The Heir?

CHAPTER XIV.

IDNEY responded to this touch-

my ideals sir, and I occupy my mind

And what are they, your thoughts

-and ideals, I think you said?' he

'I am afraid you would only laugh

at them, sir. They would seem ridi-

cule to a gentleman in your high

position, one accustomed to - to

The voice, the gross flattery was

'Not at all!' he said, smoothly, 'I

should be very much interested. Be-

sides-how do you know that I am-

'Oh, one can see it at a glance,

sir,' she said, ingenuously. 'The

other morning, the first moment I

saw you and heard your voice, I felt

that you were different-higher than

and kind that I-well, I forgot it.

So few great gentlemen would have

myself. But you were so pleasant

like ice on the wounds the earl had

society and high and noble people.'

with those, and try to be content.'

She looked aside modestly.

asked.

that?

in my position.'

ing confession with a murmur

of sympathy, and she went on:

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she went on: 'I might have known anything of it; if I shall always be you were one of the castle gentlefolks drudge in a school. Oh, you don't

by the way you spoke and by your know how hard the life is, and how likeness to the portraits in the hall. I poorly paid! It's simple drudgery, saw them one day, the housekeeper quite slavery like the galleys you read ough family was nearly always hand- myself get worn out and prematurely had gone how like you were to them.

'Ye-s; I suppose there is a family likeness,' said Sidney Bassington with an air of satisfaction. 'It's only fate for so pretty, so gracetul a girl. natural. But you haven't told me Lane.

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M iss Rachel, or Rachel, please, sir!' she said with a little burst of timid Sure so-formal, and as if we were equals. Rachel.' 'Why, of course,' he said, 'and it's an awfully pretty name. Well-ONE DYE FOR ALL KINDS OF GOODS

vourself here alone.' She sighed and stole a depressing lery. glance at him, as if pleading that he would not laugh at her.

Sidney learn tock and smiled—as 'I—I scarcely know how to tell a cat smiles when it is being stroked. you sir; but I often think of the great But I ought to have known better, world, and wonder if I shall ever see showed them to me. The Starbor- about in history; and poor girl's like

some, and I remembered when you old teaching all day, and day after day, in a close and crowded school. Sidney Bassington was full of sympathy and pity. It did seem a hard 'It must be a jolly hard life,' he

about your thoughts and ideals, Miss said, 'and I'm sure it isn't fit for you; that you were made for a pleasanter and better one.'

She heaved a long sigh.

Oh, no sir; indeed it is not near ly so bad as some girls have to go through. You know I am only a poor girl of humble parents-you, who are so great and lofty find it difficult to understand; but most people, my grandmother, for instance, would say that it is a very good life for me! And

She paused and heaved another sigh of the same size. Sidney was very much interested. If she had been plain and uninteresting he, with even his small knowledge of the world,

But she was so pretty, so dainty, so altogether fascinating in her deference and humility that he found it easy to believe that she was badly treated by

'And yet, sometimes I feel that I am fit for something better than such slavery, and I long, oh! I do long to to see the world, to mix with gentlefolks and hear them talk, to learn to

be a-a lady Sidney looked at her with a graci-

ous smile in his dark eyes. 'And very well you'd do it!' he said, and as he said it he felt that he had spoken the truth. With her strangely fascinating prettiness, with her soft voice and graceful movments, she would have passed very well for a lady, after a little experience, say with someone like himself. 'It is not all strange that you should have such thoughts, Miss Lane I mean Rachel; and they do you credit, What are you looking at?' he asked, as he

' h would you mind calling me saw her red-barred eyes fixed on his ation. He offered it as a coste shirt-front.

ingeniousness. 'Miss Lane sounds looked away. 'I-I beg your pardon, sir,' she Dinah. I would much rather you called me said. 'I was looking at your diamond

stud. It is so beautiful. And-and your ring, sir: how lovely it is!' Rachel, you were going to tell me he extended his hand. At any rate,

what you think of when you are by this girl - an inteligent girl, too. mind you!-appreciated his jewel- could not think of it!' she breathed.

She took his hand in long ones, as

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unthinkingly, and bent over the ring, and Sidney thrilled at the touch : for the night was magical, and here was a woman with the willingless of the first serpent and the first Eve combined. He smiled fatuously, and his sallow cheeks grew red.

'Do you like it so much?' he asked in a low voice. 'Do you really like

'Oh, yes! it is beautiful. And in such good taste. And, it looks so well on your hand. Your hand is just like the hands in the portraits in the hall, sir.'

Sidney almost purred. To most men the gift would have seemed too significant; but to Sidney Bassington it appeared proper enough would have thought: 'and quite right, and a proper corollary to her admir-

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offers his thick, gold ring to a 'Arriet, She coloured and, with a start, as a negro on a Jamaica plantation offers his pumpkin to the nearest

Her eyes gleamed, and her thin lips parted with a smile of gratfication, triumph; but she shrank back as if 'Do you think so?' he said, and startled and a little affrightened by

'Oh, sir! oh, Mr. Bassington! I He smiled and laughed graciously. 'Why not? I've plenty more-I mean I can get plenty more—'

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Oh, yes, sir, I know. You are rich enough to buy anything. But-but this must have cost a great deal of money; and-and-Oh, I couldn't take it! What would my grandmother-the earl-say?'

He winced slightly. She had struck for a wonder, a wrong note.

'Who cares!' he said, haughtily. Besides, they needn't know anything about it-I mean,' he corrected himself quickly, 'I can get plenty more: and you fancy it. You take it, and and when you wear it, you can think of the giver, don't you know?'

'Must I really!' she whispered.

He pressed it into her hand-he had to open it to do so, and he closed the long fingers over the ring tenderly, caressingly

She slipped the ring on to her finger-it was the engaged one, by the way-and held it up to catch the

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