

An Apology and an Invitation.

"I am going to the Court," he said, slowly, "and shall see the earl. I am sure that he will permit me to convey

"It's very kind of you. But I saw the earl this afternoon, and he was kind Berton, then he stopped. "I'm very

glad. Then-this evening?" Cyril nodded, and took up his folded

easel, preparatory to marching off.

Some feeling that he could not ex- the remaining four. plain caused Cyril to glance back after he had gone a few hundred yards, and Cyril. he did so in time to see the pink dress flit close up beside the black horse. It was there only a moment, for Cyril let it go, and it fell to with a sharp saw, or fancied he saw Guildford Ber- clang. Then, with a slight gesture, ton raise his hand with a warning ges- she beckoned Cyril to follow, and, about them.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

CYRIL worked at his sketch all the he had ever before experienced: for

pipe, and bethought himself of Mr. ildford Berton's invitation.

If Cyril had followed his own in nation he would have avoided any arther acquaintance with the gentlenan who could be offensive one hour nd conciliatory the next: but he had

ance, singularly out of place in the had knocked.

"Thanks, very much," said Cyril, wall, above the reach of infantile distinctly. Then suddenly, as he grew

"Yes, about nine o'clock, if that's not the concentrated look of a person who had apparently so completely forgottoo early," and Guildford Berton rode lacks one of the five senses, and is ten his visitor. But as he turned to ed to disappear, and, after locking the off slowly in the direction of the endeavoring to make up for its loss by go, with a sense of relief, something in door, he turned and confronted Cyril

the door wide enough for him to enter, and wound so that it hid the cottage. she stopped before a door and motioned to him to enter, instead of preceding him and announcing him in the usua

was remarkably quiet, and after wait receive him, Cyril knocked at a door which he thought might be that of a

No response came, and, after an other spell of waiting, he walked t ed with the zest which youth and a the front door, and looked about fo

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was as unfavorably impressed by it as the winding path, with its thick ed the bottles about in search of he had been by its owner. One ex- shrubs, effectually hid everything brandy, but could find none, and was pects a country cottage to be light and from view, and, not liking to shout still searching when he heard Guildcheerful; Mr. Guildford Berton's re- out, "Mr. Berton, where are you!" he ford Berton's voice exclaim: sembled a small lunatic asylum, and returned to the hall, and gently openhad a morose and forbidding appear- ed the door of the room at which he away!"

It was a sitting-room, as he had to the chair. He tried to open the door, but it was suspected, but so dimly lighted by a locked apparently, and he touched a small petroleum lamp that at first he said. "I think a little would pull you bell-handle, which hung high up in the could scarcely distinguish anything round." accustomed to the light, he was start-The bell clanged harshly, and quite led to see Guildford Berton's figure in keeping with the gloomy appear- lying back in an armchair. It was ance of the wall, and, after a few min- placed with its back to the window, ression that puzzled him; it was not better return as quietly as possible, shelf, poured some of the contents inexactly one of suspicion, but rather and refrain from waking his host, who to the medicine measure and drank it

"Is Mr. Berton at home?" asked Guildford Berton, if he were asleep, had fallen into slumber very suddenly chair, and his legs were stretched out assented Cyril, "I hope you are betwith a peculiarly helpless expression | ter?"

leading the way up a path which was sudden shock, for the thought flashed Cyril sank into a seat slov

Considerably alarmed, he looked

nbroken, and, hurriedly returning to ble, poured out some of its contents into the palms of his hands and bathed Guildford Berton's forehead.

After a few minutes, which seemed and heaved a long sigh; then a gleam here. Toothaches and that sort he said, staring at the visitor:

Cyril looked round, but saw no bo le on the table, or anywhere else.

"What bottle?" he asked, anxiousl "I don't see any. What has happen ed? Are you ill?"

Guildford Berton stared vaguely fo little while, then managed to rais

"I-I beg your pardon," he said ething, and a look of relief seeme The fact is I-well, I suppose I have

"A fit!" said Cyril, gravely. "Are

replied Guildford Berton, avoiding his

"But-but," said Cyril, more grave-

"I died?" filled in Guildford Berton, with a peculiar smile. "There was no

shiver ran through him. Cyril, taking

"What are you doing there? Come Cyril closed the cupboard, and came

"I was looking for some brandy," he

more than the ordinary acuteness of the attitude of the figure struck him, with the same expression of restraint and he noiselessly drew a little nearer. and reserve which had been so marked

"I'm afraid I've alarmed you," he

"Oh, yes, I am all right now," was

"It is very unfortunate that I should welcome; but I'm very glad to see

"Don't trouble to talk for a little quite right yet, and you'd better rest." don't last long, and leave me



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WASHINGTON Secretary of State Lan ized a formal statement the progress of the poiltica ould in no way affect the tion into the submarine a that there had been no ch. United States Governmen Meanwhile Count Bernstor ing the sinking of the Mari

#### A TALE OF BRUTA

LONDON, Nov. 1. The British steamer was sunk last week by attempted to escape from ing undersea boat, but the tinued to shell the ship aft ped, according to affidavits erican Consul at Liverpoo 26th at 8.45 a.m. the steam miles from Fastnett when to hurst about her. A m the lookout saw the subm put hard aport bringing th craft directly astern. Ear chase two shells struck the pursuit lasted until 9.30 or six shells in the meant the steamer. The captain anmore stopped his engine ed signals that he intende the ship, but the submari to shell as the boats were ered and when they were the occupants were drench from the falling shells. ine then headed for t while one of its officers s out of our way, or we down." but swerved Wi boats, pushed them and back, the commander ca am sorry for you, but you foolish, you will probabl

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