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CHAPTER VII.

BE. ABBOT DESIRES AN IMMEDIATE MARRIAGE!
Whether it was owing to the excitement of the previous evening, or to a feeling of relief from care and anxiety upon Virgie's account which made Mr. Abbot feel that at last emight safely lay down his burdens, it would be impossible to say, but he was alamingly ill the impossible to say, but he was alamingly ill the morning after the betather of the properties of the most blessed of all my life; though, for the word weak as child, panting with every breath, a deadly fanting and sinking sentation frequently sezing him and making him feel as if the word was rapidly slipping from his grasp.

Virgie was in an agony of fear.

She had never seen her father so sick before, and it seemed to her that he must did if he did not soon have relief.

What shall I do?" she asked, in a helples, appealing way, to Sir William.

He had been summoned as soon as Mr. Abbot's condition had been discovered, and elicient.

He bent and kissed his darling's pale, uptured face, and then went swiftly out of the honse.

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The set touched him, and told him how satially she relied upon him.
"My darling, I wish I could save you from ery pan," he said, tenderly. "But I is not linger—we must have help for your ther as soon as possible. Good-by, my ve, for a little while, and be sure that I il ceme back just as quickly as I can." lie went quickly out, and Virgie stole ity into her father's chamber, to do what seculd for him, and her heart began to her something of hope and courage when ew minutes later she heard the clatter of ores shoots outside, and knew that her er was on the way for help. if William did not spare his horse until reached the station.

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He gathered her closer to his breast until she could feel the eager throubing of his

Virgie's room—and two or three hampers, that were given to Chi Lu to be taken care of the continuation of

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lover, a wild look in her eyes, "papa is not going to—die! Do not tell me that. He is better to-day, and he will—he must grow yet stronger."

"My darling," said Sir William, folding her close to him, and speaking with sorrowful tenderness, "I am not going to deceive you. It would not be right for me to do so. But Dr. Waters thinks he cannot stay with us much longer. And, Virgie, your father wants us to be married at once. Darling, shall it be as he wishes?"

But Virgie hardly heard these latter septences.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

Count Tolstoi purposes paying a visit to the United States next spring. His object is "to live with the farmers, to study their methods of agriculture and stock raising. America who cultivate the soil." The count should be invited to visit the Dominion.

But Virgie hardly heard these latter sentences.

She threw herself upon that manly breast in a wild burst of grief.

It was a dreadful blow to be told that the die was cast, that her father's doom was very near.

In an indefinite way she had been dreading it ever since he himself had talked so plainly about it to her, but with the buoyancy, of youth she had kept hoping against hope, and refusing to believe the fearful truth.

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"Will you be my wife, Virgie? I would not have forced this upon you just now but for your father's desire, and because Dr. Waters, who must return to-day to his own, duttes, can make all necessary arrangements for us upon his arrival in Virginia City.

A clergyman must be sent to us, and there are some other matters which I wish attended to, so we must decide now. Still, my darling, if you shrink from this step, if the thought of it shooks you, I will not urge it, I will wait until you are quite ready for it."

"Did napa propose it?" Virgie asked, hiding her flushed face from those eager, loving eyes looking down upon her.

"Yes. I should not bave presumed to suggest anything of the kind atsuch a time, returned the young baronet, gravely." But he thinks that his mind would be easier if he could see you my kine. He wishesto give you away irrevocably white he is adle, Then, dear, I could be with you all the time to help you in your care of him, to relieve you of much that would encoach unon your strength. Tell mo freely, Virgie, shall it or shall it not be?"

"Do you really wish it? or—are you only yielding to his desire?" she asked, in a low youce.

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present position of the social scheme. The general referred to the difficulties encountered in putting the scheme into operation. The chief obstacles were getting suitable properties for locating the rescued people and land for a farm colony. They had received in cash during the past 21 months something like £109,000, but they had also the assurance of the payment of a legacy of £5,000 from the executors of the late Mr. Eower, of Liverpool, and unfaifilled promises amounting to £4,500, making a total of received and promised of £118,000. But they had dealt with during the time specified something like £181,000, £25,000 of which has been laid aside in good securities for carrying out the entire plant £126,000 had been invested in capital account, and £32,000 had been spent in harely creating the working of the scheme and carrying out about twenty different industries. They had also provided 5,000,000 cheap meals, and given warm shelter to 1,000,000 homeless people. Their workshops and elevators supplied work to 10,000 persons; 134 members of the criminal class had been rescued and sent to situations, and 3,422 girls had been taken of the streets, 2,600 of them being sent to situations.

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