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CHAPTER XXIV.

and letters, the former all paid, the no speculation on the future beyond latter all answered, yet, she conceiv- an unanswerable, "Shall I be here ed, requiring to be "run through" be- when next year ends, as now?" fore filing or destroying. And this

pillows and presented them to the call. poor! Mr. Hurst's was equally easy Hurst could satisfy herself neither plying-though his tastes were simple as a hermit's! and had, by wants or wishes, drained the slender family purse to its last pound. "Though," n't mind that the least swer 'No.' I care for nothing while I ders!" And, quite lately, a vindictive see you comfortable, Gilbert, dear!" local paper had stirred up such a

With which triumphant speech this hubbub on the matter that the outenitome of skill and devoton gathered up her account-books, swept and garnished for another year's campaign and bestowed a caress of mild patronstant a sting, all but unbearable, con- rose to receive her. fessed itself in the quick, flerce con-

ing with tears.

by the last two hours. What peculiar set of nerves had

corner, she might have averted it was A resident clergyman would be an exbare instinct prompting protection of one who, with rare self-restraint, forhedged till all ways out but one were closed. Meanwhile, she sped along the breezy upper road, the river always in sight-that. river which once Mr. Hurst had called, in half-jesting earnest, his very good friend, for "he Miss Hurst, with much importance, could trust it with his cares, it listenbrought to the morning sitting-room ed, sung ti hm, soothed him, went by twelve months' accumulation of bills and told no one!"-permitting herself

An undreamed of factor in the solusacrifice to the manes of the fleeting tion of this question met the girl as months involved such examining and with well-poised figure, she stepped explaining that all other occupatons lightly along the frost-bound path. A pair of elderly eyes observed her with Sydney's share in the work was interest from a well-built brougham, simple, consisting of tearing innumer till the vehicle took a turn, and, comable epistles into diminutive bits, out ing to the porch at Wynstone, deof which Miss Hurst made queer little posited its occupant on an untimely

It was Mrs. Preece, wife of Capel to him, the addition mentally of items Moore's non-resident rector, whose of domestic outlay, by which Miss modern Goethic dwelling peeped at his second seldom-visited parish from she nor her tradesmen had been among the brown trees on the opexregiously cheating one another. But posite side of the water. One mile the worst of the labor lay below the and a half lay between the ecclesiassurface, certainly to one, prehaps to tical edifices over which the Rev. two concerned. For it appeared that Everard Preece presided, but comever a trifle had been purchased for munication between the villages could the house done in, or wanted by it, only be held by crossing the stream, that had not somehow been neces- or by a five-mile detour over the nearest bridge, and this may account for as this best of managers never failed the fact that the Preces' poorer flock to dub him, had in some mysterious at Capel Moor had to shift spiritually way compelled the roof repairing, very much for themselves, tending rooms repainting, a score of fade sup- their sick or comforting their dying according to their own rustic lights, taking their Sabbath services at one hour or another, or not at all, as the state of the river, or road, or rectory cried Jean Hurst a sincere believer horses decided. It was a condition of in her own ingenuous and self-decep- affairs that many averred would never Some call it drudgery for me to have not been a good living, held by a rich te manage like this; Mrs. Greaves man, Had poverty entered into the often says it is you know who I mean, situation, "then, said these prejudiced Cilbert. Miss Grey is tearing up one folks, "the rector would soon have felt of her letters now. But I always and the pastoral crook about his shoul-

come was an alteration, which the rector's wife came herself to announce. Ushered straight into the study, Gilbert Hurst was unable to elude this age on her brother s thick brown hair, guest, whose heavy conversational that was showing lines of white long touch experience had taught him to before its ligitimate time. For an in- dread; so, with his annoyed sister, ne quence," returned the rector's wife,

traction of brows and mouth. Sydney Presce, in rasping tones of condolence, Miss Grey was cut in September when knew that look must come; watched ignoring Mr. Hurst's bow, and diving I came, and I was sorry for it. My covertly, caught it, brief though it after his hand, which she persisted in husband noticed her in church and was. Another moment it was quench- holding in her own bemittened clasp called her beautiful. And a cousin of ed in the nobler peace his face habit- while sh spoke. "No better? No like- mine who came over to service was ually wore. Her own eyes sunk, fill- lihood of restoration of that precious loud in his admiration. I met the power? None? Oh, how I feel for you! young lady just now, and I'm bound to "Take the morning while it is fine, Do let me give you a chair. I can find say I think the gentlemen are right. and have your walk now, Miss Grey," one for myself. We, who are not Ah, Mr. Hurst, how I wish you could counseled Miss Hurst; and having afflicted, ought to wait on those who confirm their opinion! asked, somewhat wistfully, "Can I do are! But never do I see you, Mr. He only answered with a forced anything for you, Mr. Hurst?" and Hurst, without saying afterward to smile, but Miss Jean, who with meanbeen answered, "Nothing whatever, I my husband, 'Affliction has fallen on ing glances had vainly essayed to stop thank you," she hurried out into the rich ground-rich, Everard; Mr. Mrs. Preece, now cut across the topic fresh, keen air, there haply to get rid Hurst knows it s well ordained. He with the remark that Miss Grey was

of the pent-up irritability engendered carries himself as an Englishman, a sensible and understood her position, gentleman, a Christian!" Having delivered which speech, at

started quivering she could not tell. once patriotic, polite, and pious, Mrs. Nor could she define precisely why Preece relinquished the unresponsive

