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CHAPTER VIII .- CON.

So the bright spring days-nowhere so bright as in Paris-passed. But none of the new friends surrounding Cecil banished from her memory the recollection of the man with whom she had crossed the ocean, and whose character had impressed her more deeply than she had imagined. Again and again she found herself wondering what life lay before him ; what difficult task, at which he had hinted, he went to meet with his resolute face and eyes. Grace Marriott, who had gone to Dresden with her brother, alluded to him frequently in her letters. "Do not fail to tell me if you ever meet or hear of Mr. she wrote. "I cannot Tyrconnel, believe that we have seen the last of him; he interested me so much. think that he even interested you hard as it is to waken your interest for any member of the sterner sex.

Yes Cecil smiled a little over this. she knew that it was hard to waken her interest, yet Tyrconnel had done so without doubt; and she began to think that there was a fair prospec that the young Comte de Vérac would do so likewise. He pleased her in many ways. His culture and polish were delightful, his talents were undeniable, and the charm of his char acter was very great. Frenchmen are usually admirable in their domestic relations, especially are they the best of sons; and it was almost the relation of son which this young man bore to Madame de Vérac. His manners to her were always charming-a happy blending of affection, admiration, and deference, which Cecil de cided was thoroughly sincere. On her own part she made, as she discovered later, one mistake: she showed her liking for him too frankly. A young Frenchman is not accustomed to this, and is very likely to misunderstand it. M. de Vérac did not misunder

stand it vulgarly - did not fancy, as some of his countrymen would have done, that Miss Lorimer had lost her heart to him : but he soon felt that i was quite within the limit of possible things that he might lose his own heart to the beautiful girl who treated him with such frank and gracious kindness.

He intimated as much one day to Craven, who treated the avowal rather cynically. "What is the good of talking in that manner?" he said. "You know that you could not marry an angel if she were not of suitable

to speak to Cecil alone he led the conversation to the young Comte, and mentioned incidentally the matrimonarrangement into which it was ial likely he would soon enter. Having ventured upon the subject with some hesitation, he was very much reas sured by Miss Lorimer's smile.

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"For a conscientious guardian, you are late with your warning, Mr. Cra-ven," she said. "But, fortunately for my peace of mind, Madame de Vérac anticipated you. Immediately after my first meeting with her nep hew she told me that negotiations were on foot for his marriage to the daugh ter of the Duc de Mirécourt. This was to let me know that I must not set my heart or hopes on him. Then she added that she had pledged her fortune to secure the alliance, which was to warn me not to build any expectations So you see I was fully inon that.

formed of the situation." "The warnings must have seemed very absurd to you," said Craven, struck by a sense of the folly of his own fears; "but Madame de Vérac's motives were good. She thought you might be like-others."

might be like-others." "Oh! I never blamed her," an-swered Cecil, with a laugh. "I did full justice to her motives. But that the warnings seemed very absurd to me, I admit. No doubt I have always had an avagramental that of had an exaggerated idea of my own importance. It was well to come abroad in order to find out that I am, after all, like-others. " You

Craven shook his head. could never find that out," he said. "One has only to know you to discover how very much you are unlike others. But until one knows you mistakes are possible.'

"Mistakes are always possible," she replied. "So Madame de Vérac's clear statement of the situation relieved even while it amused me. Understanding how things are, I can act more freely than if I feared misapprehension." "Are you quite sure that even now

there is no danger of that?" asked Craven significantly. She looked at him with surprise.

What danger could there possibly be?" she asked. Then, as he hesi-tated, "Speak frankly," she said. "What is the good of the *role* you have tated. undertaken if you do not fulfil it?"

