

to the furious brushing it had received, escaping in stray locks and curls in every direction, I felt as I walked by Mrs. Tre-have cantered past him without a second the old bridge. to the furious brushing it had received, doubtedly a stranger.

CHAPTER II.

I learnt a great deal from my governess and that, too, very quickly. Besides A B A B, I learnt that nature, in the form of

The Ladies of the Round Table.

Diterature.

THE

an escape from Sir Humphrey.

he asked with mock courtesy, and I saw heart between them. his stern eyes scornfully noting every rent and stain and splash upon my habit. "It speaks well for your filial affection," he resumed, "that you should not have de-layed your visit to me in order to attend to those niceties of toilette which to some ladies are of so great an importance."

complexion, could be improved by art; that symmetry could be taken off at night "Shall I change my dress, sir ?" I fal-tered, edging towards the door, and glad and put in a box; and furthermore, that to avail myself of any excuse for escaping the sole end and aim of the spinster from his presence.

"No. Stay where you are. Can you the thoughtless wealthy male in the maread ?' trimonial net.

I stammered an affirmative. He took up a newspaper and flung it carelessly towards me. "Take that, and read to me,—read whatever comes first. Come nearer: "Take that, and read to me,—read whatever comes first. Come nearer: "Take that, and read to me,—read "Take that, and read to me,—read" "Take that, and read to me,—read "Take that, and read to me,—read" that's it-now read." filled me with astonishment-till I came

He seated himself in an easy chair, to know her better. leaning back upon the cushions, folded To this day I do not believe there was his hands, crossed his legs, and closed his any real harm in Lydia. She was poor,

too short for me, and ill-fitting beside, He had a knapsack on his back; he ness, flirtation, nonsense-whatever you and with my rebellious hair, indifferent looked like a gentleman, and was un- like to call it-entered my head, as wrap-

QUEERNS. direction, I felt as I walked by MIS. The vor's side, for the first time in my life, that shame which is begotten of conscicus inferiority. I never envied old Lady Portcullis her with him in the oak copse just before you with him in the oak copse just before you with him in the bridge. and Mrs. D'Aubigny's crimson velvet The falling leaves were rich in their paused to 'think what such an avowal

I knew nothing of cannon in those days on Beppo I would have faced the biggest stone wall or the stiffest gate, or with my own two arms the river in winter flood, the length of the terrace, "Why can't I own two arms the river in winter flood, own two arms the river in the length of the terrace, "if the will only can be does?" and then the the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I own two arms the river in the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I own two arms the river in the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I own two arms the river in the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I own two arms the river in the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I own two arms the river in the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length of the terrace, "Will only can't I the length rather than my father in the library. I thought came across me, "if she will only as perfect a picture as ever gladdened while the topmost branches of the survas courageous even to foolhardiness in teach me how to dress like that, she artist's eye. while the topmost branches of the survas courageous even to foolhardiness in teach me how to dress like that, she artist's eye. ally bodily danger, but at that moment I needn't bother with the stupid old spell-would have welcomed an earthquake as ing and the silly pothooks." I can see the scene as if it were but sun's last rays, it was solemnly, mysteri-yesterday; I can almost hear the rippling ously, grandly beautiful in the checquered

ing and the silly pothooks." It was the old Eve—we talk of the old Adam, why not the old Eve for women? I dared not neglect his command, I Adam, why not the old Eve for women? rush of the startled rabbits through the strange weird shadow across it, and confeared him too much to delay even for a at work in me, though by-the bye 1 don't crisp dry bracken, just as it all was that jured up in the thick coppice a multitude

A large lot of moment, so throwing my spattered torn moment and as we reververy particular, and through the spassage, and this beak for the next mean ferst in work in the same of manner, though the spassage, and the back for the next moment as me serververy might be spassage, and then greeted my father, who stood with the same of manner, and as we entered the library and confronted my father, who stood with his back to the fireplace in his customary in toticed sho looked to our days of a multitude of the spassage, and then greeted my father for weeks together the same one there, as a no doubt which I had often seen him welcome Lady is doub decome them and disconcerted.
"You sent for me?" I stammered, how in the stande bed, I made up my mind that wish to see his child - tosuch advantage?"
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path would lead me to the house." "Do you wish to see my father?" I asked, taking it for granted that must be his errand to the Towers, and forgetting that as a stranger he would hardly identi-fy me as Sibyl Haughton. "Sir Aumphron Haughton.

