

The Old Marquis;

The Girl of the Cloisters

CHAPTER XIV.

WHEN LOVE MEANS RUIN. It bore neither address nor date. he held it up to the light and read it.

retain your partiality for the drama

To say that my lord the marquis was astonished would be superfluous, to add that he was enraged would be bring me the keys." to insult the intelligence of the reader. Fury, amazement, indignation,

suggest that there was anything go- doors." ing on in the Abbey-maddened him.

He raised his hand to the bell in a all excepting the library." fit of wrath that threatened for once bell, and stared at the letter again, that sideboard." his face deadly white, his thin lips set hard.

grave and serious for them. Besides, husband handed it to Fatima.

London W. postmark, and was there-

epistle? and the handwriting was not strains of a girl's voice. his; Lord Farintosh was pretty well It was Lela singing to Lord Edgar.

lordship to repair to the small garden anonymous scribbler who deserved to he should witness. attached to that part of the Abbey be pitched into the fire with his aboma little drama performing there which of some wretch, and play the spy in and looked out into the garden. may afford you both amusement and his own Abbey? Impossible-impos-

"The keys, my lord?"

he had not done so for years, but his her pure, lovely eves

Palmer, meekly,

The marquis dismissed him with a passions, glaring and listening. word, and then sat with the key in his more serious he grew, as the writer his curiosity, but his iron will was slip of a child who used to run about ed the letter closely, and the envel- pain that caused drops of perspiration calling the old. librarian "grandope; the handwriting was quite to stand out like beads upon his fore- papa!" And she had grown intostrange to him, and in addition had head, he got up, and leaning on his this. He steaded himself on his stick doubtless been disguised. He could thick stick of ebony, with its silver and stood with knitted brows. not decide whether it was a man's or crutch-handle, made his way to the a woman's. The envelope bore the dressing-room, and got his hat and the she should be sent away, and Lord

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fur cloak with which he was always enveloped when he courted the open

mmit murder or suicide; indeed, to his haughty soul the deed of which he was about to be guilty ranked quite on a par with either of these

that led to a staircase communicating with the eastern part of the Abbey in which the library was situated, and when he had passed through this he

Now he had set out upon his task he felt less pain and less shame. He had given his curiosity the rein and was going to let it carry him to the

The staircase was not very wel ighted, and he had to go very careand fell to the bottom, but he gained the ground floor at last, and using his rusty key opened the door and found himself in the library. He looked around with an air of strangeness-he had not been in the room for years; then he paused and ponan old rosary which when he saw it he had quite forgotten how to reach It must have been written by some it from the library, and he would to-night to think of this hour of ours! visitors had darkened the doors for much like a burglar-but at that in- so soon!" years—there was only Edgar. But stant there came floating through the

acquainted with his son's caligraphy; The marquis started. The voice and then-and this seemed conclusive thrilled through him and moved him; -he did not believe that Lord Edgar it was years since he had heard a have the right to call you my own, was clever enough to disguise his girl's pure voice. He almost forgot and spend-ah, hours, days with you; He looked at the clock, wistfully, spying; then it came back to him, and shall always be by your side, never to which distinguished your early days, wrathfully; he glanced at his ban- his eyes glistened. At any rate, there part, Lela. Think of that! It is aland can still enjoy a petite comedy, daged leg. No, he would not demean was the female actor in the little most too much for my wooden head himself by following the advice of an comedy which he had been assured to realize!"

which is called the Cloisters. If I am inable scrawl. What! he, the Mar- "If a woman be near, mischief is not not mistaken, your lordship will find quis of Farintosh, obey the command far off!" he drew aside the curtain Amazement was his first emotion-

instruction. I would advise your sible! And-and then, with a mutter- it was a fairy scene instead of a waste he doesn't care what becomes of lordship to go to the spot indicated ed oath, he rang the bell so furiously wilderness of old trees and weeds- me." on receipt of this friendly intimation, that both the valet and Mr. Palmer a veritable fairy scene! And that was the fairy and-his face grow "Thanks-I don't require the whole deathly white and his eyes glittered household!" he snarled. "Palmer, furiously—the fairy was lying on the night, my own darling!" She put up breast of his son, Lord Edgar, looking up into his handsome face—for perthense the first time the manufacture of the lesson. "Yes, idiot, the keys of the"-he haps the first time the marquis recog- he let her go. "Will you not come struggled between them for the pre- was almost ashamed to ask for them; nized its beauty-with all her soul in in?" he said.

