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"those people," when one day a new idea suddenly flashed into his brain.

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"Going to dine at the Levenshulmes'?"
Burnford would ask, when Percy appeared in dinner costume. "Not going! Good heavens! how inhospitable those people are."

But it mattered very little to him, he replied good humoredly to the banter he received, and his resolution of ultimately getting the introduction remained unaltered.

Autumn passed and winter set in.

Introductions were more easily made abroad than at home.
One met together mere frequently, space was limited, etiquette was net so rigidly enforced: society, thawed under the infunctions of table d'hote and mountain guides.
He counted up the various cases, in which fellows he knew hid met their fate in a summer's furlough.
How they had gone down to ocean breezes sceptics in love, and how they had returned engaged men.

It was his last chance the would try if. If it failed, then a lieu to Park Villa East, and the blue-eyed maiden for ever.

Autumn passed and winter set in. During December he completely lost sight of her; he skated at the Botanical, but among all the gracefully gliding and fur-elad figures he looked in vain for hers. He went to most of the pantomines. She would probably go with her little brothers and sisters, but boxes, stalls, and dress circles were scanned without reward.

One night towards the end of January, he and Durnfordentered a box at the Lycenm.

'Hamlet' had not commenced.

The young men drew aside the curtains and stood for a minute or two surveying the 'Not a girl wort's looking at," was Durn-

ford's sweeping comment, as he lowered his opera glass and dropped leisurely down into his seat. The curtain rose, the play began.

"Its my opinion that Iryng is frightfully overrated," said Durnford, as the curtain fell at the end of the first act.

"Wait until the end before you pronounce."

"Wait until the end before you pronounce your judgment," was Percy's answer.

Durnford took up his glasses again.

"That is rather a striking face, "he said, carelessly. "Look, the box opposite; they have just come in. By Jove, Thurnam," he added, with more interest in his voice, "I believe it is your friend of the park."

"Where—where?" exclaimed Percy, seizing the glasses.

"There she was. They were just seating themselves. The colonel, his wife, the daughter, and an attendant cavalier.

She had a striking face, truly. She looked more lovely without her hat, for the shape of her head was faultless.

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She had a striking face, truly. She looked more lovely without her hat for the shape of her head was faultless.

Following the modern mania for artistic toilettes, she had adopted a classical arrangement of draperies that became her advised by the striking the way to the striking face. mirably; she were a tunic, so far as they could see, of white cashmere, bordered with a broad band of gold embaddery. It was cut squarely, Greekwise, across her breast; the shoulder-straps being bands of embroidered gold. She were gold fillets in her hair, and gold breeslets upon her arms.

and gold bracelets upon her arms.

The effect was severe, but beautiful.

"Striking! She is exquisite," said Percy "Hum! Very nice, but not my style," turned Durnford, after another critica

"Your style!" echoed Percy contempta-ously. "What is your style? Sort of girl who has to have the doorways enlarged to get her through. This girl is a dream. She might sit for Diana just as she is. She has just, the profile for it. I wonder who the fellow is with her—ugly beggar! She can't care for him; he looks an insufferable hore."

The fellow in question was an ordinary The fellow in question was an ordinary type of youth, rather good-looking, evidently possessing an infinite amount of small talk, and an obliging capability of laughing at his own jokes; for he laughed and chattered at an amazing rate.

Perhaps his fair companion found him a trifle wearisome; at all events she smiled but faintly in reply to his sallies, and appeared more engrossed with the actors than what he had to say.

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said Durnford, secretly delighted at Percy's chagrin at not being in the "ugly beggar's place. "Reminds me of you."

place. "Reminds me of you."
"Indeed! Thanks. I wasn't aware I
grinned like an ape every time I opened my
mouth before."
The pavalier opposite continued to grin,
quite unconscious of the storm of jealousy

The scene between Hamlet and Ophelia Percy had no eyes for Ophelia or the He could only look on one face, a face that, noved with the pathos of the scene before it, was no longer haughty as Diana

Almost as if she had heard the words, the

girl turned her eyes from the stage, and, looking across the house, met Percy's gaze Perhaps she recognized him, perhaps At all events she did not flush; she only bestowed the most brilliant smile upon her attendant knight that she had vet given, looking up at him as he stood beside her

with a wining sweetness that made Percy mutter savagely—
"Hang that fellow! I should like to pitch him into the pit."
"Ha, ha!" laughed Durnford softly to himself, enjoying it immensely. "You are more verdant than I thought you were, Thurnam. I'll lay you anything you like that she's engaged to that fellow."

