"TRISTRAM OF BLENT"

a more striking answer.

"A lady to see you, ma'am.

"Miss gave it to Mina.

"My Dear my a lady to see you, maam. "My Dear, my dear!" he said gen-tainsborough.".

The three men sprang to their feet; tly, as he patted her hand. "Read that with a sudden wrench Mina turned her chair round toward the door. A tall, slim girl in black came in with a quick

vet hesitating step.

Do you know where he about him? Do you know and blush-is?" She looked at the men and blush-duce myself to you, Miss Gainsbored as she returned their bow with a

sider and for a moment meeting Mina's But the proposal seemed to comfort

repeated. briska in a low voice, but very confidently.

Janiel' said Iver.

Neeld nodded once again.

"Ah, he was waiting until Lady Tris- But of course a situation quite other. tram died?" than they Iver nodded; he thought what she Fairholme.

suggested a very good explanation to accept. It was plausible and sensible; t equipped Harry Tristram with a decent excuse for his past silence, and a sound reason for the moment of his disclosure. He looked at Neeld and found ready acquiescence in the old Evenswood.

The matter which he had brought to Lady Evenswood's attention. Dis-

"No, no, that had nothing to do with the later's. He takes the thing very well. He's lost his position and he's the hero of the newspapers, and he learn bears both afflictions quite cooly. A learn l "Yes, we were there."

I saw you from the terrace excess of modesty, I fancy."

gan. An unceremoniously impatient and peremptory wave of Mina's arm reduced him to silence. Her curiosity left no room for his prudent counsels of reticence.

"What were you doing in the Gal"What were you doing in the Gal"Oh, there are precedents. It was introduced us to one another," he reduced the solution I spoke of has occurred to some of us," he went on. "He's great amazement.
"Neeld was in an exceedingly difficult to see that." He paused, looking at Southend with an amused air. "You haired lady the image of peace, for introduced us to one another," he re-

demanded Mina. and—and admiring them. He came up presently and—I don't remember that he said very much. He watched me; then he asked me if I loved the things, And—well—then he told me. He told and went straight out of the recent I don't remember that the said very much. He watched me; then he asked me if I loved the things, then he asked me if I loved the things, then he asked me if I loved the things, then he asked me if I loved the things, then he asked me if I loved the things, then he asked me if I loved the things, then he asked me if I loved the things, she had know the great; if she had not done the things, she had seen them done; her talk remixed up in the affair." Just at prespect the came up great; if she had not done the things, she had seen them done; her talk remixed up in the affair." Just at prespect to Southend, she had danced with both parties to it. and went straight out of the room. I "The House was a ainst the marwaited a long while, but he didn't come back, and I haven't spoken to him deny the doubt." since." She looked at each of them in turn as though someone might be able to help her with the puzzle.

to those, I imagine that the-er-ques-

His phrase seemed to give Cecily no stances a viscounty—

"Subject to formal proof, I mean, and in the absence of opposition from" lady's curiosity. "It's rather odd to the hesitated a second) "—from Mr. reward a man for his mother's—" With a nod he walked into the next Tristram, which can't be anticipated now, you will be put into possession of the estates and the title." He pointed girl."

There, I don't say a word about Adrows with his indicated and the title. I took her to her first ball, poor time.

chair and rose. Neeld followed his ex- county?" They felt that the interview had better end. Duplay did not move, and Cecily stood where she was. She and Cecily stood where she was. She explained.

She talks and moves and sits and sits and looks at you in the same way. I was that."

She talks and moves and sits and looks at you in the same way. I was that." seemed to ask what was to be done

She was so obviously lost

leaping up from her chair. "I don't o want to have anything to do with her."

name that was to have some daughter's.

Again the pink-ribboned Deus made entry on the scene, to give the speaker entry on the scene, to give the speaker entry answer.

The Imp's voice was those, the get no further.

