## HIS LORDSHIP'S **ROMANCE**

face stern and cold.

In after years Madame Monteleone was thanked beyond words that she had never reproached her daughter, either by word or look. But in vain did Lord eave Serranto for a time and visit Lynnewolde

the myrtle and orange-trees."

Neither mother nor daughter was destined to see the stately English home. Quite suddenly Bianca was seized with a violent and dangerous illness. In vain the distracted husband summoned the most skilful physicians in the country. The fiat had gone forth; the short life f the beautiful Andalusian was ended. Iope, and love, and happiness, were all

The fiat had gone forth; the short life of the beautiful Andalusian was ended. Hope, and she only lived to hold her little daughter in her arms and bless it. "Stephen," she said, looking into the loving face bent over her, "I know now what impulse called me home—I came her to die; but I have been very happy, my beloved, with you." She then laid the little babe in her mother's arms, and said gently, "Let her do for you what I failed in doing; she will repay your care and love better than I have done."

Before the sun set that evening over the Andalusian hills, Bianca, Lady Lynne, slept the last long sleep.

No words can describe the despair of the young husband. The blow was so sudden, so unexpected, that it almost deprived him of life and reason. He could not realize the fact that his lovely and loving young wife had left him forever. Life lost all its charms. In the first bitterness of his sorrow, Lord Lynne had but one wish; it was to die, and as put but erness of his sorrow, Lord Lynne had but one wish; it was to die, and so put an end to the anguish for which there seemed no remedy. He remained at Serranto simply hecause al lenergy was dead in him. At length he was roused from his grief by a letter from his mother, calling him home on urgent affairs.

#### CHAPTER XVI.

Two days, before Lord Lynne left Serranto. Madame Monteleone appeared before him in deep mourning dress, holding the little babe in her arms.

"My son." she said, addressing him for the first time by that title, "I am here to ask a favor of you. You took from me my daughter, my one love, hope, and object in life; make amends for the wrong you did. Give me this little babe in place of the child you took from me."

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Lord Lynne hesitated for some minutes. It was his Bianca's child; and now that she had left him, he had nothing else to love. But the pale, wistful face of the lady moved him. If he took is child so young to England, the chances were that it would die on the journey. And after all, it would be a perpetual reminder of his sorrow and his less; still, he would not part with it altogether. He could not consent to give up all claim to this, his only child. So the matter was compromised and he agreed that Madam Monteleone should have charge of his daughter for at least the next twelve years, if she lived so long. But to this he would not even agree, unless the Spanish lady would allow him to contribute a certain sum annually toward the support and education of the little Inez. Madame Monteleone would have consented to almost any terms he close to offer, so anxions was she to retain her daughter's child.

So Lord Lynne left the country where he delived and suffered so deeply.

In the first tumult of this new life, Bianca haif forgot the hopes she had wrecked, the ambition she had betrayed. Once when takking to Lord Lynne of her mother, she suddenly clasped her arms round his neek and asked him to give up his English home, to bring his wealth over to Spain, and to call himself by her name of Monteleone; but he laughed long and loudly at the mere idea.

"Wait, Bianca," he said, lightly, "until you have seen Lynnewolde. Why, my dear child, you could put all Serranto in on corner of it. You must become English; I can never be a Spaniard."

Whatever she may have thought, Lady Lynne never expressed that wish to herhusband again.

They had been married almost a year when a sudden desire took possession of Lady Lynne. It was to return to Serranto, so that her child might be born there. Lord Lynne said all he could to dissuade her, but in vain: She was too gentle, too yielding to persist in reverting to her wish when her husband had expressed disapprobation, but in a hundred ways he perceived how much she was really bent upon it.

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anca," said Lord Lynne to his wife one day, "why you wish to return to all some of the determination of the bitterness of a long is grief died away.

"I cannot tell," she replied. "I do not understand what it is that seems to call me home, but my mother's face is always before me; and oh, Stephen, I would give anything for my little child to be born in my old home!"

"You shall have your wish," replied Lord Lynne, looking fondly at her; "but I fear we shall not have a very warm reception from your mother."

"She will be pleased to see us," said Lody Lynne: "and perhaps we might persuade her to leave Sarranto and go to England for a time."

