

ever, eventually transferred to his nephew. Sir Edward was possessed of one of the best hearts that ever tenant-ed a human breast, and although his own education had been neglected for the more alluring and exciting pleasures of the chase, of which he had ever been passionately fond, he was resolved that no pains should be spared on that of his favourite nephew.

Nor was Clifford the only object of his solicitude. Harry Wilmot, the unfortunate youth alluded to by O'Sullivan, in a former part of our story, was also an orphan intrusted to his guardianship by his dying mother, a first cousin of his own. As they were nearly of the same age, Sir Edward determined that the young men should enter upon their studies together. Accordingly, after having gone through a preparatory course of education, the cousins were finally sent to Cambridge, where Clifford particularly distinguished himself by his close application and facility of acquirement. To Wilmot, however, who was of a peculiarly wild and thoughtless character, study was a bore, and a college life a restraint; and while the vacations of our hero were almost invariably passed with his uncle, either in town, or at his seat in ——— shire, those of Wilmot were spent among a set of dissipated young men, whose sole competition seemed to be who should throw away the most money in the shortest time. On attaining his twenty-first year, he declared college, its pursuits, and even his talented cousin, so many nuisances, and hastening to his uncle, received from him the small fortune which had been intrusted to his care. Sir Edward tried remonstrance, but in vain, and when at length Wilmot, warmed by opposition to his plans, inquired if he was not of an age to judge for himself, the baronet felt all the ingratitude of his conduct, and yielding up his deposit, bade him go to the devil his own way.

This was what Wilmot desired, for though he was not really deficient in regard for his uncle, his own pleasures weighed too heavily in the opposite scale, and he took him at his word. He immediately set off for the

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