Frankly, then : you like the Comte de Vérac, do you not ?" "Very much. He pleases and in

terests me. What then h "Only this, that I fear he may mis understand your interest ; and I am sure that you do not wish to inspire a hopeless grande passion

'There is nothing I desire less," she said, with the calmness of one to whom such a thing was by no means new but I do not think that there exists the remotest danger of it. M. de Vérac is no more likely to conceive a grande passion for me than I am to find him dangerously fascinating, or to dream of becoming Madame Cointesse. So pray set your mind at rest

"It is at rest so far as you are con cerned." continued Craven, smiling "but I am by no means sure of De Vérac. He is of inflammable material, although, like all his countrymen. when it comes to marriage he will be guided by considerations of convenance

alone." "Then," said Cecil, with delicate corn, "there is no need to fear for inflammable material which can be held in such admirable control. But this is a matter which concerns himself alone. In all that concerns me I find him exceedingly agreeable and inter-esting. He is anxious for Madame de

wide as human nature. Nothing is foreign to it, and it enters into every Nothing is thing ; for even those who oppose it pay tribute to its importance by the vehemence of their opposition. Cecil regarded him with surprise. Cecil regarded him with saved. Are you a Catholic ?" she asked.

only as wide as the world, but it is as

He shook his head, smiling. "No," e answered ; "I am only a man of he answered ; the world, who recognizes the greatest moral power in it.'

CHAPTER IX.

ACCORDING TO THE FASHION OF RO-MANCE?"

Craven's warning, slight as it was had an effect upon Miss Lorimer which that of the Vicomtesse had not exer cised. The latter had only her, as it seemed to hint at danger for herself ; but Craven had spoken of pos sible danger for another - and that other one whom she liked sincerely. Though she had laughed at such a pos sibility, she knew in her heart that it was a possibility-that, notwithstanding the witty classification of human nature and French nature, and that the prospect or intention of making a mariage de convenance in the future would

not absolutely prevent a man from falling in love in the present. Now, there was not a single impulse of coquetry in Cecil's nature. She not only had no desire that men should fall in love with her, but, on the contrary, she had a very strong desire that they should not do so, and she generally contrived to nip such an inclination in the bud. It only annoyed her and gave her pain when persisted in ; and she had no wish either to give pain to the young Comte de Vérac or to be pained by feeling that she was the cause of suffering to him. After Craven's words, consequently, she ob served Armand closely, and came to the decision that it would be a measure of prudence to be less frank and friend. in her manner. As a result of this precaution, M. de Vérac soon perceived a change in her. It was delicate, it was almost perceptible, but it was sufficient to mark the fact that the privilege of

intimacy which he had found so de lightful was, in a degree at least, with drawn. It was natural that he did not like this, and indeed if Cecil had subtly

studied a means of animating his interest, she could not have been more suc cessful in doing so. He began to say to himself more frequently, "If she had but a great American fortune !" and to reflect, in that case, what an altogether charming comtesse she would make leanwhile he did not suffer Madame

de Vérac to forget her promise to go to his chateau for a visit. "We must show Miss Lorimer something of French country life," he would say. " the provinces will interest her. " I think

Cecil was very sure that the pro vinces would interest her, 'for she felt as if she were already living in a ro mance. It was not modern Paris, with its glare and its glitter, its boulevards and avenues and foreign colonies, which pleased her, but that stately old Paris across the Seine-the Paris of the Faubourg St. Germain, of the Quartier Latin, of the Ile de la Cité: Her heart thrilled within her when she stood in the Sainte Chapelle-that matchless gem of architectural beauty-and thought of the Saint and King who had builded it to receive the Sacred Thorns. The lilies of France took new meaning when they were thus brought

an attraction to their piety ; and when pouring over her - that glorious, famous glass of the Sainte Chapelle, which modern art in vain endeavors to imitate - she stood looking up at the empty shrine like one who questions an oracle

take us very far," said M. de Vérac. "You must be aware of some of the causes which have changed the piety of the Middle Ages into the indifferance of modern times. But the influ-ence which inspired that piety has not lost its force. Instead of the Crusaders we have to-day missionaries."

She made a little gesture of impatience. "As if you did not have them always ! Always there were men who separated themselves from the world to serve God ; but where are the men of the world who do great things for their faith now as then ?