Old Mr. Neeld came forward. He took Harry's letter from Cecily and ised. "Have you any reason to sup-

Mina read, and then scrutinized Ce-

"Well I'll walk down with you,"

"Yes, he must mean you, Miss Gainschair and covered her face with her in the smoking room. Asked how hands for a minute. She looked up to came to be in town, Iver explained:

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"What are you going to do in the find Mina regarding her, still with the lines of scampering hansome, the came to be in town, Iver explained:
"What are you going to do in the theatre authentic rejects, it was settled that

It was Neeld who answered gently;
"Some of us have been sure of it for some time. But—" He looked at Mina before he went on. "But we'd better do."

There was not much prospect of their talk affecting either the laws of England or the determination of Harry Tristram to any appreciable extent. But the proposal seemed to comfort the same.

"Oh, she doesn't mind Mrs. Trumbler. But I do."

"Well, there's a good deal of cackling up here too. But tell me about the new girl." Lord Southend did not appear to consider his own question of the determination of Harry Tristram to any appreciable extent. But the proposal seemed to comfort the same.

sider and for a moment meeting Mina's intense gaze which had never left her face.

"Had he known for long?" was her mext question. It met with no immediate answer. Duplay rose abruptly and walked to the mantlepiece; he leant his arm on it and turned half way from the group at the table.

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"You'll look at it enyhow," she concluded with a reluctant smile.

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The New Life. "You haven't mentioned it to the

"Certainly not. I've only seen him broke out impatiently—
"No, no, that had nothing to do with "No, no, that had nothing to do with "No, no, that had nothing to do with "Certainly not. I've only seen him be enough for you, Mr. Thistram? If the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he paid to Lady Evenswood and gained fresh strength from the visit which he was a visit at a vi

"Is he agreeable?"

manner now.

"Well then, you must know why he told you. We don't know." Mina was very peevish.

"Is it any use asking—?" Iver began. An unceremoniously impatient manner now.

"Best as worder in the interview might selves.

"And you kept it dark? I didn't know you were as deep as that, Neeld" the rank of a command; Lord Southend received it with proper obedience.

"The solution I spoke of has occurtified as the lold gentleman with obtain a Royal License to bear the looked at the old gentleman with optain a Royal License to bear the looked at the old gentleman with optain a Royal License to bear the looked at the old gentleman with optain a Royal License to bear the looked at the old gentleman with optain a Royal License to bear the looked at the old gentleman with optain a Royal License to bear the looked at the old gentleman with optain a Royal License to bear the looked at the old gentleman with optain a Royal License to bear the looked at the looked at

"Well, what are you going to do?"

I ever heard of."

"We shouldn't press that. A barony would do. But if Bisney thought that under the very exceptional circum"Yes. I wonder—"

"Yes. I wonder—"

the estates and the title." He pointed to Harry's letter which was still in her hands. "You see what he himself calls you there. Miss Gainsborough?"

She made no answer. With another glance at Neeld, Iver pushed back his never knows. But again, why a vishelf county?"

"Uisney used to know her as a girl."
"If you're relying on Robert Disney's There was some talk—"
"It's all over," whispered Neeld with needless caution. "He released her, and she accepted the release."
"What on the ground that—?" Driven into a corner, but evidently

"The viscounty would be more conwith her; her desolation was sad, but venient if a match came about beit had something of the comic in it.

he was so obviously lost.

"You might walk down to Blent with Well, George, romance has taken pos-asked." Miss Gainsborough, Mina," Iver suggested.

"No. I'm
"No. I'm
"No. at all." he protested indignant-

"Oh, no, not without something

There's the past, you see.' "And a sponge is wanted? And the

county."

"I'll think about it after I've seen the the rush and the gayety of it. Some- tunes, Mr. Tirstram." pose he likes his cousin?"

"None at all-except, of course, the way he's cleared out for her." "Yielding gracefully to necessity,

"Really, I doubt the necessity: and yet hesitating step.

"Forgive me, Madame Zabriska. But I had to come. Harry said you were his friend. Do you know anything his friend. Do you know where he

way from the group at the table.
"Had he known it for long?" Cecily eneugh it was not in the culprit's mind, either.
"Ever so long," answered Mina Zamiel, "Now, Neeld, to break this news to Janiel," said Iver.
"Ah, he was waiting until Lady Tristram with a decept. It was plausible and sensible; the group at the table.