"Sir Aumphrey Haughton—is he your A thick cloud crossed the moon's face, father? I am so glad—I am your cousin Douglas," and with a frank smile he put which succeeded the flood of silver light.

out his hand. And now at the very time when I might have practised Lydia's coquetries I forgot all about them. Love at first sight is, I should be the enslaving and capture of suppose the chimera of poets and novel-ists; but as our glances met, I read ad-then, as I laughed aloud at my own folly, miration in his eyes-what did he read in it was as if a voice came from the depths of the oak copse to mock me. mine?

He walked by my pony's side, his hand upon his mane, Beppo, unaccustomed to the restraint imposed upon him, chafed and fretted for his usual mad gallop across

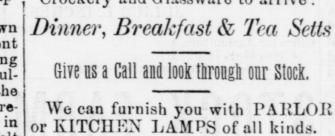
the stretch of moorland, the leap over the I drew back into the deep shadow and park fence, and the merry canter across | waited, my eyes rigidly fixed in the direc-

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eyes as if composing himself to slumber. she had been pretty, she lived only for

I, standing before him, nervous, filled admiration, and was essentially "a gentlewith wonder at what this might portend, could hardly distinguish one line from another, and truth to tell I was but an indifferent scholar. I had picked up a little knowledge by scraps and odds and she was not straightlaced; and now, seeends; but even had I been devoid of fear ing with my subsequent experience, I can I could hardly have read through a news- hardly imagine any more dangerous in paper article without mistakes, and as it structress for such a girl as I was; still chanced I hit upon a leader-because it she tried her best to drill a certain amount was in large type, I think-criticising the of knowledge into my brain, even though Government policy in Eastern India, a her thoughts were far away-far away in leader full of hard words, long sentences, that happy future to which she aspired, and names of people and of places which and had aspired for twenty years,-a brilmight have been Greek as far as I knew. liant marriage.

I hesitated, stammered, boggled, and She talked to me of love-of love, that stopped before I had completed six lines. is, as she understood it : presents, compli-"Go on," said my father, blandly.

ments, attentions, culminating in a magni-Half a dozen times this happened be-fore I had reached the bottom of the col-a placid after-life of town house, country umn, then, having finished the article, I house, company, diamonds, carriages, stood trembling before him, the paper balls, operas, and unlimited millinery. still in my hand.

"Well," asked he, with an air of mock "Arabian nights," and I learnt her lesdeference," and what is your opinion of the subject so ably treated in the leader you have favored me by reading so admirably ?'

I felt so thoroughly ashamed of myself that I could not reply, and as I saw the evident satisfaction with which he viewed

"You do not understand it?" " No, sir."

"You probably know your alphabet which Haughton Towers produced. well enough to read 'Trespassers Beware' in white capitals on a black board; you may be able to scrawl some hieroglyphics to the veterinary surgeon, which he interprets as a desire that he should physic your pony; and that done, your arithme-tic may be sufficiently far advanced to ed at the conquest that I almost accepted "To a mistake," replied cousin Douglas of his bill. I congratulate you on your attainments.

"It-it is not my fault," I blurted out.

plied my father, with an air of conviction. married a sugar-baker's daughter. "But still, as I do not consider pony-ridto each other in the relation of parent and governess, I had no higher ambition than child, I have taken the necessary steps to to conquer a stubborn pony or prove my have you taught sufficient not to disgrace superiority to a rebellious dog; but she me.' opened a new world to me, a field of far

"You are going to send me to school ?" higher victories : she taught me that man 1 cried, rebelling at the prospect of con- the so-called superior animal, was born into the world to be woman's slave, and finement and subordination.

"Heaven forbid! I have hired the ser- her teaching changed the whole current vices of that anomaly of society, 'a needy of my life, for I longed for the time when gentlewoman,' under whose care you will I should shine in society, with a score of doubtless soon become proficient in the adorers waiting breathlessly to anticipate graces and elegances of the world, includ- my wishes.

ing deportment, the use of the globes, Of love in its pure, true, holy sense she backbiting, and scandal. Mrs.-a-Mrs. told me nothing. To her love meant mar-Trevor will arrive to-morrow, and to you riage, and marriage meant a handsome Miss Haughton, I confide the duty of do- establishment, a splendid wardrobe, a ing the honors of the house and stables." well-filled purse, a sparkling jewel-case,

