

The Heir of Rosedene

The Game-Keeper's Hut

CHAPTER XXVI.

AN INEXAUSTABLE STORE.

"No. I think not." said Sir Edward,

time-and such a time, too!-it replied Sir Edward. "They asked us

"Like the parrot," remarked Edward. "Well, perhaps you are right. ed eagerness

Edna Weston," said the captain, kind." quickly.

Sir Edward knit his brows.

and to tell you the truth, she ther scornfully. "For her own sake love with her," he said, laughing.

"But what?" queried the captain, ning face.

eyeing him with a sarcastic smile, very unlike the old, easy, complacent

that I am out of danger—that she has

the poor girl has been at death's door, old days, you had to run against Lord Mersey, but he has left the field-I

'Don't waste time about him; I got him out of the way. God knows there was no occasion for it!'

"Eh!" exclaimed Sir Edward. The captain pulled up short and

until the other day, when I brought Paris. Tell me about Edna-how your name up. Looks bad, don't you long it seems since I have seen her! upper lip with rather a doubtful

"You can soon judge for yourself,"

"But you think I don't understand dinner parties or anything of the

"To-morrow," said the captain, al-

"Anyone would think you were in Capt. Morton, flushed hot as he

"Don't speak of love, More; you don't know what it is." Then suddenly he turned and laid

his white hands upon Sir Edward's archly. shoulders, and shook him with rather

f love-do you? You're such a lucky bound, and just then Rosedene came devil, aren't you? Look at you! Here in sight you are, Sir Edward More, baronet, anyone else in your place their bro-

"You're a strange fellow, Morton!"

tite. "All the Channel, my dear Lady But he drank plentifully of the

not go to bed immediately, but, hav ing got rid of Sir Edward's valet, fell

less tread of a sleek panther. "Not myself," he muttered, stop ping suddenly, and confronting his pale face in the mirror: "not myself at himself half impatiently, half fiercely-"the old story of a man gomost to himself; "I wonder if she'll ing to sleep, and waking up to find feel like that! Yes, I am changed dian snake charmer plays with the reptiles that are deadly for all but him. I have played with my snake and the beautiful, dangerous creature has turned and bitten me! In plain

ease which could never touch me, less! Oh, Edna! Edna! you have done this-you whom I thought to and molded me-conquered me utterly! For now it is not of your fortune that I think-I swear that I have learned to forget it!-but of you. How I trembled when that pompous fool prated about your death! How trembled to think that I might have that must not be; you shall be mine! mine! Yes, if a thousand devils stood between us, I would win you,

that must win you-my Edna!" And with her name still upon his schemer fell into a broken sleep.

Clouds gathered before the morning, and snow commenced to fall; it snowed during a greater part of the day, so that the More carriage made the short journey from the park to you." Rosedene quite noiselessly, the snow lying four inches thick.

The captain had recovered something of his old buoyant air of selfconfidence during the day, and had iressed himself for the evening with the most scrumilous care. The rather haggard look which had been so noticeable the night before had disappeared, and, as Lady More thought, the captain looked handsomer than

"What a magnificent night!" she said. "Quite an old-fashioned winter we are going to have, that is certain. I hope I shall find Edna better to-night. I expressly begged Mrs. think Edna equal to the little ex-

"We are all old friends," murmured the captain, softly.

Lady More tapped him with he fan a gorgeous one of crimson sat-

The captain smiled, as in duty

ther would have married and had sudden thought: "It may be mine!"

"What's the matter?" asked Sir

"I beg your pardon," exclaimed the

Sir Edward pushed past them.

Morton? You are looking very well. lady's hand, and then sent a swift searching glance round the room. It was comfortably and not dazzingly

of the room, and with a sudden gleam ne could not speak, but his eves were

in soft, dove color at the other end

Edna was silent, too-and pale find an easy victim, a ductile piece of with downcast eyes. He felt that her hand was cold in his-save that she was moved-and he endured an agony of uncertainty in the next moment. Was she glad to see him?

emark he took the seat next Aunt opens over a vest that may be of conglancing at Edna again, although his eyes seemed drawn toward her by an almost irresistible attraction.

"You must tell us all about your of 44 inch material. travels, Capt. Morton," said Aunt Martha, looking at him amiably over Edna-my Edna! for I hold a card her spectacles. "Do you know, I said to Edna this morning that I quite looked forward to seeing you and hearing all the foreign news; you al ways made it so interesting."

"I am a terrible chatterbox, I am

afterward, and they paired and wen

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LEAGUE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, March 12. In opening the Conference of the League of Nations Union which began at Westminsteer to-day with British, French, American, Norwegian, Greek and other delegates in attendance, Lord Shaw, who was elected President, said that the covenant of the League of Nations as formed in Paris, unquestionably presented serious difficulties of substance, and in one or two cases of fundamental principle, Lord Shaw said he was a great deal concerned as to the position and powers of the general body of delegates under the covenant. No one would dream of suggesting, he proceeded, that the Great Powers and the small Powers should stand and the small Powers should stand borns in the greatest measure the borrors and burdens of the war, should not have practical deference paid to their position. But, he added, all those things would be adjusted. Premier Venizelos, of Greece, who is one of the delegates, said that in working for the League of Nations those who did so were also working for internal peace, as international and national peace depended upon one another. Unless national desires could be satisfied, international difficulties never would be solved. He deprecated any effort to make the work of the organizers of the League of Nations so complete at the outset as to run the risk of having no League at all. If they could not make it as complete as they would wish, they would do better, he contended, to accept what they could get and wait until later to get more. Leon Bourgeoise, President of the French Society for a League of Nations, said that the requirements for unanimity of decision on the part of the mem-

ers of the League might endanger

of the American League to enforce

peace, referring to the opposition in the United States to the League of

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