"Ever nodded; he thought what she largested a very good explanation to accept. It was plausible and sensible; the group at the table.

"Had he known it for long?" Cecily educated away from that she side of the subject immediately. "And she's struck up a friendship with Cecily Gainsborough—Lady Tristram, I ought to say. I had a few words with the father. The poor old chap doesn't know whether he's on his head or his heels; but as they're of about equal value, I should imagine, for thinking more or less to be paid, and the dozen other ways in the father. The poor old chap doesn't know whether he's on his head or his heels; but as they're of about equal value, I should imagine, for thinking purposes, it doesn't much matter. Ah, here's Neeld. He came up with me."

CHAPTER XVI.

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Neeld nodded once again.

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The advent of Neeld produced more spectable if not a big check by him, to Lady Evenswood's attention. Discretion was necessary there. Besides portunity to be seized.

end.

Neeld, always annoyed at the "Joe,"

been obliged to plead, reminding him "Hum, I'm not so sure of that. No admitted that the main facts had been that it was merely a woman not mererecorded in Mr. Cholderton's Journal, ly a woman of rank who wished to make his acquaintance, but also a very old woman who had known his mother when nebody also in England did. here. Did he tell you there?"

"I suppose you mean he s not say.

"He told me there." There was embarrassment as well as wonder in her barrassment as well as wonder in her me."

"I suppose you mean he s not say.

All young men are conceited. I think I should like you to bring him to see me."

and that he nimself had known them old woman who had known his mother as a child. He further offered his own save, of course, the conspirators them-

"Oh, there are precedents. It was introduced us to one another," he re- Harry there too the current ran strong: minded him with a smile.

"It's everybody's. The Blent's on fire from Mingham to the sea." signs of being impressed; but very "I've seen Harry Tristram."
"Ah, how is he?" asked Neeld.

shrewd eyes were upon him, and his

superceded him.

- Elizabeth and the control of

mpassivity met with amused approval since it stopped short of inattention. She broke it down at last by speaking

"Never saw a young man more composed in all my life. And he couldn't be better satisfied with himself if he'd

turn as though someone might be able to help her with the puzzle.

"Somehow you made him do it—you" said Mina Zabriska.

Slowly Cecily's eyes settled on Mina's face; thus she stood silent for a full minute.

"Yes, I think so. I think I must have somehow." Her voice rose as she asked with a sudden access of agitation," "But what are we to do now?"

Mina had no thought for that; it

Mina had no thought for that; it was the thing itself that engrossed her, not the consequences.

"There will, of course, be a good "There will be a good "Ther not to be able to ask people there, just too as he was awakening to the number of people there were in the world

Iver rose decisively. "Look here, "I don't see why you want it," she Southend, if you're going to do exact-"Settles itself?" she repeated. persisted. The slight embarrassment ly what all my friends and neighbors, in Southend's manner stirred the old beginning with Miss Swinkerton, are very like her."

"What, on the ground that-?"

"Really I don't know any more. But

ested.

"Not at all," he protested indignant"No," cried the Imp in a passion,
"aping up from her chair. "I don't
"ant to have anything to do with her."

"Not at all," he protested indignantin August."

"You want to see the end of it?
Come, I know that's it!" He laughed
"Then they can do it without a visas he walked away.

"Not at all," he protested indignanting a composed face; there was a nint of there was not the suppressed in his voice. But he ded. "It's a big chance, but we haven't ing a visitor at Blent. She was not got the money to take it, and unless we can take it we shall have to sell our rights. It's an option on land. I sespecial personal service they might per-

Meanwhile Harry Tristram, unconing as little attention as he could to father describe Pitt at twenty-one and

about eight in the evening and watch this much apology), "but perhaps an the great city starting forth to enjoy litself. Then he could feel its life in all sorry for—for this turn in your for—the watch this much apology), "but perhaps an passing cab. "I've got the money," he said, "and I want to use it. You show that the start the start that the country of its turn in your forms that the start is a great thing and start in the went of its the start in the

to run up for a few days from his coun- touched me." try home. Then Blent had been the centre of his life, and in town he was she exclaimed, startled into candor. "But that would have meant-?" but a stranger and a sojourner. Bient "Oh, yes, I know. Still—but since was gone; and London is home to things have turned out differently, I

homeless men. There was a suggestion needn't trouble you with that."

graciousness. cousin, I suppose?"

