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*0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+ Her flitting from Casa Passarina was not a very pleasant one; for the mistress of the house was sufficiently displeased at losing two boarders in the middle of the season to be a little disagreeable; the ladies, who had constantly interrupted her, were unable to see how she could wish for greater tranquility, and Miss Cromo, who alternat-ed sharp questions and fond regrets, was disappointed at losing sight of one whom she was beginning to hate bitterly. She was one of those who wish to keep a strict watch over those they hate. She was irritated by that will which yielded momentarily, then reby the confidence that evaded alike her most insolent inquisition and her most honeyed flatteries; and the suspicion that Valeria understood and despised her made her furious.

She came to visit her after a day or two, and admired everything. "You will have a reception today," she "Certainly not. That would be absurd. But I shall be happy to see any

one who comes any day after three Miss Cromo had espied an enormous envelope, with two or three documents and pamphlets half Grawn out of it.

"Look and see! I am a shepherdess." It was Valeria's diploma as a member of the Arcadian Academy, with her new Greek name, that flowed like a brook, and several other documents, all ornamented with the olive wreath, the crossed shepherds' crooks, the drooping

lamb, and the pipes of Pan. The names of two distinguished Monsignori were inscribed as having proposed and seconded her election. "It was a surprise to me," Valeria said. "I had not asked it of anyone,

mor, indeed, thought of it.' Miss Cremo's face was flaming with anger. She was so angry that she forgot her rule never to own to having been slighted.

"They would not have done it for me." she said. "I am a member, by I added, turning to the Countess Steinwas proposed by my Italian teacher." "You are a member?" Valeria said, ignoring her companion's anger. "How pleased with it." glad I am! We can go there together." with scorn. "It is an anachronism. The swering the ladies' compliments and organization ought to have dissolved 60 years ago. Nothing can be more culous. I went once or twice at first and I never was more bored in my life We sat there two hours listening to a recitation of what they called original poems that hadn't an idea in them, mere rhymed words such as any dunce can string in the Italian lan-

guage. There was a bishop seated at each side of me. One had dirty hands and the other smelled of tobacco. It was both disgusting and ridiculous.

That day she left Valeria without kissing her, or calling her darling. The omission did not cause any grief. Monsignor Fenelon had understood and approved of Valeria's flitting; but Monsignor Nestore had been harder to

reconcile. A lady of any age without a companion was to him a very doubtful object, but a lady in a hotel without a companion was simply not to be

She let his first vehement protest effervesce without speaking. What would people say of her? A young lady alone in a hotel in the midst of a crowd of men! She should pay some respect to the customs of the people among whom He was astonished that she lived. Monsignor Fenelon should have consented. It was not to be thought of. It was highly improper. He proved of the project in toto. Why did she not have a companion, some old woman or some old man, to go about with her? Why did she not speak? Why did she not say comething? She did speak when he gave her the op-

portunity. "Dear Monsignore, it is so good of you to care," she began, but got no "Of course I care. I am devoted to I do not wish you to commit an

imprudence. "But listen a moment; in the first place, I am not a young lady; in the next place, the house is not in the least like a hotel, and I shall not see so many gentlemen, nor see them so freely as where I am. There is a great deal of flirting in Casa Passarina, and Miss Cromo has kindly offered me the use of her apartments to receive a friend any time I may want it, and promised that I should not be interrupted. I do not know why she did. I have no use for it. In the Hotel d'Orient I shall live as in a glass case. No one can approach my room without being seen But at the tame time I shall scarcely

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ever meet a soul in the house. Only the family will be about me. As to what people will say, they will say just what they wish to; if they are bad, they will be malicious; if good, they will find no fault. And, Monsignore, how in the

name of common sense am I to have a companion when I have scarcely money

enough for myself? Besides, I am not a Becky Sharp, to need a sheep-dog.
Don't be vexed! I really wish to be
prudent as far as I can without being
slavish. Consider, Monsignore, I must

live the life of a student, and I cannot do so in a boarding house, and I am de-termined to do so in Rome. There is an

spite of everything, and I intend to con-

quer every difficulty here; for there is

not one which I respect enough to be

worried about. I always conquer in

the end. Do not oppose me hastily. Monsignor Fenelon has seen the place.

project. Go today, if you can, please, and talk with the landlord. Tomorrow

"Women are stubborn creatures!"
Monsignor declared with half-resigned

discontent. "They will have their own way, though it should ruin them. I

have to make a visit to the Princess

N-. the sister of the Emperor of Austria today. She is in Rome, and

has sent to let me know. If I have time

afterward I will go and see this place.

I do not know anything about it And

Mexico, and I opposed it with all my strength. It was the work of the

Empress Augusta. She was determined

that he should go; and but for her he would not have gone. When the trou-

bles began there, I begged that they

would call him back. At last the empress got angry with me. They were

we are happy to see you when you say nothing to displease us. But if you

come here to urge the recall of Maxi-

milian from his empire, we do not wish

to see you any more.' I rose and bowed.