Solely to please his beautiful young wife, to whom he could refuse nothing, Lord Lynne undertook the journey to Serranto. It was a long and somewhat tedious one, for Bianca was delicate, and could not travel far without fatigue.

Madame Monteleone received them more warmly and kindly than they had anticipated. Nor by one single word or act had she forwarded their marriage; but now that they were married, not one word of her blighted hopes escaped her, and never once in her daughter's presence did she breathe a sigh. Even the expression of her face seemed changed. She had lived for one object, one hope alone had sustained her, one idea had directed all her words and actions. It was all over now, and she said to herself bitterly that she had lived in vain. Something like resignation had taken the place of the determination that had made her face stern and cold.

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present, and in some degree he succeeded.

Regularly every quarter there came a letter from Madame Monteleone. The child, she said, had even more than her mother's beauty, with all the fire and epirit, all the pride and hauteur of her ancient race.

Lord Lynne shrank selfishly from seeing her. He did not care to reopen the old wounds that had once smarted so acutely. He dreaded lest the sight of her mother's face in the child should bring back the anguish it had taken years to deadom. So time rolled on: the Dowager Lady Lynne died happy in believing her son to be so. The goldenhaired child grew up into a sweet and lovely girl: yet no word came to summon the eldest and dearest child to her father's home.

ynnewolde. "I should be lost in your English ome," she said to the young lord; "and do not think I could live away from he myrtle and orange-trees."

Neither mother por daughter was desined to see the stately English home, and the same ambition was renewed, the same ideas were instilled into her mind. States were instilled into her mind. ideas were instilled into her mind. She devoted herself to the child's education; she tried to make her all that her mother had been; but no two characters were ever more dissimilar than that of the young mother and her only child. Bianca was gentle and yielding, Inez was proud and unbending; as well try to move a rock as persuade her to change when her mind was once made up. Bianca had heard with reverence of the glories and honors of her race; Inez was proud of them, but frankly told her horrified grandmamma that in her opinion a little present comfort was worth all the past grandeur put together.

Madame Monteleone had managed her own daughter admirably; but Inez was beyond her abilities. She did not understand the child's passionate, ardent, artistic nature. She was half frightened when the rich musical voice sang of the pages and wishes alread to general to be the pores and wishes alread to general to be the pores and wishes alread to general to be the pores and wishes alread to general to be the pores and wishes alread to general to be the pores and wishes alread to general to be the pores and wishes alread to general to be the pores and wishes alread to general to be the pages and wishes alread to general to be the pages and wishes alread to general to be the pages and wishes alread to general to be the pages and wishes alread to general to be the pages and wishes alread to general to be the pages and wishes alread to general to be the pages and the pages and the pages and the page to be the pages and the page to be the pages and the page to be paged to be paged to be the pages and the page to be paged t

when the rich musical voice sang hopes and wishes already forming in her nopes and wisness already forming in her young heart; she did not understand her. She could not tell why Inez craved to hear something of her absent English father, and looked wearied and melancholy when the poor lady spoke of the Monteleones. Then began that fatal system of narrow restraint that ultimately below.

Monteleenes. Then began that fatal system of narrow restraint that ultimately helped Inez Lynne on to a life of woe and misery.

"Something must be done at once," her guardian thought, "to control and keep within proper bounds that wild, impetuous disposition."

"Infortunately the wrong thing was done. To all the young girl's longing, eager questions of the world beyond the bounds of Serranto, the lady turned a deaf ear. Like her mother, she had no pleasures, no amusements, no companions. Her day was divided between dry monotonous duties and hard study; Madame Monteleone seldom left her home, and the child was never allowed to leave the boundary of the castle. In wan she asked of the absent father whose name she scarcely knew; by mass mame of Monteleone, and it was many years before she knew that she had any other.

