By EVELINE LEONI Sister Genevieve

Kitty Vivian had been married near-Iy a year when her husband fell ill, and the doctors ordered him change found themselves landing at Madgira. of air and scenery. So in the very middle of the London season Kitty was obliged to pack up her pretty was new life being out all day in the dresses, cancel her many engagements fresh, pure, balmy air after the horriand accompany him down to Malvern, where the beautiful air brought back behind. At first Kitty was happy a little of the old color to his pale, thin face. Herbert Vivian was not strong, and he had been working rather too hard of late, spending hours Herbert made several expeditions toat his office," which for his health's sake should have been passed in the lock carts, and the latter did all he open air. He adored his pretty, could to reconcile his wife to the bright-eyed little wife, and could not bear that she should not have everything she wanted in the way of lux- Funshal, and the hotel was as Kitty ury and comfort, and to attain this predicted, cheifly taken up by conend he had to work much harder than sumptive patients. There was one

weeks at Malvern, and then went to out in charge of a Bon Secours nun. pay some visits at various country whose sweet, sad face and gentle ways houses, including Herbert's home, had impressed Kitty very much the where his old father still lived. In few times they had met. Her young September Herbert was obliged to re- patient adored her and could scarcely turn to London and to work, but bear her out of her sight for a mo-Kitty declared that it was too soon ment, declaring that no one could to go back to their pokey little flat, smooth her pillows or soothe her to just when there were so many delight- pleep like Sister Genevieve. house was always the scene of a perpetual round of gaiety.

novance or disappointment.

his days at his office and his even- words: ings at the club, and had to undergo

winter in London."

ly think, dear, it will be better. You better now." winter, I cannot afford to spend a and her lips were trembling. great deal while we are away."

Herbert flushed. "Kitty," he said, sadly, "don't you think you are just ment once we get there."

can't draw two straight lines."

told him he was the dearest old chatting with them about the sea and for a long time with his eyes fixed some moments when Sister "stick-in-the-mud" in the world, and its treasures, which was a topic they dreamily on the gathering darkness. vieve had finished speaking.

that she would go with him wherever he wished. He stroked her brown happy and contented, for he never utterly unfit to take care of his vain, head as it lay for a moment on his cared very much for society, and as impulsive, pretty little wife, with her breast, and then, bending down, he kissed her very tenderly:

A week later the Vivians embarked at Southampton in a Cape steamer, and at the end of eight days they The hotel at Funchal where they had ordered rooms was bright and sunny and very comfortable. To Herbert it ble London fogs which they had left enough in her new surroundings, and declared that Madeira was the most delightful spot on earth. She and gether, walking, riding, and in buldullness of the beautiful little island. There were very few English people at he allowed her to have any idea of pretty, delicate-looking French girl of They spent six pleasant, healthy about seventeen, who had been sent

ful shooting parties going on, and Kitty soon got tired of exploring that she would go up to Yorkshire and began to look about for some new and stay with a cousin of hers whose form of entertainment, but there was none to be had. After a while she began to mope and declared that she Herbert consented rather against would certainly die of the blues if his will to this proposition. He did she had to remain any longer in Manot like the cousin his wife had chos- deira. About this time she received en to stay with, and he felt it hard a letter from her cousin in Yorkthat she should be willing, even anxi- shire, telling her that she and her ous, to part from him, so soon after husband and a party of lively friends his recent illness, and let him go back whose names she mentioned, were goalone to his work in London whilst ing yachting in the Mediterranean, she went about enjoying herself in and that if she liked they would call country houses. However, he said at Madeira and carry her off with very little, for he hated to throw cold them for a fortnight at Monte Carlo. water on any of his wife's amuse- Kitty was sitting out on the terrace ments, and he betook himself home to with her husband watching the eventheir little flat with a heavy heart, ling glow upon the waters when the but with few outward signs of an-letter was handed to her, and without a moment's hesitation she decided . Kitty wrote to him pretty regular- to accept the invitation. Herbert. as ly, her letters being full of her par- usual, said very little when the plan ties and of the society gossip which was laid before him, but a sharp pain formed the chief topic of conversation cut him through the heart like a at her cousin's house. Herbert spent knife as he listened to his wife's

