CHAPTER VI.

A depressing and sullen calm fol

lowed the storm. Lady Nesbitt came

down the next day looking ill and

worn, and gave orders that she was

Richard, after hovering about her

penitnetial manner all the morning,

though she declared herself utterly

unable to see her friend or to com-

CHAPTER V.

(Continued.)

'Ah, here you are-come to triumph over me! Triumph, then triumph! I m not to appear in the tableau! My costume, designed by one of the first artists in France, approved of, admired by the Duchess de Marly, the mother of five children, the first select teacher of Paris fashion, an entree to whose house is a hall-mark of tone and respecta ility—the costume approved of by her is pronounced by my lord and master to be-to be- Ah. cannot repeat the vile nonsense he said-the insults he heaped upon me, his wife, before-before my child, my servants! I'll never forgive them! I'll never forget them! I tell you, Marie,' she went on, excitedly, sitting up in bed, and seizing my hand, 'he lost his head, be- the gallery and look in at te haved like a madman! When I tried to soothe him-to exp'ain that hear your verdict. Whom would the best people in Paris had con- you call before the curtain and en- of your youth. Look at me-without sented to put themselves unreseved- courage with your sympathy, chly in monsieur's hands; that, for the the husband or the victim?" sake of the noble charity, those poor wretches, deprived of home and ly. property, starving in ditches and under hedges, they had nobly consented to lay aside puny personal considerations and old-fashioned prejudices, and, in the royal interests of art and charity, had agreed to give their services generously, un-Graces, were to be attired almost your papa, wasn't he? A stoclwas to be copied exactly from a pic- am not-ha, ha !--one to vaunt the ture in the Louvre -it-it was all of empty pomp of hereditary rank, not no use. He actually raised his hand being born exactly in the purple Marie, and tore the drapery from my shoulders, trampled upon it, said every word I uttered, every had an attraction I never could reexcuse I made, was a fresh outrage sist-'do you know who -what my upon him! Oh, if you could have people are? Half the servants know seen his face it would have frighten- I dare say. Why shouldn't you? ed you! He who petends there They are all actors and actresses, is nothing in this world worth get- my dear. My father was an actor, ting angry or excited about. There my mother an actress; my sisters, were tears—tears of rage in his eyes my brother, my uncles and aunts— They looked so absurd—the whole mother made her debut as a columthing was so absurd, that, had I not bine, and worked her way up to me to bear her husband company been too frightened and indignant. Lady Teazle in a provincial con-I think I should have burst out laughing in his face. I would---'

I turned from her with an unconquerable movement of anger and aversion, as I pictured the fierce pain, the passion of revolt that must have stirred her husband's proud, sensitive heart to make him thus break through the shell of his natural reserve. Tears in his eyes, were there? Oh, I thought I could fathom the anguish of their reserve. Tears in his eyes, were there? Oh, I thought I could fathom the anguish of their source! And to her -this woman with a heart of ice and the soul of a mere frivolous pleasure seeker-they made no appeal, they touched no spring of memory; to her they were merely the grotesque outpouring of foolish unjustifiable anger. They could make her laugh-they could make her laugh - his tears!

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ordered me to make hra cup of tea for her head, she said, seemed emptied her cup, she asked, with a weary, callous laugh:

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Well, what have you to say to the evening's tragedy -- you poo. wretch, who are destined to sit in drama of youth and life? Let us

'The husband,' I answered, hot-

'The husband? Of course! Do you know, Miss Bernard'-with a look into my heart at this moment, taunting laugh- 'I have noticed of you could feel the wild, despairing late a sort of occult sympathy between you two-between my husband, that preux chevalier, with the spised, as you represent yours to be bluest blood of England in his veins I think you would not-oh, I think reservedly; that Madame de Ser- and you, the daughter of a bankviac's three daughters, as Canova's rupt grocer. He wasn't a grocer, exactly as I was; that Claire de broter? Well, it's all the same. Beaugre's representation of Di.na I men no offense, I assure you. I bowever eloquent, from Mother Jose

est little figure you ever saw.

terbury a stitch in his side at-

were you also?"

niring public.'

'I see-I see!' I muttered.

'And you also see,' she went or,

quickly, her voice rising-'oh, I

can read your thoughts, allez !- you

also see why our sudden appearance

thus unmanned him, made him for-

get his manners, his dignity,

brought before him with startling

vividness the irreparable mistake he

made in-in choosing me to be the

mother of his children. Ah, you

think because I laugh, because I

amuse myself, that I do not see-

feel anything; that I do not see he

would wish to have a son strong,

dark, wiry, like himself, not a puny

pink and white puppet, the image

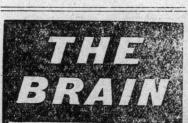
of his low-born mother! You think

I do not read all these things in his

to stop me! He almost struck me, my-elf. Marie'—laying her little sweetest things this world can give hot hand on mine with one of those wishing she had never been born! Presently her husband came in, and eager, childish impulses that to me after standing looking at her fora touch of scornful pity in his voice

