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The earl, touched, ashamed of his own want of sympathy, stooped to kiss the dark braids of hair, but Esmer, looking up, received his lips on her

Gerard started as he met the brilliant flash of her eyes. They had the glitter of a snake's. He could not but recall those soft, clear, feminine ones, which, despite himself, were ever haunting him.

Esmer, from compulsion, consequently yielded, and, finally, with rather an ill grace, consented to accept the guardianship of Lady Davenant, a distant connection, and a widow, with two ladylike, pleasant, but passe daugh-

It would be wrong not to say the earl felt infinite relief in his cousin's absence. He saw matters all satisfactorily arranged at the hall; signed pa-pers, renewed his tenants' leases; then

Why did he so long to be in the metropolis? Why, on reaching Euston station, did he cast such a long, lingering gaze around. He dared not ask him-self—dared not; for he knew very well he was possessed by a craving, an uncontrollable desire once-yes, if only once-to see that lovely countenance again, every lineament of which was

impressed indellibly upon his memory. He knew he was wrong—that he was an engaged man. Still, he could not help it. Despite all his efforts he detected himself searching ever for that face as he traversed the crowded London thoroughfares.

His advent into society, where, at with flattering enthusiasm. Innumerable fair ladies entered his name on their visitors' list; not for balls, to robs us of our start." make up a crowd, but to choice little But for that one blot in his life-a blot that was to shadow all its brilliance-Gerard Earl of Lethrington's tyre's.' entrance into society would have been a very pleasant, enjoyable affair in- ture; a soft murmur nummed through

On the day of the drawing-room he was sauntering down Piccadilly when Lord Hampton, an old college chum, broad-shouldered, frank, full of vitality, and cheery of countenance, came in his bon-homme fashion, sailing down

"Lethrington, by George! The very fellow I desired to meet!" he cried. "You are not engaged anywhere this evening, are you? Now, don't say you are, dear boy.By George! you mustn't." He had already linked his arm in the earl's and was piloting him down Pic-

"My dear Hampton, you do so much yachtin that I declare you are getting quite naucical in your manner. I shall expect to hear you 'shivering your timpers,' and 'splicing the mainbrace,' or something of that kind, soon."

The nobleman burst into a cheery laugh, startling aristocratic Piccadilly, but of so contagious a nature that many a face turned pleasantly towards him, as if he had bestowed a gift on them, as, in a fashion, he had.
"You are right, Lethrington, I delight in it, and, 'pon my life, I've half made up my mind to rig out an expe-

dition to go in search of the north pole myself. But, to leave greater matters for less, are you engaged this even-"If you are going to ask me to be

your guest I am glad to answer in the "Bravo! I am going to ask you. There are two or three capital fellows you know—old Cantabs, Limerick, and Dunleith—going to dine with me this evening at the club, and I want you

to join us.' The earl willingly gave his consent, and the hour not being far off, the friends bent their steps towards St.

The dinner was a very merry one; a blending of wit and good hearty fellowship, such as exists between men. Rather late the door opened and another guest entered.

"Hallo! here you are at last, Com-bermere!" cried Lord Hampton. "I thought you were not coming." "Better late than never, eh, Hampton?" replied the guest, taking a seat, and filling his glass. "I could not resist attending at the palace today to see Lady Westbrook, the to-be-belle of the

season, and hence my delay."
"Excused — excused," e Hampton with a long-drawn sigh. "Ah, my dear Combermere, what a lot of broken hearts, what an awful amount

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## of envies and jealousies Lady West-brook is heaping up for herself." "How do you mean, Hampton?" "Why, when a lady is transcendent-

ly beautiful, you may be sure she will possess more enemies than friends." "'Gad!" exclaimed Jack Doran,

"Lady Westbrook has made one victim already, eh, Combermere?"
"No, Jack; I'm safe," sighed Hampton, serio-comically. "And I'm glad of it; glad because I should have no chance. Still, I here maintain," and he raised his glass, "that Lady Westbrook, niece of the Marquis of Santyre, is so peerlessly lovely that she has not her equal in England. Come, will anyne present gainsay me?"

"Nothing is more diverse than masculine idea of feminine beauty," broke in Gerard, jestingly, yet with a throb of chivalry at his heart. "Consequently, for the sake of argument, I will take up your gauntlet, Hampton."

"How! You, Lethrington, know a su-perior?" ejaculated his host. "But, then, you have not seen Lady Westbrook." "I have not. Yet I will maintain," and unconsciously his tones grew fervent as he thought of that never-to-beforgotten countenance, "that her ladyship, whom I would not for a second disparage, does not surpass, if she equal, a face I know."

His manner brought a little volley of jokes upon him, which he received good humoredly enough. "Do you hear that, Combermere?" cried Lord Hampton. "A face exists "A face exists that excels Lady Westbrook's."

"As the earl remarked," said the

guest addressed, leaning back easily in his chair, "on nothing do opinions so differ as female beauty, Still, he has not seen Santyre's niece, therefore his lordship must own that his judgment is a biased one." "True; but what do you say to our putting him to the test?"

