

The Old Marquis

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Warren in

pressionless appearance sat writing with one hand and carrying biscuits to his mouth with the other. He rose as Clifford Revel entered, The Girl of the Cloisters

CHAPTER XVIII. FLIGHT AND PURSUIT.

"I'll come with you!" said Lord sounds on either side of it; then he Edgar, eagerly; but Clifford Revel greeted Clifford Revel by name, for that gentlemen had employed him shook his head.

"No. do not." he said. "I don't once or twice before this. want the man to know that you are "I've a little case for you, Bowen,' interested in the matter-I don't want he said, seating himself on the table him to know your name, or anything and lighting a cigarette. He looked about you. Leave it all to me, my very brilliant and exquisite in his dear fellow!" faultless evening dress beside the

And he took and wrung Lord Ed- dingy expressionless man in gray; but gar's hand with a sympathetic hearti- Mr. Bowen did not seem at all immess that almost brought the tears to pressed, and took out a noe-book and Lord Edgar's eyes. a stubby piece of pencil as if he were

"Half an hour or so," he called in the habit of receiving similar calls back, as Clifford Revel stood at the every hour in the day.

top of the stairs watching him as he "I want you to find the wherestrode away. Then he went in, and abouts of an old gentleman and his bring Lord Edgar without an invitastood gazing out of the window granddaughter!" Then he gave their thoughtfully. names and described them, and it is

"Not such a fool as I thought him," to be questioned whether Lord Edgar nurmured. "I myself could not could have done the latter with have made the inquiries at the sta- greater correctness and detail. "They tion with greater foresight. But started from Fane Abbey, in Berkwhat luck attends me! I meant my shire, this morning; arrived preletter to throw an obstacle or two in sumably at Paddington. There the the way, and it has actually separa- clew ends."

until I have done my work, and then wipe the case out." Clifford Revel nodded, and placed en sovereigns before the man-he was too wily to use bank-notes on a scent mission: bank-notes have num-"There is something to go on with;

You need not

shake the bottle

is the same all through

self, and he, looking on at the dancing.

could not fail to see her. He saw

that the prince danced twice with

-the last drop is

as delicious as

t will be sufficient to cover expenses, I expect. Good-night!" and with cool. self-possessed nod he went Mr. Bowen sat down again and looked over his notes, then he arose and

got a peerage and turned up the page containing the account of the Farintosh family; and studied it quite as closely as, and a great deal more rapidly than, Mrs. Drayton had done, thought a moment, with his stumpy pencil between his teeth, and smiled. "Ah!" he murmured. "No crime

the first. it's the young lady that's wanted And not by Mr. Clifford Revel! No there's somebody behind him. Yes, it is the young Lord Fane who wants membered that she was a school-

her," and he put his finger on Lord fellow of Lela's, and she recalled his Edgar's name. "Yes, it is an interest- darling. ing case, Mr. Revel. Very!" She was tall, almost as tall as him-

CHAPTER XIX. WEALTH FOR LOVE. AS Lord Edgar followed Clifford her, and he noticed that Clifford Rev-

but did not speak a word until the girl had closed the door, or doors, for he felt an intense distaste for the then probably have forgotten her-he there was a second one. lined with scene of gayety upon which he was was so full of Lela-but suddenly, albaize, which completely shut out all entering, and only his promise to most before he was aware of it, she Clifford Revel kept him from turning was at his side.

room in the warm June evening.

"You'd better dance: take my ad-

vice." But Lord Edgar shook his

head, and still more fervently de-

ploring his presence, made his way to

Clifford Revel had given him a tol-

entrance of Edith Drayton.

ng near him.

uaded her."

same moment, but it created a sensa

"They said she would not come,

ore; but I suppose the prince per

Lord Edgar listened half-heartedly

made for her, and the sight of her, while it filled him with admiration

dded to his melancholy, for he re

Clifford Revel whispered:

back and going home to solitary He turned and bowed, with his op- 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measbrooding. He looked haggard and un- era hat under his arm, but she ind ure. Size 38 requires 6 yards of 36happy and completely preoccupied, out her hand with a smile, and, perso much so that those whom he pass- haps not estimating this graciousness ed looked after him with visible curi- at its true estimate, he shook hands to any address on receipt of 10 cents osity and surprise. with her-there was not a man in the in silver or stamps. Clifford Revel, on the contrary, notroom who had done so, excepting him-

withstanding that he had been the self. cause of the trouble, looked as calm "I did not expect to see you here

and self-possessed as if he did not Lord Fane," she said, moving her fan know the meaning of an anonymous to and fro and looking into his eyes letter. Lady Debenham, who was a with the smile which the prince, five good-natured countess-or Clifford minutes ago, had pronounced irresist-Revel would not have ventured to ible.

