

The Murder in Furness Royal. Wood.

CHAPTER XV.

"First, then, it is your duty to write to your father a nice, genial letter, without reproach. Wish him happiness, say no unkind word, and send some pleasant message to Lady Cam-

This is the first time that yourself and municating the news." your pride have come into conflict;

with a grateful, leving look at him. pale face to his, kissed him. "You are like a guardian-angel to me,

you will find it easy if you do battle my mind is easier now that I have unpiness. You have to take your first never thank you enough." lesson in discipline, and discipline "You have thanked me now," he re-

"I fear mine will shape badly then, And Diana went to her room, feelat all," said Diana. "You want me to est friend in the world. that will not be so difficult when I she burst into tears. see him again. You want me to live in

"No, not at all," he replied. "You beautiful, petted young girl who had must have a nobler, higher motive, or known no will but her own.

"I will earnestly try to do my duty. crop up. But oh, Royal, how everything has been perplexed when I have heard manage ceremonial visits."

And the Worst is Yet to Come-

For Her Sake; people say that life was sad and full of care. I can understand it better has lost its brightness to me?"

"Yes, I understand that," said Sir He was grieved to see how pale and

sad she looked when they reached Ferness. She clung to his hand then, say-

"Will you tell Lady Colwyn and

And she felt how fortunate she was

Diana," he answered.

Diana, scornfully. "The sound of the he said. "I will spend the remainder of the day at Ferness, and dine here, He smiled at her vehemence, so with your permission. Go and rest, characteristic of the passionate, ir dear. By the time you appear amongst us again every one in the household "Will you write the letter?" he ask- shall know of the marriage, so that ed. "You remember my lecture, Dian? you shall be spared the pain of com-

She went up to him frankly and lovingly, as though he had been her "I will write the letter," she said, own brother, and, raising her sweet

"Royal," she said earnestly, "I do not know what I should have done "Rather a grim one, my dear," he without you. I could not have borne answered, good-naturedly. "I am sure the first bitter sting of my pain alone; with that grievious sense of intolerable burdened my heart to one so logal and wrong and think of your father's hap- true as you. As long as I live I can

for I do not take kindly to discipline ing that in Sir Royal she had the tru-When Lady Colwyn heard the news

"That horrible woman!" she cried peace with my step-mother. You want "I always feared it. She angled for me to treat her with respect and affec- him from the first. Poor Diana! What tion—the woman who has usurped a trial for her! A man of Mr. Camermy mother's place. I will do my best. on's age ought to have known botter. "It will go hard with Diana," Richyou so well and wish to please you." | ard said; and his heart ached for the

The servants heard the intelligence with surprise, and were not slow to "And duty," said Diana, with flash- express disapprobation. One and all ing eyes, "is to be the watchword of loved Diana, and dreaded the homecoming of another mistress.

"Yes. It is of most lives, Diana, and | It was a sad little dinner party, alone grows to obey its behests without though they all made an effort to be chafing. To do what is right is to do cheerful. They tried, too, to avoid the one's duty, and this is really all that marriage as a subject of conversation; but, despite their endeavors, it would

changed! I did not really know what pletely my home," remarked Sir Rovtrouble meant until now. I have often al, "that I do not know how I shall

iture, my dear, you must come to coming here to visit you. I am sure that Lady Cameron will not place me; should not feel happy in her society or that of her friends. You will have only the elite of the country under the new regime."

"Diana," said Lady Colwyn, "for the

No one knew the pang with which the words went to Diana's heart. "The new regime!" She realized more bitterly than ever what changes must

"I shall expect my conge," put in Richard. "I am sure that no fashion ble ladies will care for my society. will have no queen but Diana." "I am afraid there is an end to all our happiness," said Diana.

"I know what step-mothers are," of served Lady Colwyn, slowly. 'I have heard and seen a great deal of them." "We must not frighten Daina," said

Sir Royal. "After all, things may turn out brighter than we anticipate." "Will both Lady Cameron's girls live here?" asked Lady Colwyn, suddenly.

