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### CHAPTER VI.

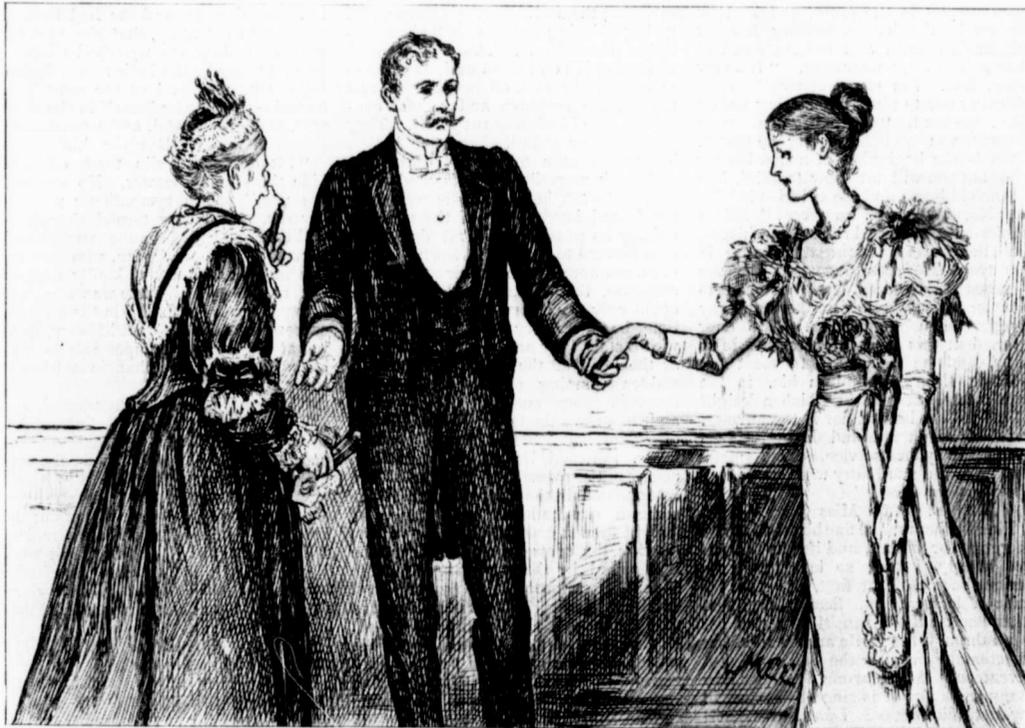
So soon as Mr. Bertrand's arrival in town became known, he was inundated with invitations of every description. To most of these it was impossible to take Hilary, but Miss Carr was indefatigable in escorting the girl to concerts and entertainments, and insisted that she should accompany her father when it was possible.

"If the child is old enough to have

the responsibility of a household, she is old enough to have a little enjoyment, and to make her entrance into society. She is eighteen next May, she tells me, and she is old for her age. You must certainly take her to La ly Mary's 'At Home.' There will be music, and recitations, and a crowd of people, just the sort of thing to please a young girl."

Mr. Bertrand shrugged his shoulders and affected to be horrified at the idea

of having to take out a grown-up daughter. "It makes a man feel horribly old," he said, "and I know quite well I shall forget all about her when I begin talking to my old friends. However, I'll do my best. See that the child has something decent to wear, like a good soul. I'm not so short of money now as in the days when you used to send hampers to my rooms in Oxford, and I should like her to look well. She is not a beauty like Lettice, but she is



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"'HUMPH!' SAID MISS CARR SHORTLY. 'FINE FEATHERS MAKE FINE BIRDS,'"