They exist, believe me, even here in France-although they do not now go to fight for the Holy Sepulchre. She glanced significantly around at he empty chapel. "It seems to me the empty chapel. "It seems to me that there are other sepulchres for

which they might fight," she said. "You are a little exaltee in your "You are a mare a mare dear Cecil," said ideas, I fear, my dear Cecil," said Madame de Vérac's soft tones. must take the world as we find it, and not look for the Ages of Faith in the Shall we go now nineteenth century. Shal It is a little chill, I think.

They left the beautiful chapel of St Louis, and went out into the sunshine but Cecil, who seemed still deep in meditation, rather startled her companions by presently saying abruptly 'Some day, if I ever build a church. I will duplicate, as far as modern ar can do so, the Sainte Chapelle.

"Do you think that you are likely to build a church - yourself?" asked Madame de Vérac, lifting her eye brows a little.

"Why not?" said Cecil, still ab-ently. "Could one do better, if one sently. had the necessary faith?"

"Not possibly — if one had also the necessary money," said Craven, laugh

'' Oh, money !" - she seemed to rouse, and laughed herself. "Yes, that would certainly be necessary," she assented ; "but, after all, not so much so as faith "

She spoke carelessly, and her words had no significance for any one save Craven ; but he suddenly remembered how, not many days before, an Ameri can acquaintance had said to him, " saw you at the opera with two beauti ful women last night. One was Miss Lorimer, the heiress, was it not?

"Miss Lorimer — yes," Craven had answered ; "but she is not an heiress, that I am aware of.

" She is considered so by those who know best," was the careless reply. "I believe no one knows exactly the amount of her father's fortune-he was a man who had all kinds of speculat ive investments everywhere but he is thought to have left a large estate. I have heard it estimated at several millions.

"Such things are often exaggerated," said Craven. But to himself he thought that this might (if true) account for Jack Bern-ard's letter, his evident fears for his beautiful sister in law, and that idea of her importance which had so much amused the man of the world. He had laughed over the letter when he first received it-laughed with goodhumored contempt at the provincial im agination which conceived that a pretty to adorn the shrine of the emblems and American girl because she had been instruments of supreme suffering. In admired at home could be in danger of snares, matrimonial or any kind whatsoever, in Paris. But if she were an heiress-perhaps a great heiress-that would put another face on the matter. It began to seem to him that this was very probable. And if it were so? He smiled to himself, thinking of M. de Vérac. "If he had a suspicion of it, nothing could hold him in check," Craven reflected. "Is she going to test the disinterestedness of his passion, according to the fashion of romance? If so, I fear that she will be sadly disappointed. No Frenchman marries

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she found how unaffected and deep the latter was, and especially when she was introduced to some of the great charities in which they were interested, her heart was filled with the desire to make a worthy use of the fortune which God had entrusted to her. She had thought of it often-her mind had never been engrossed with small things ; she had realized the responsibility of wealth almost as soon as she had realized what wealth was to be hers ; but her wishes and intentions had been as vague as possible. To do some great work, to help some great

cause-this was what she had contemplated. But she knew not where to turn to look for the work or the cause. Nor could it be said that she had found either yet. But she saw works of charity such as had never entered into her experience or knowledge be fore, and she felt that into such channels she would like to pour the superfluity of her wealth. She was aflame with the desire to make a great and wide reaching use of what had

been given to her so lavishly, but the exact opportunity for which she was looking had not yet presented itself. Meanwhile the brilliant days, made enjoyable by varied pleasures and occupations, passed swiftly ; and when the first burst of summer warmth came, the Vicomtesse declared that it was time to leave Paris.

"I generally go to my own country-house," she said. "It is not far from Paris, and is altogether mcdern and comfortable. For comfort one likes modern things as much as for picturesqueness one likes ancient ones. But Armand is so anxious that we should go to his chateau, that I must defer showing you my pretty villa on the Seine until later in the season. Villemur is a delightful place, and will enchant you."

"I am sure of that," said Cecil. 'Everything M de Vérac has told me of it sounds enchanting.

"You will find that he has not told half of its charms. It has been a grand place, and will be so again, I hope. Only money is needed to restore it to all its former splendor.' "Only money!" repeated Cecil, thoughtfully. "It is constantly a fresh surprise to me to realize what a

factor money is in human life. TO BE CONTINUED.

