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Thou has turned topsy turvy earth and skies O "paragon of animals," why jeer At one whe gazes with inverted eye! At one was gazes with inverted eyer
The "change of attitude" thou findest here
Is my attempt to follow thine, and try
What benefit arises in this sphere
By twisting all one's being toward the sky.
—From the "Poems" of G. J. Romanes.

AT THE HUNT BALL.

"I declare, you're the most punctual girl alive, Maggie, and how sweet you look!" Lady Carew surveyed her cousin's figure approvingly as Mrs. Fawcett's maid put the last touches to her toilet.

"Do you really like me?" And Maggie Fawcett turned slowly round that no item of her dainty ball gown might be lost. "My dear, you'll be the success of the evening, and, oh, what an exquisite bangle that is!" And with an exclamation of de light Lady Carew caught her cousin's wrist, on which glittered a magnificent bracelet set with diamonds and emeralds. "Surely that's new, isn't it? It wasn't a wedding present, was it?"

Mrs. Fawcett flushed nervously. "No You haven't seen it before. I only had it yesterday."

"You lucky creature, to get promiseuou resents like that! Who gave it you?" The flush on Maggie's cheek deepened. Eric, of course," she replied, with a laugh. He spoils me dreadfully, you know." Lady Carew's lips quivered into an in definable expression.

vare of a husband's unprovoked presents. What do you mean?" asked Maggie quickly 'Only that their source is more often a

ruilty conscience than an overflowing af-"Laura, why will you say such things! Come, the carriage is ready.

"So am I. But isn't Eric coming?"
"Not with us. He was lunching with the Delawares and sent over for his things. He will go with them, and he goes back there to sleep."

The two women took their places in the snug brougham. It was a fairly long drive to Treloar Hall, where the Darshire hunt ball was to take place, but there was absolute silence in the carriage, partly because, as cousins and intimate friends, there was no necessity for conversation be tween its occupants, and also because Maggie Fawcett knew of old that Lady Carew hated to tire berself out with talking be fore the serious business of the flirting and Maggie Fawcett's appearance at the

hunt ball was something of an event. She was the bride of the occasion. Early in the spring she had married Eric Fawcett, and this was the first winter she had spent on his estate in Darshire.

Now and again Lady Carew glanced at her cousin. Maggie leaned back in her corner, the white fur of her wrap nestling ound her throat, and her small head rest ing against the cushions of the carriage. It struck her companion that the young wife's face was a little pale, and that it wore a look of suppressed excitement, mingled with something which seemed almost like anxiety. "What can be the mat-ter with the girl" murmured Lady Carew "She is evidently disturbed boot something. How she plays with that bracelet. I wonder-but; no! Maggie is the best little soul alive, and beside there isn't an eligible man within a dozen miles. Still, I never should have expected Eric Fawcett to have turned out a model husband.'' And she laughed softly to her-

Laura Carew was a good six years older than her cousin, and she remembered very distinctly that at the same ball last year, before Maggie had flashed upon his firma-ment, Eric Fawcett had been her very devoted slave, and naturally she smiled at the recollection-a little pitvingly perhaps for Lady Carew could not quite under-stand an admirer deserting her for Maggie, and though she was fond of her cous-in she was rather sorry for Eric. Women generally are sorry for the men who marry ome one else.

But in spite of Lady Carew's moderate estimate of Maggie's powers of attraction her card was full before she had been in the room ten minutes-as full, that is, as she would allow it to be, for she valiantly resisted all efforts to fill up two spaces

which she insisted on preserving.

She was standing by her husband in the midst of a group of people. She put her hand gently on his arm.
"Eric," she whispered, "I've kept you

two waltzes. "Two!" and he laughed as he looked down at her. "Why, little woman, we can't dance together twice. It would be ridiculous! Here, I'll take this one. I don't suppose you'll have any difficulty in filling in the other. You're looking very pretty tonight. I must go, dear. This is my dance with Laura." Maggie Fawcett bit her lips. She

wouldn't have minded people seeing that she was in love with her husband and that she thought him the handsomest man in the room. But men were different—very different—and her heart swelled as a rush of memories came upon her. Sheanswered her partner's not very abtruse remarks mechanically. It was doubtless bad form; but her eyes sought her husband's figure, He was waltzing with Laura. It seemed to her that he was always waltzing with Laura. But, then, perhaps Eric might be thinking the same thing of her, for she had certainly danced a great many times with this Mr. Dobson—Dodson—she was not at all sure of his name, and she really did not over at all who was how perhaps. did not care at all who was her partner. The Darshire hunt ball was not amusing, she thought, and it was a little embarrass ing that so many people noticed and ad mired her bangle. She touched it-doubt-fully, twisting it on her arm so that the diamonds flashed in her eyes. It was very

pretty, but-"Maggie seems to be putting in a very good time tonight," offserved Lady Carew as she strolled into the conservatory with Eric Fawcett. "She appears to be enjoy-

ing herself tremendously."
"Not half as much as I am," peplied Eric, with a laugh. "It is quite like old times, isn't it?" he added, drawing a low seat forward for his companion.

"Oh, my dear Eric, don't try to be sentimental! But really I begin to think my warning to Maggie was not uncalled"-

on Figuro.

s almost beyond belief.

