## The Reason Why.

[Eva Wilder McGlasson in Julge.] She did not speak te me, tho' I Capricious sex! now who would know She was my sweetheart long ago And gave my ardor sigh for sigh? Her glance still mocks an April sky, Her cheeks a mermet rose outvie; I credit all her graces, though
She did not speak.

The vows we pledged for weal or w The kisses we exchanged? Ah, no!

A NOVEL

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Presently the cow-boy came whistling up butler, "look out and tell me who that love and make a public mockery." the little garden, bright with crocuses and tulips, that lay in front of the house, and knocked at the front door.

ous about the post of late. "Will you go private.

for she was a kind-hearted girl.

# CHAPTER X.

The night of the dinner-party was a

nomer to call sleep, two fixed results. lovely daughter-in-law." father as a lost soul must hate its tor- too moved to break; at last the old man are painful scenes before you." turing demon, blindly, madly, impotent- said, in an altered tone.

into confidence. Then he remembered eat while I think." must wait, and he was not sorry for the wants. She ate little, but calmly. for a husband to have to tell.

"When shave an end in view I march evening it might have been expected he her his arm. "Here we are secure from The hard eyes grew kindly as he straight to it, I do not vacillate—that is would. He started early on this busiinterruption," he said, with a ghost of a stooped and kissed the broad white brow all. But never mind me; here we are ness, and did not return till late, so he smile. "Take this chair. Now forgive and said, in his stately way: near home. Go to town by the first train saw nothing of his father that day.

ter announcing what has happened here. breakfasted about half-past eight, and legal wife?" then, without seeing his father, drove to She flushed a little as she answered: "Ay," reflected George, "that is a Roxham to catch a train that got him "Sir, I am; I have been careful to bring daughter. Good-by." wonderful woman, a woman it is good to up to London about twenty minutes to the proof; here it is," and she took from twelve. As he steamed slowly into Pad- a little hand-bag a certified copy of the where they should meet again. We left Hilda, stretched on her face dington Station, another train steamed register of her marriage, and gave it to "A woman I respect, well, English or She rose, and flung open the window; the occupants of the first-class carriages, his gold eye-glass, and handed it back.

braid Philip with his faithlessness? No, val of his train, he took a cab and drove the present moment?"

she must go somewhere, get some change this morning to say that she would be perjured or a basely slandered man." visited and found charming. She would perhaps you had best wait for that. sir." ment.

heart and not the scene that makes hapeled; but there was now no train by which you." That evening she wrote a note to her husband, saying that she felt that change of air was necessary for her, and that she of air was necessary for her, an

sence, and that was to say that she should be back in London by midday on the where, while Philip was cooling his heels him so, I consented to even more. I but if it is all the same to you I should the unfortunate girl you have deceived; but, if you will not speak it, for once hear

On the morning of the first of May, that is, two days after the dinner-party which is twe was given on the twenty-ninth of April, Hilda rose early, and commenced to pack her things with the assistance of a stout the reliable in the country-side, and my shame to an end, a fly with some luggage on it will even cling to my unborn child. This

acter the sight of which made her feel sick and faint. She could not trust her
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were ploughboys."

And the was out, of menable prince—did nim the honor. daylight. But the brightness of the flames threw the clear-cut features into the strong relief against the gloom, and by it.

"Sally," she said, "I feel rather faint; I shall lie down a little. I will ring I shall lie down a little. I will ring I shall lie down a little. I will ring I shall lie down a little in the presence of the girl.

"Sally," she said, "I feel rather faint; a journey, and must be hunrgy. Set testily, "ten generations of country gent-ry, and the Lord only knows how many strongly-defined scene made him feel ed back into his chair, pointing and shall be down a little. I will ring or you presently."

In another moment there was the Sally retired, and she opened her letter.

