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Lady Rose began to pour out tea, the gems on her fingers twinkling like stars in the fire and lamp light.

Burbara inclined her pretty head, without raising her eyes-not in discourtesy, but in indifference. Mr. Bryant bowed low, with much grace; but s he came forward nearer the hearth blus eyes which showed that he resented the carelessness of her manner. He was a singularly handsome man

In the prime of life; his features were perfectly regular, his eyes blue, his hair was golden, and besides his beauty, which was great, he had a personal distinction which was even more remarkable than his good looks. As he came up to the circle round the

fire he was looking rather intently at Barbara, as she stood in her sealskin and sables, sipping her tea. She herself was heedless of his scrutiny, but

"I fear you found it cold traveling," Mr. Bryant remarked, in a quiet, deferential tone. "The weather is rather severe for the season."

Something in his voice or tone made Barbara look at him. As she did so she saw in a second that the man be- to play Lillian Vavasour." fore her was he whom she had encountered when she left Mark Robson's lodgings three weeks before, and whom play, I am utterly unfit for the part," eyes came a look of almost wondering she had not recognized on the stage. As she said carelessly. "Have you chosen admiration, which was succeeded the she met his gaze, fixed upon her not it for me, Mr. Bryant? You are stage next moment by a look of doubt, puzrudely, but with a significance visible manager, are you not?" only to herself, the color died out of her face and she grew pale to the lips. bowing; "but I have been guided by worn white frequently since Lord her ladyship as to the assignment of Keith had told her that it became her chanically, her voice so changed in its the parts, not knowing the powers of delicate dark loveliness — a long her tea-cups in surprise and anxiety.

"Barbara, are you ill?" she asked, look lovely," said Lady Rose, decided- white velvet upon it; she were her ated by the Minister of Public Works, dyspeptic. quickly. "Is the room too warm for ly. that the sudden terror which had seized the part." her would inevitably betray itself, the

"Too warm? Oh, no; delightful; and great effect for some months." the room itself is enchanting," she reswered in her usual voice, but her heart ber. The hero of the Stourton fire," that Lady Rose had given her, then Moreover, while Deputy M. Basly echoed was beating violently, and the lan- said Lady Rose. "You know him, Mr. moved slowly away, while the maid these sentiments before the Chamber of

Rose announced in her lightest tones. ing." "Have we not, Mr. Bryant? I will reserve the recital of all our doings for you," Lady Rose remarked. "He would Mr. Bryant stood, he advanced and another opportunity, Barbara, because have been very useful at this crisis. Is met her as she came. Se was already and raised the wages nearly one-fifth. I am sure you are tired. Everything is he a man of family, as well as of tal- so pale that no increase of pallor settled now, and I feel as if my shoul- ent and courage?"

troubles yet," Mr. Bryant said, with a believe him to be a man of good famhalf-done, we may safely say that we duct they could not approve." have got half-through our task."

Barbara asked, looking over at her hostess as she sipped her tea, trying we have none of us very white fleeces, desperately to ignore the close earnest but he is one of the blackest sheep, gaze of Mr. Bryant's blue eyes, which Bryant rejoined carelessly, then added:

Bentleys are here, and Col. Lacy and means of moral, superiority. Robson Keith is not coming for a week, as, of undeserving of the honor you mention." down to political duties. I don't think indignation, Barbara met his fixed upthe combined forces of the Lords and on her. She grew very pale and her Commons would have kept him away lips quivered slightly, as she raised her if he had not wanted an excuse for not

at the combined houses keeping him silent when he was falsely traduced half-closing eyes staring at the fire, whom he condemned so vast a debt! Barbara sipped her tea while the con- Words of indignant and passionate deversation, in which Mr. Bryant's musnial rose to her lips, but died there; she scal voice took no small part, went on dared not utter them. What interest round the hearth. She looked very lan-could he have for her in their eyes? guid, very lovely, very indifferent. She had loosed her furs from her throat, and almost triumph in Walter Bryant's setting, and her face was still framed in the velvet and brown ostrich-

Mothers and Babies.

Wise mothers of the present day have lost faith in the old systems and "Graver illusions have sometimes to rules for nourishing infants. Medical be dispelled," Bryant said quietly. can, I think, be no theory in regard to her at the earliest opportunity." the diet of infants, except one founded There was the slightest possible emupon a study of the composition of phasis on the latter part of the sen-

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ed she was, what a sudden and over-Bryant recognized her? she wondered. Did he know her story? What was the meaning of that persistent and significant gaze which she tried vainly to