write to him anonymously—that any sent him back into his icy impassive- of lines all that passed through my you! person should have the temerity to ness again—"the keys to the cloister lord the Marquis of Farintosh's mind in a couple of moments! The ex- sunk down by the fountain, and kiss-"Mr. Temple, sir, has the keys of quisite Deauty and palpable inno- ed the spot where he had leaned. cence of the girl smote him as trans-"Bring that, then; and mark! let lucid wates smites a hardened rock; to break down and scatter his icy im- the whole of the keys belonging to the then the thought that his son should hand fall to his side instead of on the the rest of the Abbey be placed on creature maddened him-he didn't re- the marquis time to draw back into member his own young and most the shadow. "Very good, my lord," answered Mr. alarmingly wicked days, by any means then the reflection that this wicked- bewildered, and troubled. He heard He came in again in a few min- ness was being carried on under his Lord Edgar's firm footsteps gradually What did it mean? Was it a practical joke? a hoax such as he himself utes with the key; he had tried to own roof enraged him; and lastly the die away along the terrace, and still will be illustrated from the lives of the process. Poets, Paintman? No, hoaxes were out of the looked very much as Bluebeard's key of his being found there playing the fashion, the world had grown too must have looked when that pattern spy humiliated and tortured him. He stood, devoured by these conflicting

Who was the girl? He tried to re-The longer he thought of it the hand. His gout was intense, so was member, and at last recalled a little

To-morrow-to-night, is possible pointment filled his heart. He knew himself to be wicked, but he had thought that his son, though a fool in his opinion, was an honest one! And now he had turned out to be a villain. like his father and the Fanes general-

He saw Lord Edgar take out his cigarette-case; he saw Lela take the dainty crested match-box and light the cigarette for him; he could hear their voices murmuring harmonious ly; then, with a start, Lela looked up at the moon, just beginning to grow

"Oh, Edgar, see! How late it must e, and grandpapa not back yet! Idon't think I must stay any longer. "Why not, darling?" he answered



cent for her fear to have any significance, but he would not take advan-

"Well, I will go, dearest. Perhaps dered. He remembered that there Mr. Temple would not like me to be was a small square of waste garden, here so late. I'll go and meet him.' last, was run to seed, a home for the she blushed and hid her face. "Not pigeons and cats of the Abbey. But to-night. Come in the morning. I'm with a sense of relief—he felt so now—ah, if the night had not come

Juliet mourned the approach of day, why should Edgar write such an door in the china-room the soft, sweet Lela the approach of night, but on the same ground's—that awful parting from their lovers.

ling!" he said, "and to-morrow I shall the anonymous letter and his task of and then, when we are married. I at all services.

"It is too much for my heart," she

sure-I'm afraid for the reason that organized Bible classes; 4, young wo-

was, therefore, still-what was worse in the marquis' opinion—a fool! (To be Continued.)

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ing), 3 p.m.

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LL.D.; 6.30, Rev. W. B. Bugden, B.A. Queen's R o a d Congregational orning at 11 a.m. Subject for sermon: "Lessons from Architecture." Goliath." Popular evening service at very foolish, am I not? but I want all 6.30 p.m. Subject for the sermon:

"Love's Offering—Too Late" Preach one tolerably familiar with the Abbey; have turned back in another moment To-morrow you shall tell him; but go Ashford. Come and welcome to the

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will be repeated on Sunday night.

tendance is expected.

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I wish I could set down in a couple of lines all that passed through my lord the Marquis of Farintosh's mind.

"No," she answered, with a little preacher at the evening service; subject: "Service, or How Much You Ought to Get." Visitors are always heartily welcomed at all of our service. And, as he paused to look back, she vices. Come and worship with us to-

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rose." Do not fail to hear this. It is

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