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"FIRE AND ICE."

Lord Edgar. "He's living there inrooms, you know."

"Indeed? Yes."

"I mean not well off

Lould be any nearer," with a cold glance at the stalwart figure. Lord Edgar laughed.

at present, sir, and you, thank married."

with fine irony. "I am not likely to

Edgar flushed, then laughed goodnaturedly, and the marquis frowned

"I was going to say, sir, that Clif--he's rather a swell in his way, but I was going to say-to ask-to-"

"Y-es," murmured the marquis,

"That," answered and blundered

or even throw up his eyes; but he looked his son in the handsome face he were looking through him, then ed, unconscious of the look of disgust said in the calmest, coldest manner with which the marquis received the

"I never waste my money on the I haven't thought of it."

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"Yes." still more indifferently, but Richelieu says, talk of something

Lord Edgar stared at his boots, and

Lord Edgar didn't look as if he

stares at the aristocratic face oppos- mistakably

biscuit and broke it with slow care-

Lord Edgar burst into a loud laugh "Yes," interrupted the marquis, that rang through the room, and the filial duty." marania ejeculated "Great Heaven! not loudly, but with a contemptuous quite understand

Edgar the laughter still flashing and

"I may take it, then, that you are not married," said the marquis. "I Lord Edgar-"that, perhaps you didn't know. It appears that young wouldn't mind making him an allow- men act so independently of their parents nowadays-I do not blame

And the Worst is Yet to Come--



arly marriages in most cases; I believe," with a faint groan, "that the poorer classes marry quite early

Lord Edgar smiled; the grotesque d-bloodedness was getting the beter of him, confusing and bewildering

young persons in our rank who would make suitable wives; perhaps you

If he had said, "Perhaps you will go decent horse," he could not have put

"No. no." murmured the marquis,

quis. "I presume"-here he took a It renders me unfit for society, and "No: I don't feel much like dying fulness-"that you are not already you find the Abbey rather dull. Do not, let me beg of you, sacrifice your

Lord Edgar looked as if he didn't

The marquis frowned slightly with

"I mean, do not remain longer than paid, and-may I trouble you to ring

At this plain and unmistakable hint, Lord Edgar reached and grasped the hand which this time he suc ceeded in wringing

"Good-by, sir, and thanks. As to should like to stay on for a short time, if you don't mind."

"Mind!" echoes the marquis, with an exquisite mixture of surprise and indifference. "My dear Edgar, why should I! Stay b yall means, and I shall be glad to see you-when I am slow and stately, bearing a medicine bottle on a silver salver, the marquis waved a languid farewell, and Lord Edgar found himself wafted on i t, as it were, outside the door,

CHAPTER III. A GIRL'S SONG.

om-he would have taken his father's hint and departed by the next train. There was absolutely nothing o do at the Abbey: no billiard-room.

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emed to think not unlikely.

It would all be his-or that distant

there was almost sacrilege in the thought of marriage connected with such a pure and innocent angel. He felt almost ashamed of the half-vague flashed upon him.

Love, marriage! As well might one dare to think of offering them to a

He put the vague, wistful desire the air beside him as he rode; when ure. Size 38 requires 71/2 yards of 27

roice so different to any other girl's possessed him: he heard it in the aind sighing in the trees; he recallwent over them lingeringly, delightedly. It astounded him that there should be such a lovely, angel-like

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that she was there; he knew that his father disliked all women, and a sudden fear ran through him at the wholesale indents promptly executed at lowest cash prices for all British and Continental goods, including:
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of her, and when he rode back into the stable-yard he was surprised to find the hands of the clock at the tower pointing to six, the hour at which he

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