"It will only be for a fortnight, a good deal of good-natured chaff Bertie," she said, in a tone of apolofrom his friends about having become gy, "and you will easily be able to teeth on edge and make him shiver. just this once, Madge," he pleaded, said Kitty quietly, "that I have a "grass widower" so soon after his take care of yourself while I am They often took him for drives, which looking up at her wistfully, "I feel changed my mind, and that I do not marriage. Though he bore their teas- away. I will ask Sister Genevieve to he would have enjoyed very much if so strange this afternoon and I have men to leave Madeira after all." ing good-humoredly, it hurt him, keep and eye on you and let me know he had been alone with Madge, at home and spend his evenings read
this she stilled the voice of conscience companied them, and the result was "Poor Geoffrey." she whispered tanat home and spend his evenings reading, so as to avoid meeting his facetious young friends. At last, towards the end of October, Kitty returned, looking the picture of health and spirits, and full of all that she had spirits, and full of all that she had been doing. They settled down then to look to the control of the c en doing. They settled down then, following week, and she was full of delight and interest his wife used to for the winter, and got on very nice- good humor and gaiety, doing all she take in hearing of a recent divorce a short time, will you, dear?"

ly, for Herbert was so thoughtful and could to make up to Herbert for her case or a suicide at Monte Carlo. Geoffrey did not answer. He unselfish and so fond of his young impending desertion of him. The even- Once he went for a drive alone with mind it very much, but he knew it of her decision and to go with them. wife that he seldom denied her any- ing before the yacht was expected she Madge, as Mrs. Seymour had some was no use saving so. thing if he could possibly help it. went to seek Sister Genevieve to tell more amusing engagements on hand, However, as Christmas drew near, her what she was going to do, and to and the memory of that afternoon hour, will you Madge?" he whisper-want me," she said merrily, "but to and London became a prey to fogs ask her to see after her husband dur-lived for a long time in the minds of ed, brokenly, for his poor heart was tell you the truth, my ideas of enand damp, Herbert Vivian developed ing her absence if he required any both. Madge was in a soft, coaxing aching even more than his side. At joyment have changed a good deal a dreadful cough, of which at first he care. She found the nun walking up humor, and she let him hold her hand that moment Mrs. Seymour's voice since you saw me last; so there is no made light, declaring that he would and down the terrace saying her ros- and fondle the little finger which bore was heard at the door calling to use in trying to persuade me, because soon get rid of it. The doctor to ary. Her face wore a look of almost his wedding-ring. Geoffrey wished with Madge to make haste. "All right, nothing will make me change. And whom he went for advice thought dif- heavenly saintliness, but was withal all his heart that every drive might Alice, I am coming," cried the girl. now come along to the hotel and we ferently, however, and after examin- so sweet and sympathetic, that all be like that one. He and his wife "Good-bye, Geoffrey," and she was will show you the beauties of Funing him thoroughly, told him firmly who knew her felt drawn towards her were so happy togetherm she seemed gone without another glance at her chal, and when you are tired of it decidedly, that if he meant ever to in a wonderful manner. She stopped to him to be more like the Madge of husband. recover he must go abroad to some praying as soon as she saw Kitty ap- the first few months of their married It was three o'clock when he went like." warm climate without one day's de- proaching, and asked cheerily if there life, simple and affectionate, and out and the clocks were striking sevlay. Poor Herbert gave a sigh when was anything she could do for her. quite content to talk to him about en when she pened the bedroom door steam again, and just as the sun was he heard the doctor's verdict,, but in Kitty told her what she wanted, and his heart he knew it to be the right somehow she could not help feeling a had been reading, and other things seemed to pervade the room as she and half an hour later they were one, and he broke the news to his little bit ashamed when she saw the which interested him. But the other entered. Her face was wreathed in steaming slowly out of the harbor. wife immediately on his return home. look of surprise and pain that came "Oh, what fun, we'll go to Monte into Sister Genevieve's dark eyes as she cried, in great excite- she listened. "And are you going to ment; "we shall have a splendid time leave your husband all alone?" she there. It will be really much more asked when Kitty had finished speakamusing, Bertie, than spending the ing, "Yes," replied the girl, reluctantly. "At least, there will always be "The doctor says I am to go to you if he should require anyone, which atmosphere of the Casino. Once or bent over him. He lay upon his side,

