BY MRS. FORRESTER.

CHAPTER XIII. " IT 15 TOO LATE." "I am weary to death of this humdrum life," exclaimed Mr. Hastings to Captain heart. le Marchant, as they strolled through the

"What a restless fellow you are, Errol!" returned his friend. "Nothing seems to content you long now. What in the world ails you? I never knew you have these strange fits before." "I cannot endure monotony," remark-

ed Mr. Hastings. "Monotony! Bon Dieu, what would three would insure my happiness, for three months at least."

friend's shoulder, "I may as well tell you the truth, I know you too well to be afraid of your betraying my confidence. You will think it hardly a proof of the predominant characteristic which our family have always prided themselves fused me."

"You, Errol!" exclaimed Captain le Marchant, in unfeigned surprise. "You whom I have always thought the most indifferent fellow in the world to women! Who the devil is it, then?" "Miss Eyre."

"Miss Eyre?" and the two men stood looking at each other. "I should have thought of any one sooner than her. You always seemed to me to be rather antagonistic to each other. But you have not known her very long?" "More than two years."

"What! before you left England the last time ?"

one ask any further questions?" "There is nothing more to tell," Mr. Hastings answered, quickly. "I asked her to be my wife then, and she refused. I asked her a few weeks ago, and she re-

"What the devil does the girl want then?" asked Le Marchant, angry for his friend. "Is she waiting for a duke to ask her ?" "Don't let us say any more about it,"

cried Mr. Hastings, with sudden impatience. "I wish to Heaven I had kept to my original plan of going to Norway! I cannot stop in this place any longer. When Dora makes up her mind to go I shall be off somewhere. Do you feel inclined for a cruise, Arthur?"

up my delicate nerves, and set me going for the winter. What a pity you don't suffer from the mal-de-mer, Errol! There is no better cure for love-sickness than

"I want to speak to you, Errol, privately," and she nodded significantly to Captain le Marchant, who went off in the opposite direction. "My dear Errol," she said, putting her hand gently on her cousin's arm, and looking up in his face, "you must think you are never going to get rid of us."

"My dear Dora," began Errol; but the little lady interrupted him. "Of course you wouldn't be such a bear as to admit it, but George declares we are boring you to death. Besides, there are three houses to which I am engaged for a fortnight's visit, and I hardly know where to go first. Perhaps you are not aware to go f of it, Errol," she added, archly, "but I have a particular object in remaining so

"Have you, Dora? What is it?" "George says I am an inveterate match-maker, and that my scheming does more harm than good; but I did think, Errol-may I say it?"

"Yes, Dora. "I did think that you might come to care for Valerie. She is so gentle, so charming, so rich, of such a good family."

" Apres?" laughed Lady Dora; "surely nothing can be wanted after all that." "It is requisite that I should care for her, is it not?

"Certainly; but how is it possible that there should be any difficulty in loving such a charming creature?"

"Now, my dear little cousin, banish all these thoughts from your pretty head. I may as well take you into my confidence at once. I have considered the matter well, I have tried to be in love with your friend and failed. I find her charming feminine, clever, and beautiful, but she does not inspire me with the remotest sentiment either of love or passion. And besides, why should I marry?"
"To perpetuate the noble race of Hast-

ings, bean signeur," laughed his cousin.
"I don't know, Dora, but I fancy it is rather grand to be the last of a race," he answered, laughing. "Then all my plans are at an end,

Errol, and I may as well take my departure." "That is as your own sweet will dic tates. I am only too glad to have you as my guest as long as you feel inclined to make Hazell Court your home.

But within three days Lady Dora took her departure, accompanied by the Princess Zelikoff. Mr. Hastings bade them a very kind, courteous farewell, and Valerie de Zeli-

koff left the Court with bitter disappointment gnawing at her heart. "So many have loved me, worshipped me passionately," she said, bitterly, to herself; "would have given fame, fortune, life itself for my love, and the only man who ever woke a passion in my breast is indifferent to me. Ah! how cold these brave, handsome Englishmen if I let you go."

are !- and how blind !" And yet it might have been the true heart, the feigned ignorance of a passion he could not return.

"And now, Arthur!" exclaimed Mr our three weeks' cruise. I want to be ed back and joined Mrs. Clayton. shooting; and I mean to ask a lot of fel- she asked. Not unless you are going." lows to come down and stay. Hawkins And they went together into what was tells me there will be wonderful called the lawn garden, sport. I have promised to pick up Ashburton somewhere on the Mediterranean looking up at him suddenly.

