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The Shadow of herself with rather a poor attempt at a smile—"perhaps I shall behave betthe Future.

CHAPTER VII.

spare mamma's and Leonora's pockets that letter business. I don't want to was threatened with another upset. to that huge extent, do you say I ought know whom it was from, of course; It was the morning of a grand to have run off from what I had pro- but couldn't you give in to her there?" gathering at Oakleigh Place, for which mised to do, and left my best friends in

The major evaded the question, pre- jump. "I do want you to know who an account of all the Dacies, all the only person here at St. Clair's I ever poned till the evening train, and ar-If it were not for them I should be of my father to me. He came here eight then. fifty times more ill-tempered and in- years ago, just before—before—that "If you will excuse it," said the corrigible! Knowing what I am, think June. And his coming was such a plea- hostess, "you shall have a sort of cold what that means, and just consider sure to papa! He was only a clerk, but dinner, that can be ready the moment even at the appalling loss of threepence-farthing!"

The major was old-fashioned enough to be clear-headed on some points. papa I was going to, and it pleased tunate not to realize."

ply, "there's one thing you plainly with strangely flashing eyes into the dening. ought not to do, that is, show up your blue sky far away, as if somewhere "I am to see about the servants, mother's or Leonora's small econom- there a visible presence were animat- mamma?" ies, which I suppose they feel bound ing her-"I know papa would never to make, for the sake of ridiculing have me give up Jacob, so I-won't! I

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All Sydney's nerves slackened unler the altered tone. Reddening with ame, tears gathered thickly on her turn, and sudden pleading, "don't be slowly. Then-

But I can't, so I suppose I seem to give

up, though I don't intend to do so. But

please"—lifting a sad pair of eyes so

appealingly, the poor major felt quite

a sympathetic haze over his own—"will

you forgive me for saying all this? I

know it's wrong to have complained.

It's horribly bad taste and very idiotic

of me, for it can't improve matters.

But I never said one syllable about it

before to any one-not even Mary

most grateful. It's eased me ever so

much, and perhaps"-straightening

herself with rather a poor attempt at

a kindly little pressure, drew it with-

know he would always have me keep

have our way in this!" "I beg your pardon," she said, quite humbly. "I know I ought not to have of wire, smiled a half-defiant, half-be- ing, and I couldn't speak-Dr. Dacie done it. But—but"—shaking off the seeching April smile, and ran off with- is not able to go, he doesn't get a bit twinkling drops, and clasping her out biding response or remonstrance, hands very tightly behind her-"I do leaving her would-be mentor rather of course; but they both so wish poor get so beside myself, so weary of it inclined to put his sympathies in the Mary to have the pleasure, for she has all; for this morning is only just like same scale with her rebellious deci- not been out all the summer. So I said most mornings. I am always clumsy, sion, and meditating, as he strolled I would ask if you would let her drive always unlucky—at home. Whatever some half-hour among espaliers and me, and then she could go in with our I arrange interferes with something. rapsberry-canes, how this high, much- party. And may she?" Not a single taste have I that mamma | hampered spirit could be toned down approves of. Where she is lavish, I admirably under tender influence, and cases where I do wish you would think should never spend. Where she is care- make a wife out of a thousand for his ful, I am not! If I could ever please | son Rupert. her really, ever make her fond of me, I would try and try and never tire.

CHAPTER VIII. THE COUNTESS RECEIVES.

That morning's storm seemed clear the air. Possibly suspecting, and desiring no repetition of it, Mrs. Alwyn avoided dangerous topics; while, amply contented with the opinion that he had formed, Major Villiers attempted no more interference between his sister-in-law and her daughters. By and by, when the girls were married and away, the frets and jars of Dacie—and I never will again, If you daily contact all removed, the mother can forgive my grumbling I shall be would, perchance, deal out more kindly justice to her younger child. If not well Sydney would be out of the way of any carping criticism, sunning herself in more congenial tamosphere!

So, on the principle of by all means The major took her hand, and, with letting the sleeping dog lie, the major shirked any more tete-a-tetes for the remainder of his visit: steered clear "I'm sure you will, if there's need of of aught but very general conversa-"Particular!" Sydney stopped as it," he said, soothingly. "I dare say tion; led warily from the heat in Inthey paced out of sight of the house there are awkwardnesses for you all. dia to the heat in town, and the adnow. down the shrubbery, and her But do your best, my dear, and you'll visability of his son getting out of it, look of distress vanished in a gust of get into smoother waters before long. and inhaling the cool breezes of St. sudden laughter. "Particular! oh, You'll not be always here, you know. Clair's now and again. So the days very, indeed! I should have saved"- It's not to be expected you should." went smoothly enough till the last of calculating on her finger-tips-"on (The nearest hint of married freedom the major's visit was reached. Then sugar, seven farthings; on buttons— he dared permit himself.) "But as long the calm which Sydney, from a certain let me see, pearl-one dozen, I should as you live together sail as close to proud penitence at having opened her think three half-pence! Yes, three- your mother's wishes as you can. If heart to a stranger, and Mrs. Alwyn, pence-farthing would have been the you have to vex her with one thing, from a politic desire to preserve apvaluable result of my drive. Now, to why, please her with another. Now, pearances, had set themselves to keep,