She's there, you know."
"Have you written to her?"

"No. I think it's best not to ask her o think of me fust now." She looked at him a moment, seem-

"Perhaps," she said at last. "But lon't over-do that. Don't be cruel." "Cruel?" There was strong surprise in his voice and on his face. "Yes, cruel. Have you ever troubled

to think what she may be feeling?" "I don't know that I ever have." discussion. Yet Southend said nothing ready for any emergency which might Harry admitted slowly. "At first sight now of a it looks as if I were the person who might be supposed to be feeling."
"At first sight, yes. Is that always to

> He stood silent before her for several find out something about it. After all,

I've given some evidence of considera-

As Harry walked down from her osity. This state of things ought to "I suppose they won't let him starve."

flowery condolences.

"There never was anybody in the wrong." The smile that Mina Zabris- tram?"

ka knew came in his face. "I I
"You were wrong? Who's like her for?"

-A'die Tristram's successor who had wariness.

that."

| amazed to see it." He had said not a hunting for ten thousand on the pave| Southend lit a cigar with a satisfied word of this to anybody since he left ment of Berkeley Square."
| the property, saluted with a title, en| the pro "Staying much longer in town?" he tures about the history of the affair, also about what lay behind her visitor's cession. "If you don't come in, you'll all this she maintained, even to the ex-"No, I'm going down to Iver's again composed face; there was a hint of not give it away?" Again Harry nod- treme of punctiliousness, the air of be-

She decided that he was remarkable, cured it, but it's out in a week. Be- form for her; she made no changes in scious of the efforts which were being for a boy of his age, bred in the counmade to arrange his future, and paytry, astonishing. She had heard her sand. And ten cleans us out."

"What'll happen if you don't?"
"I must sell the option—rather than

"And a sponge is wanted? And the bigger the sponge the better? And if by a sking Robert Disney for it? And if by a miracle he says yes, for all I know somebody else might say no!"

CHAPTER XV.—(Continued).

"And this—this Lady Tristram of Blent?" Iver's voice was hesitating and conscious as he pronounced that the fault that Harry Tristal her fault that Harry Tristal harry Tristal harry Tristal her fault that Harry Tristal her fault that Harry Tristal harry me that this is a good thing, and in it "You're very kind. It was all my own goes." how now he seemed more part of it and more at home in it than when he used doing, you know. Nobody could have An hour passed in the office of Sloyd,

Sloyd, and Gurney. Harry Tristram came out whistling. He looked very pleased; his step was alert; "Oh, yes, I know. Still-but since found something to do, he had made a beginning-good or bad. It looked good, "Well, I'll walk down with you," she said grudingly. She came nearer to Cecily. "I wonder what you did!" she exclaimed, scanning her face. "I always fancied he was going to must find out what you did!" she exclaimed, "I must find out what you did!" and out what you did!" I always fancied he was going to must find out what you did!" and out what you did!" I always fancied he was going to must find out what you did!" I always fancied he was going to must find out what you did!" I always fancied he was going to must find out what you did!" She saw the truth, seeming to learn to for him in the air of it, an impulse that was gradually but strongly uighing him that he must be gir. It found an added, perhaps a boyish, pleasure in the fact that the added man who was not afraid to defy things, and she had been heard to lamotorious, but the talk and the staring would be over soon—the sooner the better, he added most sincerely. Then he was a suggestion for him in the air of it, an impulse that was gradually but strongly uighing him that he must be gir. It found an added, perhaps a boyish, pleasure in the fact that the affair was for the present to be a dead secret. He was monotorious, but the talk and the staring would be over soon—the sooner the better, he added most sincerely. Then he was a suggestion and in the air of it, an impulse that was gradually but strongly uighing him that he must be self. He found an added, perhaps a boyish, pleasure in the fact that the affair was for the present to be a dead secret. He had begun to take a hand in the air of it, an impulse that was gradually but strongly uighing him that he must be self. He found an added, perhaps a boyish, pleasure in the fact that the affair was for the present to be a dead of the was not longer and identically better to take a hand in the air of it, an impulse that was gradually but strongly uighing him that he must be a dark and to learn in the air of it, an impulse that was gradually but strongly uighing him that he must be a dark and in the air of it, a as she returned their bow with a during freedom the first of the first

