

The marriage must be hastened. If she were reluctant, the old ol, her father, must bring pressur bear upon her.

An hour later he went round to Square. He had been so aborbed in the matter of the claim. that he had scarcely given a thought Lashmore's assertion that he was married to Eva: and he was, therefore scarcely surprised when Sir Talbot came to the library to him and said at once:

"You will be glad to hear. Herndale, that Mr. Lashmore has admitte his delusion. He has been here, ha seen me and Eva and she has con inced him of his mistake How sh anaged it. I cannot guess: for a few inutes before, when I left them to

gether at her request, he was firml convinced that she was his wife. Yo immensely relieved, as, ourse, she is."

"Yes," said Herndale gravely. "T For Better or For tell the truth, I did not attach much importance to his absurd claim. Bu

I find that the other claim he made to the title and estates, is not so ab surd as it sounded when he made He sat, with the certificate in his at Lady Lorchester's. I have come to

hand, pondering deeply. As a lawyer, tell you about it. Will you let Eva he knew that Lashmore might estab- know that I am here, and that lish his claim; that if they fought, the should like to talk to you and he: world would side with Lashmore, the about it?

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

The Rightful Heir.

world including Sir Talbot and Eva. Sir Talbot sent for Eva, and she He might not only lose the title and came into the room, her face wearing man. estates, but Eva as well. An ordinary the expression which always sat upon man would have fought; but Hern- it when she was in Herndale's presdale was much more astute and cun- ence-a look of reserve, self-contained ning than the ordinary man. and almost defensive. Herndale did

The cost of a fight would be tre- not offer to kiss her, and plunged at mendous, half the estate might be once into the momentous subject. He swallowed up: and, if he lost, he told them of the statement of claim might be responsible for the mesne which Mr Wensley had received: he profits, that is to say, for the money laid stress upon the fact that he he had received while he had been in could contest it, carry it from court nobly!" possession. to court, keep the case hanging on for

His face reddened with a fierce rage probably years. as he thought of surrendering the ti- "But ought I to do this?" he said,

"It-it will make no difference to may I ask your plans? Would you tle and the estates, of sinking back with a perfect assumption of hones into the condition of a mere common- ty. "If my cousin is the right man, you?" he said. "Consider, you will be like to go down to Herondyke and er; and if a wish could have slain I'm not the man to rob him, to keep marrying a commoner, a comparative- take possession at once? If so, I poor man, a hard-working barris-



Carried Safely Through Change of Life. intensified by the cowardly blow which Herndale had aimed at Os-Durand, Wis .- "I am the mother o borne and Lashmore had received. fourteen children and I owe my life to Herndale was the first to speak. He Lydia E. Pinkham's

held out his hand. Vegetable Combound. When I was 45 and had the Change of Life, I'm glad to meet you; you wouldn a friend recom mended it and it gave me such relief that we should meet in this way that from my bad feelings that I took glaring at each other across a la several bottles. am now well and

ready told you of the decision a healthy and recom mend your Compound to other ladies. which I have arrived. No? Then -Mrs. MARY RIDGWAY, Durand, Wis. can tell you in a few words. I have A Massachusetts Woman Writes: spent the last three days considering. Blackstone, Mass. — "My troubles were from my age, and I felt awfully with Mr. Wensley's assistance, you sick for three years. I had hot flashes statement of claim and the evidence often and frequently suffered from pains. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's you produce, and-I am not going Vegetable Compound and now am well." fight you." -Mrs. PIERRE COURNOYER, Box 239,

Blackstone, Mass. Such warning symptoms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backexclamation of surprise. "I think you have proved your ase," continued Herndale. "At any

rate, I am satisfied: convinced is better word, perhaps. At any rate, am willing to accept a compromise Mr. Wensley will tell you the sum w -I-think adequate."

is scarcely necessary to say that i was a very large one. ry against her will, was proving him-"Very well," said Lashmore, wear

self a man of honor, a man of gener- ily, almost indifferently. "I am ous instinct, and worthy of any woagreed."

"It

She went to him and held out her hand. "It is good and generous of you," she said. "It is noble!" trust, Lord "It-it is almost Quixotic," mur-

petticoat of sateen, moreen, taffeta get that we are relations and that we should be friends. I very much reis only just-I suppose most men gret the way in which I received your sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 insizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 in-ches. The Petticoat 2049 is cut in 7 sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and .34 inches waist measure. The underwould do all they could to keep the somewhat startling announcement the ches. The Petticoat 2049 is cut in 7 title and the rest; but you are acting 'other night."