Finishing his speech, he motioned me with no hindrance to a life of pleasure towards the door, and this at the age of and excitement, except, may be, a husfifteen years, was my first interview with band. my father. ller own experience had been unfortu-

I woke the next morning with a sense nate. She was chary of speaking of her of impending evil. I had enjoyed my wedded life. I knew no more at that

the smooth sward to the stables; but this tion from which I had heard that laugh day, for I believe the first time in mg life, proceed-that laugh which at first sound-I reined him in to a walk, and found more ed but as the mockery of my own ; and pleasure in the cheery careless talk of the in a few moments, I saw two figures emhandsome young fellow who hailed me erge from the blackest shadow into that cousin than in the rush of the cool even- shade, tempered by reflected light, which have just opened the largest assortment of ing air on my flushed cheeks, or the ex- enabled me to distinguish their forms, though not their faces. hilaration af Beppo's stride.

As luck would have it, my father was The figures were man and woman; the upon the terrace, pacing leisurely to and woman leant upon the man's arm, and fro as we arrived together before the moss-grown steps, and consequently it de-volved upon me to introduce my new income which you will—I had freely TAPESTRY CARPETS Lydia also was there, walking by my scoffed.

father's side with her noiseless steps, pur- They were approaching me, and to ring soft compliments into his ear after avoid discovery I shrank back into the black shelter of the overhanging bushes, her customary manner. Though she appeared to have her eyes and quite secure from observation waited bent downwards, I could see she was tak- for them to pass me before resuming my ing careful stock of my companion from midnight walk.

beneath her drooping lids. As for my I could hear their voices, but not the father, there was a kind of latent amuse- words they spoke.

ment in his eyes as he awaited our ap-The man was cousin Douglas, the wo-This, to me, was like a chapter in the proach. man Lydia Trevor.

"This," said I, not heeding the ordinary I hardly know how I got home. I only sons of worldliness far quicker than I forms of introduction, "this is our cousin know I ran through bush and briar till I mastered the French irregular verbs, and Douglas,-I overtook him on his way here reached the house and my own room. before I had long had the advantage of in the oak copse." I never slept that night. Restlessly I her instruction I became anxious to prac-"So this is cousin Douglas ?" said my tossed to and fro; again and again the tise my newly-acquired powers of coque- father, with something of a malicious look scalding tears streamed from my eyesand without offering his hand. "And Why?

My first victim, I blush to own it, was cousin Douglas has come to look upon his I felt an utter desolation-a misery my confusion, two great tears rolled down the gardener's boy, and with a still deeper fair inheritance, and speculate upon the which I had never known before—a grief blush I confess that I made use of my day when he will be lord of Haughton for which I could not or would not acpower over the lad to obtain the first ripe Towers." count-Why?

las, coloring. "You cannot think so my limbs, my eyes were red, and I shrank My next experience was more serious. meanly of me as that. I, too, am a shuddering from Lydia Trevor's custom-A young and energetic curate, new to the Haughton, though a poor one." ary kiss-Why?

him-remember I was only sixteen; but proudly; "to the foolish fancy of a young Lydia Trevor came to my rescue, and the man that it was his duty to pay respect to poor young thing, heartbroken, after try- the head of the house of which he is a ing to die of consumption and unrequited scion. I apologize for my intrusion, and

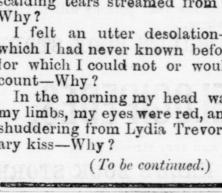
> you remain with us-till the morningousin Douglas ?" "Do stay," cried I, laying a detaining hand upon his coat-cuff. His answer was addressed to me, not to my father.

'I wish it might have been." saw to order at short notice

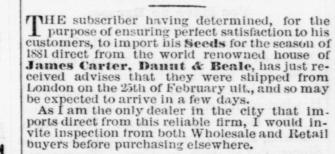
old house, he trudged across the lawn BILLS OF SCANTLING of any dimensionswith the swing of a hardy pedestrian, re-A large quantity of REFUSE LUMBER tracing his steps to the village.

dry, unpleasant chuckling laugh-which was one of his peculiarities.

