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CHAPTER XLVI.

Tas our amiable bridegroom-elect gone to Paris to select bijouterie for his bride. How well he knows the way to her heart!" cried Lady Esselyn, ironically, as they sat at breakfast the

following morning. Vivien looked so inquiring, and so charmingly unconscious of her mean-ing, that the countess, who could never resist revenging herself, remarked, with a sneer, as she cossed the note the table, that it was rather odd Sir Innis 'Hatherfield's betrothed should be in such profound ignorance

of his movements. Aymer, always quick to reser ny shur upon his friend, leaned forward to read the note over his sister's shoulder. It was as brief as it was polite, merely stating that an affair of great importance called him abroad, and prevented his executing some trifling commissions he had undertaken for her

Were you not aware that Hatherfield meditated this, Viva?" the earl

"Oh, yes, he spoke of it yesterday." "Very odd, then, that you should feign surprise when I mentioned his departure," snapped the countess. "It might have been odd had my surprise been in reference to his leaving

England," Vivien coolly replied; "but I was only astonished that he should think it necessary to apologize to you. I forgot that it was part of Sir innis' creed to be civil even to those who rank themselves among his ene-

Lady Esselyn's greenish-gray eyes positively glared at her undaunted stepdaughter; but, ere she could devise a reply, Aymer broke in:

How sickening it is to be compelled to listen to such petty squabbling! But in this matter Lady Esselyn is right; Hatherfield has acted strangely in going off so suddenly." Viven buttered her roll without re-

"I think I might have been apprised of his intention," the young earl added, discontentedly. "I depend upon him to help and advise me; but perhaps this is your doing, Viva." On the contrary, I strongly advised

nim to stay where he was."
"Where was he bound? When will he return?" were Aymer's next que-

"I do not know; I cannot say; in fact, I behaved like a pattern woman, for I asked no questions."

"Perhaps we are to have no mar-riage, after all," suggested the coun-tess, who had been watching Vivien closely. "Sir Innis has never been a very ardent lover, has he?" What an absurd suggestion," ex-

claimed the vexed Aymer. "Not at all," replied his sister, tran-"You are very rude to throw water in that way upon dear mamma's novel ideas! Absence does not always make the heart fonder, and tion. I may have to fall back upon poor dear little Mandeville after all.' Cressida scalded her mouth in her hurry to ask if v a was in earnest, and Lady Esselyn blandly patted her

shoulder. 'You had better not inquire, love. If Sir Innis has suddenly discovered that he is in no haste to wed, we cannot expect dear Viva to be the first to proclaim it."

"Certainly not," said Vivien. "Think what I must be suffering at this mo-ment—another cup of coffee, please of the shock to my pride, my wounded feelings—a little of that potted ham, Cressida-my blighted heart and hopes! shall have to sun. up my consolations. One of the greatest is that I might have died young, and left my babies to the mercy of a step-mother. For their sakes let me be thankful."

This was too much, and Lady Esselyn, looking daggers at the audacious speaker, rose, and left the room. Cressida sat for a few minutes, staring at the tablecloth, then rose and followed her; and Aymer, who had been frowning behind his newspaper, looked up

What is the meaning of this? What in heaven's name, is the use of quar-reling with that woman? She grows daily more hateful; but she is our father's widow, and we ought to endure with her."

"My dear brother, it is only a case of 'grasp your nettle.' If I don't sting Lady Esselyn she stings me, and in self-defense I am sometimes compelled to deal her a rude buffet."

Well, never mind that now; but explain to me about Hatherfield. It's not customary, is for a bridegroomelect to rush off, no one knows where, within a few weeks of his wedding

Vivien's beautiful face clouded, though she answered in the same light "Is he not one of those sensible per-

sonages who have always excellent reasons for all they do?" "But he might have told you-

"He has done so," she interrupted "And you are satisfied?" asked Ay-

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mer, jealous for his sister. "Yet ne: you admitted that you raised objec-tions which he appears to have ignor-ed. I tell you again, Viva, I don't like this. Although I have great confidence in Hatherfield, I will not see you neglected, or your wishes set at nought."

"Restez tranquille, mon frere. I am quite equal to the occasion," was the gay reply. "Sir Innis fancies there is a wrong to be redressed, and, like the knights paladin of old, he cannot rest until he has run a tilt at it. I'm not sure that I should not have done the same, although—"
She compressed her rosy lips, and

would not finish the sentence.
"You have not quarreled, then?"