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"I hope you're better, mum," she said, her to be seated, and then motioned to free from blame than you are, who have and make this repeater strike for you. medicine which he had before shown him. the servants to leave the room.

his legs gave way beneath him, and ing study. Incredulity, wonder, fury, all think, think is mind recoiled swept across it, and then in a single and him. Let him not suffer on my achieve would make a find blaze. Inherit, doubtless the same that his father had some months before offered to show him. confused and helpless from the dead wall second it seemed to freeze. Next moment | count."

the letter he had received from her on She obeyed him, and he saw that not honest eyes.

himself. Fortunately for Philip, there was an Then he rang the bell, and bade Sim- "Oh, yes, sir, I understand," Pigott reday, the first of May: to go, in "Send James to Roxham at once with to come along with me, ma'am?"

conjunction with other persons, to affect this. Take this lady's thing's off the fly Hilda rose and took Pigott's arm. Ex- Then said: a valuation of the fallows, etc., of a large and put them in the red bedroom. By citement and fatigue had worn her out. tenant who was going out at Michael- the way, I am at home to nebody except Before she went, however, she turned mas. This prevented any call being Mr. Bellamy," and then, turning to Hilda, and with tears in her eyes thanked the Philip, I can not understand it. I sup-tinct voice. "Just now you said that vou made upon him to go and see Maria "Now, if you will come into my study, we old man for his kindness to a friendless pose that you are not already married, would disinherit me. This medicine Lee, as after the events of the previous will continue our chat," and he offered woman. my impertinence, but I must ask you if

not yet. Appear and claim her place? not unnaturally, too much occupied with a sight of this interesting document; in has upset me, and no wonder."

ful letter say? "Wait and watch," yes, that was what she would do. But she "She isn't back yet, sir," was Mrs. letters. "I have come to ascertain if locked it, and taking out a document becould not wait here; she felt as though Jacobs's reply. "I got this note from her they are true, if my husband is a doubly gan to puzzle over it attentively. of scene, or she should break down. She here by twelve, but it's twenty minutes He read the two anonymous letters. Mr. Bellamy was waiting. had heard Mrs. Jacobs speak of a village past now, so I suppose that she has With the contents of the first we are ac"Show him in at once," said she old not more than two hours from London, missed the train or changed her mind; quainted, the second merely told of the that a convalescent lodger of hers had but there will be another in at three, so public announcement of Philip's engage-

was going out of London for a few days, her down to where she was staying—for man I renounce him. Listen," she went him in a tone that was as near to being fore him, his tall frame swaying back-room was full of startled servants, one of was going out of London for a few days, to some quiet place, from whence she would write to him. He must not, however, expect many letters, as she wanted complete rest.

On the following morning she went.

The down to where she was staying—for he had ascertained her address from Mrs. Jacobs; the other to return home and come back on the morrow. For playing fast and loose with me on the playing fast and loose with me on the over in the 'George' gig. That's self be the damnation, you living frast and loose with me on the playing fast and loose with me on the p On the following morning she went, reasons which appeared to min imperative, but which need not be entered into one hand, and with my friend Maria lucky, I wanted to speak to you; come in you outcast from all honor, who have laid on it, as its mother's had been on on the following morning size went, tive, but which need not be entered into one hand, and with high land on the latter course; so Lee on the other. So I determined to go here, there's a good fellow, I want to brought shame and reproach upon our that day fifty years before. peace to her mind, at any rate, it, to a leaving a note for his wife, he drove in a away, and told him so. Then it was that speak to you." peace to her mind, at any rate, it, was that very great extent, set her up in strength. She wrote but one letter during her also very bad temper, to Paddington in time he offered to marry me at once, if I "Why is he so infernally genial?" re-She wrote but one letter during her atto catch the five o'clock train to Roxham. would change my purpose. I loved him flected Philip. "Timeo Danaos et dona torture you. Listen: you lied to me, you

on the morning of the great dinner-party, and was either accidentally or on purpose sent without the writer's address.

At one o'clock old Mr. Caresfoot, as was his rule, sat down to lunch, which, see what it has led to. I, a von Holtz-point of the truth, and remember that you have been too busy. I shall not keep to deal with one so relentless, the fools, was his rule, sat down to lunch, which, see what it has led to. I, a von Holtz-point of the truth, and remember that you have was his rule, sat down to lunch, which, see what it has led to. I, a von Holtz-point of the truth, and remember that you have been too busy. I shall not keep to deal with one so relentless, the fools, was his rule, sat down to lunch, which, see what it has led to. I, a von Holtz-point of the truth, and remember that you have been too busy. I shall not keep to deal with one so relentless, the fools, was his rule, sat down to lunch, which, see what it has led to. I, a von Holtz-point of the truth, and remember that you have to deal with one so relentless, the fools, was his rule, sat down to lunch, which, see what it has led to. I, a von Holtz-point of the truth, and remember that you have to deal with one so relentless, the fools, was his rule, sat down to lunch, which, see what it has led to. I, a von Holtz-point of the truth, and remember that you have to deal with one so relentless, the fools, was his rule, sat down to lunch, which, see what it has led to. I, a von Holtz-point of the truth, and remember that you have the truth, and remember that you

