of the Industrial Banner were coming in rapidly, and it was probable that 100,000 copies would not fill the demand. deputation from the Tailors' Union was present in reference to the street

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