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The Romance

Marriage.

CHAPTER XXXI.

of tenderness and love, "obey your wish to die at Nouville." Then, in dirhelp us both, and keep us true to each parte, some fashionable doctor disif I remained it would only be to physicians to send those of their patiso away for a time. But I will come similar misfortunes to Nouville-and your heart, and-go now;" he breaks and now each spring Nouville suffers

face in her hands, turns and leaves that threatens to overmaster him for

sir," he says. "You have used hard he holds out his hand.

forbidding frown upon him.

with a shake of the head, turns and severingly. Bob is—ah, where is Bob? strides off.

CHAPTER XXXII.

with the assistance of written and darling May. king of this world, and were able to Powis.

Your upset stomach will feel fine!

fit and you feel uncomfortable, when

old me in all my beauty and freshness! Come in—live in me!" The great hotel, which stands in the cenre of the promenade and parade poists its tricolour, rolls out its red and-white stripped awning, and regilds its sign—the Eagle of France The shops in the principal streetpardon, I mean boulevard-stoo themselves with wooden cucko clocks, wooden paper-knives, wooden match-boxes, of which the English visitor, immediately he arrives at Nouville, purchases, as if life dependknock-knacks; the casino calls its its new packs of cards and polishes up the roulette table, at which vast sums will exchange hands before the season is out and Nouville sinks to

Nouville has been fashionable for ant can remember it as a plain little French coast; and strange legends ed arms upon the golden sands, and looking round the sunlit bay, declared, "May," he says, and his voice is full in his grim fashion, that "one might covered that Nouville was the place to wish to live at. Other doctors. more or less celebrated, followed suit, and it speedily became the fashion for

> As more English people than those of any other nation fancy that they have weak chests, Nouville especially became a favourite resort for the in-

ents afflicted with "weak chests" and

very flymen all speak English, and but for the French uniform of the soldiers and the white caps of the nurses and the patois of the street boys, one might easily persuade oneself that one was at Margate or Broad-

shall keep my promise. I will not by since Bob said good-bye to May, for her. Don't-don't be harder with personage by Mr. Houndell Palmer; I wouldn't have believed that anyone her than you can help, sir. It was my since Paula discovered that "love was all my fault, and she is too but a snare and faith an empty word," gentle, bless her heart, to be hardly and much has happened in those used I wish you good-bye, sir," and swiftly months. The cottage and lands are let to a sporting gentleman, who is quite willing to pay a high rent for "Go to the devil!" he says, and Bob, which poor Bob preserved so per-His last letter dated from an out-lying of Australia; but that letter reached Nouville-by-the-Sea at noon of a Paula months ago, and Bob may be spring day. Who does not know it? still many more thousand miles away Who cannot, by the aid of memory, in pursuit of that fortune which he if he happens to have been there, and has promised to lay at the feet of his

pictured description if he has not, Fate plays selfish tricks sometimes; who cannot call up a vision of that like a harlequin in a pantomime, he paradise of English tourists, of travel- swings his hand round his head, brings ling Americans, and of pleasure-lov- it down with a flick-flack, and, heigh ing Parisians? Time rolls on, dynas- presto! all is change and confusion. ties totter and empires fall. Change Fate waved the magic wand for more comes to most things, but Nouville is than Bob eleven months ago; for not the hand which er which I have always the same. It would seem al- only is honest Bob missing and scatmost as if it had taken a lease of the tered, but so also is Sir Herrick done my duty, and the consciousness

renew it every spring, for annually, It would be more difficult to say It's your deal, my dear Hurstley," and every spring, the charming little where he is than to guess at Bobs place awakes from slumber and whereabouts; for no tidings of him

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once adorned so bravely, since a day race, when Flossie Hamilton lay lifeless on the carpet of the pretty draw-

his dear Rick is, and only shakes his head and sighs in answer to the numerous enquiries. And as he shakes his head and heaves his sigh, the major gives you to understand that he is a considers himself in that light,

had his "pots and pans," as Lord Hurstley called his plots and plans, gone contrary. Instead of taking his dear uncle's plans and settling little girl of my dear friend Palmer's." Estcourt property, he had only intend-

marked at his club that it was really grateful, and that a man who put himself out of the way to benefit other taken the trouble for nothing.

to Lord Hurstley, over a rubber, "as of-er-er-honour and duty. Here have I, with infinite trouble and inconvenience, succeeded in getting him out of a most dreadful entanglement the privilege of shooting the fame which would have ruined him for life, and not only that, but actually prepared the way for a most excellent and advantageous match, when off he cattle run, away down in the wilds flies like a madman, and is no more seen. Heard from him? If you call a most abusive and disrespectful letter, calling me the most dreadful names and accusing me of ruining his happiness and disgracing him-well, yes, I did hear from him. But that letter I ture, and since then I have not had a post-card. My dear Hurstley, I beg you will excuse this emotion. I am an old man, and ingratitude touches cherished as a father. Enough! I have of so doing must be er-my reward. the major settled down into his old life and posed as a martyr.

But though the world missed Sir Herrick, whose handsome face had always been as welcome at the ballroom and five-o'clock tea-table as at his club, the world missed Flossie Hamilton much more seriously and for

Society, indeed, received a heavy blow on that morning when it read in the papers at breakfast-time that the popular young actress had been struck aucy smile; or encore the great song child is having the best and most

early went out of his mind when he was informed that his great draw had made her last appearance on the Mother! You must say "California."

refused to accept such a decision. But though the doctors held out good hope of her recovery, Flossie was firm, not to say obstinate, in her resolution to to the manager, who appeared at Ragian Terrace and pleaded, with ears in his eyes, that she would at would take a rest, a long rest if she liked, before deciding, she would give

"I'm tired of it. I shall never gain. I have capered and sung long nough for them-"

"With the heart of an old woman." et others have a chance. Don't be cut they do or they don't, they will see

"But," said the manager in despair, what on earth do you mean to do dear. You'll go melancholy mad without the work, you will indeed. What

And Flossie had answered, "That's

the stars that have waned from the

restore the bloom to the cheek and from the stage, which she had adorn-

eleven months; but the world rushed with the Vericourt blood in his veins at Nouville, where, on this spring on pretty much the same especially light and brilliant with its gay frequenters. The band-a fine band led by a conductor of note-played on its rotunda. A group of negro minstrels twanged the light banjo, and sang the usual sentimental ditties on the sands. within hearing of the groups of bathers disporting themselves in the smooth, pond-like sea that lapped rently in as if quite aware that it would be impolite to break into waves before so distinguished a company. (To be continued.)

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