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'It's infamous!" he repeated, now ite angry. "I'll post the man all over doubts plain enough, but Beryl held to be county. I'll hound him out of the her position and in the end prevailed. her position and in the end prevailed.

What did more than anything else place. I never heard of such a thing.

best in these things?" he asked. "Upon my word, times are getting on when a et, had become a member of the inner

my word, times are getting on when a girl can coolly tell her father that his plans for her marriage are 'a mistake from the first,' and with two estates that run side by side for miles, and no boy to have this one. Mistake, indeed! to hide any mortification under that to hide any mortification under that cover nor so distant as to suggest based over nor so distant as the based ov gesture of impatient anger the paper he held and appeared to resume reading it, but a minute afterward he said, less

want to marry him? That's just like you women, and yet you will stick your noses into public business. You never know what you want at a time which lets the knowledge be of the least possible use. I didn't want to force you into the marriage, child. I'm act a brute or a Bluebeard.''

The last connection was not very clear, but it let Beryl turn the question.

himself, dad," she said. Laughing and placing her hands on his shoulders, she leaned over him from behind, her face so close to his that she could rub her cheek against his and kiss him at every "And you don't want -me for a wife yourself, you know, do you? That would be horribly improper, and all the county would make a hullabaloo, and you'd lose your chairmanship of this, that and the other and be sent to Coventry, and I'm not worth that, am I?" She was so rarely demonstrative in this way that he was quite perplexed, and when she had kissed him and

the boy had lived, there'd have been no worry of this kind." And then he re-

pauses of thought. that he had now read Beryl's feelings accurately, and she was careful to keep up her spirits and keep down her feelings until her father was quite reconciled to the fact of the arrangement having come to an untimely end

With Sir Jaffray, Beryl took a somewhat similar course. "Of course I guessed it long ago, Jaffray." she said. "Do you think you and I have been like brother and sister without my being able to read a good many of your thoughts? Of course not." And she laughed without the least apparent restraint.

He noticed that she was unusually

demonstrative,

"If it surprised me, it was because it didn't come sooner. I've always known that there must come a time when this would happen on your side or mine"she laughed again as she said this—
"and I always wondered how it would
feel if I were to be first, you know, and
had to tell you, just as if you were really my brother. I often wondered how I should do it or how you'd do it if you were first. I never thought you'd think of keeping such a thing secret. And I've watched you, you know, and seen it growing and wondered why you never uttered a word. I should have told you what I guessed the other night at Torquay—the night the mother wrote

Witt came out and stopped us in the

"She's a good little soul, the little woman," he answered, "but she does put her foot in it sometimes. I wish now I had told you about this, Beryl. I hope you'll get on with Lola."

A chill seemed to touch the girl's heart at the sound of the name, but she answered quickly and with warmth: "I hope so. We've not seen so much of one another lately as we used to, but she'll be nearer when she's at the man-

"I am glad she has given way, Jaf-

But she said not one word in praise of Lola or one which could lead him yielded to this, as to everything she

and chosen for his wife or thought he had chosen wisely and well. Strangely enough, he was really anxious to get some such expression from her, and he staid longer than he would otherwise have done in the endeavor

rangement. It would spare her from what was a great secret pain—the con-He tried to be vexed with her in his thoughts, but he only succeeded in feeltinual presence of Sir Jaffray-and she reckoned that by the time of their re ing dissatisfied, and he could not shake off the impression that in some way it turn she would have drilled herself so was an ill omen not to have Bervl's

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But she laid her plans in necessary

gnorance of a course of events which were destined to mix her up more closey than ever with Sir Jaffray and Lola In the early part of the New Year Beryl was booked for a visit to an old riend's house, and after busying her self with some of the preparations she was walking one afternoon in the park close by the drive and not far from the house when she noticed a stranger going toward the house. Her father fre quently had people whom she did not know to call upon him on various matters of business, but strangers were still rare enough to attract attention, and this one was certainly out of the com

He was fair, handsome and foreign looking, and the girl had time to notice him closely, as they were both walking toward the house, and he was some 20 or 30 yards ahead of her.

there was a visitor waiting to see her in the library. "To see me, Challen?" she asked the

ness, miss." Beryl smiled.
"Are you sure there is no mistake? What is his name?"

