

The Cameo Bracelet.

CHAPTER IX.

Yes: harsh as the charge sounded was neither good for soul nor body After that unsuccessful trip to Lutford, he made one or two further endeavors to discover the whereabouts of the girl he was forced to call his wife, and enter into civil relations with her; but when these were rejected, he felt that he had done all that night to be expected from him, and

not his position as awkward and unsatisfactory as it could well be? Mar- appearance. I cannot help being ugly; sonal expenses. great efforts to become so, lest the story of his father's dishonor should ooze out-he considered his own perplexities greater than his bride's. Besides, if she had been made a cat'spaw by her callous, uncle, she had proved that she inherited some of his ability to take care of herself, for she had not only foiled Lucas Goldryng's covetous schemes, but had contrived to hide from him as long as he was dangerous, and to take the managecarelessly, tossing the letter into the ment of her affairs into her own

into the presence of a girl who evinces She was either no timid, inexperisuch a bitter spirit as she is now disenced little creature, who would subplaying. I have stooped to her suffimit to be the prev of sharpers, or else she had some clever counselor at her good sense nor good feeling to apreclate my desire to be courteous to her, secretly directed her actions. why, let her go her own way, and I This idea was rather a galling one

to the young baronet, who certainly The result of this determination was the only person in the world who was that the young baronet adopted a had a right to advise her; and some course that was not advantageous time since it had induced him to pen either to his pocket or his morals. Una letter to her, politely acknowledgfortunately for him, his mother was in ing her generous offer to share with almost constant attendance on her him her fortune, at the same time redaughter; Lady Effingham having minding her that the tie existing befretted so much over the death of her tween them ought to be either acknowfirst-born, that a thorough change was precribed for her, and Lord Effingham LOOSEN UP THAT COLD begged Lady Ormsby to accompany

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could not consent to be a kind of pen- do, I give them my opinion, as I have sioner on her bounty, and, therefore, just, given it to you. If they adopt it, he thought a personal interview, dur- so much the better for them; if not, them the humble chore, the gown of their peculiar position, and perhaps devise some way of extricating themselves from it, would be advisable.

This letter-intrusted to the lawyer ly already mentioned—remained for some time unanswered; and when it did in a more agreeable way. Eh bien! I

marriage, I do not see how it can be

done, unless the circumstances that

led to it are related; and my respect

for the memory of Sir George makes

me anxious to avoid any and every

thing that might reflect upon it. Let

fire. "I have no wish to force myself

iently; and, as she has neither the

them on the long tour he immediate-

not in the power of the handso

nis purse was useful, and someting

evoke a reply, there was more annoy- should not be too hard on others; for ance than satisfaction derived from I do not take all the credit to myself "I have received your note, Sir always as natural to me to be com-Charles Ormsby," it began; "but I passionate to the poor, as it is to you scarcely understand it; nor can I see to gamble, or to bet, or run horses." what good it would do us to meet. At our first encounter, you expressed a gour simile, that I do neither." distaste for me that I don't suppose "And why not?" asked the baroness you have overcome. Perhaps you would who was in an inquisitive mood.

not have spoken so openly if you had . "Perhaps because I cannot afford known that when I was a child I learn- such expensive pastimes," said Chared to speak French as fluently as my lie, who never spoke of that large balnative tongue, and, therefore, under- ance lying at his banker's, which he

was any reality in the world, or whether all men and women were actuated solely by self, as those about him

morse or strengthen him in the good

mself at Ormsby Park, and play the

work; and so he went to Paris in-

ful Lady Camilla; learned from her

sighs and whispers, as he led her from

a ballroom to her carriage, that her

it. wasting the prime of the life so

been full of promise fill his faith in

human nature was blighted by the

"Are you going to lecture me, ma-

dam?" he asked, with a little impati-

ence. "If so, may I pray you to choose

less public place for my penance?"

"I never lecture," she answered,

loftily. "It is not my vocation. When

my orphans displease me by what they

"I am not ungrateful for the inter-

est you evince in me, my aunt," the

discovery of his father's fault.

stood every remark you made on my was too proud to employ on any perried, yet ashamed to acknowledge it; but I can help living with a gentle- "And why, then do you not improve of beige or grey antelope." urged by his mother and sister to wed, man whom my looks disgust, and I your circumstances? You might marry The cape of shirred velvet rivals

> and she finished the sentence to him "There are reasons; and the prindipal one is called Camilla Severe. So says the rumor that reached me at St. Petersburg, and made me ashamed of the weakness of my kinsman."

us, therefore, live apart, as we have hitherto been doing. I will never dis-"If it whispered anything against grace your name, always supposing I Lady Camilla's fair fame, it was consent to bear it, which at present is false rumor, madam," he retorted, so sternly, that the old lady shringed her "Just as she pleases," said Charlie, shoulders, and shifted her ground.

Charlie Ormsby was one of the besttempered men she knew; but there were limits to his forbearance, and she had reached them. However, she could not resist giving him another stab ere she quitted the subject.

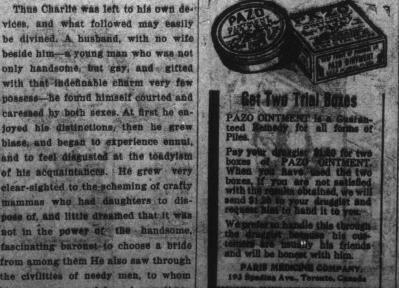
"I dare say you are right; my nephew, and if not, why, it is nothing to me, for I do not know this fair matron, who is said to prefer any society to her husband's."

Charlie partly withdrew the arm of which she was leaning, and exclaim-

"It is false, madam-it is cruelly scandalously false!"

"Of course it is. Who should know this better than you, who are, they tell me, one of the lady's most intimate friends?"

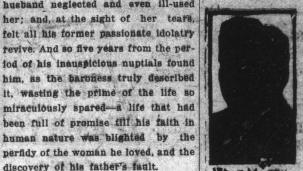
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