Madeira," said Herbert, "and I real- he is not likely to do he is so much see, Kitty, Monte Carlo is a very ex- For some moments Sister Genepensive place, and as I shall be vieve did not speak. A sad far-away had come over his wife. And all this contorted, and there was blood on the obliged to give up my work for the look had crept over her beautiful face, time Madge was in her element. white linen front of his shirt. Kitty pouted. She was a spoilt would like to tell you a story if you yet she longed for excitement and ad- side him. "Speak to me! Look at me, child—the only girl amongst a large can stay here a few minutes; it will miration. She went everywhere, Geoffrey! I am here! I am here!" family of brothers who had always not take long." "Oh, I have lots of dressed beautifully, and enjoyed hergiven way before their pretty, imperi-time," returned Kitty. "My packing self most thoroughly. Poor Geoffrey thing but silence reigned. In horror ous little sister. "I am sure Madeira is all done. I finished it this morn- was obliged to remonstrate with her she glanced towards the door. Who is deadly dull," she exclaimed, irrita- ing, so as to be ready whenever the once on the score of expense, for he had he been watching for when the bly; "really, Bertie, you might have yacht arrives." "Let us sit down was not very well off, and he feared grim messenger of death had come to dress exactly like mine. Polly-Yes; a little consideration for me. Fancy here, then," said the Sister, leading that his foolish young wife might get take him. She knew well it was for but how it must have disgusted her being cooped up in Madeira all the the way to a rustic bench beneath a herself perhaps deeply in debt, "I the wife who had promised to love with a dress like hers! That ought to make you happy, I inhabitants and a few English people climbing, although it was January. had answered, irritably, it's nonsense ness and in health, until death should should think. who are dying of consumption. I Kitty followed, wondering vaguely to suppose that I can go about if I part him from her. And now death Reporter-In describing this new can't imagine anything more misera- what the story could be which Sister do not get some new clothes," and had come and she was too late, too drinking fountain would you say "the

arms round her husband's neck, she fishermen mending their nets, and Geoffrey did not heed it, and he sat body. There was a dead silence for

never grew tired of. He was quite He felt himself so weak and ill, so long as he had his wife near him it passionate love of life and gaiety. was all he asked. The soft, pure air Soon he might require care and nursdid him a world of good, and his ing, but he knew that he must not first few weeks, however, his young demon of selfishness seemed to have wife, who had always been accustom- taken possession of her, and her ed to a life of gaiety, began to find thoughts were all for herself and her village extremely monotonous. She the same position when his wife recomplained of the tiny rooms, the turned home from the Casino. she would certainly go mad if she had was angry in consequence. At Geofto remain there much longer. Poor frey's first gentle remonstrance she Geoffrey was terribly upset when he broke into a torrent of passionate irheard her talking in this strain, and ritable words. He grew angry also did all he could to make her more for once in his life, and a quatrel eptried to appear bright and gay when frey was feeling worse than usual, his sister-in-law was anywhere near, and he asked his wife to stay with aggressive rustle of her silk-lined gar- looked, and hesitated, and he notic- a bit." ments approaching used to set his ed the wavering in her face. "Only

the simple enjoyment of the little own amusements. He was sitting in homely food, and finally declared that had lost a good deal of money and contented with her lot. He sent to sued. For the first time since they