"That's right, he's a capital good fel- repeated after her. "On what?" low; and three are better campany than two when they are all the same sex. Not Princess Zelikoff. that you or I are likely to quarrel, old fellow; we have tried the experiment of being alone together rather too often for Zelikoff's name." that. I remember once, though, we had "Not altogether unwarrantable, Mr a difference, when I got into such an in- Hastings." fernal rage because that pretty little Ital- "Surely, yes. I am quite certain that ian would make eyes at you, when I was she never gave the slightest foundation anxious to secure the whole of her atten- for such a report."

out of the way of women," said Errol, a cruise in his yacht." every quarrel, every misery, every wretchedeness in the world." mean?"

"Don't be ungrateful, Errol. It is only accompany you on your yachting expedifair that they should make us miserable tion?" sometimes, when they give so much hap- "Most certainly not! No one went piness at others. Why, you are the last with me but LeMarchant and Ashburton."
fellow in the world I ever expected to Mrs. Clayton looked rather blank, but hear rail against the fair sex. I am sure felt secretly pleased.

they have always been fond enough of "Then we have all been misinformed," "Tush!" said Mr. Hastings, impatient- pertinacity; but seriously, you are not ly, and went off to write his letters.

There was not time for him to ride over "I am not. I feel greatly vexed that SANDS' BUILDING, 77 PRINCE WM. ST to Endon Vale before he left the Court, there should have even been a discussion and it had always been more pain than about the matter." pleasure to him of late to see Winifred. Some one gave out the intelligence at bench; she was silent for a moment, and dinner at Endon Vale that Mr. Hastings then looking up in her companion's face, GEO. B. SEELY, had gone on a yatching expedition, and said, with some hesitation:

that Lady Dora and the Russian Princess accompanied him. Mrs. Clayton looked not?"

from underneath her lashes at Winifred, and noted the sudden sickly whiteness with some surprise which came into her face. "Ah! how I wish I could help her!" she thoughts she asked again, with still more hesitation, pitifully. "A real friend might often be, "You may do anything that you wish able to save a girl years of unhappiness or please," he answered. and regret. If she would only tell me." Lady Grace had devoted a pretty, bay

ioned the subject that was nearest her At last Mrs. Clayton resolved to dissi-Hazell woods, smoking their morning pate the reserve. She knew that to gain Mrs. Clayton went on, hastily, "and I confidence you must be prepared to give want you both to be happy; therefore I They were sitting together as usual, one which may be the means of losing me each side of the window, sometimes speak- your friendship and her love. I see you ing, oftener silent. The day had been frown; perhaps you guess of whom I am sultry, and the windows were thrown wide | speaking?"

sound of mallets striking the balls, came you please, you have? With one of the prettiest from the croquet-ground, and now and places in England, a stable full of blood horses, and last, not least, a beautiful woman dying in love for you, and not content! My dear Errol, any one of the the state of windred Eyre. My task then a laugh or an exclamation was carbied to their indifferent ears. An open book lay on Winifred's lap. She was not cumstance which has caused your estance which has caus

some time. At last she spoke :-"My dear Winifred, you will go on reading and dreaming about Enone until you have completely identified yourself presently, seeming to force the words with that forlorn maiden."

Winifred turned her eyes dreamily to upon, when I tell you that I am eating my heart out about a woman who has refused me." the speaker. "I was not even thinking of Enone;" and then her hand closed the book which had been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the book which her been open at her "I cannot understant the favorite poem. "Confess, now,—you are jealous of the painful to me." attention Lord Harold pays your cousin?"

Winifred laughed gayly. "O Fee, you are a bad diviner of sit down and answer me." secrets. I am waiting in daily hope that "Who, Fee?"

"Yourself and Errol Hastings?" "O Fee!" cried Winifred, with impatient pain, "why do you speak of him? You know all is over between us!" "It was on her account that I left Engand."

"Enigma upon enigma, Errol. May one ask any further questions?"

"I should like to speak just this once. Into what I thought her. I believed her to be sweet, and gracious, and womanly and I have found her hard, and proudy you very dearly; I cannot but believe you cared for him. Think, dear, how my

"O, Errol, you mistake—she is neither." life has been marred. I chose one man, loving another. God help me! I love that other still," and a low sob escaped

scious of an error when it is too late to confidence. repair it. It is not too late for you yet. "Has Miss Eyre confided in you, then?" If there has been any quarrel, any misun- Errol asked, quickly. part of one or the other! Do not let some foolish trifle, some false pride, mar the happiness of all your life!"

| Do not let you will consider it as sacred."
| He bent his head gravely. Mrs. Clayton spoke with intense earn-

"Yes, perfectly; the sea-air will brace derstand. Your words only make me more miserable. "Why too late?"

"Because I behaved wickedly to him; because he must despise me, and because They were approaching the house, and Lady Dora came tripping out to meet them.

They were approaching the house, and who loves him and lets him see it."

