

## Hero of 'Surata

CHAPTER V.

"I never see an orchid, Fulke, without thinking of Lady Iris," said Lady Clyffarde. "Have you done anything to win a flower yet?"

"No," he replied, gloomily; "and I begin to think I never shall. I shall grow desperate soon, and come out in John Bardon took his place. some new character-Tribune of the people,' or something of that kind."

On the same day Mrs. Bardon asked full regimentals. her son if he had thought any more of what she had said about Lady Iris. "I have thought too much of it for ing at soldiers?"

my own peace of mind," he replied. "I

The millionaire's wife smiled to her-But Marie, his sister, was wiser.

One clear spring evening, when the lamps were lighted, she showed him a moth that would linger round one answered John Bardon.

"It will be burned to death, John," she said; "you understand-to death!" "Better that than to live maimed," he replied. Then she knew that his case was hopeless indeed.

## CHAPTER VI.

Bir Fulke was, as his rival called him, a white handed aristocrat, hand-His hair seemed to have caught the sunshine, his gray eyes were frank and clear, and round his sensitive mouth drooped a fair mustache.

John Bardon was dark and strongwas almost terribly in earnest with everything. Now that this fierce passhould win her admiration. So desperate was his infatuation that he



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vowed that he would either win her

could not join the army, for his father needed him at home; nor did he wish to leave the neighborhood in which she dwelt. But he had been very much struck with the uniform of the Eastshire Yeomanry; and he had the monk," she said, laughingly heard that ladies liked a handsome uniform. He determined therefore to call Mr. Bardon absurd." join the regiment at once, if there was a vacancy. Fortunately one of the cornets had just resigned, so

Sir Fulke was greatly amused when ever, now was his time for discoverhe met John Bardon resplendent in ing what her real/thoughts about John

"Good morning, Mr. Bardon," said Sir Fulke in his cherry voice-"play-

"I never play at anything, Sir Fulke, wish with all my heart I had never as you will know some day," he re-

"I shall never know it," said Sir self. It was quite evident, she decided, Fulke, scornfully; "it does not conthat her son was in love with the cern me. Why not do the real thing -join the army, and endeavor to distinguish yourself in Afghanistan?"

> "Thank you. I have something more important to do nearer home,"

> As he said the words, it struck Sir Fulke that the "something more important nearer home" meant the winning of Lady Iris. His fair Saxon face flushed hotly. Did this low-born fellow dare to think the peerless young beauty would stoop to him? His future wealth would not weigh with her-she who looked for heroism to the man she loved. An expression

of intense scorn came over his face. "Take care you don't aim too high," he said, significantly.

Sir Fulke rode on with rage in his groove. John Bardon was certainly different from other men, although every good quality that he might possess was more or less marred by his want of refinement. There were wo-

Hall to ride to King's Forest; but Fulke. both business and pleasure vanished from his mind. He must know if there was any foundation for his sus-

He changed the direction of his ride at once, and went to Chandos. He to wait patiently until he could introduce the subject. The earl's daughter tion; but there could be no harm in a had to be approached with caution. quiet garden-party. Lady Clyffarde

"If fate had not made you a great heiress, nature would have made you an artist, Lady Iris," said Sir Fulke, as he looked at the sketch. "I consider that drawing perfect."

"I am glad you think so, Sir Fulke," she replied, with a smile. "How proud we always are of our own work!" "You may be proud of yours," he said admiringly. "It is quite warm chough now for sitting out of doors," added Sir Fulke; "and I should like to spend an hour with you, Lady Iris."

"I shall be pleased to have your company," she replied, with unusual grace and amiability. The morning was so fair and lovely that she could not but be sweet and gracious, ever

if she were indisposed to be so. Sir Fulke stood a better chance of winning her favor on this morning han he had ever stood. He was growing desperate with suspense. Through the vista of green foliage and sunlit gardens he saw the dark stalwart may

then he looked at the fresh glorious beauty of Lady Iris Fayne, he thought that not all the military adornments an ungreased pan. —

Crisped slices of bacon make a least impression upon her. Still the solved to open the subject at once. "I saw what I consider a most absurd sight as I came along the high-

road," he began. sked, with some interest.

"A bird in borrowed plumes," he re plied-"John Bardon in the uniform she should ignore him altogether. He of a cornet of the Eastshire Yeo-

> she asked coldly. "The Eastshire Yeomanry are a fine and useful body

"He does not look like a soldier," replied Sir Fulke.

"The uniform does not make the soldier any more than the habit makes "Still I cannot see why you should

the dark, stalwart man in the handsome uniform of the Eastshire Yeo-

"I shall be afraid to say another word against him, or even about him Lady Iris, since I find he is such a "I did not say that he was a favor

ite," she said, coldly. "I assume it, since you espouse his

cause so warmly," he declared. "I prefer to take the part of the absent," she said,

"I wish some one would speak evi of me in my absence, in order that you might defend me!" he cried. "Are you sure that I should find one word to say in your defense?" she

have thrown the shield of your friendship over the Bardons, I will like them, or at least try to do so, from this time henceforward"

"You need not make any effort, Sir Fulke," she said. "But do tell me; do you really like them or not, Lady Iris?"

"You have asked a question I do heart. He recalled his mother's not feel called upon to answer, Sir portrayed with bindings of blue chamwords—that Lady Iris would be sure Fulke;" and he was compelled to The sleeve in wrist length is fitted to marry some one out of his common leave ir without knowing in the with a dart.

men—and Sir Fulke knew it—who ers. She liked Sir Fulke for his would prefer John Bardon and his bright pleasant manner and his refinwealth to his own high birth and ed poetical mind; she disliked him noble lineage, who would find more for the vanity and egotism that maro admire in John Bardon than in him. red an otherwise fine character. She Sir Fulke realized now how much felt interested in John Bardon; but he loved Lady Iris, and he saw that she disliked the thin veneer of polish the happiness of his whole life de- that only half hid the fierce strong pended upon her. He had left Clyffe nature. Of the two she preferred Sir

> The rivals had not met together in her presence; the fire had been smoldering, but the flame appeared at

The Honorable Mrs. Moira came or a visit to Clyffe Hall: and Lady Clyfknew that he dared not break into farde saw that some amusement must Lady Iris' presence with an abrupt be provided. She knew that Lady Iris question on his lips; he would have would not attend any great entertain-He found her alone, finishing a thought Lady Iris would enjoy it; so spirited sketch of a magnificent cedar- she sent out invitations for a gardenparty to be held on the first of May

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NEIGHBOR'S STORY.

Mrs. West, the neighbor, said to Daily Mail reporter last night: "I saw Lily going no some errands just before 10 o'clock. She was bright and happy and was a pretty little girl; so was the baby, Violet. Doris, an elder daughter, had gone to school. "I was cleaning my sitting-room

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