But Diana could not tell, for she knew nothing of the arrangements. her father would be absent; and they her beautiful face when she found that she could not answer any of their questions; and the wound to her pride was intensified by the thought that her father, upon whom she had lavished her undivided love, had not

taken her into his confidence. When Lady Colwyn kissed her and bade her good-night, she said:

"You will remember, Diana, that you have been like a daughter to me, and that, no matter what happens here, you have always a home with me. It will not equal Ferness in beauty and magnificence, but its atmosphere will be one of love."

As Diana thanked her, she felt that no girl had truer friends.

Sir Royal and Richard walked Westwater together. Richard's heart was burning with Diana's wrongs, and he gave full vent to his indignation. It was well for the newly-married pair that they did not overhear the conversation: they would not have been flattered by it. Richard's opinion of Mr. Cameron was clearly and forcibly expressed; Sir Royal had more to say on the subject of his wife.

"They will never live together, Lady Cameron and Diana," said Richard;

"We must hope for the best while expecting the worst," returned Sir Royal, who was inexpressibly grieved for the misery which this new alliance would bring to Diana.

It was not long before the news spread over the whole country; Peter Cameron, the man worth three millions of money, the master of Ferness had married the beautiful and fashionable Lady Scarsdale. The marriage did not cause much surprise-indead everybody declared that it was a very sensible alliance. The bride had rank. the bridegroom had money; the two combined would be a great power Wordly wise people smiled as they read the news in the society journals. and decided that in future it would be desirable to cultivate Lady Cameron's

In the country the marriage was almost wholly approved. No one but her three true friends thought of Diana's interest in it, and knew how for the worst it would affect her. Indeed most people said, "What an excellent thing for Miss Cameron! She will be in the best set in London." One or two congratulated her, and observed what a bright prospect the wedding opened to her-then wondered why her face flushed and her eyes flashed

"I could bear anything," she said one day to Sir Royal, between smiles and tears, "if people would not speak as though papa's marriage were at excellent thing for me. Wherever l to think that I could have any possible objection to it. The next person who or me will get an answer that will

among others who expressed great arrangement" were the Duke and uchess of Stone. The Duchess was heard to declare that she was delignted, and hoped, when they came to Ferness, to see a great deal of Mr. and Lady Cameron. And, when Diana heard that, she knew that the great object of her father's life was attainYou wonder

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"I hope you have purchased something handsome this time, my lady,"

ficiently familiar terms with her call her "Hermione," and "Lady Cameron," although it delighted him, was too formal, so he compromised the matter by addressing her as

He would have emptied half the sired. He lavished the most splendid gifts upon her, and when she would accept no more, he insisted that she should purchase whatever she wished for her daughters. Lady Cameron knew that neither Thea nor Evadne would care for anything that was not

expensive, so she hesitated and said: "You are so generous, Mr. Cameron that to accept presents from you for my daughters seems like imposing on

Her ladyship never addressed her name," she said, with a shrug of her aristocratic shoulders. She really could not manage "Peter;" when she pronounced it with her dainty lips it had such a peculiar sound that even he himself laughed at it.

"My daughters," she said, suavely, "have everything but jewelry, and that, of course, I could not think of chocs-

He laughed good humoredly. "Anything that pleases them and

you, my lady, will delight me," he said. "Let me see-Thea is dark and Evadne fair. Come with me to the Palais Royal; your daughters shail soon have some jewelry. Mine has

"Ah" said her ladyship softly, "that is quite another thing! If my dear should have had none." "We will soon remedy all defects

in that direction," declared Mr. Cameron, and he ordered the coachman to drive to the Palais Royal. (to be continued.)

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CARBONEAR ABLAZE FOR MOORE

(Special to Evening Telegram.) CARBONEAR, Last night. The Liberal Progressive Party start ed their campaign to-night at their headquarters. A packed house greet ed the candidate, who was enthusias cally endorsed by the gathering. M Robert Duff was unanimously elected as chairman of the committee. M Duff, upon accepting the chair, comp mented the committee upon the choice of Mr. James Moore as th Government candidate, expressing t pinion that a stronger and abler ma could not be found in the District, a that he had no doubt as to the resu of the contest. Mr. M. J. Hawker w

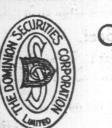
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