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CHAPTER XXII.

would do a great deal, certainir" said the captain; "but you may take this answer once for all, Laura -I shall never relinquish my friend-700 will never reopen the subject."

Lady Laura Wynyard looked at her husband with eyes full of wondering pain. That the could coldly dismiss a subject of such vital interest to ture was involved in this matter, and could win some small concession 30 had put it aside as unworthy of from him, she might ultimately win viscussion. A vision seemed to pass all she wanted. every wish had been law, to whom greatest consequence. Were Angela's words really true, that she

"Vance," she said, "you cannot she said. speak earnestly. I, your wife, come to you with the happiness of my of it, your own folly will have killed whole life at stake, holding my very you." as coldly as though we were duscussing the weather."

longer what I have borne. I pray sake, to give up Gladys Rane." you, dearest, give up that which has "Your thoughts were all wrong," come between us, and take me to he interrupted, sneeringly.

impatiently. "I am tired of it."

Vance, if you love me, make me hap- think!" py! Give up Miss Rane! It is not "I have nothing to think about." he

lous fancies." "Have you no pity for my pain? she asked.

but I have none for what is only a "Will you do nothing, Vance, to

refer." he answered, carelessly, "I

this, Laura."

"No, I will not, Laura," he re-

"My dear Laura, in no single thing

could not expect such love twice in will I change my present course of one life-time? At last her surprise conduct," he answered, warmly.

"It will not do that: and, if you die

heart in my hands, and you dismiss! The frankly brutal words seemed

dazed face to his.

"I thought," she said, slowly, "that Captain Wynyard shrugged his you would comply at once with my tinued her ladyship. "I cannot live was no one half so dear to you as I; as I have been living; I can bear no I thought you would promise, for my

"What nonsense, Laura!" he cried, not love me as much as I thought you did," she went on. "I see that "You must listen," she said. "I I am not the first object in the world have a claim upon your attention; I to you. Oh, Vance," she cried, have a right to speak. You are doing clasping her white hands and hold-I have a right to ask you to give up "think before you send me away the cause of my unhappiness. Oh. without love and without comfort-

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my love and the friendship of Gladys Rane, which would you prefer?" "I decline to answer so foolish a

question," he replied. "You hesitate!" she said; and the eautiful pleading face grew perfect-

I simply decline to answer unrea-

you could honestly say that you preferred me and my fove, you would for me to say more." she went away from him, her sorrow

deeper and more intense than when she sought him. But she had much more to suffer yet. The captain smiled to himself as

he watched her enter the house. Her white face and downcast eves, the "I have taught her a lesson." he

not scatter my friends like chaff be- isfaction-"and she needed it. She will not interfere again with Gladys."

make me happier?" she asked, wist-

pened to her. That her husband had fused to vield to her wishes, had tacitly admitted that he cared greathorrible for her to look in the face

"You look ill, mamma! Shall I

"No, thank you, dear," she answered: "I would rather be alone. I am

All the music and the sweetness had gone from her voice; it was weak and languid. Angela felt uneasy about her mother; she knew that this was the beginning of what she

her position, she could not. It was made with tears, give up his intimacy as much time as ever with her; he

On the night following they were invited to a grand ball given by Lady Holte. Lady Laura knew that her rival was to be there, and her first charming dress of white satin, elaborately trimmed with blush roses, was prepared for her. She felt unequal to the effort, for she knew it would bring the same heart-anguish over again, the same sorrow, and she told herself that she could not

When the captain asked her at what hour she wished the carriage ordered, she answered that she did not feel sure that she should go; she was tired and indisposed—and her looks fully bore out her words. But she saw the sudden look of relief that came over his face, when he heard the words, and she altered her mind

"I will go," she said; "Lady Holte always gives good balls;" and, as she look of annoyance come into his eyes, "He would have had a long evening's enjoyment with Miss Rane," she thought to herself bitterly.

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