At this juncture a sound at the door

interrupted him in his tirade against

himself, and there stood Miss Philips

cely at his moustache, "but I

notice whatever of his remark.

whatever upon your time."

now. I see that you consider I have

taken a liberty in asking such a thing.

"Which is the book you wish me

'There isn't one!" he said, stretch-

ing forward, closing the book lying on

sorry that my mother troubled you

She turned without a word and went

"Miss Philips," he said, "I am only

for you at all and you resent it still

is there upon to me, then?"
"I think it would be as well if

do," she said coldly,

She raised her eyes.

oom a minute ago?"

'falling in love!"

everything else worth having and do-

It was only natural that Lord Lyn-

at many of the houses round, those who knew him enlightening those

ing and being."
CHAPTER IX.

"You had simply felt?"

"I suppose so."
"And you felt indignant?"

He moved from the door and turn-

ertinence!"

me," she said

carried out what I came expressly to

"Not if the asking it were an im-

"It was Lady Lynmouth who sent

"But my mother has not unlimited

"She had the right to ask me to do

towards the door, but he was quicker

than she was, and intercepted her be-

You are quite right. I have no claim

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For the first three days while on his account? Earlier in the after-really ill, he was very good, making noon as he had stood idly in the win-no complaints, and grateful for every-dow he had seen her making her way thing that was done for him, but on the fourth, being well enough to dress and go to his sitting room, he was undeniably cross. Nothing was right, nothing pleased him. His man, the excellent Divor had borne with the excellent Dixon, had borne with two hours later had seen her again him all day with a saint-like pati- under a dripping umbrella, coming ence, had read the newspapers to back to the house. She was wet and him from end to end, had brought tired and probably hoarse into the him hot drinks and cold drinks, periodicals and books of travels, and dreamed of-French novels without number-all to no purpose. And now that the shutters were closed and the blinds drawn and evening had settled in, the poor man wheeled forward the sofa into the glow of the firelight the general air about her of a captive with a feeling that, as there were no princess confronting her captor.

further recourses with which to befurther resources with which to beguile the tedium of his master, the read to you?" she said in a carefully only thing to be done was to submit controlled voice, but with an entirely to being ralled at too, in company with the weather, the climate, the insufferable dullness of country places, and everything else within sight. and

Contrary to his expectations, how-ever, his master said to him sudden-

"You had better go out for a walk, you will get soaked to the skin, but steps into the room and taking no will be better for you than staying doors all day. "Not if you want me, my lord," said

the table, and placing it on the mantel piece beside him. "I am only very "Oh, but I don't want you! And you know," he added, with a touch about it at all." of the whimsicial humor he sometimes allowed himself with his faithful servant, "it would never do if you became nervous and irritable too. fore she reached it. Placing his back For goodness sake take care of your nervous system, Dixon, for when against it, he faced her. once it is upset you will be a prey to making matters worse, I see, but what am I to do? You resent my sending every sort of mental misery the hu-

man tongue can name." 'Very well, my lord," replied Dixon deferentially, leaving the room noiselessly to take the stormy con- to accept your kindness. What course stitutional that his master consider-

He had not been gone two minutes when Lady Lynmouth entered the

"I am glad to find that you are feeling better this evening," she began, "I did not say I was better," was the short rejoinder.. "But I met Dixon and he told me

he was going for a walk, so I im- She had no right-" "I sent him out in self-defence. with the proud submission of the capwas tired of seeing him about. Besides the poor fellow has had his nose

to the grindstone all day." Lady Lynmouth hesitated, uncertain whether to come in or to go and to do whatever is required of me. away. His manner was not encour- My position was made perfectly clear aging, and he was distinctly cross, but to me in my first interview with Lady a child, some one told me. she felt it would not be her duty to Lynmouth leave him in this forlorn condition

without first making some effort to "Let me put those rugs straightthey are dragging on the floor," she it said, observing the confusion about him on the sofa with an eye that loved

'No. don't touch them! I hate peo irritably, as she advanced to put her for a moment in silence. Various emo- often go off like that after typhoid. ple fussing round me!" he exclaimed words into execution. Then with an tions were passing swiftly over his Does he look at all like a person who effort at amiability he added, "You face; hers was cold and self-controllhad better leave me alone. I am like ed.