"But I think you have not not been present, she would have had from end to end. mct. Mr. Bryant-Miss Hatton, Mr. less fear; but she had an uneasy conand the suspicion her own dread en- lesser passages on to which opened herself was suspicious of her. A great guests, while on the side facing the regret that she had not told Lord Keith windows were several other doors leadthere was a sudden angry flush in his of her visit to Mark and endeavored ing into some of the state apartments; to interest him in the man who had and the oak paneling between these been so generous to her, seized her. If doors was covered with ancient tapesit to him, he would be angry at the tle mistress of the Hall, with all her deception. The girl felt sick and faint hatred of the antique, was very proud, at heart as she lay back in her chair, and which were in perfect preservasipping the fragrant tea and listening tion. to the pleasant murmur of voices—lis- At dusk "my lady's corredor" was il-

you are going to act, after all," she suites of rooms which faced the stain-Mr. Sinclair saw it, and his eyebrows said, languidly; and hardly had she ut-ed windows. As Lord Elsdale's niece met in a sudden angry frown which tered the words when she saw in their and the future Lady Keith, she had astonished glances that she had be- been allotted apartments reserved for trayed her absence of mind.

thoughts been?" Lady Rose exclaimed, but significant, was noticed by Walter laughingly. "We have been talking of Bryant, as he stood in the recess of nothing else. We are going to play one of the stained windows, and a 'New Men and Old Acres,' and you are smile broke over his face. He watched Barbara laughed slightly.

whom I had fixed upon for Brown, knot of deep-red roses was the only into the mine. "For a moment it seemed to Barbara Maurice Stoddard has volunteered for spot of color about her. She was very

mirably by indifferent actors; even thought her lips had lost their vivid Robson, whom you honored by your inhue and her eyes were somewhat dim. terest, Miss Hatton, played it with

engagement for that which I have at en light from the old brass lamps fell sary to protect the engineers and direc-We have been terribly busy." Lady present the honor and pleasure of fill-

answered constrainedly. "We are ered slightly. She stopped at once, influence of socialist politicians. You have hardly got rid of all your only the merest acquaintances, but I looking at him steadily. "But, if well begun is really ily ostracized by his people for con-questioned carelessly.

"Ah, but Robson is not! I am afraid were tranquilly continuing the study of "Many men are courageous, Lady Rose, "I don't think so. The Morrises and tue; it is a question of physical, by no Lord Alnut, and some others. Lord is a worthless fellow in every way, and Raising her eyes in mute protest and

muff and rested her cheek against it "In the circumstances one wonders and base to think that she stood there Leaning back in her low chair, with man's assertions—she, who owed him

eyes as they met hers for a moment; she averted her own gaze immediately. "Les absens ont toujours tort," she quoted, negligently, and she stroked softly the rich dark furs which so enhanced the delicacy of her beauty. "It was rather a pity, was it not, to destroy our illusions?"

science, and a careful study of the "Might I venture to entreat Miss Hatprinciples of dietetics has done much ton to spare me a few minutes of her to sweep away false ideas and notions leisure?" he added, addressing Barbara as to how the baby should be fed. An in a deferential tone. "I should be glad eminent medical writer says: "There to be permitted to discuss her role with

human milk, and an attempt to imi- tence, which only Barbara noticed; the furs hid the quivering of her mouth as she paused a moment before replying. "Is it important?" she asked, in her

"Our time is very limited, Miss Hatful food as a nourisher and builder. ter, if you prefer it, it would prob-The voice was low and deferential,

ful; but Barbara gave them a meaning up and fortifying the weak sys- ing they possessed only for herself and for him. She raised her eyes and looked at him fully and defiantly. "Is it imperative that I should speak to you tonight?" she questioned, in her

"It is desirable," he answered, smil-

very long one, I suppose?" "How can I thank you for so much grace?" he murmured, as he bowed low and drew back slightly, too clever an actor to let his triumph be visible save in the one swift flash of his blue eyes. "Here is a copy of the play," said Lady Rose, handing it to Barbara. "Take it with you to your rooms, Barbara, and amuse yourself with it while you are resting. You have three good hours in which to recover from your fatigue and to dress, and you will be doing me a favor, mignonne, if you

spare ten minutes of them to Mr. Bryant this evening." CHAPTER XV. One of the principal features of Lady Rose's charming, old-fashioned mansion was a long gallery, which ran

plumes of the hat that she wore. No connected the projecting wings at one could have told how deeply agitatelither end. It was lighted by five large whelming terror possessed her. Had the glare of even the hottest of July stained glass windows, which tempered suns; between the windows were tall, carved cabinets with old china on the shelves, and in the windowed recesses ignore? Every time he spoke she feared weather were favorite resorts of the were cushioned seats, which in hot he would betray her, or that he would inmates of the Hall; and the shining "Barbara, you have heard and seen say something which would make her dark oaken floor was covered with a Mr. Bryant," she said in her careless betray herself. Had Blanche Herrick rich-hued Turkey carpet stretching