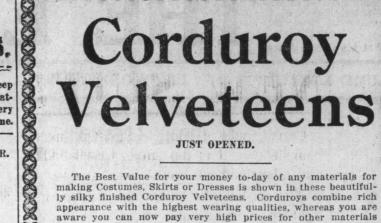
skirt requires 6 yards of 36-inch ma-She pressed Herndale's hand and blame," he said, in a low voice. terial with the flounce, and 4 yards Herndale smiled a wintry smile face flushed and his eyes glittered. "We will let that pass," he said. "Now,



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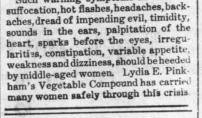
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Mr. Wensley mentioned a sum. It whom she had almost disliked and dreaded, whom she was going to mar-

Herndale almost caught his breath. This comprises Ladies' Camisole "That's all right," he said. "For my Corset Cover, 2048, and Ladies' Pettipart I'm glad we've settled it; and I coat or Underskirt, 2049. The camisole may be of crepe, lawn, batiste Herndale"-Lashmore nainsook, dotted Swiss or silk. The started at the title-"you will not for-

"How do you do?" he said, his voic

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should like to accompany you, if you ore, he would have t lying him out of his own. I am sure that FOR EACH pattern, in silver - Mr. Wensley considers that Mr. Lash- ter. Can you make the sacrifice, have no objection. Any time will dead at that moment. stamps. Herndale tried to console himself more, as he calls himself, has a good Eva? I know that I have no right to suit me."

ured Sir Talbot

"No, father," she said gravely.

his closed over hers tightly, as his

with the reflection that he would be | case. If it is an absolutely clear one, ask you." able to force a compromise, that he I shall not fight it. I shall surrender would be able to extort a large sum the title and estates at once. It is my Eva's bosom heaved and the tears like a hero, like an angel. of money. He would not be a poor cousin's due." man, he would be the husband of a

baronet's daughter, he could manage stood with downcast eyes, and sad making. Sir Talbot's affairs and make a good countenance, with surprise and adthing of them. Then, again, another miration; it was the last course he reflection flashed across his mind: would have thought Herndale would you marry me at once, Eva?" he said. this man, this cursed cousin of his, take. As for Eva, her eyes were was married, it was true, but there moist, her face flushed, her heart der?" might be no children; if so, only his beating with self-reproach. This man,

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Both Lashmore and the lawye He played his part so well, that stared at the man; he was behaving welled to her eyes. He little guessed "I-I don't know," stammered Lash

Sir Talbot regarded him, as he how much greater a sacrifice she was more. "I-I'm rather taken by sur prise. I will let you know."

"That will be no sacrifice," she said. Herndale drew a long breath. "Will

"As soon as I have made the surren-There was a moment of silence; hen she raised her eyes to his, and

said, almost inaudibly: "Yes." Three days later Lashmore receiv ed a letter from Mr. Wensley asking him to call at a certain hour. "I think I ought to say," added Mr. Wensley, "that Lord Herndale, who esires to meet you, will be present." At another time and under other ircumstances Lashmore would have been surprised by this letter; but he was too absorbed in his search for his wife to be capable of any emotion unconnected with it. He took the let ter to Mr. Levison, who raised his brows and smiled shrewdly.

"They don't mean to fight, my lord," he said. "They would not ask you to meet the other man if they had intended contesting your claim It means a compromise. Lord Herndale-to give him the title he still holds-is as clever as I thought him. It will be a question of an amount. They will ask a large sum." "I am prepared to give it," said Lashmore wearily. "Will you come with me?" "I think not, my lord," said Mr. Levison, after a moment's consideration. "I happen to know more of Lord Herndale than he is aware, and I'm not anxious to meet him. Of course you will not commit yourself to anything definite." Mr. Wensley received Lashmore with some emotion. He had known him as a lad, and in his heart of hearts he was rejoiced at Lashmore's

good fortune; but he was surprised and grieved to see him looking so careworn and anxious. They had MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE ome little talk about the claim,

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