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CHAPTER IX. "Don't let us speak of it," she say

"That is answer enough," he says

mean to infer"-with a sudden flush-"that I get on especially well with yours: but-ah, you are laughing."

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"I give you my word," he says. was not laughing. I was thinking the you did get on particularly well with my sex-at least, one of them seeme particularly enslaved."

She looks up and flushes slightly,

"Whom do you mean?" she asks. He glances at her, and flips the

wheeler before answering. "To be blunt," he says, "I wa thinking of Archie Hope."

"Poor Sir Archie!" she says.

"Why 'poor'?" he asks, but with smile, as if he enjoyed it. "He is anysex-in youthful grace and comeli-

"He is quite lovely," says Dulcie. "And as good as he looks." "Oh!" shortly.

She smiles, reflectively.

true. But then, who could help it?"

you sex, I mean-fall in love with stances which-oh! in a word, what

him." "How perplexing for Sir Archie!" she says, sweetly, and still smiling. to them all with the greatest impar- severely. tiality. How it is that he has never I suppose it is because the women ness of mine!-that you admired her treat him like a child, or a toy, and very much."

know that he isn't serious." "Is he never serious?" says Dulcie, reflectively, as she remembers the pale, woe-begone face that she last saw at the Hotel de Vinci. "Really not? What fun it would be toshe stops short, and laughs softly at some anticipatory enjoyment.

"To what?" he asks. "To make him serious just for

He looks at her and bites his lip. "Oh!" he says. "Hem! Yes. Perhaps it might be serious for-both." She nods.

ever, wouldn't it?" she says, with the mean?" most utter frankness.

Sir Hugh frowns, and flicks-rather horses, his face red, his lips grim and viciously-both horses, and Dulcie, tight. with her head on one side, goes on as

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He pulls the leader up rather rough y, then cuts it for stopping, but Dul

"I hate a man who is recognized as a professional flirt," he says, afte moment's pause; "I like a man t -to-to love one woman and stick t

Dulcie turns and looks at him.

great friend of yours-of all of you mean-is coming down to the Castle: a Miss Lucy Fairfax. When doe she come?"

He bites his lips, and the red flush struggles with the tan; he is silen for a moment, then he says:

"I don't know." Then with a pause

help it. When Archie appears at a prehension respecting her, I think did you mean?"

Dulcie stares straight before her. "Did you mean to hint," he says. "Oh, he doesn't mind," says Sir desperately, "that there was any Hugh, rather grimly. "All are fish thing-any engagement between me that come to his net. He makes love and that young lady?" this almost

"I had heard-really, it is no busi

"So I do," he says. "Well?" "That is all," says Dulcie, demure

"Miss Fairfax." he says, as if com pelled to continue the subject, "and I since infancy."

"Yes. I know." says Dulcie, laugh brooks, and she would call you he little husband." She stops with "Yes; that is true. Well, then it laugh. "At least that is how it alwould be better worth while than ways is in books. Isn't that what you

Sir Hugh sits glowering at the

imagination," he says, "it may have been something like that; but," with "Yes, what could one want more? emphasis, "we are not boy and girl

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"No." says Dulcie, with delicious oolness. "I don't suppose she calls

husband!" and he laughs again. For some reason Dulcie flushes and

too proper to indulge in any such jest," she says. "Miss Fairfax, as care about in the very slightest! Let us talk about something else-if there is any subject under the sun which you and I can agree upon. Is this all yours?" and she sweeps her hand

round comprehensively. He nods.

"Yes," he says; then he sighs and pulls at his mustache. "Yes, it is all Holme property. We are in the midlle of it about now."

"Why did you sigh?" she asks "Does its immensity weigh on you mind?" and she laughs.

"No," he says, gravely and con cisely: "it is the mortgages that weigh upon it. Look," he says, and he point with his whip; "you see beyond there -right away to those hills?"

Dulcie stands up, holding on by the

"Well, that was all Holme at or ime, until my great-grandfather loss t across the green table. He lost all he could; he mortgaged a great deal nore and his successors mortgaged You see we have been a

There is a smile on his face, but ouch of bitterness in his voice tha sinks into Dulcie's heart.