Just then the footman returned, and "Good; yes, there is plenty of your heart of man, and oil to make him a before him. "Perhaps it is for me," suggested Hilda, said that a lady, who would not give money for those who care for it, but, sir, cheerful countenance,' a cheerful countenance, a cheerful countenance. But fury begats fury as love begets a little nervously; she had grown nerv- her name, wished to speak to him in as I told your son, it is not a family. He ance. Ho, ho! my old limbs are tired, I love, and in another second Philip felt did me no honor in marrying me, though am going to sit down, going to sit down." his own wicked temper boil up within "Are you sure the lady did not mean I was nothing but a German companion with no dower but her beauty. I"—and leather arm-chair by the side of the fire. The letter was for her, in the handwriting of Mrs. Accels. She opened it: it contained another addressed in a charatter was for her, in the handwriting of Mrs. Accels. She opened it: it contained another addressed in a charatter was for her, in the handwriting of Mrs. Philip?"

with no dower but her beauty. In and her arm-chair by the side of the firm.

with no dower but her beauty. In and her she flung her head back with an air of ineffable pride—"did him the honor. It wis to God that you were dead."

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Sally retired, and she opened her letter.

Fifteen minutes after, the girl received her summons. See found Hilda very pale and with a curious look upon her summons have been shamefully treated, Hilda—is not your pride, and I am glad that you spring from an ancient race; You have been shamefully treated, Hilda—is not your pride, and I am glad that you spring from an ancient race; You have been shamefully treated, Hilda—is not your pride, and I am glad that you spring from an ancient race; You have been shamefully treated, Hilda—is not your pride, and I am glad that you spring from an ancient race; You have been shamefully treated, Hilda—is not your pride with the curious look upon her respectively. he was remarkable, bowed and begged name Hilda?—but there are others, more very chair and dandle you upon my knee, was motioning to him to bring the

"Surely, yes, you are the young lady him to acknowledge me here where he was behind that bookcase in a hole in was his will, and, as is usual in the case nearly sleepless one for Philip, although who lived with Maria, Miss von Holtz-his father had so considerately regretted hausen."

was beinned that I used to hide my flint and of such deeds, the date was inderesed hausen."

was beinned that bookease in a hole in the was find rease to his father had so considerately regretted hausen." man to be proclaimed, and then I intend steel which I used for making little fires upon the back. All this Philip saw at a

reprieve. His was not a pleasant story "That woman has nerve," said he to tend to her yourself. Do you under- to a decision?" stand?"

to-morrow morning and post another letOn the morning of the first of May he I am to understand that your my son's nothing but the courtesy due to a lady. "My dear, as yet I have shown you Should I live, I hope to bestow on you the affection I owe to a much-wronged

And they thus parted, little knowing

him, had been forced to post over from hound, your wife is at this moment in man's chin and coat, and then broke the eart and not the scene that makes hapiness.

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servant girl, who did all the odd jobs and a great deal of the work in the old-fashion ed farm-house in which she was staying.

The footman is the return he has made me for my sacrifice of self-respect, and for consenting to my unborn chird. This I will do now while I am alive; when I am dead, by Heaven I will haunt you if I can."

A wood fire was burning brightly on ing to marry him at all: to outrage my the hearth, for the evening was chilly, here he extra the study, muttering below instruction. This I will do now while I am alive; when I am dead, by Heaven I will haunt you if I can."

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Here he study, muttering below instructions. This I will do now while I am alive; when I am dead, by Heaven I will have the hearth, for the evening was chilly, here hearth, for the evening was chilly. now while I am alive; when I am dead,

Dawks, said the stout girl, in accents of deep surprise, as she drew her head in from the open lattice. "Jim's got a lady, and she be wonderful tall."

The day of the stout girl, in accents of the stout girl, in acce sick and faint. She could not trust herself to read it in the presence of the girl.

were ploughboys."