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Errol's heart, but the explanation of the second secon "Did you refuse him, then?"

olinded me. If I could atone for it now, speak about it again.'

party was now gay, now grand, now mirth-ful, now sedate. Lord Harold and Lady He was silent Ada still remained. He had made up his "I cannot altogether answer you, Mrs. mind that she was very sweet and charm- Clayton. You and I might think differing; and she-well, we already know ently, but it is impossible that you should what she thought of him. The conclusion know the truth. Her anger was justifithat every one expected came at last, able; but she would have seemed the and all concerned in the matter gave their more lovable, the more womanly, in my hearty approval. Ada was to be Lady eyes, had she been less unforgiving."
Harold Erskine, and no one's congratula "She has forgiven you now from Harold Erskine, and no one's congratula "She has forgiven you now from the tory kiss was heartier or more sincere than depths of her heart. And she suffers,

"I used to be jealous of you, Winifred," alone, she cries bitter tears. I went one Ada said, returning the kiss, affectionately; "but I have got over that. I know bing as though her heart would break, Harold loves me now."

"No one could doubt that who saw you together, dear," laughed her cousin. when Mr. Hastings called one afternoon rose. at Endon Vale. As he rode up the aven-"Mr. Hastings!" she cried, with real

see you such a long time." He dismounted and walked along by her side, leading his splendid bay horse. "There is nobody at home but me,-

they are all gone to a picnic, and I should have been with them, but for one of my had headaches. "It is better now, I trust. You do not ook ill." "No; I am getting quite strong here. Lady Grace is good to me, and Winifred,

she added, looking sidelong at him,-" J think I never knew any one so sweet and thoughtful." She noted the slightest quiver of his ip; but he said nothing, merely bent his head as though in polite acquiescence.

"You must be tired after your long ride," she said. "Come in and have some "Not any, thank you," he answered, wickly; "the ride is nothing. I have only a few minutes to stay."

"Surely you will remain to dinner. Lady Grace will be quite angry with me "I cannot stay, indeed, thank you. have several friends at the Court, and I courtesy that springs from a generous said particularly I should return to din-

ner. If you will excuse me for a moment I should like to take the Seigneur round to the stables and have his mouth washed Hastings, with an air of relief when his guests had departed, "we will be off on the horse's hoofs, and Mr. Hastings turnback by the middle of September for the "Will you not come into the house?"

> "Am I to congratulate you?" she said "Congratulate me, Mrs. Clayton?" he

"I heard you were going to marry the

"Come confess now that it looks rather "Oh! for Heaven's sake, let us keep suspicious when a gentlemen takes a lady wearily. "I believe they are the root of "My dear Mrs. Clayton! what do you

"Did not your cousin and the Princess

she said laughing. "And forgive my SEELY pertinacity: but seriously engaged to the princess?

Mrs. Clayton sat down on a garden

"We are old friends, Errol - are we

"We are, indeed," he returned, smiling, "May I take an old friend's liberty?" "And you promise not to be offended?

"I promise sacredly." for hours together undisturbed, They to myself, perhaps painful to you, for expire, and generally to effect Insurance in any were very fond of each other, very sym- which some one else, would, I think, never pathetic and caressing, yet neither men- forgive me. I am bold,-am I not?" "You are enigmatical," Mr. Hastings replied, still smiling.

"I like you very sincerely: I love her,"

open to let in the little air that was stir- "I would rather have a certainty than a ring. A drowsy hum of voices, and the surmise," he said, gravely; "tell me, if "I speak of Winifred Eyre. My task

ous chair, and gazing dreamily into the Errol. I must ask you one question—do distance with eyes that looked on the you love her?" "Arthur," said Mr. Hastings, stopping ideal rather than the real picture.

"As she spoke she cast a side glance at suddenly, and laying his hand on his Mrs. Clayton had been watching her for him, and saw an ominous knitting of the As she spoke she cast a side glance at brows, and a stern compression of the proud mouth.

"I did love her, God knows!" he said from unwilling lips. "But now?" Fee asked, eagerly. "Do Mr. Hastings rose suddenly.

"I cannot understand this strange questioning, Mrs. Clayton. It is inexpressibly "But you shall know, Errol," she an swered, with intense earnestness. "Only

Out of courtesy he forced himself to re he will propose to her. I could not fancy sume the seat, and speak calmly.

two people better suited."

"I scarcely know," he said. "I am trying to forget her. "But, Errol, if you thought she cared

for you, would you still try to forget I cannot answer you," he said speaking You know all is over between us!" abruptly, after a pause. "Miss Eyre is "I should like to speak just this once, not what I thought her. I believed her "O, Errol, you mistake-she is neither."

