The silence that followed was tense, as if something in the atmosphere was about to snap, and in the midst of it the wheels of Sir John's retreating car-

riage came to the ears of the three per-

It was only for a moment, but in that moment the two men saw clearly.

It was as if the veil from the girl's

mind had fallen—leaving her thoughts confessed, bare before them. In the same instant they both saw—they both sped back in thought to their first meet-

ing, to the hundred links of the chain that brought them to the present moment—they knew; and Millicent felt

moment—they knew; and Millicent felt that they knew.

"Are you going to be married tomorrow?" asked Guy Oscard deliberately. He never was a man to whom a successful appeal for the slightest mitigation of justice could have been made. His dealings had ever been with men, from whom he had exacted as scrupious as homer as he had given the did

from whom he had exacted as scrupt-lous an honor as he had given. He did not know that women are different— that honor is not their strong point.

o Meredith to answer for her, but Meredith was looking at Oscard, and

in his lasy eyes there glowed the singular affection and admiration which he

had bestowed long time before on this simple gentleman—his mental inferior.

"Are you going to be married tomor-

row?" repeated Oscard, standing quite still, with a calmness that frightened

"Yes," she answered, rather feebly. She knew that she could explain

all. She could have explained it to

either of them separately, but to both together, somehow it was difficult.

sible excuses, but she did not know which to select first. None of them seemed quite equal to this occasion. These men required semething deeper and stronger and simpler than she had

Moreover, she was paralyzed by

feeling that was quite new to her a

ing movement toward Meredith, who relentlessly stepped back. It was the magic of the love that filled his heart for Oscard. Had she wronged any man in the world but Guy Oscard, that little world but Guy Oscard.

"How, indeed?" agreed Meredith,

"Besides, he has no business to come

here bringing false accusations against me. He has no right—it is cruel and

ingentlemanly. He cannot prove any-

thing; he cannot say that I ever dis-tinctly gave him to understand er-anything—that I ever premised to be

She turned upon Oscard, whose de-meanor was stolid, almost dense. He

looked very large and somewhat diffi-

cult to move.
"He has not attempted to do so yet,"

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uggested Jack suavely, looking at his

engaged or anything like that."

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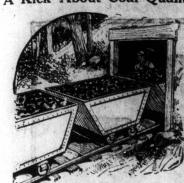
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eated in the huge, roomy carriage be-ore he had realized what had happened

"Your man will look after your traps, suppose?" said Sir John, hospitably trawing the fur rug from the opposite

"Yes," replied Guy; "although he is not my man. He is Jack's man Jo-"Ah, of course! Excellent servant too. Jack told me he had left him

Sir John leaned out of the window and asked the footman whether he knew his colleague Joseph, and upon receiving an answer in the affirmative he gave orders, acting as Guy's mouth-piece, that the luggage was to be con-veyed to Russell square. While these orders were being executed the two men sat waiting in the carriage, and

Sir John lost ne time.
"I am glad," he said, "to have this opportunity of thanking you for all your kindness to my sen in this wild expedition of yours."

"Yes," replied Oscard, with a transparent reserve which rather puzzled

"You must excuse me," said the old gentleman, sitting rather stiffly. "If I appear to take a somewhat limited to terest in this great simiacine discovery of which there has been considerable talk in some circles. The limit to my interest is drawn by a lamentable ignorance. I am afraid the business fail to see our large stock of new My son has endeavored, somewhat curdetails are rather unintelligible to me. and remodelled stoves. The prices sorily perhaps, to explain the matter to me, but I have never mastered the -er-commercial technicalities. However, I understand that you have made quite a mint of money, which is the

chief consideration nowadays." He drew the rug more closely round his knees and looked out of the window, deeply interested in a dispute between two cabmen.

"Yes-we have been very successful." said Oscard, "How is your son new? When I last saw him he was in a very bad way. Indeed, I hardly expected to see him again."

Sir John was still interested in the dispute which was not yet settled. "He is well, thank you. You know that he is going to be married." "He told me that he was engaged." replied Oscard, "but I did not know that anything definite was fixed."

"The most definite thing of all to fixed—the date. It is temorrow." "Yes. You have not much time to prepare your wedding garments."

"Oh," replied Oscard, with a laugh, "I have not been bidden." "I expect the invitation is awaiting you at your house. No doubt my son will want you to be present-they would both like you to be there no doubt. But come with me now; we will call and see Jack. I know where to find him. In fact, I have an appointment with him at a quarter to 5."

It may seem strange that Guy Oscard should not have asked the name of his friend's prospective bride, but Sir John was ready for that. He gave his companion no time. Whenever he opened his lips Sir John turned Oscard's thoughts aside.