"I don't think there are a couple housand acres unencumbered." h says. "My father and I cleared those by dint of hard economy, the restthe rest-" he stops suddenly; bu Dulcie is sharp.

ed'" she says, in a low voice, "wit Wr. Trevenion's money, but for me

He reddens, angry with himself. "Why do you say that?" he says Then his voice grows still lowerhey have been speaking in an under one all through, because of the groom, and he adds: "It may be

"Now, at once," she says, "if voi vill take my decision—the decision

rave you out there in Rome. You re "I remember." he says, curtly, "But -but-I don't accept that; not yet, at

She shrugs her shoulders; her face s still flushed. Then she bursts into

ripple of laughter. "Subject number two, and we hav early quarreled again! Suppose we naintain a severe but safe silence?" He laughs, but with an air of disap-

"Even then it would be armed neutrality- Halloo!" he breaks off,

"Here who are?" asks Dulcie, but as the question leaves her lips, she ees three brown forms dart from the rees and cross the glade, almost unfugh loosens the reins and makes a weep with the whip, and the frightened horse puts his feet down and olts, and the wheeler follows suit.

It is all so sudden, so instantaneous, that Dulcie has no time to realize that the pair of thoroughbred, highshe sees by the set face of Sir Hugh and the way he tugs at the reins, that

smile: "it's all right. I can keep them straight. George, get down when pull them up. George!"

ooking over her shoulder, sees the catches the ball in the air, drops his

"He has fallen off." she says, "or he got down and could not get up." "Is he hurt?" asks Hugh,

Hugh smiles

not frightened, though the steaming,

stronger and perfectly mad horses. and it's not a feather's weight against

struggle, though the reins seem cutbut there is a terrible fear in his

He turns his eyes upon the beautiful face beside him, and his heart sinks with a sudden vision of that face lying white and still amidst the fragments of the trap and those gates If he were but alone! If-ah, those ifs! What can he do?

"You are not frightened?" he says. She shakes her head. She is not even pale, and there is a lustrous fire in her eyes instead of the appalled look of fear that should in all reason

"No." she says. "Is there any dan

The words are jolted out, but the roice is clear and calm; and even a that moment of supreme anxiety, its music falls with a welcome sound or his ears. He will not lie to her.

"Yes," he says, "there is danger, nust tell you that for you to under eyond this we shall come to-great Heaven! there they are—those gates! Look! Tell me-are they open?"

"No," she says, and her voice i very still and quiet, for she sees the peril now. "No, they are shut!"

"Listen-pay attention. I am going to turn the horses, if I can, before we understand?"

She is silent for a moment. "And you?" she asks.

He shakes his head impatiently. "Never mind me," he says. "Jump the moment they turn. You understand? Leave me to take care of myself. You understand?"

"I understand," she says, but there is a strange look in her eyes and

"If he had not got the bit between his teeth!" mutters Sir Hugh. "You shall turn, my friends, if I pull you over! Ah! Now!" he shouts, as the the strong hand, swerves and turns. "Now! Jump! Great Heaven, why don't you-" for sesits immovable

The next instant there is a lurch, a crash, and all in one confused mass orses, man, and woman, and the tal log-cart, lie in the road.

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about equal to that done in St. John This is a very great credit to them. the majority of our branches are lit isolated places round the coast th do not hear much war news, and would be small blame to them if th failed to maintain sustained intere in the war-work. This, however, which is loyal to the core all

country through. I have now been in Newfoundla for very nearly five years, and have travelled all round the Color stopping at the majority of the Ou ports, and the most striking featur is the bits of old Devonshire and o finds settled down here and th quite unchanged: and the charmi pride they retain of their old far aw homes in the Mother Country. And fine young men of our Newfoundla der that they have done so well ar made such a sulendid name for then nfancy they have had difficulties an face dangers, such as we, who live i towns, little realize. They have wor imperishable fame for their home land,-the name of Newfoundlar stands high and is now a household

word to every one all the Empire over Now that your men have done much for the honour and glory Newfoundland, it behoves the won desire you for one instant to imagine that I think the women of Newfoundland have not done their patriotic duty. Far from it .- our reports alone show the splendid work you have all done, and I salute you one and all my good friends of the W.P.A. and I congratulate you on your share in contributing to Newfoundland's fame as one of Old England's most staunch supporters. But as I said at the beginning, we are now entering on our fourth winter's work and there is likely to be some who might think they had done enough and would like to drop out. To those I say most emphatically.-Please Don't. Stick to the work and help to increase the output this winter still more and more than it was last,-for the Glory of Old

Newfoundland. I have to drop out,-and let me assure you, this is a great grief to me. had so ardently hoped that I might be here to the end of the war, and with our work up to the finish, but this not to be. The authorities have willed it otherwise, so, to my great regret, I must go. But that will not in any way affect the good work of the W.P.A., the organization being in such able hands, and running so automatically that it is of little or no account as to whether my name or that of some other and probably more

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