"I rarely see him. When I do ne alone ill tempered dog to day—I snap "Don't you think we are making a strikes me as looking and behaving a strikes me as looking and behaving a strikes me as looking and behaving and behaving a strike me as looking a strike me as looking and behaving a strike me as looking a strike me as looking a strike me as look and snarl at everybody who comes great deal out of very little, Lord like some one who has had a bad illan ill-tempered dog to-day-I snap Lynmouth?" she said at the end of near me.

She still hesitated.
"Perhaps you would like Isabel to gained by arguing the matter. Which come and sit with you for a little while?" she ventured.

"No, indeed! My dear mother, who in the world with a bad headache ed to pace the room. would want the society of Mrs. Vava-

does her good.

the table, and he now stretched out a hand for the book. and towards it.

"I should not think of allowing you it's nages with a request to know outsider who did not live at the hand towards it

print; and, as for Dixon, excellent fellow that he is, his accent is an infliction to an educated ear."

"Perhaps Miss Philips could come."

where to begin. He showed her two without information as she begin without information as she begin without information as she pretending ignoration to be, or was she pretending ignoration to be an educated ear."

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The place and she started at once the place and she started at o "Perhaps Miss Philips could come. She ought to be home by now. I will she read without interruption until

There was a moment's silence. He the book, looked at it with a smile had turned his face away, and she and threw it down again, unaware of

could not tell whether he approved of what he was doing. the suggestion or not. He only said at the end of that pause-"I have no claim upon her time."

"Nonsense!" replied his mother. "She is here in my house to make herself generally useful, and she is paid for what she does!"-And she left the room to give the

message without further delay. Lord Lynmouth rose and walked over to the hearth, then back to the room restlessly. Would she come? he it almost impossible to appreach her. would not volunteer information of not like him evidently; she had shown him that plainly the day when he had stared at her. Besides, what right had be the cynicism that was been directly and reserved or fond of danche to her services? What claim had he upon her time? She was his mother's companion, not his. It was distinctly an impertinence on his part to demand anything of her at all-just as though she were a slave in the

He stood on the hearth pulling at his moustache and working himself up into a state of impatient irritation, in which he wished devoutly that he had not allowed his mother to send for her. Why, she must be sick of reading aloud. She was at it all day. She spent the greater part of her existence that way. How could he dream of putting her through more

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who had not yet the pleasure of h acquaintance as to his looks, manners and idiosyncrasis.

in the doorway, with her hand on the He was eagerly looked for in church the first Sunday after his return, and great was the disappointment in varhandle, her head held very high, and ious female breasts when only ladyship's sombre hat and Mrs. Vavasour's gay one appeared above the high panels of the pew belonging to uncontrolled flash in her eyes.
"I did wish it," he said abruptly, the Chase. looking at her and still dragging fier-

Hester Philips, who played the or gan, was waylaid after service by those of the congregation who did not belong to a sufficiently exalted rank of society to tackle Lady Lynmouth herself, and questioned as to the reason of his lordship's non-appearance Dixon. It's abominable weather, and to read?" she said, advancing a few was it true that he was still steps into the room and taking no ill? Had he really come? Had he brought a monkey with him, as some people said, or was it only a dog? Did he mean to attend church when he was better! And so on, to all of which questions she replied as best she could.

She had just managed to escape the last of the questions and was about to enter the wall door leading into Lynmouth Park when she was joined by Lily Coxe, who shook hands with her gushingly.

"Our ways lie in the same direction, so we may as well go together," she said. "It is so much pleasanter to

have a companion, isn't it?" more when I tell you I am not going As they crossed the park to their respective destinations every Sunday for the last three years without Miss Coxe having once discovered that a companion was particularly desirable, Hester perfectly understood the reason for her condescension in the present instance, and determined that she would satisfy her curiosity as little as posible.

