

## Beautiful Cynthia;

## Victory After Many Defeats.

"BEAVER"FLOUR

CHAPTER V. A SCHOOL-GIRL TRANSLATED.

ly awake, and looked round her in a confused way. But, seeing the grim old figure in the chair, she remembered, and going up to her with an unsteady gait, bent to kiss her. "Good night, Aunt Gwen," she

Lady Westlake grunted and suffered the kiss and Cynthia was led away by the sympathetic Parsons, who without any protest from the somnolent Cynthia, undressed her charge and tucked her up snugly in the big

CHAPTER VI. IN SILK ATTIRE.

Cynthia slept like a doormouse un-

is both a

**Bread Flour** 

Cynthia eyed with obvious misgiv- past eleven.

m awiumy nungry-Parsons explained that the tea tite. and the bread and butter were to be Cynthia made a good breakfast; e waiting her downstairs.

Parsons, with a shudder, as she went the night before, but in the sunlight o reduce the temperature of the

thin slices of bread and butter, which bed and did not appear before hali

"Is this my breakfast?" she asked. | ticular, at any rate; grief does not

regarded as a merely temporary re- she had practically fasted for twenty storative, and that breakfast would four hours. As she had been at the "I've filled your bath, miss," she of dishes which were presented to aid; "half and half; I mean, luke- her; the footman placed a copy of the 'Times' beside her plate. Bu "I want it cold, quite cold, please," Cynthia only stared at it. When she aid Cynthia. "I have it cold all the had finished her breakfast, she wan-"Lor', do you, now, miss," said looked grander than it had looked

still dustier and shabbier. The house had been furnished by Cynthia had her bath and Parsons Lady Westlake's grandfather; and altering its position

> Thee was a library, the walls of which were lined with books; it looked, with some reason, as if no one ever entered it. Cynthia resolved that she would sit there on wet days. of books.

Suddenly Lady Westlake appeared in the opening between the drawingroom and the conservatory.

"Oh, you're here," she said. "Tell Parsons to put your outdoor things on. I am going to take you to lressmaker's. Be quick, please." Cynthia ran upstairs and came down

The young are blessed in one par-

dered about the great house. It

though she was not particularly fond

She made her way to the conservatory; it was flooded by sunlight and peautifully warm. She wandered about the palms in a kind of dream She felt very much like a wild bird caught and imprisoned in a comfortable but oppressive cage.

She drew a long breath; she missed the clean, sharp air of the moors, the freedom of space and unbounded

resently in her ancient golf cape and her rustic straw hat. The stately

and old-fashioned barouche was at

the door, the footman ushered them

ind, as Lady Westlake waved her and toward Cynthia, madame's eyes

"My niece," said Lady Westlake Madame surveyed Cynthia with eager and bulging eyes; she seemed to suppress a shudder at the girl's pre-

"Mam'selle will want walking evening, everything?" she said, with comprehensive gesture

"At once," said 'Lady Westlake,

vho has himself well in hand, and reressing himself, an air of one who 3 on guard and ready for any emer-

His eyes were blue, very pale blue, nd as he looked round the room nd they rested on Cynthia, they reembled that of a bird, a very cautious ird desirous of not being taken at a

Cynthia had been startled by his toiseless entrance, by a certain tealthy manner which characterized t, but she recovered after a momen r two and bent her dark brows on nim; there was something in the fixd regard of the light eyes that an- P. O. Box 236 loyed and almost angered her, and he colored slightly and turned to he window again.

Presently, though she had not heard or other, seemed to match his eyes. "How do you do? Permit me to ntroduce myself. My name is Standsh. Percy Standish."

He said this as primly and formally as a man of forty, and Cynthia turned and looked at him with surprise and interrogation. And it may be said that she was not the first pernotions by the strange lad. Seeing she saod, atter a pause which would have embarrassed most boys, but apparently did not disturb Percy Standish's self-possession in the slightest

"My name is Cynthia Drayle." He echoed the name in a murmur

"I'm afraid I don't know-" "I'm Aunt Gwyn's niece," explain

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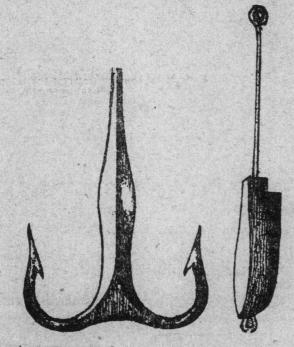
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