"She is to me," he said, sternly. Mrs. Clayton waited for some moments "If I might only tell you." she said, in her. "You cannot even guess, Winifred great perplexity, "I could not bear to what a terrible thing it is to feel con- say anything that seemed like a breach of

derstanding between you, surely it can be 'No, she would not tell me anything set right by a little forbearance on the actually, and yet-Mr. Hastings, I could

He bent his head gravely. "She broke down once when we were estness, and when she finished, tears of speaking of you. She condemned her passionate regret stood in Winifred's own false pride bitterly; she said you must hate her; that she And Mrs. Clayton stopped suddenly in her rapid utterance, feeling a terrible fear that she had committed an unwarrantable

breach of trust. A sudden thrill of pleasure came into Errol's heart, but the expression of his

"Mrs. Clayton," he said, with some passion, "I asked Miss Eyre twice, nay, "Don't ask me, l'ee. I think my pride three times, to be my wife. I made myself her slave because-well, the reason think I would ask him on my knees to matters little-suffice it that I humbled marry me. I can't tell you the true my pride into the dust for her sake. She story. I know you love me, and would not willingly pain me. I have sealed my fate with my own folly. Do not ever When I asked her the last time, her refusal was couched in such terms that I And she bit her lips and clenched her felt the utter impossibility of a thought Rosewood, Walnut and Cloth Covered. And she bit her lips and clenched her hands together, to keep back the rebellious tears.

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fuse him in a fit of pride? Why should "I cannot deny the justice of your he hate her because she had refused words," Mrs. Clayton answered, with a touch of sadness. "There is only one The days passed away quickly. Visitors thing to be said, and you alone can judge came and went at Endon Vale, and the of that. Was her anger with you wholly

He was silent. Errol-suffers; and at night, when she is

and went away again." Mr. Hasting felt a sudden choking in his throat, and turned away. The groom It was nearly the end of September, was just bringing his horse round. He

"Thank you a thousand times for your ue, he met Mrs. Clayton sauntering down kindness," he said, in a low voice; "I shall not forget it. Good-bye;" and he took her little white hand in his and kisspleasure in her voice; "I have wanted to ed it. Then he mounted the Seigneur, and rode thoughtfully away. (To be continued)

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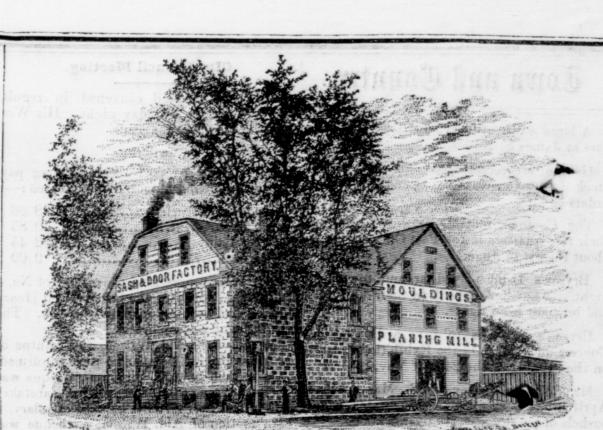
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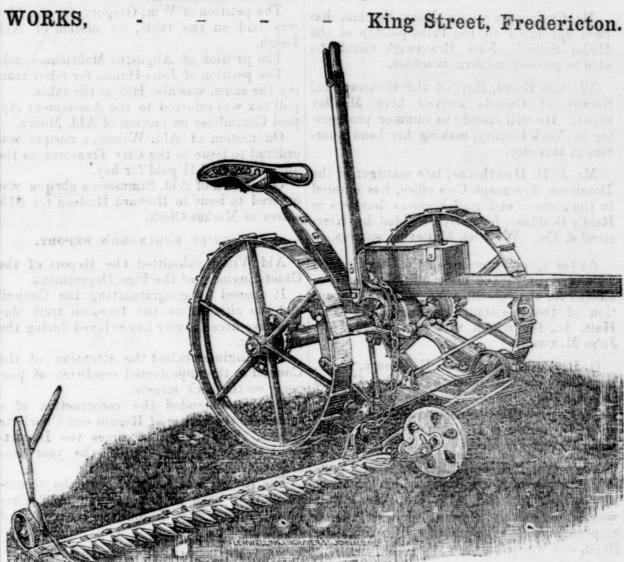


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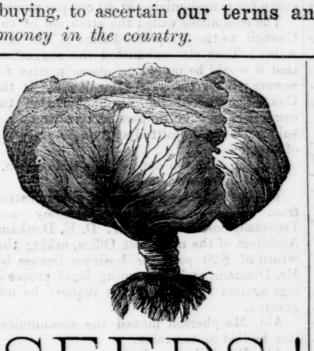
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