London for books and pictures to had been married they exchanged no brighten the rooms, he took her for good-night kiss. The following mornlong drives to all the places of in- ing the doctor was hastily summoned terest in the neighborhood, but Madge to visit Geoffrey who had become was still dissatisfied. Nothing pleased very much worse. Madge was thorher, she wearied of everything, and oughly frightened, and for a few days cried a great deal when she was alone was a devoted nurse. She sat in the to Geoffrey's infinite distress. At last sick room all day attending to the very softly, and without another word matters reached a climax. A sister of patient's slightest wishes. Then Geof- she rose and walked with a firm step Madge's was spending the winter on frey got a little better, and the for- to the spot where her husband sat, the Riviera, and she sent long and mer state of things began again. gazing sadly at the blue waters, glowing descriptions of the lovely scenery, the flowers, the sunshine, gaiety with renewed vigor, as though from him on the morrow. Heedless of and, above all, of the charming reorle she wished to make up for the time who might see her, Kitty fell on her she had met. Madge pined to join she had lost. Mrs. Seymour backed knees beside him, and, taking his thin her, and when Mrs. Seymour wrote her up in every way, and the two hands in hers, she covered them with and said that Monte Carlo would do sisters spent all their days together kisses. "Forgive me, Bertie, forgive her husband a great deal more good in a perpetual round of amusement. me," she sobbed, "Oh, how could I than the Devonshire village, Madge Geoffrey gave up saying anything. It ever have thought of leaving you, my determined that she would make him did no good and only irritated darling. go out there. She read the letter to Madge. His cough grew worse, but Herbert gathered his wife into his him, and at last, after a long argu- he never complained. After a while arms with a beating heart. He did ment. Geoffrey resigned himself to the he gave up going out any more, and not understand what it all meant, inevitable. A week later be found would lie all day, for the most part but a strange flood of happiness came himself in a large hatel at Monte quite alone. Madge went to the Cal suddenly over him. "Tell me what Carlo, which was filled with smart, sino every day. Sometimes she would you mean, Kitty," he whispered eahealthy people, and he, in his weak go bother afternoon and evening. If gerly, "tell me what has happened?" state of health, felt himself very she was lucky she would return home much out of everything that was go- smiling, and be full of tenderness to- told him Sister Genevieve's story, ing on around him. Mrs Seymour, wards her husband and of compassion and in the long silence which follow-Madge's sister, was a robust, loud- for his suffering and loneliness. If she ed, it seemed to them both that a bythe voiced widow, always beautifully lost she was sullen and silent, and new life was opening out before them, dressed, and with plenty of money at was only longing to be off again to a life in which all would be peace and her disposal. She considered that win her money back. She knew that Geoffrey wanted stirring up, and was Geoffrey hated her gambling, and that telling Madge to make him go out and the mere thought of it made him misenjoy himself like other people, in- erable, but she was utterly callous to stead of moping in the hotel or sit- the pain she caused him, and lived ting alone in the sunshine, watching only for herself and her triumphs and the sea with that far-away look in enjoyments. She met with a great his eyes. Unfortunately, Madge en- deal of admiration amongst her sistertained a profound respect for Mrs. ter's many friends and acquaintances, Seymour's opinion, and poor Geoffrey and her head was completely turned suffered in consequence. He always between it all. One afternoon Geof-

won't mind being left alone for such

deeper every day. He saw so little of she advanced towards her husband's ters. Madge. She was always going to sofa, but no answer came from the "Oh, Herbert," whispered the little parties with her sister or else wail- still, quiet figure lying there. A cry ing the sunny hours in the hot, close of terror broke from the girl as she twice she went to a dance in the his eyes wide open and fixed upon the evening, and Geoffrey was left alone doorway, as though he expected someto ponder sadly on the change that one to enter by it. His mouth was