We shall never quarrel. I respect him too much to wrangle with him, and, also, I respect myself too much to sit down and spin till he comes back, so I am going to find employment for my mornings; and the rest of the day, as usual, will be devoted to society." Aymer had gone back to his newspaper, carefully scanning the columns of advertisements to ascertain whether one of them might have emanated from Marie Delille; so he gave no other reply to this speech than an in-

terrogating "yes." "I am very much inclined to dedicate my leisure hours to you, brother mine,' Vivien went on, and passed her arm round his neck. "Tell me all you know of this mysterious demoiselle, by whom you are so unaccountably—I mean so epris, and if I can do so without lowering my own dignity as an English lady, I will help you to find

She was rapturously hugged. "I never thought you hard-hearted or unwomanly till Marie disappeared." the earl confessed; "but I have considered you both since then. They say that your sex are always unmerciful in their judgments of on another; but I shall now be able to quote my sister as a pleasant example to the contrary. Dear Viva, I cannot tell you how acceptable your sympathy will be to

"Deal with me frankly, quite frank," Vivien entreated, "or I shall re-

pent my promise to aid you." It proved a long story, for he was often interrupted by Vivien's questions as she became thoroughly interested. Painted by the delicate touches of a lover's hand, Marie snone brightly on his canvas. He depicted her as she was at the moment of his first meeting her at the railway terminus, alone and shrinking in terror from the coarse attentions of the half-tipsy yourns who intruded themselves upon her. When, after detailing Marie's sufferings, both mental and bodily, in the snowstorm, he went on to speak of the curious circumstances of the packet directed to himself, which she had had in her possession. Vivien blamed him gently for not having revealed this to her as soon as Marie reached Esselyn Manor House.

"I must be very obtuse," she observed, "to have lived in such an atmosphere of mystery without detecting it. Once I was led by your remarks on my pretty maid to question her, and she told me a strange tale of a cousin of hers."

"It is on the wrongs, whether real or fancied, of this cousin, that all the mystery hinges!" exclaimed Aymer. "This little Claire, with eyes as blue as your own, is her only surviving rela-

"The young lady fair, comme une ange, of Justine's story. Did you ever meet this gentle demoiselle in your

Aymer reddened, and was palpably disconcerted. Seeing this his sister gave him no peace till he avowed why,

and at last he blurted out: "Well, if you must know, I had an adventure once, one not worth your hearing, with a girl of that name; but it is impossible that she can have been Marie's relative; and so I will proceed

with my story.' Vivien listened now in silence. She was not quite satisfied with the manner in which her brother had slurred over his mention of the Claire, who could not, or so he asserted, be the one to whose cause Marie had devoted herself; but she remembered, and sighed the while, that there were dark pages in the book of his life which she must not venture to peruse. His faults had not, perhaps, been greater than those of many another thoughtless, impetuous lad, launched into the world with no guiding hand to check him, trod too near dangerous ground; but they had been serious enough to make his loving sister crimson with shame as she recalled them. (To be Continued.)

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the Prevention of Consumption: May it please your royal highness, I have the honor to lay before your royal highness, on behalf of the organizing committee of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, a brief statement of their objects and methods. We learn from the returns of the registrar-general that nearly 60,-000 deaths are every year registered as due to tuberculosis in England and Wales alone, and to this number may be added a considerable percentage of the deaths set down to acute affections of the lungs, in which tubercle has played an unrecognized part. Of these over 40,000 are from consumption, 6,000 from tuberculous disease of the intertines and mesenteric glands, and 6,500 from tubercular meningitis. The destructive work of tubercle does not end 5,500 deaths are attributed to here; other forms of tuberculosis, among which are diseases of the bones. Humpback, hip-joint disease, disease of the knee, ankle, eibow, wrist and other joints, which cripple or disable so many children, are the sign manual of tubercle. This terrible waste of life, with all protracted suffering attending it, and the distress, moral and material, which it involves, is in great measure preventable. Already, by the effects of subsoil drainage, by improved hygiene, by the higher general standard of comfort and cleanliness, by greater attention to ventilation and to the construction of dwellings, the number of deaths from consumption and other forms of tuberculosis has been reduced more than 50 per cent in 50 years. The single sad exception to this statement is that tabes mesenterica, the disease of the bowels in children traceable to tubercle conveyed by milk, has increased. But, while sanitary improvements have so far reduced the mortality from tuberculous diseases, science has pointed out the way by which these ravages may not only be directly mitigated, but directly prevented. It is now definitely known that consump-

tion is A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE;