"No!" cried Sydney, with a jerk of the major had been especially perthe major's gouty arm that made him suaded to prolong his visit. An officer, pronouncedly a gentleman, and a goodferring to ask who those best friends wrote it. It was Jacob Cheene. My-looking man, was a most desirable eswere; and Sydney, glowing, gave him my-father's one old, true friend. The cort. So his journey to town was postsector's, goodness to her, ending with, knew or ever saw who spoke kindly rangements made to suti his departure

whether I ought not to work for them they had known, and trusted, and car- we are back from Oakleigh. You will ed for each other for years and years. be sure, Sydney, to see that we are not He asked me when he went away to kept waiting. A new parlor-maid is a write to him, and I said I would. I told great worry, major, which you are for-

"I do think, my dear," he said, sim- him, I know," cried Sydney, gazing | Sydney looked up perplexed and red-

Yes, if you've no objection. "But-I thought I was going to Oak-

"And I thought," returned Mrs. Alwyn, "that as you generally care so little for these afternoon parties, and always prefer getting off them, you would be positively glad to stay at ome."

"So I should," answered the girl, frankly, "if it were anywhere else; but the Dacies say the gardens here are glorious in July, and I had been so looking forward to seeing them, mamma, as they invited me too, that I---" "Let Sydney go instead of me," interrupted the major; "I don't care a straw for the gardens. That's an excellent amendment."

"Not to be thought of for a moment," said his hostess, peremptorily. "If Sydney cannot possibly attend to my wish and your comfort, of course she goes with us." But baffled in her project of letting Leonora shine unrivaled at of bound. Oakleigh, and warding off comparison between the ripened beauty of her elder child and the far fresher attractiveness of the younger. Mrs. Alwyn assumed the heavy air of chronic dissatisfaction Sydney knew so well and ached under.

"Indeed, mamma," she said now, desperately anxious their kind guest should not think her always an evildispositioned marplot, "I will show Phillips anything I can before we go, and help her if you will tell me how ! may. But I was wanting to say that I almost must go to Oakleigh, for I met Lady Comyngham yesterday, and she stopped her ponies and said she hoped I would certainly be there. And I said, 'Oh, yes,' for I never imagined you didn't want me to-"

"I must beg of you, Sydney, not to disinterpret me in that manner!" put in Mrs. Alwyn, irritably, more out of sorts than ever at this pointed politeness from the countess: "go, by all means! Pray go! I'm only afraid, Major Villiers, you will find it awkward driving with four in the carriage."

"Not the least in the world," protested the gentleman, very willingly. 'I prefer the quartet, I assure you. houldn't half enjoy myself if one were left out in the cold, you know," with a good-humored smile at Sydney, who, on the verge of answering, was stonned by Leonors, her mouth slightsullen, her cheeks tinged with vexa-

rushed, two on the back seat. My skir rtainly won't look fit to be seen. I

true to his old companion, so I-will! but for once Sydney broke in vehe-

Please, Major Villiers," with a swift "No, no, no, Norah; you know tha long black lashes. She moved on very angry with me, but papa and I must couldn't be anyhow! And there is no need, for, Mamma-I wanted to tell Then she picked up her trailing coil you last night, only Leonora was sing-

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"Just another of those frequent before you speak, Sydney," answered Mrs. Alwyn, slowly, for she was mentally balancing pros and cons. Chaperoning Mary Daice, in a well-worn Sunday gown, was repugnant to her, but the plan would give Leonora space. Best agree to it, then. So she ended "You have made it impossible for me to say 'no,' however much I may dislike your arrangement."

"Then I may say 'yes' mamma, and go and tell Mary?" Alwyn, rather sarcastically, and with a sigh indicating she had much to put up with. Which reluctant affirmative gained Sydney escaped to the Dacles'; and later in the day, from the doctor's house and from the Dale, their respective vehicles set forth to traverse the three miles of lane and road that led to Oakleigh

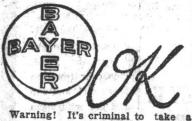
Thither on that afternoon converged such a stream of equipages as had not waked up the rustics thereabout to watching wonder for many a long year. For, as Mrs. Alwyn had explained to her guest, this earl and this countess were new to titles and possessions, and over and above a natural desire to shine in these strange parts, they just now had double reason for desirting good opinions in the expected candidature of their elder son for the southern division of the country.

Except as a name of long nobility and ownership, the present generation of Comyngham was little known near St. Clair's. The late earl had hated the tame scenery of East Anglia, had shut up Oakleigh Place for years, living mostly abroad, or when in England on a more favorite estate in Hampshire, and had scarcely been seen personally by either tenants or neighbors But the in-comers meant to reverse

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