can an covered ner race with net incusping from the smoking from the smoki "Well, I really don't know," he repeated thoughtfully, but with no sign of anxiety or fretting. "There's lots of time, Lady Evenswood."

"Not for me," she said with all her straining of Somebody Else—would entertain the idea. There was another, a much less obvious one—the sobvious one—the sobvious one—the sobvious one—the solvious one—the said with all her support of the said with all her straining of Somebody Else—would entertain the idea. There was another, a much less obvious one—the said with all her support of the said with all her said with

when Southend next called on her, she you're right, Miss Swinkerton. He smiled again, this time cordially, professed her readiness to attack or as he rose to take leave. But she detained him.

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at least to reconnoitre the task from family, I should consider myself pertained him. "You're on friendly terms with your rest had shrunk.
"Only," she said, "if I were you, I

think!" exclaimed Southend.
"Oh, very well," smiled Lady Evens-A long life had taught her that only

Others, such as Iver and Miss S., might

meet Mr. Gainsborough as he took

facts convince and that they often fall, suppose Madame Zabriska has been a CHAPTER XVII. River Scenes and Bric-a-Brac with an air of expecting applause for The Blent was on fire indeed, and a rare discretion. Mina Zabriska occupied a position rich of importance, prolific of pleasure.

timid rambles; they could extort little he's going abroad." tion that they too could produce "Yes, I see. Perhaps I daresay I can (and respectable) time arrived; for the present they commanded no public interest. Others again, the Major notably, strove after importance by airs know what she said." She looked at "That makes it worse if you give of previous knowledge and hints of undisclosed details. Even Mrs. Trumbler phasis: "It doesn't do to judge formulation of the phasis: "It doesn't do to judge formulation of the phasis of the ph made her cast, declaring that she had eigners as we should judge company, so that the interview might met her. She won't miss me much, assume a less formal aspect. Harry Lady Evenswood."

made her cast, declaring that she had cigners as we should judge ourselves, always known (the source of the information was left in obscurity) that "Time's everything, isn't it? Oh, pride such as Harry Tristram's was briska—and to be sure she has nobody you're not stupid! Think it over, Mr. the sure precursor of a fall. None of to look after her; that Major is no better that the sure precursor of a fall. formation was left in obscurity) that would be one thing; if Madame Za-Tristram. Now good-by. And don't conclude I shan't think about you because it's only an hour since we met. We women are curious. When you've nothing better to do it'll pay you to study us."

the sure precursor of a fall. None of them could compete with Madame Zater than any silly young man—chooses to do so, it's quite another. All I say is that, so far as Blent is concerned, there's an end of Mr. Tristram. Why, he hasn't got a penny piece, my dear."

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As Harry walked down from her house in Green street, his thoughts were divided between the new life and that old one which she had raised again before his eyes by her reference to Cecily. The balance was turned in favor of Blent by the sight of a man who was associated in his mind with it—Sloyd, the house-agent who had let Merrion Lodge to Mina Zabriska. Sloyd was as smart as usual, but he was walking along in a dejected way, and his hat was unfashionably far back on his head. He started when he saw Harry approaching him.

"Why, it's—" he began, and stopped in evident hesitation.