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It was like old times at Serranto; the only difference was that every one was older. Even the servants forgot attimes, and called the young lady "Binne,"

Madame Monteleone never once thought that the life Inez led was dull; Bianca had not found it so; she had never complained; she had never asked questions of the great unknown world, nor seemed to long to join it. She never tired of study as Inez did, for that young lady at times flung down her books and passionately declared that she would never read another line. "I want to see men, and women, and "I want to see men, and women and

she would never read another line.
"I want to see men, and women, and
children," she cried one day to her horrified listener. "I see no one but you
and the servants; I am tired of you all,
tired of my booka and my work. Let
me see something tresh, or I shall die."
Then did poor Madame Monteleone
clasp her hands and mourn over the degeneracy of her daupter's child.
The life that had contented Bian-

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"What is the use of it all?" sighed the girl. "I am young, and my face is like the picture in the gallery; but, who cares for it?—who sees me?—who cares for my singing or anything else I do?

for my singing or anything else I do? Was ever life so bare and dull as mine?" Long hours in the evening gloaming were spent in wondering what the world was like beyond Serranto—that bright world where gay cavaliers wooed and won beautiful ladies, where dancing, and

world where gay cavaliers wooed and won beautiful ladies, where dancing, and music, and song gladdened young faces and light hearts—that world of which the few romances she had read, unknown to Madame Monteleone, gave her fair a glimpse.

Inez Lynne's ardent imagination led her through all these scenes. Dreaming among the oranges and myrtles, she saw herself a queen among gay and gallant cavaliers; the queen of the tournament, the beile of the ball, for whose smiles and kind words men fought and struggled. The time must come for her, as for all other girls, when sweet love words would be whispered to her in the twilight, when her smile would give rapture and her frown despair. All these pictures she made for herself; and while the sun was still golden in the sky, before the flowers and birds were quite asleep, the sharp voice of old Caterina would be heard calling the young signora in; it was time to close the house and go to rest. (To be continued.)

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SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY LOST.

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A general hunt for him was at once

The German Empress.

The following picture of the German Empress at Startowle, all air and comely, the Garman Empress.

The following picture of the German Empress at Startowle, air and press to a lower one well as to a royal lady of excellent presence and gracious demeanor. Her rippling laugh ter is contagious, and her face is usually wreathed in smiles. Her spirits never seem to flag, and she is a lively raconteur. The Kaiserin does not affect youth, but is a well-preserved woman, always tastefully, attired, and at court festivals is resplendent in dress. She is fond of soft white gowns for home wear, and never looks better than when riding in her white uniform. Her favorite is along single diamond which she wears on all occasions in her hair.

place turning out, but, despite all the endeavors, the boy could not be foun. The only thing discovered was the boy pocket handkerchief, which was picke

MISS MEREDITH DEAD. Sudden End of Sister of Chief Justice in London.

London, Dec. 24.-Miss Isabella Mere dith died suddenly to-day of hear trouble. She was a sister of Chief Justice Meredith, of Toronto. She is Justice Meredith, of Toronto. She is also survived by six other brothers, Messrs. T. G. and Edmund, of London; Vincent, of Montreal; J. S. Llewellyn and Charles, of London, and three sis-ter, the Misses Annie, Ada and Louise, of London.

The International Paper Company has purchased 350,000 acres of heavily wooded spruce lands on the Restigouche River, in New Brunswick.

#### PENN'S FIRST JAPANESE.

Tosue Imadata Entered the University With the Class of 79.

The first Japanese student at the Lie lirst Japanese student at the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania, writes William Elliot Griffis to Old Penn, the alumni magazine, was Tosui Imadata, who was a member of the class of 1879. He was a Buddhist and a member of a prominent family in Echizen, on the west coast of Japan.

Japan.

He was a student in a school maintained in Fukui in Echizen by Mr. Griffis and came to this country when his teacher returned to the United States. When he returned to Japan he was appointed professor of chemistry in the Buddhist college in Kioto.

He has held since important places under the Goyernment. Mr. Griffis' idea in writing to the alumni paper was to discover if possible what had become of the first Japanese at Pennsylvania.

The German Empress.

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STANDS BY BRITISH Chinese Empress' Edict Forbids Oppor

tion to Their Policy.

shanghai, Dec. 25.— The decree issued by the Dowager Empress, postponing the establishment of a constitutional Government, was not only issued in connection with the popular agitation against the British corporation railway loan, but is also directed against those opposing the policing of the West River by British gunboats for the suppression of piracy. In it her Majesty denounces students for interfering in the affairs of the State, and orders that the teachers of Confucius be given first place teachers of Confucius be given first place in education. The authorities are in structed to punish unruly students and teachers who do not maintain discipline

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