sciousness that Blanche was watching went by the name of "my lady's corri-At either end of this gallery, which her with anything but friendly eyes, dor," were ante-chambers leading into gendered made her think that Blanche suites of apartments reserved for any word of Mr. Bryant's now betrayed tries of which even the vivacious lit-

tening, but not hearing or heeding the luminated by quaint antique brass words they uttered, as her own be- lamps swinging from the ceiling, and trayed, when presently she rose, draw- these were all burning and shed a pleasant mellow glow, when Barbara "You have not told me what play Hatton came out of one of the stately guests to whom Darley wished to pay "My dear Barbara, where have your exceeding homage, and this fact, slight her as she stood for a moment on the threshold of her room, daintily pulling "If I remember anything of the on her gloves, and into his cold blue

zled and questioning. "I have that honor," he answered, She was dressed in white - she had straight gown made of some dull white "You will play it charmingly and woolen stuff with raised flowers of escaped so miraculously were decor-"And in default of Lord Keith, great pearls round her throat, and a who went to see them and descended pale and there were dark shadows in lips were firm and set.

"Robson! Who is he? Oh, I remem- from her maid the little yellow book avidity. chair which Mr. Sinclair had hastily "I know him. We were members of behind her. Barbara came onward gation violent disturbances took place in pushed toward her was not altogether the same company until I gave up my across the gallery; the mellow gold- the Pas de Calais district. It was necesgown, the soft gleam of her pearls. As eral strike in the north, and the Pas de "I wish you had brought him with she drew near the window by which could be remarked, but the keen eyes ders had been relieved of an insup. "I know but little of him," the actor resting on her saw that her lips quiv-

"I ventured to do so. I hoped — and "So brave a man ought to be a man my hopes have been realized—that you manufactured lock work articles, had dis-

the ten minutes of which Lady Rose spoke." He spoke with extreme defrence; but something in his voice made Barbara's eyes flash under the dark lashes.

"I am at your service," she said, in the same languid indifferent manner. "There is yet half an hour before dinner-time, so that you can give me your yourself a second recital of them." "I hardly think one interview will

suffice," he returned, smiling. "I fear it must," Barbara said haughtily, and passing him, she sunk facts. This is a deplorable preface to the down upon the purple velvet cushions elections, and one can understand why of the window-seat, and looked at him [To be Continued.]

OLIVE OIL FOR BEAUTY

Use It If You Wish Clear Complexion, Says King's Physician.

London, April 9.—"What shall I take for my complexion?" a reigning beauty in British aristocratic society asked or Sir Thomas Barlow, physician to or Sir Thomas Barlow, physician to only reassuring note comes from abroad. King Edward's household, the current The Algedras affair is finished to general number of a medical paper reports. "Take olive oil," Sir Thomas antwered. "Live on it; live in it; live with it; eat it; drink it; dress your food with it, and don't do without itlubricate your system. As the result of following this advice

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manifested interest in their case. Four days later was found one more miner who had groped about the galleries and kept himself alive with provisions left by his dead comrades. Great manifestations of sympathy were organized. Two of the men who

miners, already "It is a pleasant role," Mr. Bryant der her eyes, but the watcher's keen of socialist papers, and instead of endnext she had conquered her tremor, remarked. "I have seen it played ad- eyes saw that she held her head aven ing the strike, which hindered the work more proudly than usual, and that her of rescue, they turned bitterly against the engineers and companies and ac-When she had finished putting on her cused them of having caused the gloves, she turned slightly and took catastrophe by their negligence and

Calais companies have ceded on all points It is to be hoped this concession will terminate the differences, but this is not

So much for the region of the north. In "You were waiting for me?" she the east on Wednesday the home of a rich factory owner was pillaged and burn-"Is there anyone here I don't know?" of noble life," remarked Mr. Sinclair. would generously spare me more than charged a workman who organized a ed by workmen. This proprietor, who union among his associates. The men demanded his reinstatement, but this was refused. Hence the conflict and criminal

> In the south the people have been no less troublesome. Cafe waiters at Toulon have begun a strike which has assumed alarming proportions. One of them who directions fully, and so spare me and refused to strike killed a man while defending himself against strikers.

All in all, Clemenceau is not enjoying a tranquil ministry. His resolution not to make use of the army is annulled by Ribot hurried to Pas de Calais, fer which he is deputy, to preach unity among Republicans. But it is not the same unity advocated by Combes, who wanted the Republican party to rely on the left wing, whereas Ribot wants it to rely on the

All these unions succeed only in division and in rendering more apparent the ac-curacy of pessimistic prothesies made by men who expect the Socialists and reacionaries to be strengthened by the balloting on May 6. In the meantime the Senate has arranged, as best it can, the budget, which was tardily referred to it by the chmber. The satisfaction. France emerges therefrom with her essential interests safe, as well

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