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"Well, well," answered the old squire,
Philip could see that the withered cheeks old man's face; it seemed to stiffen, and

ing and thinking, there emerged, after "So, madam—then I have to congra- own affairs, and leave me to settle mine. hink. It was here upon this very table burn it, and this idea was followed by an hour of stupor that it would be a mis- tulate myself on the possession of a very There shall be no harshness, none shall that they stood my mother's coffin. I another that for a moment stilled his suffer more than they deserve. There, was standing where you are now when heart. The first of these was that he hated his A silence ensued that they were both don't break down, go and rest, for there I wrenched open the half-fastened shell "If he should die now, he can now de to kiss her once more before they screw- stroy it! if he does not take the medi-He rang the bell and sent for the ed her down for ever. I wonder would cine, he will die.' ly hated him; and the second, that he could no longer delay taking his wife must be tired. Take off your cloak, and pleasant-looking woman of about thirty mother, and that was fifty years ago. I ergency. Philip, too, was a man of de-

on the first of May, a long-gone first of were concerned, and his blocd was heatthe previous morning. He got it and only was she his son's wife but that she "This lady, Pigott," said the old squire, May. They threw branches of black- ed and his reason blinded by fury and saw that it bore no address, merely must before long present the world with addressing her, "is Mrs. Philip Caresfoot, thorn bloom upon her coffin. Odd, very terror. He was not long in settling on stating that she would be in London by an heir to the name of Caresfoot. This and you will be so kind as to treat her odd! But business, lad, business—what his course of action. Taking the bottle midday on the first of May, that was on made him think the more; but mean- with all respect. Don't open your eyes, was it? ah, I know,' and his manner from the cupboard, he poured out its the morrow. Till then it was clear he while he continued to attend to her but attend to me. For the present you changed in a second and became hard contents into one of the wine-glasses had best put her in the red room and at- and stern. "About Maria, have you come that stood upon the table, and coming

poked the logs to a brighter blaze, and were of a nature to cause intense pain, engagement of long standing for this mons wait till he had written a note. | plied, courtesying. "Will you be pleased threw a handful of pine chips from a did not rob the sufferer of his senses. basket by his side before he answered. The old man, though he lay before him

"No, I have not."

are you, Philip?"

Under the shadow of his thick black eye- it to you. Lift up your hand to show me brows, gleams of light glinted and flick- that you swear." the outburst of a tempest the forked gasps of the dying man. lightning flickers in the belly of the "If you will not swear, I will pour it cloud. His voice too was constrained out before your eyes."

and harsh. sobbing. But the fit did not last long. out, and had he been careful to examine him. He examined it carefully through German, the blood will tell," he said, as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said, as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head, Philip could not see this play of His court the said as head soon as the door had closed. "Poor feature, but he heard the voice and His son threw him roughly back. she seemed stifled for want of air. Then as they passed him in a slow procession, "Perfectly in order, hum, some eight thing; poor Maria, too. The scoundrel! thought that it meant mischief. He had she sat down to think what she should he might have seen something that months since, I see. May I ask why I he might have seen something that months since, I see. May I ask why I he time it is again," and he pressed but a second to decide between confestable whisper, "will you swear?"

And Vanish and leave no trace? No would have interested by:

A struggle passed over do. Vanish and leave no trace? No, would have interested him; but he was, not yet. Appear and claim her place? not unnaturally, too much occupied with a sight of this interesting document; in his hand to his heart. "This business has upset me, and no wonder."

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An ! there it is again," and he pressed to decide between toilless him; but he was, his hand to his heart. "This business has upset me, and no wonder."

An inward conviction told him that his No, not yet; the time was not ripe for his own thoughts to allow of the indul- short, why you come down—like an angel The pang passed, and sitting down he father was not long for this world, was it presently from the distended lips, that choice between these two extremes. Upgence of an idle curiosity. On the arrihard Philip with his faith learness?

No gence of an idle curiosity. On the arriwrote a letter that evidently embarrassed worth while to face his anger when mathim considerably, and addressed it to ters might yet be kept dark till the end? gle word—destined to echo for ever in not without proofs. What did that hatewithout proofs. What did that hatewithout proofs. What did that hateful letter say? "West, and watch" ves. In Fields and saled for West Palester. The tone of the voice—ah, how he misful letter say? "West, and watch" ves. In Fields and saled for West Palester. This he put in the post-box,

The tone of the voice—ah, how he mis"Murdoner" might have judged differently.

