

"Nothing," said Mr. Dashwood.

"We jumped the garden hedge," said Mr. Colfax. "It was rather profitable." He looked at Mr. Carteret.

"Yes," said Mr. Livingstone, "and landed in Mrs. Livingstone's violet-frames."

Mrs. Livingstone cast a side glance at Mrs. Dashwood and tried to stop her husband.

"It was of no consequence," she said.

"Courtlandt, you ought to be ashamed of yourself," said Mrs. Dashwood. "But I told you how it would be with a garden," she continued to Mrs. Livingstone. "It is much better to get your flowers from town."

Mrs. Livingstone made no reply.

"But I want to know about these things," said Mrs. Innis, who was studying the procession.

"These are some treasures which Reggie acquired last evening," replied Mr. Colfax. "You know, Reggie is going in for country life. Rather a fine lot, are n't they?"