Remarkable Indeed.

He-I see that statisticians have found that men live longer than women do. This

She—I don't see why you should take that view of it. Men are naturally stron-

He—Yes; but, on the other hand, look at the risks of being talked to death that they are constantly running.—Cleveland Leader

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

Tillie-Lizzie, I'm in trouble. He

mays he'll chuck himself in the water

if I don't have him. What shall I do?
Lizzie (a pessimist) —Ah! Let him
chuck. He kio swim, an' he knows it;
and' besides, men ain't a killin' fer
love nowadays, an' don't yer believe
they are.

"Eh, what warning?"
"Well, it rather seems to me that the old Adam is returning, my friend; that domestic joys are palling, and forbidden fruit is becoming terribly attractive."

"Is that a challenge?"
"Not at all. Besides Maggie is my cous

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"Are you in fun or in earnest? What do you mean by warning her?

in and my friend, and I think it's right to

Lady Carew broke into a laugh.
"Only that I told, her to beware of husband's presents; that a magnificent diamond and emerald bracelet often meant more than met the eye when it was be stowed a propos de bottes.'

'Really, I haven't the smallest idea of what you mean! "Mean? Why, the lovely bangle you gave

I gave Maggie a bangle yesterday?" Certainly. She is wearing it tonight." "You must be dreaming."

Lady Carew looked into her companion's

face with frank astonishment.
"I am very sorry," she said quietly. "I am afraid I have been indiscreet. But how was I to guess? Oh, what are you go For at that moment Mrs. Fawcett er

tered the conservatory on the arm of her partner, and Eric immediately rose to his Laura caught his arm. "Eric, don't be ridiculous. It is some absurd mistake! I'll take that man away. Speak to Maggie, but for heaven's sake

lon't look like that!" But, in spite of Lady Carew's efforts, it was not so easy to "take that man way," and while the futile, frivolous converse tion rippled on, Eric stood by, bewildered and stunned. Maggie, the soul of truth and simplicity, had told a lie. There was not the faintest doubt that Laura had spoken the truth, and spoken it without arriere-pensee. The stones of the mysterious bracelet glittered maliciously before his eyes, and yet, had not his attention been drawn to it, most probably he would not have noticed it. The details of any other woman's dress were always more byious to Eric than those of his wife's

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Maggie rose too, but her husband laid his hand on her arm. "No. Stay here. I want to speak to

tions were out and that it was precisely

this dance she had given him.

"But"—
"I can't help engagements or anything 'Vanat is it?" asked Maggie, looking ur at him. "Why, Eric, what is the matter? "I wish to know who gave you this ban

The color flew over Maggie's throat and "I-I can't tell you."

suppose, or you wouldn't have lied to Laura Carew about it. There was something so pathetic about the girl's expression as his name burst

from her lips-she looked so childish, s relpless, and so miserable—that the anger in Eric's heart died suddenly. A whole world of thoughts surged up in his mind Why had he left this child so lonely? The fault was his. "Maggie, dear," he said gently, "I know I've not been as I ought to the best little wife in the world. I've set you a bad example, and you are so young you don't understand things. don't know what men are. You've been a little foolish perhaps. But that's all, I'm sure—do you hear, dear—I'm quite sure of that. But you must tell me the story of that bangle."

T— Oh, Eric, I'm ashamed!" and sh

turned her face away. -Tell me, dear.

There was a moment's pause.
"Well, then, I bought it myself.

"Maggie!"
"Yes. Oh, don't think I want to blame ou. Eric. but the other women I know vere always having presents from their usbands-flowers and sweets and trinkets -and so as you-as you did not think of them, I bought them myself and said you'd given them to me''— Eric held her at arm's length. She

raised her face suddenly and looked at 'I wanted people to think you spoiled

me; that you were in love with me still." Eric Fawcett did not return to the Delawares, and a couple of days later the dia mond and emerald bangle had a compan

ion, which was clasped on Maggie's arm by her husband himself.-London World

Northumbrian and Scoth Rustics The Northumbrian peasant is not at all Scotch. On the contrary, the ancient animosities between England and Scotland were keenest on the borders, and are still alive there. As soon as you cross the Tweed the difference becomes apparent. First there is the dialect. To a Londoner it is all Scotch, and there's an end of the matter. But there are several important points of difference. You find one exemplified in words such as home, stone, one etc. The Scot says hame, stane, ane, but the Northumbrian h'y'm, st'y'n, yin-1 fear only those who have heard it will be able to give that "y" its proper sound. And then the inimitable bur! One has to give up in despair all attempts to represent it phonetically, just as one cannot in letters represent the pronunciation of "me and similar words. But it is all English of a sort, and not Scotch. Still more striking is the difference in facial expression. The typical Scot is naturally reserved, not

to say sly and self controlled, his face is something of a mask through which the true man peers at his neighbor A south-ern peasant is polite, civil, respectful, cap touching, in awe of the squire and the quality. In Northumberland you will find the peasant franker than the Scot, of more ndependent bearing than is common south of the Ouse, his faults rudeness and brusqueness.—Longman's. strength where former weakless prevailed. Convenient package, simple, effectual, and legitimate.

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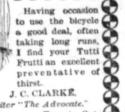
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