"Turner, miss, pronounced foreign. I couldn't quite catch it, and he didn't give me a card." "Well, I don't understand it, but I'll go and see him.' She went without waiting to take off her hat, thinking there was some mis-

take or that the visitor was on som begging expedition. 'You wish to see me?" she asked when the man rose and bowed with the air of a man of the world at his ease. "Miss Beryl Leycester have I the pleasure of seeing?"

"Then I have come to beg the honor of a few words on a matter which is of great consequence to me. My name is Turrian—Pierre Turrian. I don't know whether your fellow got it correctly.'
"I do not know the name." "That is true—I am afraid quite true. Nevertheless you can render me a great

service, and it may be that what I have o say will interest you greatly. It may take some time to say all I want to say however. May I pray that you be seated I have a leg that is a bad servant since met with an accident some two years

of exaggerated politeness, and she sat down, out of consideration for him and disliking him more and more every

Beryl's visitor did not speak for some moments, but sat as though collecting his thoughts and seeking the best way The girl eyed him very closely and corriously. He was well dressed, his clothes being out in continental fashion,

shrewd and, as she thought, and vindictive. It was evident to her that the busi er Court was, as he had said, important

ow to introduce it and how not to nake a mistake. 'My visit is a surprise to you, no loubt, Miss Leycester," he said at tength, a smile of courtesy parting his lips and showing his white, long teeth.

"Necessarily," replied Beryl.
"You don't know my name—Turrian You are sure you never heard it as that of man or woman—Turrian—of Mon treux?" And he pronounced it with de-liberate emphasis and looked hard into Beryl's face.

"Not to my knowledge," she replied. "No, no, probably not, probably not. Ma foi, how should you? It is a name common enough, and any one could easily hear it and then forget it again.

"I have never heard it." repeated Beryl, irritated because he dwelt on the point. "Eut what is the business you "Precisely. That is the point. Just

so. What is the business? Well, I have not come to talk about myself or about my name. That has nothing whatever to do with it, nothing whatever." There he added, with another of the smiles which the girl found so unpleasant "That I mentioned it so pointedly at all is only my vanity. It would have been with deep, deep pleasure if I had found that the reputation not of myself, but of my violin—I am a musician had reached to Leycester Court, but I could not expect it, and I am rightly served. To be frank, it is a question in put everywhere, everywhere I go, be cause my fame is my life." Beryl saw that for some reason he

was misleading her and doing it clumsily and laboriously. "Will you tell me, please, what it you want?" she said sharply. "You English are so practical, s pointed, so blunt. Yes, I will tell you. I am meditating a work that I believe will have a prodigious effect on the musical world. It is a treatise on my instrument, the violin. I am advocati nothing less than the addition of a fifth string to my beloved instrument. That is a daring thing to do, Miss Leycester,

is it not?" Continued on 4th Page.

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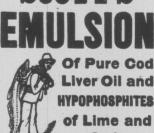


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made up nothing, fa- and loving intimacy which existed be ther. Simply the thing has fallen through because it was impracticable. This sort of thing may be done when always tried to carry out the arrange there's a lrck of feeling on one side, but it's impossible when there's none on either side."

always tried to carry out the arrangement for the sake of the family interests, but that it was a relief to her to have an end put to it. Lady Walcote at first questioned this and made her

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We might be shopkeepers, making and breaking engagements of the sort." "But I'm glad, father. Don't you un-derstand? I wouldn't have it otherwise if I could. It was a mistake from the I I could. It was a mistake from the there never been any idea that she herself should marry Sir Jaffray, and she bore herself toward Lola as though the

irritably:
"Why didn't you tell me you didn't

'Bluebeard married all the women

made him agree with her view of Sir Jaffray's engagement and had gone smiling out of the room he sat a couple of minutes in puzzled thought till the light broke in on him, and he smiled. "I'm afraid I've been a bit blind. I thought she cared for him a bit, and now here she is so infernally glad to be out of it that she can't help kissing and hugging me. Bless the child, if I'd known I'd have broken it off long ago, much as I wanted it. Heigho! If only

sumed his reading, interrupted by But he never doubted for a moment

"I thought it would surprise you," us those most ridiculously mistaken letters—only, if you remember, Mrs. De

middle. And, after all, you can't make an opportunity for that sort of confidence. It has to come naturally."