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He has scandalized the innecent. It were better for him to be chained to an anchor and to be cast into the depths of the sea than to be an instrument in the perdition of his own children. Even in the depths of the nit if he and they meet there, he will be upbraided by them and feel his misery deeper because of them. Woe to the scandalous fathermisery here and agony hereafter !

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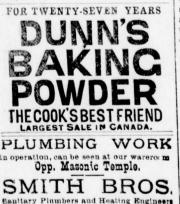
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"Nothing to me when I find her fascinating - adorable !" said the young Comte, with a smile. "How the like your prosaic nation that is, my friend ! Because I cannot marry this friend ! beautiful creature I am not to find her charming ! How practical and how absurd

"It is much more absurd to pay her a sentimental homage that means nothing," said Craven ; "and that might-mind, I don't say it wouldbut that might lead her to imagine what can never be. For no Frenchman, that I am aware of, ever makes a sentimental marriage ; and you certainly are not in a position to prove an exception to the rule

Vérac shook his head a little sad-De "No," he said frankly, "I am lv. not. If I were, I would not answer for the result.

"Well," said Craven, a little irritably, "what I beg is that, considering this to be the case, you will not make your admiration quite so manifest to Miss Lorimer. Remember that she comes from a country where men do marry for love.

"And where divorce flourishes, I am told," returned the young Comte, a little maliciously. "Our French system has its disadvantages, but from what I have heard, the average of unhappiness is not greater with us than in other countries

"Your system is sensible enough and works well enough among your selves," said Craven ; " but that has nothing to do with the fact that it is difficult for a foreigner to understand how entirely you are governed in such matters by prudential considerations. Therefore I repeat that your admiration is likely to be misunderstood by

the person to whom it is freely shown." "I should certainly not wish to be misunderstood by that person of all others," said De Vérac gravely. "Be-lieve me I shall be careful to avoid the possibility of such misunderstanding. "And I shall take care," said Cra-

ven to himself, "that there is no such possibility.

Vérac to take me on a visit to his chat. eau, and I am sure that I shall like it very much.

"I am sure that you will," said Craven. "He has spoken of the plan to me, and kindly asked me to be of the party. Country life in France is charming, and will be new to you. "All French life seems to me charm-

ing," she said. "I have never been more agreeably surprised than by what I have found it to be.

"You have been rarely fortunate in the aspect of it which you have seen, Craven observed. "Very few Americans, no matter what may be the de gree of their wealth or social preten sions, are ever admitted to the circle into which Madame de Vérac has in troduced you. Paris is very different from London in this respect. There is no circle in the latter place too exclusive for wealth to buy a way into it but wealth may knock in vain at those doors which you have entered. It was not her money which carried Madame de Vérac across their thresholds, but her marriage and her personal qualit-

ies." "She would not have been received if she had not become a Catholic, I suppose?" said Cecil meditatively. "Received-oh! yes, in a degree But there could not have been the same sympathy of feeling ; for no doubt you have discovered that the religious question underlies the whole fabric of

"I have only discovered it since I "I have only discovered it on ot have been here," she said. think me very dull not to have disit earlier. It has always covered seemed to me something altogether external, and independent of things which I now see that it enters into largely.

Craven shrugged his shoulders Narrow forms of religion," he said. enter narrowly into life, and either make it as contracted in sentiment and motive as themselves by controlling it - witness the various forms of Puritan ism-or become wholly external to it, without the power of influence even, far less of control. But Catholicity

this spot history and poetry meet. The Ages of Faith are kneeling at the foot of Calvary ; mail-clad Crusaders, who crossed land and sea to fight for the Holy Sepulchere, have venerated the Thorns which crowned the sinless head of Christ, and devoutly heard the Mass which to day, as on that long past

vesterday, renews the Sacrifice offered for the sins of men. Cecil could not indeed feel all this, but she felt enough to thrill her heart, as has been already said, and to make her exclaim, impuls " It is too beautiful not to be ively :

" Beauty is not always an unfailing sign of truth," observed Craven, who chanced to be by her side at the moment. She looked at him with a smile. did not mean beauty of outward form," she said, "but beauty and harmony of idea and feeling. It all suits so perfectly. This exquisite shrine is the expression of a faith and an ardor which were in perfect accord with the belief that inspired them. can understand how it prompted men to such deeds as those which we true recall here. What I cannot under-stand is how it has lost its force with

the lapse of time." "What influence is there which does not lose its force with the lapse of time?" said Craven. "It is the history of humanity.'

