LENA RIVERS

you remembered your promise, for I was she really looks miserable. I think a ride and they go far toward making others besides having her son and Nellie under going to Versailles." her special cognizance, had also an eye straightway appropriated to Cart. Atherton, who, in dainty white kids, and vest plied, to match, (the color, not the material.) ready to cry with vexation.

When the guests had nearly all arrived. both Mr. Graham and Durward started for 'Lena, the latter reaching her first, warmed toward the orphan girl, partly be- stopped her, saying, "You are sure she and paying her so many little attentions. cause she saw that she was neglected and dont't care for me? that the curiosity of others was aroused, unloved. and frequently was the question asked, "Who is she, the beautiful young lady in Jr., nor even suspected his mother's ob- as the door closed upon 'Lena; and such white muslin and curls?"

heaven's sake don't show your ignorance of etiquette by taxing Mr. Bellmont's good nature any longer. It's very improper to claim any one's attention of the many one's at per to claim any one's attention so long, me, not Mabel. She isn't to blame." and you are calling forth remarks."

'Lena colored scarlet, and gazed wistother shelter when Durward should relinbut none presented itself. Her uncle she does not feign it, either." was playing the agreeable to Miss Ather-"What shall I do?" said 'Lena, uncon- ed and bled!"

sciously and half aloud. "Stay with me," answered Durward, tion which she could not mistake.

hardly spoken with her to night.

sible, than did the old captain to Anna. move her from one extreme to the other. So, with this lesson, Mabel for the first About this time Mr. Everett came. He had been necessarily detained, and now, carefully noting each change, and warily did not feel, feigning carelessness or inafter paying his respects to the host and calculating its result. Not once since difference when every pulse of her heart was still held "in durance vile" by the captain. But the moment she saw Malbostess, he started in quest of Anna, who colin, she uttered a low exclamation of ters take their course. But at last, anx who, observing her apparent indifference, joy, and without a single apology, broke abruptly away from her ancient cavalier, day when they were alone, she spoke of nothing for him. With this impression whose little watery eyes looked daggers Mabel, asking him if he did not think she he exerted himself to be agreeable, wonhimself with the reflection that he was tolerably sure of her, do what she would, he walked up to her mother, kindly relieving her for a time of her charge, who was becoming rather tiresome. Frequently, by nods, winks, and frowns, had Mrs. Livingstone tied to bring her son to a sense of improper conduct in devoting himself exclusively to one individual, and

neglecting all others. But her efforts were all in vain. John Jr was incorrigible, silly whispering to medicine chest ' This be said, referring oddities, John Jr. had a particular aver- why, that's another thing. sion to sickly ladies. Of course Nellie the same time warmly defending Mabel, and red. "who," she said, "had been delicate from

just then entering. About an hour after supper the guests marry Mabel Ross, never.

began to leave, Mrs. Livingstone being the first to propose going. As she was ascending the stairs, John Jr. observed elevated tone of voice, she said, I s'pose her cheek, while her large black eyes that Mabel was with her, and turning to it's Nellie Douglass you mean; but if you sparkled with unusual brilliancy. She

"Where?" asked 'Lena, looking around "Why, there," continued John, point-

"I saw them together," answered 'Lena "and I thought it very kind in my aunt,

she going home with us for?'

Mabel, sinking back among the cushions, wept silently, thinking that everybody necessary.

to have seen more of you," said he, "but grate. you must visit us often-will you not?" him awake until the morning was grow- told of the pain she was enduring. ing gray in the east. Then, when he was

his mother, or to make his father's guilt less heinous in her eyes, he replied, "It is a little singular that our minds should run in the same channel for L to ever after strove hard to appear well and run in the same channel for L to ever after strove hard to appear well and the little singular that our minds should run in the same channel for L to ever after strove hard to appear well and the living stone, as they came within sight of the city.

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now imposed upon her-that of watching both husband and son; but she was accustomed to it, for her life, since her how much her cousin's rudeness and in- Accustomed as she was to equivocation, second marriage, had been one continued series of watching for evil where there was none. And now, with a growing hatred toward 'Lena, she determined to increase her vigilance, feeling sure she ing if he had any well-grounded reason for this downright falsehood cost Mrs, Living stone quite an effort, but she fancied the they were alone, she broached the subject speaking very kindly of Mabel, and asking if he had any well-grounded reason for this uncivil treatment of her. There was should discover something if she only con tinued faithful to the end

CHAPTER XIII.