What he had told him was strictly

true. He had an appointment with Jack-an appointment of his own mak-

wonderfully well, as you will see for yoursel?"

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these thoughts, for he presently spoke

ence of opinion with my son we have not been very communicative lately. he said, with that deliberation which he knew how to assume when he de-sired to be heard without interruption. "I am therefore almost entirely ignorant of your African affairs, but I imagine Jack owes more to your pluck and promptness than has yet transpired. I gathered as much from one or two conversations I had with Miss Gordon when she was in England. I am one of Miss Gordon's many ad-

"And I am another," said Oscard "Ah! Then you are happy enough to be the object of a reciprocal feel-ing which for myself I could scarcely expect. She spoke of you in no meas-ured language. I gathered from her that if you had not acted with great

promptitude the er happy event of comorrow could not have taken place." The old man paused, and Guy Oscard, who looked somewhat distressed and distinctly uncomfortable, could find no graceful way of changing the conver-

very severe tone, "I ewe you a great debt. You saved my boy's life." "Yes, but you see," argued Oseard, inding his tongue at last, "out there things like that don't count for so

"Oh, don't they?" There was the suggestion of a smile beneath Sir John's

"It is a sort of thing that happens every day out there."
Sir John turned suddenly, and with the courtliness that was ever his he indulged in a rare exhibition of feeling. He laid his hand on Guy Oscard's stal-

"My dear Oscard," he said, and when he chose he could render his voice very, soft and affectionate, "none of those arguments apply to me because I am not out there. I like you for trying to make little of your exploit. Such conduct is worthy of you, worthy of a gentleman; but you cannot disguise the fact that Jack owes his life to you and I owe you the same, which, between you and me I may mention, is more valuable to me than my own. I want you to remember always that I am your debtor, and if-if circumstances. should ever seem to indicate that the should ever seem to indicate that the feeling I have for you is anything but friendly and kind, do me the honor of seemed to have fallen from her. It seemed to count for nothing at this

friendly and kind, do me the honor of disbelleving those indications. You understand?"

"Tes," replied Oscard untruthfully.

"Here we are at Lady Cantourne's," continued Sir John, "where, as it happens, I expect to meet Jack. Her ladypens, I expect to meet Jack. continued Sir John, "where, as it hap-pens, I expect to meet Jack. Her lady-ship is naturally interested in the affair of tomorrow, and has kindly undertaken to keep us up to date in our behavior. You will come in with me?" Oscard remembered afterward that he was rather puzzled, that there was perhaps in his simple mind the faintest

tinge of suspicion. At the moment, however, there was no time to do anything but follow. The man had already rung the bell and Lady Cantourne's butler was holding the door open. There was something in his attitude vaguely suggestive of expectation. He never took his eyes from Sir John Meredith's face, as if on the alert for an unspoken

nto the hall, and the very scent of the house for each house speaks to more senses than one—made his heart leap in his broad breast. It seemed very air. This was more than he could have hoped. He had not intended to call this afternoon, although the visit was only to have been postponed for twenty-four hours.

Sir John Meredith's face was a marvel to see. It was quite steady. He was upright and alert, with all the intrepidity of his mind up in arms. There was a light in his eyes, a gleam of

"A most awkward mistake," sng-gested Meredith with a cruel smile that made her wince.

"Mr. Occard mustriance mistaken me' altogather," the girl' went on, volubly addressing herself to Meredith; she wanted nothing from Oscard. "I may have been silly, perhaps, or merely ignorant and blind. How was I to know that he meant what he said?"

"How, indeed?" agreed Meredith. light from other days not yet burned He laid aside his gold beaded cane and threw back his shoulders. "Is Mr. Meredith upstairs" he said with a grave bow.

to the butler. "Yes, sir."

The man moved toward the stairs.
"You need not come!" said Sir John, holding up his hand.

The butler stood aside and Sir John led the way up to the drawing room,
At the door he paused for a moment.
Guy Oscard was at his heels. Then he opened the door rather slowly and mo-tioned gracefully with his left hand to Oscard to pass in before him.

Oscard stepped forward. When he had crossed the threshold Sir John closed the door sharply behind him and urned to ge downstairs.

CHAPTER XXIII. THY OSCARD stood for a moment on the threshold. He heard the door closed behind him, and he took two steps

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Jack Meredith and Millicent were

table, and a few wedding presents

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standing in the midst of their packing. Milicent's pretty face was quife white. She bested from Meredith to Oscard with a sudden horror in her ayes. For the first time in her life the was at a loss, quite taken aback. "Oh-h!" she whispered, and that was COULD NOT LIVE

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