"No? Well, I didn't expect to be tion-welcomed the latter most here," he said, in his blunt fashion. amiably. "My cousin, Clifford Revel, brought "I am very glad to see you, Lord me."

Fane," she said, giving him her hand She inclined her head.



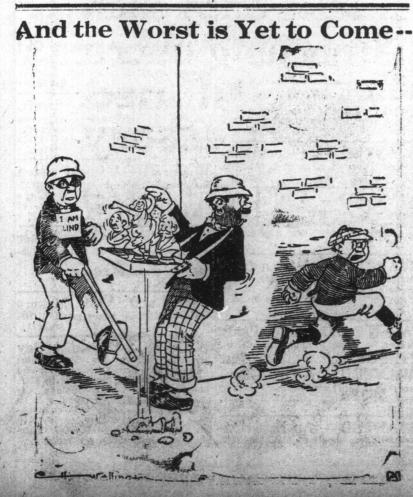


ted them! I hate my lord, the mar-Mr. Bowen wrote rapidly, but withquis, but I respect and admire his out a word.

astuteness. How did I manage it, I "There are two points in the case wonder? It was clever to frighten which I wish to impress upon you," the girl away in a single day. I can said Clifford Revel, as the stumpy fancy how he would play upon her pencil became motionless. "Firstly, truth and innocence and good faith! that I do not wish them to have the Well, my lord, you have played into slightest suspicion that they are my hands-I am obliged to you; we wanted; secondly, that you make no have been useful to each other. I communication to me by letter." He have helped you to prevent a mesal- knew that Lord Edgar would want to liance in your noble family, and you see any such communication. "I may have helped me to put off, at any rate add that there is a total absence of for a time, the marriage of the man crime in the business, and that the who stands between me and your title. place from which they have come has Courage! Clifford Revel may be no connection whatever with my de-Marquis of Farintosh yet, and"-his sire to trace them. You underface softened-"and Edith Drayton stand?" shall be his wife!" "Perfectly," replied the man. "You

a less crowded part of the room, and, leaning against a pillar, watched the He stood for a few minutes rapt in are at the same address, sir, I know, this fair and precious prospect, then as I saw you pass in at the Temple gay scene, and saw nothing but the sweet face of Lela, which hovered rousing himself, took a cab and drove the other day. I will communicate to a small street near Bedford Row, with you by word of mouth. It is not tantalizingly before his mental vision.

and entering a house half composed a difficult case, sir." of offices, half of dwelling-rooms, iuno into a room on the first floor by a account."



with a smile. a glance, the change in him, the hag-Lord Edgar murmured something in gard and anxious expression on his response, and made his way, with handsome face.

more or less squeezing, into the room. "Mr. Revel is a social benefactor." Why people who give parties of any she said, with a smile, "It is a grand description should ask just twice as ball: is it not?"

many guests as the rooms will com-"Yes-I suppose so," said Lord Edfortably hold, and so subject the gar, trying to speak cheerfully. whole assemblage to misery and dis-"There seems to be a terrible number comfort, remains a social problem of people present: if that makes a which one despairs of ever seeing grand hall, it is grand, indeed." solved. Lady Debenham's was no ex-She smiled.

ception to the foolish rule, and here. "That is ironical, Lord Fane. If in the really magnificent salon, which you are ironical, I shall be afraid of would have held a hundred comfort-

ably, were twice that number pant-"I didn't mean it." he said, with his ing and often struggling for dancingusual simplicity.

> "You are quite right," she said. There are a great number of people nice for this model. The tunic may But have you not been dancing?

"No," he said, sadly, "I haven't yards. danced to-night." She looked at him with a smile that died away gradually.

"All this hores you?" she said inquiringly. style effectively. "No," he answered; "I am not

bored; but I don't feel inclined for cents in silver or stamps.

She sighed, and the fan, an ex gar was absorbed in conjecturing how quisite example of Louis Quartorze, long the man would take to make his fell listlessly from her hand.

search successful when he was aware "How fortunate you gentlemen are of a slight stir among the company, If you are not inclined to dance, you Size the stir that announces the arrival of can remain motionless. We poor

some one of note and consequence, women must dance, whether we like Address in full:and, looking toward the end of the it or not."

room, saw the sensation-if it is not (To be Continued.) too strong a word-was caused by the Handwork is more and more desir

Close beside her was a prince of the able for women's finest gowns. blood. It was a mere accident, of Lacquer red is one of the most course, that they had arrived at the



"By no means; but I hope you will erably truthful account of his inter-Quired for Mr. Bowen. He was shown not fail to interest yourself on that view with the detective, and Lord Ed-

tingy servant-girl, where a man of an "No, sir; I am always interested-