'Madame,' I said, 'when it comes to

that I have no more to say. I shall

never mention the subject to you

drove into Vienna again I met the

grief in my obstinacy I hope, Monsig-

nore, that you, at least, will not lose

He lifted his forehead austerely, not

place," said Lady Merton, one of the

visitors. "My carriage is at the door.

Can I take you there after I have seen Monsignore?"

Lady Merton and Valeria, remained.

The English lady, a pretty young wi-

dow, had same favors to ask-admit-

tance to the pre Vatican Museum and

gardens, and audiences of the Pope for

She lingered most unnecessarily, al-

ways chatting very much at her ease,

and jesting, to the prelate's evident dis-

"I cannot make you out," he said abruptly, standing before the sofa on

which the two were sitting. "I have

known you a good while, and it is like

trying to read a book of which I

The lady blushed a little. She was,

perhaps, aware that he might have

found her coquettish. "I hope you may

like the book when you have read the

"Now, this one," Monsignor resum-ed, turning to her, "I understand per-fectly. Her character is like a clear

brook, where I can see every peoble every singing peoble."

said, coloring with vexation.
"Not at all," he replied, with a st-

ting emphasis. "Some brooks are shal-

low, yet muddy, and you can see no-

Valeria is not shallow."

(To be Continued.)

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pleads in

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"He is calling you shallow," the lady

"I am sure he will," Valeria made

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friends

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whole," she said.

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itors, as usual.

I will come to ask your decision."

Lord and Lady Aberdeen Bid Good-Bye to Parliament.

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immense deal of good in Rome with all the evil, and I intend to stay here in ess Make Interesting Replies.

Ottawa, June 14.—Yesterday afternoon the Commons of Canada bid formal farewell to the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen. After the proroga-tion ceremony in the Upper Chamber, Come and see it yourself and you will change your mind. I promise you that the speaker of the senate, in French, of you still oppose, I will give up the and the speaker of the commons in English, read to his excellency the joint address passed by both houses. To this his excellency replied as fol-

lows: The source and character of this address combine to render it conspicuous and memorable in my estimation as an expression, a token to be prized with no ordinary sense of satisfaction and appreciation. The mere fact that this manifestation has emanated from the two houses of parliament would render it interesting and significant; but this here." he added, "is just a case in point. I was at the Austrian court when Maximilian was made Emperor of is not one of those occurrences or proceedings where the action itself is everything, and the manner and method of its performance of comparatively little account. A declaration of your well known loyalty to the Queen and of goodwill towards her representative is doubtless something welcomed with great satisfaction, but in addition to that aspect of the matter you have offered assurances of inoutside Vienna and I had gone to pay a visit to them. 'Monsignor Nestore.' she said, 'we like you as a friend, and discriminating kindness, which cannot fail to be gratefully received by those to whom these evidently sincere and cordial expressions are addressed. It may possibly be within your knowledge, gentlemen, that when entering the honorable position which I upon have been privileged to occupy for nearly five years. I stated, after taking the oath of office, that it was my clear duty and my aim to note the service of Canada the main principle and puragain. Of course, a woman must have her way.' And I took my leave. As I pose of my life while in this country. To be reminded of these utterances is to be reminded of much inadequacy French messengers going out to inform her of Maximilian's execution." and many omissions on my part; but "The moral of your story is terrible," Valeria said. "But if I should come to if in any degree I have been enabled to keep that aim in view, and to endeavor to act in accordance therewith, this has been due, humanly speaking, especially and emphatically, to the constant co-operation, the ever-ready and suggestive sympathy of one whose pleased that his warning should be devotion to the interests and welfare The next day she went to him again of Canada you have thoughtfully refeeling rather anxious. There were visferred to in terms no less generous and just. As to the manifold experi-"I have been to see the very pleasant ences of the past five years, you can rooms that you are going to occupy in the Hotel d'Orient," Monsignor anreadily believe that no one occupying a public position, and especially the nounced to her in the fearing of all, "and I am much pleased with them. position of the representative of the and respectable people, and will take you under their closest protection." Dominion without acquiring a large "You must go to see her there," he amount of information and experiencing a vast amount of kindliness and berg. "And you, Mrs. Gordon. It is a consideration. To leave our many unexceptionable place. I am "How finely he did that!" Valeria "I never go!" Miss Crome exclaimed thought, while thanking him, and an- friendships and acquaintanceships are mains. His excellency will once more questions. "He has set a shield up before me. No one can find any fault to this, let me remark that this ele-"I should like so much to see this

ment in our Canadian experience commenced before we came to this coun-

of public Canadian friends, and also as one of the three premiers, to each of which have had the privilege of announcing the best of honors at the hand of the Queen. The last of these was on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of her Majesty, where Canada was so memorable celebration by the present prime minister. I may be permitted

