The Earl's Mistake

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"By the way," said her ladyship, "I am forgetting the principal purpose of my visit, Of course, you have heard of our ball on the sixteenth?"

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"No," Really? Ah. I forget, you have only just arrived! Well, we have a ball on the sixteenth. Quite a regimental affair. But I hope you will come. We will send Lord Neville a ticket, will we not, Euphemia?"

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"You must come, you know," said her ladyship.

"Thank you," said Lord Cecil. "The ticket, I think your ladyship said? I am afraid I must decline if that is all you have to spare. I should want four."

"Four?" with a blank smile.

"Yes," said Lord Cecil, blandly. "There are the Misses Harrington, and my friend, Mr. Fairfold."

Lady Bellairs' face was a picture.

"Ah, yes, of course, certainly," she said, icily. "Well, we must see. At any rate, you will come, Lord Neville."

"I am in the hands of my friends," he said, suppressing a smile.

Philippa's face was a study in its effort to suppress its triumph at the stare of confusion and discomfiture with which her ladyship favored his lordship. She murmured something about "time," and her regret that she must go; and then, with an inclination of the top feather in her bonnet in the direction of the group, turned and made for the gazden, gate.

Lord Cecil accompanied her, opened the gate, raised his hat, and then joined the silent, dumb-stricken young people as cool as a cucumber.

Philippa was the first to recover the power of speech.

"Don't you think it was a pity to offend poor Lady Bellairs, Lord Cecil," shall be glad to come. Just time, did you say! Then I must hurry. Good. morning, Fairfold."

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Shall I come, Miss Carrie!" he asks, with a fervent glance at the beautiful, downcast face.

"If you like," says Carrie.

"Well, my dear," says Philippa, cheerfully, as she enters the room where Carrie is slowly and meditatively doning her best dress, "What do you mean? Why do you come and ask conundrums at think to be haved quite nobly, quite like one of the he

Her ladyship turned a frozen glance "—Of course we are very much obliged to you for championing us, but, after all, we could have endured her rudeness. I'm awfully sorry! I think you were a little too hard upon her. After all, there is a vast difference between the two Miss Harringtons and Lady Bellairs." And Philippa laughed with a good-natural cardessness. "She will never forgive you for introducing us."

elessness. "She will never forgive you introducing us." I thought that, I should feel very h relieved," said Cecil. "Who and t are the Bellairs? I never heard of a before."

them before."

"Lord Bellairs is a law lord," said
Philippa—"a very nice old man. He married Lady Bellairs for her money, as they
say. She was the daughter of a wholesale butcher; papa remembers her very
well as Miss Nix."

Not a word had Carrie spoken; she stood with her bat in her hand, her eyes

ast on the ground.

And this man, who had with such true side and avenged them, was he whom she had treated with the most studied rade-

ness and contempt,
"She need not have made such a fuss

"So glad! And how long have you been here? And are you going to make a long stay? Ho wdo you like this part of the country? You must come and stay with us at the Court." "The Court? was Lord Bellairs' place. "Come, we shall not take any refusal, Lord Neville, shall we, Euphemia?"

Miss Bellairs murmured something and smiled vaguely, still with a stony stare at Carrie.

"Thank you," said Lord Cecil. "I am alraid I shall not be able to accept your invitation. At present I am the guest of my friend, Mr. Harrington. Do you know Miss Harrington, Lady Bellairs," Her ladyship stared and opened her mouth, then regarded him with a vapid smile.

"No? Permit me to introduce her. Miss Carrie Harrington, Lady Bellairs," and he waved his hand.

Carrie's weather-beaten hat inclined about an inch toward the grand lady: Lady Bellairs's and the feather in her bonnet shook slightly toward Carrie's upright figure.

"Miss Harrington," said Lord Cecil, with a calm smile, indicating Philipps, who stood at a safe distance, "and Mr. Fairfold."

Her ladyship turned a frozen glance upon those insignificant individuals for a moment, and then politely ignored them.

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a moment, and then politely ignored them.

"You really must come to the Court. Lord Neville! We did not know that you were in the neighborhood until this morning—did we. Euphemia?"

Miss Bellairs again made the inarticulate sound, without taking her eyes from Carrie's face.

You are looking very well, Lord Neville—the picture of health. It's the air, no doubt. The air of the Court is the purest in the county. I do hope you will come and stay with us."

"Thanks," said Lord Neville. "I am afraid I must decline for the present. Do you play tennis, Miss Bellairs". Miss Euphemia smiled inanely. "Sometimes," she replied."