"Human influences — yes," she answered. "But this was divine ; so it must be the fault of men if it no longer animates them to the faith of St. Louis, and the deeds which proved that faith.

"What do you think of this, De Vérac ?" asked Craven, turning to that young man. "Miss Lorimer wants to know why your faith does not animate you to the deeds of St. Louis

"Miss Lorimer must remember, said the Comte, smiling, " that St Louis is rather a difficult standard by which to try men of any age, but especially men of the nineteenth cen-

"I meant St. Louis merely as a "I meant St. Louis merely as a type," answered Miss Lorimer. which was so strong at one time of the world's history has lost so much of its

for love. The question, however, had been left in so much doubt-his friend had spoken so carelessly and with so little exact knowledge-that he thought no more of it until Cecil's remark brought it again to his mind. Her princess like way of announcing that if she had the necessary faith she would reproduce the Sainte Chapelle, and her reply to his suggestion about money recalled what he had heard, and in clined him to believe that it might be

Up to this time he had left it in doubt whether he would accept De' Verac's invitation to join the party about to assemble at his chateau, but after this he let it be understood that his going was quite certain. In fact, his imag ination was pleased with the idea of the mystery which he thought he had discovered, of the story that was probably going on, of the romantic denoue-ment which might be its end. "When she has sufficiently tested his devotion, she will let him know that there is no

obstacle to his happiness," Craven thought. "That will be the end-if the millions exist.

Miss Lorimer gave as little thought as possible to her millions-that is with regard to any probable suitors but with regard to what was nearer her heart-the doing some great work for the good of others-she began to think much. It chanced that among the ladies of high rank whom the Vicomtesse most delighted to know, were two or three who were devout according to the type which all the world has been was wondering why the influence make familiar in the beautiful characters of "A Sister's Story." With these ladies Cecil was particularly charmed.

Coventry Patmore and Ruskin.

"Coventry Patmore is the only man who could make me a Catholic," was the confession which the venerable author, Mr. Ruskin, once made to a Whatever we may think of friend. Mr. Ruskin's idea of conversion, it is worth while hearing from one who knew him well that, in the case of numerous actual converts, the mere fact that Coventry Patmore was a Catholic first led them to discard their prejudices against the Church, and then brought them within its sanctu ary. What nobler eulogy could be graven on his tomb? It is to be graven on his tomb? regretted that there was no Boswell around to take down his incomparable table-talk, to which the Athenœum, the literary oracle of England, thus refers:

"Sometimes when he was dwelling on certain Roman Catholic doctrines and their application to life, his re marks upon the more recondite as pects of art were singularly striking, practically unchallengeable, and, in fact, distinct recoveries of lost secrets. Failing records of them from his pen, they must needs be lost again.

The funeral of the beloved and lamented poet was most simple and religious. "What am I that flowers religious. should touch me !" was one of the final humilities of speech with which he passed away. Accordingly, no flowers were laid upon the coffin ; but Mrs. Meynell, his poet friend-worthy representative of that noble womanhood which Mr. Patmore had glorified in song, - dropped a simple laurel crown into the grave. - Ave Maria.

"Five years ago," says "Anga A. Lewis, Ricard, N. Y., "I had a constant cough, night sweats, was greatly reduced in flesh, and had been given up by my physicians. I began to take Aver's Cherry Pectoral, and after us-ing two bottles was completely cured." In pursuance of this resolution, the first time that he found an opportunity universal in all things. It is not what was a it is in the found an opportunity of the stained glass her, but their gayety and grace lent was particularly charmed. Austere devotion would have repelled whether and no inconvenience in using it.