penniless upstart prefers the Haughton







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liberty too long not to lament the re- time than that she had been left early a strictions a governess would place upon it penniless widow, and in reply to my girland I inwardly determined to assert my ish questionings a sad sigh and a melanindependence as far as possible without choly shake of the head threw a veil of rendering an appeal to my father's au- mysterious romance over the antecedants thority necessary. of Mrs. Lydia Trevor. I went to the stables-my invariable

Of course she was unprincipled, but she custom every morning as soon as I was was not vicious. She saw the world with dressed-and confided my troubles to all its good things before her, and stretch-Beppo. I laid my head on his glossy ed out her hand to grasp whatever might neck, and mourned the probable cessa- come within her reach; but even now, in tion of those long mad gallops which were spite of the cruel wrong I suffered at her heir to the baronetcy and the family pedianswer to my caresses, I fell a wondering in her. as to what manner of being this coming She loved admiration and luxury above terror would be.

everything, and having no longer youth I had not a large acquaintance with to command the one nor wealth to progovernesses. I knew the D'Aubignys had cure the other, she employed art to supone at Grynston Hall, a tall, thin, spare, plement nature in order to conceal the severe spinster of fifty and I had often ravages of time, in the hope that a rich chatted with the schoolmistress at Damp- second husband might yet reward her for with your experience of the world, with chatted with the schoolmistress at Damp-field, a worthy old body, wearing a white the trials and privations of her earlier ex-"Yes, Mrs cap with enormous frills, who stared istence.

through spectacles and took snuff, and I The change she wrought in my life I speculated which of these two Mrs. Tre- can find no words to express, but it may vor would most favor. It was a matter of easily be understood how I, an impressionvery little moment to me. A governess able girl, was weaned from my love of was a governess in whatever guise, and boisterous outdoor amusement and riotodious as the hinderer of amusement and ous play by her description of the golden the foe to fun. Still, as the hours went future awaiting one who, with good birth by, and the time drew near for the re- and fair fortune at her command, might turn of the carriage from the railway aspire to rank with the noblest in the station with the expected inmate of land. Haughton Towers, I did feel considerable My father noticed the alteration in my curiosity as to the appearance of my cus- appearance, the care I bestowed upon my

todian. dress, and the change in my demeanour, I had not long to wait; the carriage and he sardonically congratulated Mrs. drew up, and I descended shyly from the Trevor on the improvement in her pupil, terrace, where I had been waiting to meet and even occasionally sent us both a formy governess. mal invitation to dine with him, a matter

I was agreeably surprised in her. She of great rejoicing to Lydia, though not to was neither gaunt and prim, nor old and me, for my awe of Sir Humphrey was as nightcappy. She was tall, graceful in great as ever. figure, with good eyes, splendid hair, and My instructress month by month cona complexion which was simply magnifi- tinued to teach me fresh lessons in worldcent. Her dress was in perfect taste, and ly wisdom and to advise me in those of a style and cut which was strange to methods by which our sex can most read-Haughton Towers, but which I knew in- ily obtain the attention and admiration stinctively to be fashionable. As she of its natural victims, but on one portion stepped from the carriage I thought she of the subject of which she was so commight be five and twenty; as I shook plete a mistress she remained silent. hands with her I fancied she was nearly Eloquent as she was on the advantages forty, Her manner was pleasant, a little of the toilette and the gifts of fascination artificial, but still agreeable; and so authority though she was on the gestures villagers as an impossibility for one who pleased and surprised was I with her of the hands, the motions of the head, the had impressed me as being possessed of looks, that I cried impulsively.

we shall be friends.'

ed warmly, and kissed me.

impressions. I was most favourably im- and found out the fact for myself. pressed by her-I wonder what she It was one bright warm autumn afterthought of me?

I had tried to do my best in honor of the fells on Beppo (for it must not be the occasion, but I felt myself to be an supposed that I altogether forsook my daughter of the house to go to him, to asutter failure ; in fact, a mistake. In my outdoor exercise), I overtook a young sure him that I sympathized with him, Co-operative Plans avoided. soiled tumbled habit, my hair about my man, thin, lithe, active, and graceful, who and regretted my father's rudeness. shoulders, a jaunty little hat upon my was trudging manfully along the narrow You may imagine this was the seed of head, my glass told me that I looked well pathway which was a short cut through Lydia Trevor's sowing bearing fruit, but I enough with a kind of wild picturesque the prettiest part of the park from the solemnly declare not a thought of coquetbeauty; but in a white muslin dress far village to the house.

Fredericton, May 12, 1881,