"By going to the opera this evening.
Patti, the queen of song, the sweet
nightingale of choristers, sings tonight in 'Dinorah.' Lady Westbrook will be there, and Lethrington can judge." "Yes," laughed Gerard, "I can; but how will you? Unfortunately, it is out

of my power to show you the face I up-hold." "Never mind," rejoined Lord Hampton. "I am so assured of my wager and your honor, old boy, that I will let

Viscount Combermere. "If you like, I will introduce you." The dinner having been rather pro-

longed the party instantly arose and repaired to her Majesty's. As Lord Hampton had stated, Patti was that night to appear in "Dinorah," and the superb house, brilliantly crowded, presented the most splendid coup d'aeil conceivable. The young men, however, were for-

tunate to procure seats in the third row of the stalls. The latter, dress-circle, pit, and even gallery were filled, present, he nervously delayed letting only several loges in the grand tier had his engagement be known, was greeted the curtains yet closed. "Santyre is sleeping late over his Burgundy," whispered Hampton, "and

"Then," remarked the earl, carelessreunions and pleasant dinners, while ly, in the same tone, as he swept his his name was put up at several clubs. lorgnon round the house, "her ladyship is not here yet?"

"Not yet; but the box yonder is San-The orchestra was playing the over-

the theater. Meanwhile, Gerard studied the numerous female faces. No; none there equaled the one he had beheld. He was so engaged when Lord Hampton's voice fell on his ear.

"Her ladyship has arrived. Now, my boy, speak the honest truth, unblinded by Master Dan Cupid." Smiling rather bitterly, as his friend's speech recalled how little he must have to do with the young gentleman nam-

ed, the earl brought his lorgnon to the marquis' loge. Standing in front, as she glanced for one second with pleased admiration round the house before she took the seat, the marquis had arranged for her, was Lady Westbrook. As Gerard's eyes beheld her he felt the blood drop from his cheek, then return, sending a hot, surging throb through his frame. Again growing pale he sat down to conceal his agitation. "Well," whispered Lord Hampton, gleefully, "your opinion, my boy?"

You have won, Hampton; I confess it. Never have I beheld a countenance so exquisitely lovely!"
"I knew it!" ejaculated the cheery
nobleman, when Jack Doran whisper-

Controlling his tones, the earl re-

"Hush! the curtain is rising." Had it been one of the most mediocre talent, instead of the charming Patti, who sang that night, it would have been the same to Gerard. He had lost all his senses but one-sight, and that was engrossed by the Marquis of Santyre's box. Why? The countenance of Lady Lucille Westbrook was the very counterpart of the one he had beheld at the Euston station. That the evidently delicately-nurtured niece of the marquis could bear any affinity to that scared, neatly-attired lonely girl was impossible; yet the resemblance was

most striking. Nevertheless, as Gerard studied the features more closely, and marked the animation and interest that played over the superb countenance as the opera proceeded, he felt that Lady Westbrook's bore greater refinement, and were more classically molded. [To be Continued.]

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sixteen years, 1882-97, was 891,144 acres,

giving 18,022,748 bushels, being an aver-

age of 20.2 bushels per acre. The av-

erage this year is the largest since

1883, when 1,097,210 acres yielded only 10.6 bushels per acre. The largest crops for the last sixteen years were: In 1884, 20,717,631 bushels; in 1891, 21,-872,488 bushels; in 1892, 20,492,497 bushels, and in 1897, 23,988,051 bushels. The yield of 1898 therefore promises to be the largest recorded by the department since 1883. The big increase this year is partly due to the fact that only 25,159 acres were plowed up this spring as against 55,477 in 1897. On the basis of acreage, yield and quality, the On-

Spring wheat—389,205 acres, yielding 6,714,516 bushels, an average of 17.3 bushels per acre. In 1897, 323,305 acres gave 4,868,101 bushels, or 15.1 bushels per acre. The crop this year is the largest since 1891, in which year 510,634 acres gave 10,711,538 bushels, or 21.0

tario fall wheat crop of 1898 may be

set down as the best since 1893 at

Barley-438,784 acres gave 12,048,245 bushels, or 27.5 bushels per acre. In 1897, 451,515 acres gave 12,021,779 bushels, or 26,6 bushels per acre. The acreage has fallen steadily since 1890, when 701,326 acres were sown, but the yield of the past four years has been about

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> Beans-45,220 acres give 831,698 bush els, being 18.4 bushels per acre. In 1897, 50,591 acres gave 981,340 bushels, being 19.4 bushels per acre. The largest yield was in 1895, when 72,747 acres gave 1,-

ed 4,399,063 tons, being 1.79 tons per acre. This is an increase over 1897 of 587,54" tons, and over 1,000,000 tons above the average of 1882-97. The yield per acre has been equaled only once in the past ten years, in 1893.

the past ten years, in 1893.
Other crops—Acreage alone can be given at present. Corn, for husking, has fallen from 335,030 acres in 1897 to 330,-714 in 1898. Silk corn from 202,055 in 1897 to 189,948 acres in 1898. Buckwheat 150,394 acres, and potatoes, 169,946, Mangels increased from 41,175 in 1897 to 47,923 in 1898. Carrots from 12,025 to 31,905 in 1897. Flax drops from 16,240 acres to 10,720 acres. Hops declined from 1,175 to 904 acres. Tobacco was reported in 1897 as covering only 786 acres; this year 7,871 acres are report-

of no less than 325,000 in young swine over last year. Poultry, 9,048,473 in 1898; 8,435,341 in 1897, and 7,734,167 in 1896. Every class shows an increase. The wool crop was 5,104,686 pounds for the

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