"Mr. Thistram," said Harry. "Glad to meet you, Mr. Sloyd, though you won't have any more rent to hand over each of the could not confide in him. The gossips of Blentmouth were beneath her lordly notice. She was bubbling over with undiscussed impressions. And now even Mr. Neeld had gone off on a visit

"I suppose they won't let him starve."

"An arrangements are made in such have made mina very happy. What more could won want?

"One thing only, but that a necessity —somebody to talk to about it. She had nobody. Janie showed no desire to discuss Blent or anything or anybody connected therewith, and with Janie out of the question there was nobody to whom loyalty allowed her to talk. The Major, for instance, was one of the enemy. She might pity him as an uncle—he was perplexed and surly, because somehow he never happened to meet Miss Iver now—but she could not confide in him. The gossips of Blentmouth were beneath her lordly notice. She was bubbling over with undiscussed impressions. And now even Mr. Neeld had gone off on a visit what an escape! How providential!"

"Let us hope it's a lesson **To could most could one won't let him starve."

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"I s

Harry cut him short in a peremptory but good-natured fashion.

hammering out, the light of another mind thrown upon them; for they were but good-natured fashion.

"How's business with you?" he asked.

"Might be worse, Mr. Tirstram. I don't complain. We're a young firm, and we don't command the opportunities that others do." He laughed as he added, "You couldn't recommend me world like her, and there never will added, "You couldn't recommend me be." Lady Evenswood went on. couldn't recommend me to a gentleman with ten thousand by no means unhappy, and he talked used to think that; but I was pounds to spare, could you, Mr. Trisused to think that Mina Zabristram?" "I know just the man. What's it see about everything to see about—the "No, no. Principals only," said Sloyd lawyers had done it all—and he was no more necessary or important in London than he was at Blent. But Cecily's with a shake of his head.

"How does one become a principal condon than he was at Blent. But Cecily's was another more necessary or important in London than he was at Blent. But Cecily's was a nother more necessary or important in London than he was at Blent. cily's was another matter altogether, Lady Evenswood was more struck by then? I'll walk your way a bit." cily's was another matter altogether, the way he spoke than by the meaning Harry lit a cigar; Sloyd became more "What's happened about Janie Iver? of what he said. She wanted to say erect and amended the position of his sired the enlightening contact of mind "Bravo," and to pat him on the back; hat; he hoped that a good many people he lad avoided so entirely any hesitation or affectation in naming his country pride did not interfere with business sistent theory.

"Are you in earnest, Mr. Tristram? Cecily had acquiesced in all the law-"She talks and moves and sits and "Oh, no, it isn't, or you wouldn't be had allowed herself to be invested with throned in the fullest manner. So far "Fil trust you," Sloyd declared. Harry nodded thanks, inwardly amused at the sacrifice and the transformation of her

the order of the household; when Mina -always busy in her friend's interest-

suggested re-arrangement of furniture of eurios, Cecily's manner implied

that she was prepared to take no such liberties in another man's house. It would have been all very well-bred if Harry had put his house at her disposal for a fortnight. Seeing that the place was her own and that she had limited to Mina's own mind: it had not been made to the offender herself. The fear she had felt of Harry threatened to spread to his successor; she did not feel equal to a remonstrance. This visional, attitude could not be main tained permanently. Something must

"If such a thing had happened in my

the persons concerned "Certainly, if we meet. Of course I should find out tolerably early—as soon aven't seen her since I left Blent. as we know that there's any chance at on such subjects are very lax."

"Not at all," said Miss S. tartly. "Certainly, if we meet. Of course I should find out tolerably early—as soon that the notions of the upper classes Really she needed no instruction from "There's only one thing he could the Vicar. "And as I say, my dear, she's a girl. The ball will mark a new departure. I said so to Madame Za-

briska and she quite agreed with me. Mrs. Trumbler frowned pensively. widow some time?" she remarked. "I have never inquired," said Miss S.

"I wonder what Mr. Harry will do! The Vicar says he must be terribly up-"O. I never professed to understand

that young man. All I know is that "Yes, my dear. I heard it in the town, and Madame Zabriska said she

"But surely Madame Zabriska doesn't correspond—?" "I don't know, my dear.

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