MABEL.

The morning following the party, Mr. and if she'd only go home and mind her Livingstone's family were assembled in own business, I should like he well the parlor, discussing the various events enough." of the previous night. John Jr., 'Lena, "I don't understand you," said 'Lena, and Anna declared themselves to have and her cousin continued: "Why, when been highly pleased with everything, Mabel first came here, I do not think she while Carrie, in the worst of humors, pro-nounced it "a perfect bore," saying she was not so much at fault, but she does never had so disagreeable a time in all nowher life, and ending her ill natured remarks by a malicious thrust at 'Lena, for having so long kept Mr. Bellmont at her fool if she don't. And what provokes me

"I suppose you fancy he would have looked better with you, but I think he showed his good taste by preferring looked better with you, but I think he showed his good taste by preferring looked better with you, but I think he prompt her to leave. You wouldn't catch looked better with you, but I think he prompt her to leave. You wouldn't catch looked better with you, but I think he prompt her to leave. You wouldn't catch looked better with you, but I think he prompt her to leave. You wouldn't catch looked better with you, but I think he prompt her to leave. You wouldn't catch looked better with you, but I think he prompt her to leave. You wouldn't catch looked better with you, but I think he prompt her to leave. You wouldn't catch looked better with you, but I think he showed his good taste by preferring looked better with you, but I think he looked better with you have a looked better with you. 'Lena," said John Jr.; then turning to here at all, for fear folks will say she ward the large easy chair, where Mabel comes to see me, and that's why I like sat, pale, weary, and spiritless, he asked her so well." "how she had enjoyed herself."

so unexi, ed, that it brought a bright for there's nothing in you to dislike."

glow to her cheek, making John Jr. think she was "not so horridly ugly after all."

for there's nothing in you to dislike."

"Thank you," interrupted John Jr., returning the compliment with a kiss, a Parers, Corers and Slicers.. But she was very unfortunate in her liberty he often took with her.

her ill health, she seldom enjoyed any the same time continuing-"No, I don't thing of the kind." Then pressing her suppose Mabel is dying for you at all. All "My head is aching dreadfully, as a pun- you gentlemen, and she's not an excepishment for last night's dissipation."

about starting after you." This observa- would do her good. Suppose you take happy. tion did not escape Mrs. Livingstone, who. her with you-I heard you say you were "So they do," answered John, upon

strutted back and forth with Anna tucked ways be bothered with a girl;" then as he who really had no idea that Mabel cared under his arm, until the poor girl was saw how Mabel's countenance fell, he con- aught in particular for her cousin, and

wants to, I know.'

As yet Mabel cared nothing for John Nothing of all this escaped Mrs. Livingstone, and once, in passing near her ingstone, and once, in passing near her ingstone, and the lim, he'd see if he couldn't make her, for niece, she managed to whisper, "For young man, as he walked off to order the after all, there was something pleasant in

her softest tones, she said to Durward, "How can you resist such beseeching more agreeable than he had at first sup." Suddenly upset Mabel's work-box, at the same time silly whispering to his cousin, "Ain't I coming round?" glances as those ladies send toward you?" posed, and even acknowledging to 'Lena harm's that "she was a good deal of a girl, after that "she was a good deal of a girl, after that "she was a good deal of a girl, after all, were it not for her everlasting headfully around the room in quest of some he declared she always carried about her. bump his head against hers. After this, quish her, as he felt he would surely do, talk so, for she is sick a great deal, and smoothly as even Mrs. Livingstone could

was playing the agreeable to Miss Atherton, Mr. Graham to some other lady, while John Jr. kept closely at Nellies side, forgetful of all else.

"What shall I do?" said 'Lena, uncon-

Still John Jr. acknowledged that there every word and look, learning to live were some things in Mabel which he liked upon his smile, and conforming herself, drawing her hand further within his arm, for no one could live long with her and as far as possible, to what she thought ent bending upon her a look of admira- not admire her gentleness and uncommon would best please him, sweetness of disposition, which manifest.

