Beautiful Cynthia;

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CHAPTER XXXVI.

IMPORTANT DOINGS. "Of course I'm surprised and rather taken aback, sir," he stammered.

"Yes." drawled Mr. Drayle. "Extraordinary young man! Most men would have been pleased at learning that they were going to marry an mark that I have saved your ances-

"As if Darrel could possibly care, father!" said Cynthia indignantly. "Of course not, of course not!" Mr

Drayle hastened to assent. "Bu plans?-though it's scarcely fair to put the question without due notice.

"Our plans? What are they dear? asked Cynthia, nestling up to Darrel. "Why, of course, we shall all go somewhere and live together; let it be somewhere in the country, gentle

perhaps," murmured Mr. Drayle "With such a beautiful place as yours you will not care to leave i for long, I dare say."

"What place are you talking of?" demanded Cynthia, opening her eyes.

"Do you mean that you have already soon think of buying a bonnet for

you, my dear Cynthia. I allude, of course, to Darrel's estate, Summer- tively, "if you'll excuse me for menleigh Court." Darrel colored and bit his lip.

"I'm-I'm afraid you have no

"I think you are misinformed, my dear boy," said Drayle meekly, and somewhat nervously. "I was present auctioneer announce that Sir Darre Frayne was the purchaser."

for a moment. Then Cynthia sprang

"Oh, you dear, good, clever father!" her voice. "You really are clever, ably put the butter in the teapot." and I'm p-proud of you!"

"Thank you very much for this spontaneous and overwhelming testimonial to my intelligence. Cynthy. said Drayle, with his whimsical smile. "But would you-er-mind on, as he took the hand Darrel ex-Son, and earn the approval and ap- which her heart held for him.

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plause which has been so lavishly bestowed upon me." He tried to straighten his collar.

"What can I say, sir?" said Darrel,

replied Mr. Drayle. "You could re-

"Which would be true!" said Dar-

"Admitted. But then I, might reort that you had saved my lifewhich would also be true-and that ne good turn deserves another."

"Saved your life! Oh, father! Oh, Darrel! Father, tell me-instant!" He said nothing about it!"

"Ashamed of it, no doubt," remarkd Mr. Drayle dryly. "Yes, at the risk of lowering your young man to the level of a melodramatic hero, I nust tell you the story."

He proceeded to do so, still with a ouch of whimsicality-put on for Darrel's sake-and Cynthia sat and listened, holding her breath and with her eyes fixed on Darrel's face,

which was as downcast and embarrassed as if he were listening to the ecountal of a crime. Then she took ais hand and raised it to her lips from which not a word passed.

tioning so commonplace a matter, I happen to be on the verge of starva-

and relieved the tension of the situaion. Cynthia, with a "Oh, you poor ear father!" sprang ub and made for

can't spare the time to tell you protector!-is starving. I'll come and help you get in the tea, and tell you everything while we are doing it! But watch me closely, Parsons, for she cried, with a choking break it. I'm so-so confused that I shall prob-She broke off, for Lord Northam ap-

word closed the door upon the three

And, indeed, Northam needed no tended to him. "Yes, I was very for- words. For those wonderful eyes of tunate. I reached the Court just in hers had spoken eloquently enough time to thwart Messrs. Burridge & of the gratitude, the sisterly affection.

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to describe, much changed; his face had lost its florid color; his clothes ome bowed, and his eyes, once so old and confident, were grave and Cynthia went forward to greet him

"How do you do. Lord Spencer! she said. "I am glad to see you." And she spoke the truth. For, notwithtanding his raffishness, she liked Lord Spencer. "This is my father Darrel you know."

Lord Spencer nodded to the other nen, and held her hand for a mo ment or two before he responded, his eyes fixed on her face gravely.

"'Fraid you'll think it rather cool of me to drop in on you like this," he said, in a voice from which the old devil-may-care tone had gone. "By -but Percy's come home.'

"Oh, I'm glad! We were sorry that he was not well enough to be at the for the change," said Cynthia, gravely; for she saw that some serious business had brought Lord Spence lown so unexpectedly.

"No," he replied. "He's worse I'm afraid- He wants to see you, Lady Frayne: wants to see you badly don't know whether I've any right

Cynthia looked at Darrel quickly, "Of course, I will come!" she said.

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CHAPTER XXXVII.

REPENTANCE.

Darrel and Cynthia had returned

nished Court-partly, for the old

"study" had been held as sacred, and

had not been touched-when, one af-

ternoon, as Darrel and Cynthia were

scated on the terrace listening to M

Drayle's story of one of the incidents

"Visitors," remarked Darrel, stif-

ling a sigh; for there had been 's

long succession of callers since the

return of the happy pair. "I think

I'd better go and write these letters

"And I must go and look at-er-

the new pigsties," said Mr. Drayle,

"No, you don't escape, either of

you," said Cynthia, laughingly. "Yes,

you shall! Poor dears, you have suf-

fered enough! But you must make haste, or they'll see you. Why, it's

Her "two men." as she called them

Spencer, seeing the group, came up

the step toward them. He walked

slowly, and Cynthia at once saw that

Lord Spencer!" she broke off.

in his wanderings, Cynthia saw

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sustaining.

"I thank you." He hesitated. "I'm afraid you will have to come at once." Again Cynthia looked at Darrel, He

ook out his watch, and with another

"I will come at once," she said. 'Darrel has gone to order a carriage. and I will get ready now. Father, see that Lord Spencer has something

But Lord Spencer shook his head. "Got something on the train," thanks," he said. "A whisky and

Mr. Drayle took him into the house and got him a drink and a cigar, and Lord Spencer sat looking before him n an absent, preoccupied way.

"Nice place," he said, with a sigh. "Cynthia's come through it all very chippily, thanks to you, Mr. Drayle; y George! I've paid pretty dearly or my knowledge. Frayne's a cliper, too; and they're a good pair. were one too many for the wrong

youself in this way, and I appreciate it," said Mr. Drayle. "I'm sorry to hear of your son's illness."

Lord Spencer's face, which had lightened somewhat, fell again, and e bit hard at his cigar

"Yes; he's fell on the ropes," he said moodily: "and I'm afraid he's a Percy; too clever, p'r'aps. Ah, well, it doesn't matter. Clever as you may oe, you can't run against the Dark Horse, and that's entered against oim. Shootin' good here? Looks as if Frayne kept it up."

Drayle made some kind of reply and the conversation dragged-for what could be said between two men of such opposite natures?—and pre- Size..... sently, doubtless to the relief of both, Darrel and Cynthia appeared; the carriage came up, and the three were driven to the station.

For some reason or other, Lord Spencer would not talk of Percy during the night journey, and, when they reached Waterloo ,they were driven, to Cynthia's surprise, to Lord Spencer's, and not to the big house in Bel-

grave Square. "I brought him to my place," exthough he had his own-the other and see if he's well enough to see you. You'll have something to eat

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