He listened to her closely, comparing the unusual manner with her custom-ary calm reserve, and he got much nearer to the real state of her feelings than had her father. It hurt him, but he showed no sign of this in his manner,

or. How is Lady Walcote?" 'She is coming over to see you today some time, I think. She saw Lola the day before yesterday, you know. She went to Mosscombe, to Mrs. Villyers." fray," said Beryl pleasantly, "Of course I know what she thought. It would have been a great pain to her and to you if she had not been able to do what

you wish. I am very glad," "I find every one's awfully good," returned Sir Jaffray, and then Beryl led away the talk to other subjects, striving hard to make her cousin believe that, so far as she herself was concerned, she was not anything but perfectly pleased at the news.

to believe that she liked the woman he asked. five months old. but he failed, and the failure disappointed and irritated him.

As she entered the house by a side door the servant met her and said that however, to make the girl's real feelings difficult to understand was her attitude toward Lola herself. She acted precisely as she might have done had "Yes, miss. He said it was to see you on particular business-private busi-

circle of the family and was therefore to be treated as an intimate. She was neither so cordial at first that people could think she was seeking tility toward the girl who had sup-planted her. She allowed the relations between them to develop naturally, and

she drilled herself to take a keen interest in all the preparations for the marriage.
In this way she completely baffled Lola herself, quick and shrewd though the latter was. She could not understand that any woman who had really loved a man could see him taken away from her and yet harbor no anger against the woman who had taken him. "If she'd done it to me, I'd have poisoned her!" she exclaimed to herself more than once after she had been watching Beryl closely and had been more puzzled than usual. "She can't have cared for him, or she's the most artful devil that ever wore petticoats." In time she came to the conclusion that Beryl's calmness was not, as she had thought at first, a mask, but the natural expression of a woman who had

no deep feelings to stir or in whom they had never been stirred. Thus during the preparations for the wedding the two girls were much together, and when people knew that Beryl was to be the chief bridesmaid, and that she and Lady Walcote were as keenly interested in all the details of the wedding as Lola herself, they read Beryl's conduct from the surface and agreed that she and not Sir Jaffray was



She bent over him from behind. responsible for breaking the family ar rangement which had been generally understood to exist. Sir Jaffray himself was delighted at the turn which things took, and as every one seemed to be anxious to make matters smooth and agreeable for him he had good cause to be. For the two months which had been agreed upon as the term of the engagement he lived in a lover's paradise, with nothing to rouse him to the truth. It would have been idle to tell him that Lola did not love him, and that he

was being fooled. Beryl could give her-

self no reason beyond her own instinctive reading of Lola's character, while even Lady Walcote did not agree with Whether or not a longer engagement would have led to his disillusion it is difficult to say, but the end of the two months' engagement and the approach of the wedding day found him more infatuated than ever with Lola, and Beryl was so glad at his quite boyish delight that she prayed earnestly her own unpleasant anticipations and forebodings might never be realized. The wedding was brilliant. It took place on a glorious day in the late au-

tumn, and the whole district of Moss-combe and round Walcote kept holiday, Lola having urged that everything should be done to give to the event the utmost possible importance for the largest number of people. Sir Jaffray had given this wish of hers the most liberal interpretation, and for many years the county had not seen a marriage marked by more ceremony and pomp and accompanied by such widespread merrymaking and lavishly gen-erous hospitality. Both Lady Walcote and Beryl were

glad when it was all over, and the girl was pleased to think that she could no slip back into her quieter life, with the knowledge that she had played her part properly and made quite plain her attitude toward the marriage.

She did not contemplate that there could be any real intimacy between her and Lola, but she felt that as they were to live as near neighbors all through

their lives there must always be some degree of friendly relationship main-It was a great relief to her, however, that Sir Jaffray and Lola planned a very long honeymoon. Lola would not go to the continent, but preferred Amer ica and would not be satisfied until Sin Jaffray had agreed to take her over the ground of one of his rough hunting and shooting expeditions. She was no conventional bride, she declared, and didn't rant a conventional honeymoon, and he

They planned a tour, then, which would take some menths, and it was re-solved that they should be away during the whole of the winter and not return until the new year was at least four or Beryl was heartily glad of the ar-

thoroughly in the altered state of things that the pain and smart of the wound would be past.
She set herself a liberal round of daily work of a varied kind and held to it with the reselve that it should provide

"Yes, "she answered rather stiffly, not liking her closer scrutiny of him.

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