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"I will go up to Arol now," said Con-stance. "Not just yet," he said, holding her arm tightly, and standing stock-still at the entrance to the drawing-room. The servants, a small army, came trooping froh upstairs and downstairs, and gathered in the hall in expectant silance "Are you all here?" he said, his head

"Your grandfather, my lord," said a tremulous voice, and an old woman, whom Constance had seen about the house once or twice, dropped a courtesy. "Yes," he nodded, "and my grandfa-ther. You have served us faithfully, and we have tried to prove ourselves your friends." "Yes are my lord!" came the ager

gratification "You were good enough to welcome me home when I came back a little while

me home when I came back a little while ago, and you said you hoped that I should stay. Well, I am going to stay; but if that gives you any pleasure, you must thank Miss Grahame." A cheer rose and echoed again and again amid the timbers of the roof, and "God bless you, my lord! God bless you, my lady! God bless you, miss!" rang enthusiastically round. He put his arm round her and kissed her.

In her newly found happiness, Con-stance had almost forgotten Lady Ruth.

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have a look at that barn old Goodman wants to have rebuilt," "I can't go to-day, Wolfe," she said. "Well, I suppose I can come with you?" he said, cheerfully. But that was just what Constance did not want. She knew that if he were with her she could not huy what she

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"Oh, very well," he retorted. White Star-Dominion Royal

"Oh, very well," he retorted. "Why didn't you say that you didn't want me? I'm too proud to force my society upon anyone"; and as he sauntered out of the room to order his horse, he took her head in his hands and turned up her face that he might look into her eyes and kiss her. "You are going to buy your dress,

and kiss her. "You are going to buy your dress, dear?" said the marchioness. "Yes," replied Constance. "And may I not go with you?" asked the old lady, gently. "No, dear," she said, blushing. "Too proud to let your mother give you a stupid dress for your dance, my dear?" asked the old lady, with a smile. "Yes, that is it, too proud," she said, in a low voice, putting her arm around the marchioness' neck. "You are right, dear-you always are,"

"You are right, dear-you always are," You are right, dear-you always are, said the old lady, lovingly. "You shall go and buy what you like. But don't you think it is rather hard for me? I was looking forward to the pleasure of making my poor little present. Never mind." Constance drove the ponies into Ber-Constance drove the ponies into Ber-

rington, men rising or touching their hats and women bowing and curtesying as she passed, but all with a smile of admiration for the beautiful young lady whom the great marquis was going to marry. There was a very decent linen-draper's, and Constance, leaving Arol in the phaeton, went in and asked to see some evening dress material. With a superstant was buset recorntial, the rington, men rising or touching their

respect that was almost reverential, the shopkeeper produced his grandest and most expensive silks and satins, but Constance would have none of them, and scance would have none of them, and the surprise of the shopkeeper—sur-se which his respect and good man-s did not permit him to show—she se a nun's veiling in plain white, and the t a cost of as many pence a yard as he silks and satins were shillings. She

ordered this to be made up in a simple fashion, and, at peace with herself and the world, got into the phaeton and drave bene drove home

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Irove home. With the truest delicacy the mar-thioness asked her no questions as to what she had bonght; and as for the marquis, with masculine ignorance of the importance of the subject, he never mark it a thought

gave it a thought. (To be Continued.)

"It is from the Duchess of Barmin-ster." "And what does the dear old duchess say" asked the marquis, coming in at the moment. Lady Ruth ran her eyes over the let-ter, and handed it to him without a word. He laughed. "Quite a characteristic letter, mother," he said. "The duchess, hearing of our engagement, is going to give a ball--a little dances, she calls it, I know what her 'little dances' mean--in our honor. You are to be sure and go, because she wants to hear from your own lips what you think of your future daughter-in-law. And there's an invitation for Ruth, too; she thinks she is still staying with us. Dear old lady! That's just like her. Anything is an excuse for a little dance. Constance will be delighted with her," he added, loverlike. "It is to be hoped the delight will be mutual," said Lady Ruth, smiling. "I can't imagine anyone so dense as not to appreciate Constance," he re-marked. "The afraid I shall not be able to go,"

"I'm alraid I shall not be allocked up. "And yet I think I must. But I can go from home if you will chaperon me in the room, aunt, dear; that is, if Conin the room, aunt, don't stance doesn't mind sharing you." bioness smiled. "Of course

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your friends." "Yes, yes, my lord!" came the eager response. "God bless your lordship!" "So I have sent for you to-night to tell you that a great happiness has come to me, the greatest that can come to a man. This lady," and he took Con-stance's hand, "is my future wife." Constance, pale and trembling, stood with downcast eyes. A shout went up, a shout of pleased A shout went up, a shout of pleased

The put his aim round let and aksect her. "Go and get your things on, dearest," he said, "and we will have a walk." "Ab, that will be nice," she said; and she ran into the hall, but stopped and looked back with a smile and a little exclamation of dismay, for a loud knock had sounded at the door. "Confound it?" he exclaimed. "There is another one! Run, Constance," and he made a bolt for the library. But the door opened before they could escape, and Constance, turning perforce, saw that the latest arrival was-Lady Ruth. CHAPTER XVII.

d." "Well," said the old lady, after a "Well," said the old lady, after a pause, "to all those who ask, you can say, as I should say, that Wolfe is satisfied; and, that being so, nothing else matters." "Very good," said Lady Ruth. "But if you think that will satisfy them, you are very much mistaken, aunt ;my fa-ther for interes will satisfy them.

are very much mistaken, aunt :my ther, for instance, will want to know great deal more, and will say some d agreeable things if I can't tell him." The marchioness include the start ne dis The marchioness sighed gently. She knew Lord Portaire's cynical nature

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knew Lord Portaire's cynical nature very well. "Your father, my dear—". Then she stopped. "Here is some fresh tea." The footman who brought in the tea handed the marchioness a.letter. "Read it, my dear," she said to Lady Ruth, who took it and opened it. "It is from the Duchess of Barmin-ster."