Several times they passed and re-passed sweetness of disposition, which manifest ed itself in numerous little acts of kind- Mrs. Livingstone unfolded to Mabel her Mrs. Graham, who was highly incensed at her son's proceedings, and at last actually asked him "if he did not intend noticing any one except Miss Rivers," adding, as an apology for her rudeness, (for Mrs. Crober proided hereafters). Graham would be perfectly apply cauld she only call her "daughter," and hinting that such a thing "by wise management could easily be brought about." With a gush of tears the orphan of John Jr. mingled in both hereafters. Graham prided herself upon being very of John Jr. mingled in both her sleeping girl laid her head in Mrs. Livingstone's polite in her own house,) "she has charms and waking dreams. She could not un- lap, mentally blessing her as her benefacenough to win a dozen gallants, but there derstand him, but the more his changeful tress, and thanking the Giver of all good are others here who need attention from moods puzzled her, the more she felt in- for the light and happiness which she saw various lines which we sell. you. There's Miss Livingstone, you've hardly spoken with her to night." terested in him, and her eyes would alternately sparkle at a kind word from him, "John is peculiar," said Mrs. Living-

time enumerating her many excellent so long escaped his observation.

of a fortune. remarks, John Jr. replied, I dare say, and Why, I really like her!" whoever wishes for both prize and for | And he told the truth, for with his pretune, is welcome to them for all me. her, but for pity's sake, is a man obliged quently, now, he talked, laughed, and

to Mabel's ill health, for among his other but when you come to the marrying part, be improved, and never dreaming the reproved him for his unkind remarks, at continued his mother, growing fidgety "Oh, I am so happy," said she one day

Several, returned John. She has alto- ed health. "I never thought it possible infancy, and suffered far more than was gether too many aches and pains to suit for me to be so happy. I dreaded to generally suspected."

"Let her stay at home, then," was John
Jr.'s answer, as he led Nellie toward the supper room, which the company were give up all hopes of that hundred thous- in the parlor, adjusting the feathers to and down in Alabama, for I shall never her tasteful velvet cap, which, with her

and fidgety, but very angry, and, in an ment of her words sent a deep glow to

ing toward Mabel, "Haven't you noticed with what parental solicitude mother guessing, for if Nellie will have me, I time."

for no one else seemed to notice her, and I felt sorry for her. She is going home with us, I believe."

Wishing Mabel in Guinea, and declaring her with all her poverty, but for heaven's sake, don't give so much encouragement to a poor defenseless girl."

Wishing Mabel in Guinea, and declaring he'd neither speak to nor look at her again, if common civilities were construed into encouragement. John Jr. strode out charmed her. into encouragement, John Jr. strode out charmed her. "Why," returned, 'Lena, "your mother of the room, determining, as the surest At length Nellie, who had returned Broms, Chocolate, Cocoa, Tapioca, Maccaroni, thinks the country air will do her good."
"Un-doubtedly," said John, with a sneer. "Mother's motives are usually very disinterested. I wonder she don't with him, to will was to do, and in about an hour he was descending the long bill. The sheet of the sheet was descending the long bill. The sheet was descending the long bill.

propose to the old captain to take up his quarters with us, so she can nurse him!"

an hour he was descending the long hill Christmas was fixed upon for her departure. John Jr., anxious to see Nellie, Nuts and Confectionery. polite toward Mabel, and when his mother asked him to help her into the carriage, he complied so ungraciously, that Mabel observed it, and looked wonderingly at her patroness for an explanation.

In the compiled so ungraciously, that Mabel ing to avoid, as long as possible, the sight doing so, went in his stead. Carrie, who her patroness for an explanation.

W. E. MILLER & CO., "Only one of his freaks, love—he'll get over it," said Mrs. Livingstone, while poor Mabel, sinking back among the cushions.

wept silently, thinking that everybody hated her.

When 'Lena came down to bid her host and hostess good night, the former retained her hand, while he expressed his tained her hand, while he expressed his tained her hand, while he expressed his to atone for his former acts of the host have been leaving so soon. "I meant to have

Glancing toward what he had at first rudeness, the young man accompanied Neither the action nor the words es- supposed to be a bundle of shawls, John her to the door, playfully claiming the caped Mrs. Graham's observation, and the Jr. saw Mabel Ross, her forehead band- privilege of taking leave just as his sister lecture which she that night read her offending spouse, had the effect to keep the purple rings about her heavy eyes, "It's only me, you know," said he, im-

asleep, he so far forgot himself and the wide-open ears beside him as actually to breathe the name of 'Lena in his dreams.