Then Though at the bottom of her heart "Geoffrey! Geoffrey!" cried very gently she said: "Mrs. Vivian, I she loved her husband very dearly, young wife, falling on her knees be-But there was still no answer, no-"I the wife who had promised to love to see you with a dress like hers! Genevieve was about to recount to Geoffrey sighed and said no more. He late. She knew that he had called water issues from an ornate pipe in soon grew to hate the Casino. The her name when he felt the end draw- a 'little stream' or 'jet?' " Snake "Years ago," began the Sister, in bold-eyed, showy painted women par- ing near, struggling with all his Editor-It's just like Schuylkill waa little selfish, dear? It will only be a voice which trembled ever so slight- ading up and down, and the ceaseless might to live until she returned, to ter, isn't it? Reporter-Yes. Snake for two months, perhaps, and I am ly, "when you were little more than chink of the money passing from look once more upon her face which a baby, two young people fell in love hand to hand filled him with loath he had loved so dearly. He died alone the stream of jet." with each other and were married. ing and disgust. The first time he and unaided, without a human crea-"Oh, you will, I daresay," pouted For two years all went well with saw his wife take her place at the ture near him. Oh! false wife, false Kitty, as she threw herself despond- them, and they were as happy as the tables it gave him a feeling of pain friend! Was it thus she had kept her ingly into an armchair. "You are al- day was long. Then one sad day the which he could not repress. He went marriage vows. "Geoffrey! Geoffrey!" ways happy with your books and your young husband fell ill and his Joctor back to the hotel feeling more ill and she wailed in her agony, "I will be sketching things, but you know how sent him to a little village in the weak than he had ever done since the good!" But her husband could not soon I get tired of reading, and I South of England to recruit his doctor had cautioned him to avoid hear her; what mattered now if she health. His wife, of course, accom- exertion and spoken disparagingly were good or bad. A book lay open "I will teach you, my darling, if panied him, and at first she was about his lungs. Something must be on the floor beside him. Madge's eyes you will let me," answered Herbert, charmed with the free, open-air life, done, he said to himself. I cannot fell upon one line; it, too was markgently. "Oh, Kitty, we might be so the picturesque old village, and the let her become like her sister and ed with a crimson stain: "In My happy together," and he looked at her friendly, weather-beaten fisherfolk like all those other women who Father's house there were many mansorrowfully and sighed. In a moment who formed the chief society of the swarm about the Casino. The bed-sions; if it were not so-" She could the girl was overcome with a sudden place. The invalid used to spend his room windows were open and a mist read no father. With a cry of anguish fit of penitence, and, throwing her days lying on the beach watching the was slowly rising from the sea, but she fell senseless across her husband's

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"Thank you, Sister," said Kitty,

Then with his arms about her, she

The following morning the yacht arrived as expected, and Herbert and Kitty went down to the harbor to see it come in. They found a very lively party on board, and almost ev-Kitty. "Well, Kit, I hope you are packed

met, "for we cannot stay here more than a few hours. It is a dull place, If you are but the sound of her voice and the him just for once. She saw how ill he and you are very wise to leave it for "I had better tell you at once,"

and ready," cried her cousin as they

"Oh, Kitty, why? cried a chorus of

to put you off."

Her friends surrounded her then, Geoffrey did not answer. He did trying to induce her to think better after all. But Kitty was firm.

"You won't stay longer than an "It's awfully nice of you all to you can go off again as fast as you

the beautiful scenery, the books he on her return. A strange stillness beginning to set the party embarked, afternoons were not like that, and smiles and carried a bag of gold Kitty and her husband stood on the Geoffrey regretted the Devonshire vil- pieces in her hand. "I have won, pier and watched them till the yacht lage with a bitterness which grew Geoffrey, I have won," she cried, as became a mere speck on the vast wa-

wife, as she nestled close to him, "how can I ever be grateful enough to Sister Genevieve? Only for her I should be in the yacht at this very moment, being carried further and further away from you. I can't think how I can ever have contemplated leaving you. Oh, how wicked and selfish I was, and you never said one word of anger to me all the time."

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