to congratulate him regarding these

auspicious circumstances, and also, with reference to this address, to thank him, not only officially as the mover thereof in the House of Commons, but life of this country. Those voices will personally as a friend, for the manner which he has always shown how truly he has been actuated at all times by the sentiments which are expressed. In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to exchange felicitations with you upon what you have referred to with just gratification as to the marks of progress and prosperity of Canada in various departments of the national life. In alluding to one important feature of these. I am tempted to quote the words of a distinguished predecessor, uttered by him in response also to a farewell address from the houses of parliament. In the course of his eloquent reply, Lord Dufferin said:
"I found you a loyal people; I leave you the truest hearty subjects in Majesty's dominions. I found you proud of your descent and anxious to

maintain your connection with the mother country. I leave you more convinced than ever of the solicitude of Great Britain to reciprocate your affections, and of her dependence on your fidelity in every emergency." And when I have the privilege, in accordance with the mission intrusted to me by this address, of presenting to our gracious Queen the assurance of your unswerving and patriotic devotion. I shall again, quoting the words of that former viceroy, "be able to assure her that not a leaf has fallen from her chaplet, and that the luster of no jewel in her transatlantic diadem

has been dimmed. At the conclusion of the governorgeneral's reply, the stately assemblage broke into warm applause.

THE PRESENTATION Adjournment was then made to the drawing room of the speaker of the senate, where a genuine surprise awaited Lady Aberdeen, in the form of a delicate dinner service of 204 pieces beautifully hand painted with scenes of Canadian life. This was the gift of some 100 of the senators and members, who had chosen Mr. Frank Frost, M.P. and Hon. G. W. Allan, of the senate, to make the formal presenta-

The address accompanying the

lovely farewell gift was read as follows by Senator Allan: "To Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen,-The members of the Sen ate and House of Commons, whose names are mentioned below, are desirous of presenting to your excellency on the eve of your departure, some me morial of their esteem and affection, ir recognition of the signal devotion of your excellency to the promotion of all good works in Canada, and your invariable kindness to the members of the Dominion Parliament. The interThe Safest Drink for Hot Weather.

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and happy days for you and yours." LADY ABERDEEN'S REPLY. Lady Aberdeen made the following graceful, eloquent and pleasing reply: "If I say that I am overwhelmed by this surprise which you have prepared for me, I am but faintly expressing the truth. I ish that I could tell you all that is in ny heart; but at least, please let me assure you that this mark of spontaneous warm friendship is, and ever will be, very precious to me and to my husband, and my children and our mothers, too. As to the splendid gift itself, you could not possibly have chosen anything which we would have valued more, for this collection of works of art, beautiful in themselves, could not but have a special value to me as being the handiwork of a number of those Canadian women workers with whom I have so many cherished associations of affective tion, sympathy and co-operation for common aims and common work. But apart from this, the scenes depicted will be a constant living memory of the surroundings intimately connected with those various Canadian homes which have become so dear to us. As we look at them and call on our guests to admire them at our high festivals, our thoughts will fondly travel again from east to west, through the great Dominion, lingering on remembrances brought afresh to our minds by scenes crown in this loyal and hospitable from city and country life alike. And country, could pass, that amount of again, we shall hear the sweet notes time amongst you in all parts of the Dominion without acquiring a large bird heralding the spring in the woods of Rideau Hall. We shall hear the whir of the wild geese crossing our lovely British Columbian lakes and friends and acquaintances adds to the mountains, and again our sportsmen Hood's Sarsaparilla will do until you regret with which we contemplate our will be pursuing the bonnie brown departure; but we also feel that those prairie chicken across their vast doan abiding possession not to be abol- find himself landing a salmon on the ished by absence. And while alluding Restigouche, and our children will be loading their boats with the spoil from the waters of the Pacific and the Atlantic. We shall long for the extry in our official capacity. We were hilaration of a toboggan slide on a here in earlier days, and it was dur- brilliant Canadian winter's day. We ing our first voyage hither, before set- shall listen for the splash of the padting foot on your shores, that some dle as the canoe glides up a stately lifelong friendships with several eminent Canadians were commenced. It we shall be speeding over the myriadwas thus that we first met that truly hued prairies, and anon we find ournoble man, Sir John Thompson, a man selves in deep woods, amidst the of rare and splendid gifts, and not haunts of the wild flowers, whose loveonly so, but one who was imbued with liness we see immortalized. But after the spirit to devote these gifts unre- all, was it kind of you to give me servedly for the good of his country, such vivid pictures of scenes which whose sound principles and high have grown so closely to our hearts, standards could not fail to have an and from which we must be severed? ennobling influence on all the phases I can scarcely answer that now. I will life with which he had to tell better when you come and see us deal. I allude to him as the first, as over there in the old country, to which, well as one of the most eminent of our I trust, we shall return stronger and better fitted for duties new and old because of what we have learned here. It has been a very rich chapter in our lives, and its very richness must cause us many heart pangs as we turn over the last page. I have spoken of the voices of forest and prairie, of river well represented on that historic and and lake and mountain, which will haunt us in our Scottish home, but there will be a deeper undertone of

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