Will you try to pardon me?" Before her answer came I slippe away; and, returning about an hou later, found her quite still and com when he was trying to stop me. all belong to the profession. My posed. She said she was very tire and falt inclined to sleep and ask the drawing-room—a request that could not refuse, though I had

> aunt, Vi Vavasour, the neatest fig-After walking up and down the ure for tights on the Surrey side of corridor half a dozen times to sumthe water, who unfortunately tum bled over the moon in a transformation scene and had to retire to pauper lunatic asylum forever after. She's there still I believe, the funnihad an uncle who was a clown; he would give the Archbishop of Can-'And you-you,' I interrupted-'No; I never appeared. The very month he met me I was to averted face and faltering tongue, the have made my debut, and I married him instead! I was only sixteen then. Now-now you understand everything, don't you? You see why - why' - with a little sob which she vainly tried to turn into a laugh - 'the rouge lies so smoothly on my baby's face and mine; why the naillots fit us so naturally, why we posture with such unconscious bare- simplicity, her innocence and startfaced grace, and feel no shame, no



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'You read nothing in his heart,' married life, and indeed he spent retorted, with a warmth that as- rest of the evening in trying to move the effect of the shock I had tonished myself, 'nothing but love, received, and subtly appealing to me loyalty, and undivided devotion to and to himself, I could see, as well yourself and your children.' -against the harsh and hasty judg ment he had allowed himself to be

betarayed into.

'She did not seem to hear me, but turned over on the bed and continued, in a restless whine:

'Why did he marry me-why did he marry me? Oh, I am the most wretched woman in the world! I cannot bear it; it-it is breaking my heart! I wish I had never been to be at home to no callers. Sir born! Oh, Marie, Marie-if you knew what I suffered, if you knew what I have to bear with!'

"What you have to suffer!" I eated, my voice so vibrating with the Bois with Louise, at his request passion that she stopped her feverish I remained indoors to keep the inwhimpering, and turned towards me valid company. wonderingly; "what you have to bear with! You! Oh, woman, are you not afraid to call down the just anger of a special message begging a few minyour Maker upon such a complaint as utes' audience, which existed my misthat? You, upon whom all the good things of this life have been showered o lavishly; you, who have youth, to be splitting; and, when she had beauty, health, the love and devotion of those nearest and dearest to you. osition, wealth-everything the heart a woman could desire--you--"Everything-everything!"

"Compare your lot with mine; look my homely face; think of my hopeiss future: look at me, four years ounger than you. I never have tasted, I never shall taste, the daily pleasures, the joys that make the sum parents, friends, husband, lover; with no prospect but a life of lonely, hardworking drudgery, of -"

"Hush, hush!" she broke in. wear ly: "you mean well, but it is of ne pain that tortures me night and day you would not wish to exchange you lot for mine-lonely, hopeless, de

you would not!" Vanity of vanities; all is but van ity. Ah, surely now I was rebuked for my senseless reninings against fate surely no sermon, however stirring phine's austere lips could bear mor ruit and meaning than the spectacle of this beautiful young woman, lying in despair among all the faires

moment, he said, gently, with almos "Jessie do not grieve so, my poo child. I was harsh and rough wit! you and the little one this evening

pany before her daughter's name rather she had asked me to walk appeared in Debrett. I had an across Paris barefooted.

> mon up courage, I at last followed the footman who was carrying in the tea, and busied myself at the tabl successfully for the first five minutes until my embarrassment somewha subsided, and Sir Richard then began to talk about a rather remarkable article in the Revue des deux Mondes No allustion whatsoever was made t the 'subject that was occupying . u. both until Bijou came running in, hal undressed, with a piteous appeal from Birdie that I would promise faithfull to mend one of her broken wings be fore I went to bed; and then with baronet made a blundering excuse for what he called his unpardonable display of bad temper, spoke gently and affectionately of his wife, of her youth, her childish vivacity and unconsciousness of evil, which, combined with certain influences of her early life, would be a satisfactory explanation of the view she took of the unfortunate matter. He then related numerous anecdotes of her charming ling ingenuousness during their early

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municate to her the dreadful intellitulated, soothingly, "would it not be better to get it over at once, Lady, Nesbitt? In order also to give them

time to replace-" "Replace, replace!" she interrupt ed, vehemently. "You think I can be replaced like that at the eleventh nour! You think you can find Venuses already posed at every corner of the street! Replaced, indeed! Besides I can't tell them can't let them even suspect, until the last moment: they would all be up here en massethe duchess, monsieur, Sophie, every one of them, asking reasons, explanations, interviewing Sir Richard. The truth would leak out, and the duchess would never forgive such an affront o her womanly judgment and sense of propriety. I tell you, I won't alow her to be insulted as I have been won't allow monsieur, after all the rouble, the interest he took in me o receive such a slap in the face. In the evening I shall take to my bed and send word, half an hour before the performance begins, that I am unable to leave my room-that's what I shall do! And now don't let me hear another word about the wretched business, if you want me to keep

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