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The Earl's Mistake

color came into Carries cheek, and a new light into her eyes; so that as he stood beside her and watched her his heart glowed with satisfaction. "If the vessel would go down now $\wp Gd$ I could hold her in my arms till the last moment and die, so holding her!" was the wild thought that rose in his mind as he looked moodily at the hori-rop. "Great Heaven how madiy I love "Great Heaven, how madly 1 love How will it end? I cannot go y now. The time when it was pos-to leave her has gone long ago! I must stay and drift-Heaven ws whither!"

"Are we in any great danger, Captain oore?" asked Carrie, looking up at his overcast face with a smile. He started; the words seemed terribly

'Danger!" he almost stammered; then

laughed and thrust his hand through hair. "No. no dances"

he laughed and thrust his hand through his hair. "No, no danger." "You looked so grave." she said. "that I thought perhaps we should never reach dry land again." He sank on to a block close beside her, his eyes fixed on her face, that seemed to grow dearer and lovelier to him each hour.

happy again. "I' and why not you?" he asked, gent. Iy. Her lips twitched. "Oh, I' I have had my little life. "Are you sere?" he went on, madly, "Are you sure?" he went on, madly, were stronger, I have flattered my foolish heart with thinking that the watchful heart with thinking that the watchful see how eager I am: I count even the

queen, unit the nght fut, then he went downstairs and into the smoking-room to get a cigar. He got it, and was smoking it at the hall door, and looking at the moon rie-ing over the sea when he heard a laugh, a woman's laugh, that smote upon his ear like a death-knell. The eigar dropped from his fingers, and he stepped back into the dimness of the hall as the tall, graceful figure of Zenobia came swan-like into the opening. A man in evening dress followed her, and as the light foll upon his face. Ger-ald Moore saw that it was Lord Cevil Neville. One or two other ladies and gentleme, evidently members of the same party, entered after them, and laughing and chatting thy went up the stairs. Gerald Moore looked after them as if they were the airy figures in a dream. He saw Zenobia looked not a day older —that, if anything, she was more beau-tiful than when he had left her at Wies-Carrie closed her eyes, and, taking advantage, he put his arm round her main carried her bodily on deck. I have a subscription of the base of the base

He saw Zenobia looked not a day older -that, if anything, she was more beau-tiful than when he had left her at Wies-baden. He noticed that Lord Cecil look-ed haggard and worn, like a man preyed upon by some secret trouble. But he no-ticed all this in a dull sort of fashion, for he was stupefied. The sudden sp-pearance of the woman he hated and dreaded more than all other persons in the world for the moment seemed an aw-ful mockery of all his dreams of happi-ness.

less.

only on board a ship, with a place in the capacious arm for a sodawater glass, and gently insisted upon her reclining in it while he showed Mrs. Harrington and Philipa over the vessel. "And why may I not come?" asked "Because. you must rest," he said "You have page through a great exer-tion in coming on board—" "You forget that you carried me!" she add, innocently lifting her dark eyes to his face. "No, I do not," he answered, in a low voice, and left her. "Carrie lay back looking at the blue water that broke into whit foam as the keen bow pierced if, and though how time and considerate a ma Geraid Moore was; that was all. That he was particularly kind and considerate to her to her to be possible that anyone could love her. "The atternoon proved all that Geraid Moore had prophesied, and even Mrs. Harrington soon lost all fear of seasick rest. Here was gliding through the water to here vase; gliding through the water to here was gliding through the water to kees a swan, and a faint touch o' color came into Cartrie's cheek, and and the denome of the second grader. "O wait, my darling," he nurmured. "O wait, my darling," he nurmured. "O wait, my darling," he nurmured. "O wait, my darling," he nurmured.

wood with such pleasing ardor, such unselfish tenderness? "I wait, my darling," he murmured. "O, Heaven, what can I say?" she moaned. "If you knew all, you would not say what you have said. I cannot give you what you ask! I have no heart to return you for the kind, generous one you have offered me. You would not wish to marry a woman who had no love to give her husband! No, no!" He winced, and turned paler. "I will not accept that," he said be-tween his teeth. "If care nothing for what may have happened in the past-we will agree that it shall go, that it shall be as if it had not been! To me it matters nothing that you may have cared for some one else; all I care for is that you are free now!" in the wild throbs of his passion he forgot his own bonds. "If heaven spare my life, I will teach you to forget him! And who is he that he should come between us? He must have been a rogue or a fool to have left you!" bitten's.

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I thought perhaps we should never reach dry land again."
He sank on to a block close beside ber, his eyes fixed on her face, that seemed to grow dearer and lovelier to him each hour.
"Do you know," he said, in a low wole, "I was just whighing that the yacht would sink, and that we should all go down."
She stared at him.
"What an extraordinary wish!" she staired at him.
"What an extraordinary wish!" she said, turning on her elbow that she might see his face more clearly. "Why?
"For a selfish reason." he answered "Because I am so particularly, so umit trably happy, and I know that such happiness cannot last. It never doest with me, at any rate. I have never felt particularly happy yet without some great misery following closely."
"And so you wish to drown us all," and Carrie, thoughtfully. "Yes, it is rather selfish and quite urreassonable because, if one may prophesy, there seems so great a chance of your bain hard on the shall be for the sake of any past lovel Think only of the future, and trust yourself to my care! Dear, dear love! "I and why not you?" he asked, gent."
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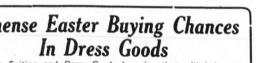
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