go there for a week and watch the spring cast her mantle over the earth, and listen to the laughter of the brooks, and try to forget her burning love and jealousy, and into the laughter of the brooks, and try to forget her burning love and jealousy, and into the laughter of the brooks, and try to forget her burning love and jealousy, and into the laughter of the brooks, and try to forget her burning love and jealousy, and into the laughter of the brooks, and try to forget her burning love and jealousy, and into the laughter of an hour bears of the brooks, and try to forget her burning love and jealousy, and into the laughter of an hour bears of the brooks, and try to forget her burning love and jealousy, and into the laughter of an hour bears of the brooks, and try to the laughter of the just for that one week be happy as she was when, as a little girl, she roamed all day through the woods of her native Germany. Also she forget that the woods of her native Germany. Also she forget that the woods of her native Germany. Also she forget that the woods of her native in my son the biggest scoundrel in the worst of bad tempers, have recognized hissed into his face and the advantage of the medicine of the advantage of the minust kind weverlything, tell meany late:

"Girl, these villainous letters are in fore a hired gig drove up to the door, seemed the pierce him through and avoice that he could not his face and through and a voice that he could not have recognized hissed into his face and dreadth moment of the advantage of the advant Germany. Alas, she forgot that it is the no Hilda. Philip was seriously disturb- county. I can only say that I grieve for and, as no conveyance was waiting for "You unutterable liar, you everlasting in the glass smeared it over the dead

love and make a public mockery."

and some sherry and glasses stood upon and stood for a moment in the full light the table. of the cherry blaze, one hand raised Simmons did as he was bid, and retled, "to consider our own a good family ing to have one, it is a good thing to presenting, with his glittering eyes and

he servants to leave the room.

"Madam, I am told that you wish to "Ah, Maria, then she knows nothing?"

been treated worse."

And yet that is twenty years since, and I and which alone could save him in these I have lived through four twenties and seizures. Actuated by a common im-"Better—ah, yes, thank you, Sally, I am told that you wish to am cured, quite cured; but please be quick with the things, for I shall leave by the nine o'clock train."

"Madam, I am told that you wish to speak to me; might I ask whom I have quick with the things, for I shall leave by the nine o'clock train."

"An, Maria, then she knows nothing:
"Yes, there is Maria and myself. But two years. A great age, a cold world!" pulse of humanity, Philip for the moment never mind that. Philip will, I suppose, be back in a few hours—oh, yes, he will quely, but not unkindly.

"An, Maria, then she knows nothing:
"An and the pulse of humanity, Philip for the moment never mind that. Philip will, I suppose, be back in a few hours—oh, yes, he will all specific the pulse of humanity, Philip for the moment of the honor of addressing."
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"An and the pulse of humanity, Philip for the moment of the honor of addressing." hat and veil, and exposed her sternly be back," and his eyes glinted unpleasantly, "and what shall you do then? "Do you not know me, Mr. Caresfoot?" she said, in her foreign accent.

"Surely, yes, you are the young lady of the part of his wearied appearance. He could do nothing but walk, walk, walk, like some Caresfoot. I am your son Philp's wife."

I will not live with him again. I can a mark on the bark now. I was mis-will was dated some years back, and unquiet ghost, up and down his great oak-paneled bedroom, till about dawn his ears, her hearer's face became a shift-

of its objects. And out of all this walk- he spoke with overpowering politeness. "My dear, pray confine yourself to your and other memories come upon me as I his father had got it out in order to-

years of age, with a comely face and wonder shall we meet again? That was termined mind where his own interests up to his father with it, addressed him. Philip moved restlessly on his chair, He know that his attack, although they

> gasping with agony, was quite in a condition to understand him. "Your reluctance is very strange, "Listen to me," he said, in a slow, diswill save your life, and if I let it fall you There was a lurid calm about the old will die, and there is no more in the man's face as he asked this question house. Swear before God that you will that was very dreadful in its intensity. not carry out your threat, and I will give

> ered in the expanded pupils, as before | Silence followed, only broken by the

Again there was silence, but this time Owing to the position of his father's the old man made an effort to rise and

"For the last time," he said, in a hoarse

It was his last; he sank back, groaned, ocked it, and taking out a document began to puzzle over it attentively.

Presently Simmons announced that

not, he thought, possible that his father could know anything. Had he possessed a little more knowledge of the world, he might have judged differently.

and died, and at the same moment the flame from the pine-chips flickered itself away, and of a sudden the room grew "Married, no, indeed, what put that nearly dark. Philip stood for a while aghast at his own handiwork, and watch-Presently he became aware that his white of his father's brow. He was be-

glass on the floor by his side, thus making it appear that he had died while at-

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