"Lord Lynmouth was not in church claim upon your time and attention. this morning," began Lily in a contidential tone, opening a violet silk parasol fluttering with frills, as they emerged into the full sunshine of the open park. "I suppose he is not well anything she pleases," replied Hester, enough yet to attend service?" "I suppose not," returned Hester

tive princess still more apparent in her attitude and manner. "I am here in this house to make myself useful laconically "He is quite an invalid, I hear-has to be carried up and down stairs like "Indeed"

"That was not your attitude of mind when you first came into this "But I didn't believe he was as bad as that, and I said so, for Mrs Laing-Stonor declares that he went to call "Because I had not reasoned about at Dovercourt the day after his return, and of course if he could do that he is well enough to walk up and down stairs by himself."

"Of course. "There is a report going about that "They stood confronting each other he is in rapid consumptionwon't live long?'

"I rarely see him. When I do he ness and is recovering. I have not observed any signs of consumption." "It is enough to send him into it

shall I do—stay and read or go away? though to be cooped up at the Chase. Please make a decision!"

It must be horribly dull. I shouldn't think he would stay at home after he is once well again, would you?" "I haven't the slightest idea."

"I want you to do which ever you Lily glanced at Hester with a feelprefer-which ever will best satisfy "Does your head ache? Shall I read that dreadful pride of yours. As tor to you? Isabel always finds that it does her good."

that dreadful pride of yours. As tor myself I have no wishes but yours."

"Then I will do what I came to cautious? Why didn't she launch He hesitated. An open book lay on do," she said, and she put out her interesting individual? She must see a good deal of him in one way and "I should not think of allowing you to read to me! Besides, it is too small print; and, as for Dixon, excellent fellowing and, as for Dixon, excellent fellowing where to begin. He showed her the without information as she seemed to be started at once. He

"How ill poor Lady Lynmouth look She ought to be home by now. I will she tread without the dressing bell rang, when she rose ed in church to-day! I thought she blind man at the North Lodge, you know."

There was a moment's silence. He and closed the book. He rose too, thanked her, and opened the door for the heart, so people say."

There was a moment's silence. He hook looked as it with a weak heart—wes."

to think she won't live long." "Do they? "Yes, and when Lord Lynmouth "Well, she can't accuse me of looking

at her to-day any way!" he observed to himself. "I kept my gaze fixed on that bell-rope as though my very at the Chase. He won't bury himself the chase. He won't bury himself the chase is the chase. He won't bury himself the chase is the c life depended on it. What a proud alive and live like a hermit, I should little girl she is! But I like her and I hope."

like that temper of hers! She could be loving and tender too, I think-at The negative was uttered in the least I am sure of it—if only one could get her to be fond of me! But it will be difficult with that pride of will be difficult with that pride of with increasing annoyance. Why hers that hedges her round and makes this excessive reserve? Well, if she I shall try, though. It is worth trying her own accord, it must be dragged return of the cynicism that was be- ing and amusement, would you

think I was a boy of nineteen to take a sudden fancy like this! What do I know of her? Nothing! She is probably no better and no worse than other women, and I shall sound her.

"I am afraid," replied Hester, "that I have not seen enough of him to be able to give a really satisfactory analysis of his character."

"But you must see him at most."

other women, and I shall sound her You dine with the family, don't you? shallows in no time. What a fool I I thought companions were treated am, and what folly at my age to in- much better now than they used to dulge in a sentiment so near akin to be,"

As has been stated already, Hester Then, after another course of pac- possessed a temper of her own, and ing, he added a third reflection to the in the present instance it suddenly appeared in her eyes and voice and "Is it folly after all? I almost think manner to such a degree that Miss I am inclined to say still what I said Coxe, who was perfectly ignorant of at nineteen—that it is the wine of life, the one experience which makes startled.

"Allow me to tell you, Miss Coxe, that I consider you both inquisitive and impertinent."
"What nonsense," exclaimed Lily nouth's arrival should create a sensa- in a patronizing manner. "One would tion among his neighbours, and much think there were dreadful secrets at discussion and gossip went on con- the Chase from the way you keep

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