

The Ward of the Earl of Vering.

CHAPTER VII.

It was the portrait of a tall, thickly made young woman-his refined, critical taste could give her no higher palpably commonplace. The hands the fastidious Percy Chester. "Well?" said the earl, knitting his

Percy looked up, still holding the

portrait.

"Notwithstanding your assurance of the young lady's willingness to ac-

were home from Eton: he came to get

school girl, with red hair and a large He remembered then, and his pride

daughter, is his only child-all he Percy, this is my plan for your good and the good of the house-think it over, stay here as long as you please; take a month to think it over-call and see the girl-she lives with her old steward at the back glanced upfather at Blackstone Hill, in a great | ward at a portrait of "Wild Jack." inside. There is gold everywherekind who need it as badly as you." He paused and sank back, evident-

ly exhausted by his long exordium. Percy leaned forward.

sideration, my lord," he said, quietly, have a perfect right to ask me, and it I am compelled to decline your kind it. I cannot avail myself of this and thoughtful scheme. Even if this means of filling the empty coffers of young lady were as willing as you Vering, because, if there was no other

The earl opened his eyes, and look-

ersonal gifts to his face. "She would will take you with a thanksgiving." "My lord, I am sorry that I cannot

place myself at her feet," said Percy. "You refuse her." said the earl, not and very little even of surprise. He refuse her. Is she deformed, humpbacked, or crooked? Men in your sitthan she would bring."

Percy shook his head.

dies as her dower, I could not ask her

a slough. To hold it until the money-

my honor for the gold that should re-

cotton mills, and the gold of Mr. Jackson Harrup cannot buy thosé. I will

As he spoke, his face set and stern, his eyes dark and resolute, he looked wonderfully like the old earl, and the over the mantel-shelf, and then at the wreck of "Wild Jack" with a signifi-

cant though self-unconscious glance. "You speak warmly," said the earl, folding his hands and shivering. "Young blood is hot, and, pardon me, money. May I ask-I demand in confidence, you shall reserve what you will-may I ask if you care to tell me

"My lord, it is a question which you deem her to accept me as her hus- reason, I have put it beyond my pow-

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The earl raised his hand. "Too late, Gringe," he said, and his

such a subject, ask her name? Perans you are already married?"

"I asked the lady to be my wife last night, my lord, and your summons have no concealments from you, my there is one

a word with you since I was a school

was too cold, physically, mentally, have done with the world; it has uation have married all those for less done your duty and paid me all re-"If she were as beautiful as a houri, Had you been as wild a spendthrift and brought all the pearls of the In- as I was when at your age, I should suffered no pang. The world of which "You are a Vering-Percy Chester, you are a part, and Jack Chester have

shrunken old man by the ebony chair phantom estate and starve on an ter with a strange expression of pathetic appeal, then relapsed as sud-

to marry, to do what you please; this "Honor is an elastic word: you advised not commanded. You cannot stretch it too far, sir," said the earl, do it, you say, and your reason is ex-

"Her name is Lilian Devinge, a is in me of self-respect, of dignity, of daughter of Lady Devinge," said Per-

be the last Earl of Vering rather than looking at Gringe, with a puzzled efmake this man's daughter the mother fort at recalling some long since association to his mind: "Devinge agine nothing further that you could Gringe, who? Ah!" and he stretched ask of me and I could do, that I out his hands to the fire with a cynwould disobey you in, but this is be- ical smile, "I remember; poor, rascally Devigne-"

"My lord!" said Percy, in a low

"He was a great rascal. Nephew Percy," said the earl, calmly, "and she-his wife. I mean-was a fitting match; I knew them, and lost many a cool thou. to Sir George! And there's a girl, eh? Hah! like mother, like daughter! Nephew Percy, your allpatent reason for refusing my millionaire will vanish into thin air before a week is past. Lilian Devinge, if have not forgot the world, and there be any truth in hereditary wisdom

As he said this, with an abstracted calmly composed air, warming his thin, cold hands at the roaring fire with the June sun pouring its rays all of prophecy, so strange, so inscru table, that Percy Chester rose and stood in sheer and pure amazement.

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The earl bowed his head, looking

"Go then, and put your test. If sh prove herself a woman—that is, false

"I have no claim to your confidence bring the name of Vering to an end."

CHAPTER VIII.

A Penniless Peer.

The old earl shook his head .- and

end of the earth.'

The old earl seemed touched for the first time, by the low, earnes

"There spoke my brother's child." Percy Chester: you bear no malice to the old man who has dealt so plain "Surely not, sir," said Percy, with

smile, "you have a right to do what I shall be happy, my lord, withou the money you speak of-that is i

The earl shook his head. (To be Continued.)

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