The next step that would help him was evidently the "Army List."

The name was an uncommon one, and that would facilitate research, and he thought ensure success.

In the present year's list he found no mention of a Colonel Levenshulme; nothing daunted he turned to the "Army Lists" of several preceding years, and was at last rewarded. He found his man to be colonel of the 10th Engineers, but lately retired.

Percy got to know the house very well during that autumn.

There were young children in the family; he used to see little faces looking down from the nursery windows, but he never met them out of doors, as his rambles in that vicinity were generally towards dusk. "those peeple," when one day a new idea suddenly flashed into his brain. He considered it a flash of genius.

But something told him it would not fail.

There were two difficulties in his way.

The first was how to discover the Levenshulmes! destination; the second, how he should persuade his mother to accompany him whithersoever he went. She was a fond mother, and a mild-tem-pered lady, but he was a dutiful sou, and he knew that she had already expressed a sire to go to the south of France that sum-

second.

He renewed his prowls in the neighborhood of the Levenshulmes, which of late had become few and far between.

But June passed and July came, and ye the shutters of Meade cottage were no eased, nor blinds drawn. It was very annoying; his mother grew

"I never knew you to stay so late in town, Percy," she said. "When will you

Holborn at 11.15 to-morrow morning sabs," said the worthy woman. Percy passed on triumphant.

He would meet the 11:15 express from Snow Hill and ascertain their destination Punctually at eleven o'clock the following norning his hansom dashed up to the

They were not there, but they arrived soon after, laden with luggage.

Porters surrounded them.

In the rush and hubbub of the platforms

he had ample opportunity to examine them at his leisure.

They were all there.

The colonel, his wife, four children, dif-

ferent ages, and the nurse.
All there save one.
The one he loved so fondly and truly was

not visible.

Percy concluded rightly that she was elsewhere on a visit, and might join the party later on.

The bell rang, the gates were opened, the passengers streamed through to take their places in the waiting train.

Under plea of looking for his own portmanteau, Percy examined the luggage carefully. He found what he sought for easily.

The labels were clearly written-"Levenshulme,
"Passenger, Herne Bay. So Herne Bay was to be the limit of their

So Herne Bay was to be the limit of their journeying.

How long did the Levenshulmes intend to stay in their sequestered quarters?

He must not be ignorant on that head, else there was the possibility of arriving there, his mother cajoled into consent, and finding his birds flown into other regions.

As the train steamed out of the station with the Levenshulmes, luggage and all, safely arranged inside, he decided what he would do. would do. He hailed a hansom and drove straight for Meade cottage.
"Was Col. Levenshulme at home?" h

"Col. Levenshulme was not at home."
"Indeed! Dear me, how very provoking." Would the gentleman leave his na me or a message? It should be faithfully de-livered on the colonel's return."
"No, the gentleman preferred delivering,

the message himself. It was not very in portant. How long would Colonel Leve Ime be away?

"Six weeks; perhaps more."
"Six weeks; perhaps more."
"Thanks. The gentleman was going of town himself in a few days. He wou call again on his return. Good morning He felt exultant as the "Gondola Loudon" bore him swiftly westward again Things were working in his favor.

He would be at Herne Bay by fair mee or foul before seven days had passed. TO BE CONTINUED.]

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Thurnam. I'll lay you anything you like that she's engaged to that fellow."

"Why?"

"Oh, I don't know; because she is so jolly cool and indifferent to him."

"She smiled sweetly enough at him just now."

"That was because you were looking at her and she knew it. Catch a girl losing

PERGY'S MISTAKE
OR, LOVE WINS.

an opportunity of scoring one," was Dunford's cynical reply.

"If we weren't in a public place, I would call you out for that," laughed Percy.

There was a slight crush in the vestibules and corridors going out.

Percy took the first step towards the desired introduction the following day. That itest agent was the "Directory."

Turning to Meade cottage, he found the cocupier to be a Colonel Levenshulme.

Having got's of far, he paused and remaining got's of far, he paused and remaining got's of far, he paused with a smile.

As of of Roman scarl was thrown across the came; shehad unbent from her state-liness; some trifle had amused her and she was laughing.

A sort of Roman scarl was thrown across her head, white interwoven with gold, with hanging fringes that fell upon her hair and framed her face.

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