that it is communicated from person to person, and from animal to man; and that it arises in no other way. It is not an inherited vice in the constitution which declares itself in course of time; but, while some constitutions are more prone to it than others, and while an unhealthy mode of life and unwholesome surroundings predispose to its attacks, every case of consumption is derived from some pre-existing case. Phthisis, with all the various forms of tuberculous disease, is the work of a microbe-the tubercle bacillus discovered by Koch. This living organism is present in countless millions in the diseased lungs or intestines or bones. By its multiplication it blocks the minute blood vessels, chokes the air vesicles, and destroys structures, and by a poison or toxin which it forms it gives rise to febrile disturbance, nocturnal perspirations, and wasting. It is by the transmission of these bacilli that tuberculous diseases of all kinds are spread. The principal way in which they are conveyed from a diseased to a healthy person is by means of the expectoration, which contains them in enormous numbers, and which when dried is suspended in the atmosphere, especially of ill-ventilated rooms, in the form of dust, and inhaled. Happily, they are not present in the breath of the consumptive patient, so that consumption is not contracted merely by breathing the same air or Hving in the same house with a sufferer. Another way in which the bacilli are disseminated is in milk. Cows, unfortunately, are very subject to tuberculosis, and sooner or later the bacilli find their way into the milk. Through milk so con-

taminated infants and young CHILDREN BECOME AFFECTED with tabes mesenterica, tubercular meningitis, and disease of the bones. The flesh of diseased animals also may contain the bacilli. If we could insure the destruction of all the sputa of the sufferers from phthisis, and secure a supply of milk and meat absolutely free from tubercle bacilli, all the diseases due to tuberculosis, which now cause one-seventh or one-eighth of the total number of deaths, would cease from the land. These facts are generally known throughout the medical profession, and the precautions based upon them will be inculcated by the medical attendant. But the adoption of the necessary measures would, as we know from abundant experience, be very slow, and would require many years; and if 70,000 persons die every year from tuberculous disease, which for Great Britain and Ireland is a very moderate computation, at least 200 new

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persons must catch the disease every day. It is the realization of this fact which has called into existence the National association for the Prevention of Consumption and Other Forms of

Tuberculosis. The mission of the association is to carry into every dwelling in the land an elementary knowledge of the modes which consumption is propagated, and of the means by which its spread may be prevented, and thus to streng-then the hands of medical men throughout the country who are dealing with individual cases of this disease. To this end the public attention must be captured, the public imagination must be impressed, the defensive instincts of the general public must be aroused: and we do not hesitate to express our belief that your royal highness will, by the single gracious act of calling together and presiding over this meeting,

SAVE THOUSANDS OF LIVES. The objects of the association can be stated in a few wards. They are (1) to educate the public as to the means of preventing the spread of consumption from those already suffering from the disease; (2) to extinguish tuberculosis in cattle; (3) to promote the erection of sanatoria for the open air treatment of tuberculous disease. It is only necessary here to indicate the spirit in which the operations of the society will be conducted. While making known the tontagious character of consumption, it will endeavor to allay the panic which arises in some minds when it is known that consumption is catching. It does not advocate the compulsory notification of consumption; but it will urgr upon sanitary authorities the desirebility of insisting on the disinfection of rooms in which consumptive persons have died, when notification of the fact is made through the certificate of Its method is instruction and persuasion not compulsion. In particular, it will seek to enlist the co-operation of the sufferens themselves, and when the victim of consumption understands that, by observing the precautions recommended by the association, he (or she) is protecting family and friends from the disease, he will be careful to carry them out. On the other hand, the friends and relatives of sufferers, and the public generally, will in self-defense discourage and repress the filthy and unnecessary habit of expectoration in public vehicles and places of public resort; and we may expect railway companies and others to follow the examples set in America of putting up signs pointing out the danger of the practice. So again, with regard to milk. The society recognizes the fact that it is impracticable to stamp out tuberculosis in cattle by the immediate slaughter of all diseased animals; but it will insist that the public has a right to

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which shall be absolutely free from tubercle bacilli, and shall not scatter death among the children of all classes of the community. It will earnestly ad-vocate the testing of herds by tuberculin, and the isolation of animals found to be affected—a method which has been attended with conspicuous success in Denmark-and it will urge upon district and county councils and all rural and urban authorities the supervision of cattle sheds and of dairy farms and of all the agencies for the distribution of milk. Another important matter upon which it has already me-morialized the London county council is the provision of public slaughter houses, where the inspection of carcasses can be carried out before the evidences of disease have been removed. Until tuberculosis is eradicated from among our cattle an indispensable precaution is to boil or sterilize all milk,

especially that given to children.

The sterilization of milk is an easy and a simple process, and it ought to be done at home. Sterilization on a large scale at the dairy is open abuse, and it may be so carried out as to impair the nutritive qualities of the milk. The third great object of the association is the promotion of the erection of sanatoria for the open-air treatment of consumption and tuberculous disease generally. It aims not only at prevention, but cure. The isolation and cure of those suffering is, however, very best and most efficient preventive measure, since a consumptive the open-air treatment of phthisis, and of the success which attends it. Your in a matter of such importance. America also is in advance of this country. but it is only lately that the medical profession here has been convinced that

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