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"Perhaps you would like to take my lat; we have only just commenced—a fresh game."

Miss Euphemia looked as scared as if he had proposed that she should walk a tight-rope. Play tennis with a farmer's daughter! He must be mad!"

Lady Bellairs hastened to her daughter's rescue.

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Philippa smiles incredulously, and misses a hall.

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society novel."

"Do you? Then what does it matter what I think?" says Carrie shortly.

"I merely asked from curiosity, my sister," says Philippa, placidly. "You have abused him so consistently since his arrival that I thought you would like to have an opportunity of recarting and singing his praises."

"You do that quite sufficiently," says Carrie.

"Then ye rig!" says Philippa.
"I think you are an extremely troublesome person," says Carrie, defiantly.

'As to Lord Cecil——"

She pauses.

"Well, as to Lord Cecil?" says Phil-

ippa, persistently.

"He behaved just as a gentleman should have behaved, no more. Lady

Bellairs is-"
"Pray, don't hesitate on my account,

my dear."

"Lady Bellairs is a snob," says Carrie, emphatically. "And Lord Cecil would have been as great a snob if he hadn't snubbed her."

ness and contempt.

"She need not have made such a fuss about the ball tickets," said Willie Fair fold, with a laugh," need she, Carrie."

And he nodded significantly.
Carrie looked up with wide-open, absent eyes.

"I don't think Lord Cecil deserves to get one now." said Philippa; "but I am afraid he will."

"Oh, Lady Bellairs needn't trouble to send Lord Cecil one," said Willie, flushing, "I can give him one. I've got four."

Carrie glanced at Lord Cecil. Would he accept it? Would he go? she wondered.

"Thanks," he said. "If I go I shall be glad to take one from you, Fairfold; I certainly shouldn't from Lady Bellairs."

"That's very sad for her ladyship," said Philippa, with a laugh. "She insists to the purpose than sitting there singing Lord Cecil's praises," says large and help me with this collar, it would be more to the purpose than sitting there singing Lord Cecil's praises," says large per single Lord Cecil's praises," says large per single Lord Cecil's praises, says large per single per single per single per si dn't snubbed her.
"Ah! and what a snub it was!" says

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surveying herself critically, and fasten-ing a bracelet on her white arm.
"What about him!" echoes Philippa, mimicking the indifferent tone of the clear, crisp voice. "As if you needed to ask. This about him: what do you in-

tend to do?"
"I intend to have my dinner directly, and then go to bed," says Carrie, with exasperating coolness.
"Yes, do you mean to go on playing football with that worthy young man's heart?" says Philippa, with an effort at

(To be Continued.) FLY ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Zeppelin Said to Purpose Doing It in July Over Columbus' Course.

Berlin, March 11.—According to a telegram from Zurich, Joseph Brucker, an Austro-American journalist, has arranged with Count Zeppelin for an airship flight across the Atlantic.

The story is that the start is to be made from Cadiz on July 25, with the West Indies as the destination of the trip.

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The president, F. A. Brewster, was in

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Importers of American meat have entered complaints of the treatment received at the hands of some of the inspectors at English ports. It has been suggested that the American Department of Agriculture, in addition to inspecting meat before it is shipped, should have officials here to examine it upon landing in case there should have a mercal exterior that the second of the common control President of the Local Government

t upon landing in case there should have been any deterioration on the way over.

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THE SCOTS.

Officers of the Clan Elected at Meeting Last Night.

The Scottish Clans held their monthly eeting at the Foresters' Hall last even ing. There was a large attendance, and several new members were initiated. Officers for the ensuing six months were elected. A programme of music was thoroughly enjoyed. It included: Song, Miss Bathkaut; recitation, Mr. Rosie. The accompaniments were ably played by Miss Venator. Dancing was included in till 12 o'clock, when the meeting was brought to a successful close, everybody having spent a very enjoyable evening. The next meeting will be held at the same place on April 14. The officers elected were: Chief, Mr. Scott; Vice-Chief, Mr. Sicssor; Recording Secretary, Mr. F. Wilamson, jun.; Financial Secretary, Mr. Fentie; Treasurer, Mr. F. Williamson, sen.; Marshal, Mr. Milne; Deputy Marshal, Mr. Michle; Sentinel, inside, Mr. Gordon; Sentinel, outside, Mr. McDonald; Trustees, Messrs. Bennie, England, Pyper; Auditors, Messrs. Flett and Lyl. ing. There was a large attendance, and

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