



The Heir? CHAPTER XLII.

(Concluded.)

let it trouble you.' His piercing eyes

turned to Geoffrey. 'May I ask your

"The money does not trou-

ble me,' he said. ' Do you

HE earl smiled.

eyes.

Before the question had scarcely know-she needn't know-he's got eft his lips, a cry rose from Ronnie. to marry her and make an honest Sheeney !' she said, and she clung woman of her; then all will be right -he'll have the title and the propero Geoffrey's arm. Geoffrey would have thrown him- ty, and my daughter-yes, my daught

self upon the man; but the earl held er !- will be a countess ! I tell you up his stick with a gesture of com- it will be all right; she needn't mand, and the three stood and look- | know-he can make some excuseed at the man, who seemed fascinated say the marriage wasn't regular-she by the earl's glittering, all compelling needn't know that her own father let her into the trap.'

'You want Mr. Sidney Bassington?' He looked from one to the other said his lordship. 'He returned to cunningly and with an insane chuckthe castle this morning. He is walk- le; then plucking at his hair again, ing in the grounds somewhere. Is your he drew a little near the earl and Australian pines. business with him important?' sneered at him.

As he asked the question, an ex-'Who are you? You're the earl! pression of recognition flashed into And who's that?' his wild eyes wandhis eyes, and the thin lips curved with | ered to Ronnie. 'Why, that's the

'So this is my brother Edmund' son.' he said, sternly, to Geoffrey, after he had scanned the certificates an the statement with legal rapidity. 'I cannot tell you, sir.' said Geoffrey looking up as he bent over the un censcious man. 'I found him in Aus ralia-his name is Ronald Lorton.' 'So I see by these papers.' But no orton; it is Bassington. This is my brother Edmund's son, and, as that man said, is the heir to Starborough! Geoffrey looked at Cottie, who was standing white and, bewildered and rembling not only at the revelation which she heard, but with the con sciousness that they were speaking o Ronnie who lay asleep under th

> 'Why don't you speak. Ronnie?' said Geoffrey. 'But never mind now! You must go for a doctor, Ronnie. You know where to find him.'

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and his small, bloodshot eyes glanced | ing, uncertain look and yet with a malignant, vindictive expression in