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spun) spologized for the unseasonable visit with the simple explanation that the hour suited her better than a later

give the choir a treat. We offer a or the horse ill, so what more can b expected reasonably? Nothing! Bu urged my husband to yield to the times and keep a curate. A man, as say, to look after our sheep on Capel Moor. He will cost us a hundred and fifty a year, so the sheep ought to be

Here was news! Five small farm the present aristocracy of the village. citing addition. To do Miss Hurst justice, her first thought was that

asked, and on hearing "Yes," and that he would be there in a fortnight, in quired his name, and where he would take up his abode.

"At the Manor. You know the house is too large for the people who rent it They will be glad to let half, and at tend to Mr .-- Mr .-- I forget his name-Preece.

"A widower, just home from abroad More than once I have said to Mr. Preece, "Oh, how I wish poor Mr Hurst, over there, had taken orders before this sad incapacity came of

tended to take orders."

have been the curate, with a little coaching over the prayers, and extem pore sermons, and it need not have cost us so much—we may have to pu down a horse as it is! - and the stipend

Miss Hurst bridled at this. "A help, Mrs. Preece, we are quite able to do without. There is no need for my brother to exert himself. I see that he wants for nothing!"

"Undoubtedly! Mrs. Preece wanted these Hurts friendliness for the curate, of the man she tacked neatly off the shoal.

"I should have said it would offer occupation, an interest, for Mr. Hurst, That was what I meant. Though. glad to turn the subject, "that exceedingly lady-like girl who lives with you must be a great assistance in passing time. She looks quite intellectual." "Oh yes! Miss Grey is a very accept-

able person," admitted Miss Hurst, It's a good ear but you get such rot- you? awkwardly. "Gilbert, was there not ten service on it." Again and again a book we promised Mrs. Preece the I have heard some variation of that last time she was here? The day Miss criticism. Grey was gone out, you know, We seem to have forgetten it. Can you remember what it was, Mrs. Preece?" "Not the least, and it's of no conse-

not easy to divert from any point on "The same as ever?" questioned Mrs. | which she felt curiosity; "I recollect and over costly. One man tells the The man who made out the bill evi-

and that was enough for them. Appearances were of no consequences what-

Preece, "to feel you have pleasantlooking people about you. Don't you agree with me, Mr. Hurst?" He did, as tersely as possible. "And though I only saw her a minute, I thought my prices, and someone said, "I hate to northern valley and sit upon a fice? cousin's observation correct. He goes go there because the salesladies are Spitzbergen is inviting the weary to in for beauty, and said the curve of so disagreeable." Hearing that said her doors; she beckons, at this writ-Miss Grey's lips was simply perfect." aloud crystallized a feeling of dis"Oh, really!" cried Miss Hurst, extaste I had been subconsciously exare we here remaining, where horrid

asperated at this marplot's enlargement on an ever-avoided theme, "my

brother and I be a this marplot's enlarge periencing. The last time I went to heat is reigning; oh, why is no one the suit department I had encounterbrother and I be a thin in the brother and I have other things to ed a saleswoman who was so indig- shores? The summer sun is blazing think of besides Miss Grey's or Miss nant because I didn't take a suit, the sky's like polished zinc; and heat, anybody's line! My housekeeping and which she considered becoming and absurd, amazing, has put us on the anybody's lips! My housekeeping and his books do not leave us time for of wonderful value ("you won't find blink; and still the days grow hotter. such frivolous subjects, I assure you, Mrs. Preece!" and by the silence of one auditor, the annoyance visible in the other, Mrs. Preece did at last comprehend that the conversation she had hit on was not congenial; therefore she began to fear the horse would catch cold if it stood any longer; hoped with spring Mr. Hurst would come over and lunch with them, an invitation always cepted. And commending the new curate to their courtesy with the im-promptu message that Mr. Process aguely repeated, never defini ats and looked to here," at last got up to her her que

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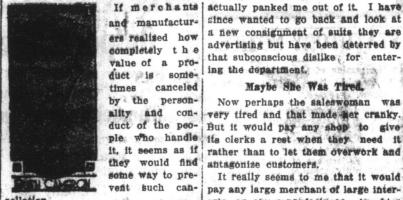
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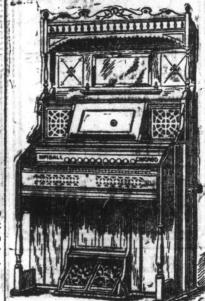
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