Mrs. Graham needed no farther confirmation of her suspicions, and at the breakfast table next morning, she gave her son a lengthened account of her husband's great sin in dreaming of a young.

"Thunder!" was John's exclamation, as he strode from the room, slamming to the together the door with unusual force.

When Mrs. Livingstone came in from supper, with a cup of hot tea and a slice of toast for Mabel, she was surprised to find her sobbing like a child. It did not take long for her to learn the cause, and then, as well as she could, she southed with the rich blood to her neck and face.

John Jr. would not have dared to take that liberty with Nellic, while Mabel, simple-hearted, and wholly unused to the world, saw in it a world of meaning, and for a long time after the carriage rolled away from Maple Grove the bright glow on her cheek told of happy thoughts within band's great sin in dreaming of a young then, as well as she could, she soothed within. a little singular that our minds should run in the same channel, for I, too, dreamed of 'Lena Rivers!"

A MERICAN OIL; Poor Mrs. Graham. A double task was if he could help it, would he notice her. —he loved you, and I supposed he intend-Next to Mrs. Livingstone, 'Lena was ed telling you so; but bashfulness pre-Mabel's best friend, and when she saw vented, I dare say!

his uncivil treatment of her. There was no person in the world who possessed so probability of the affair never occurred. much influence over John Jr. as did 'Lena Could she have known how lightly John

love. Still, I don't blame her as much as But she did not know all this, and thus Measure. I do mother, who is putting her up to it, was the delusion perfect.

is to think she'll still keep staying here,

"I think you are mistaken with regard promptly attended to, With the exception of his accustomed to Mabel," satd 'Leua, "for I've no idea "good morning," this was the first time she's in love with you a bit more than I he had that day addressed her, and it was am. I dare say she likes you well enough APPLE PARERS.

answer, which was, "that on account of "Behave, can't you?" said 'Lena, at hand upon her forehead, she continued, of us girls like to receive attention from tion. Besides that, you ought to be polite Three times before, he had heard her to her, because she's your mother's guest speak of her aching head, and now, with if for rothing else. I don't ask you to At the door they met Durward, who, as an impatient gesture, he was turning love her," said she, "but I do ask you to he took 'Lena's hand, said, "It is well away, when his mother said, "Poor girl, treat her well. Kind words cost nothing.

whom 'Lena's words were having a good If there was anything in which Mabel effect. "I've nothing under heaven upon her riece and Anna. Her espionage of the latter, however, was not need. excelled, it was horsemanship, she being against Mabel Ross, except that mother wants me to marry her; but if you'll wared immediately, owing to her being now, at Mrs. Livingstone's proposition, she rant me that the young lady herself has straightway appropriated to Cart. Ather-looked up eagerly at John Jr, who re-

"Oh, hang it all! mother, I can't al- "I'll warrant you," returned Lena, tinued, "Let 'Lena ride with her-she satisfied with the result of her interview. she started to leave the room. "Certainly," said 'Lena, whose heart As she reached the door, John Jr

"Perfectly sure," was 'Lena's answer. "The plague, she don't," thought John, ject in detaining her as a guest. So when is human nature, that the young man be-

joined them, and after wringing Carrie's Ind you are calling forth remarks."

This opinion once satisfactorily settled, nose, pulling 'Lena's and Anna's curls, he it was strange how soon John Jr. began to suddenly upset Mabel's work-box, at the

> aches and the smell of medicine," which Jr. assisting her, and managing once to "Hush-sh," said 'Lena-"you shan't affairs at Maple Grove glided on as wish. John and Mabel were apparently "Perhaps not," returned John Jr., on the most amicable terms, he deeming

Thus importuned, Durward released 'Lena and walked away, attaching himself to Carrie, who clung to him closer, if possible, then did the old contains the form one extreme to the other."

"John is peculiar," said Mrs. Living-stone, "and if he fancied you liked him speeches; while he seemed to take special delight in seeing how easily he could move her from one extreme to the other." Silently Mrs. Livingstone looked on, time in her life, attempted to act as she

Mabel became an inmate of her family was throbbing with joy at some little atious to know his real opinion, she deter- began to think that what 'Lena had said mined to sound him. Accordingly, one was true, and that Mabel really cared improved upon acquaintance, at the same dering how her many good qualities had

ried her would get a prize, to say nothing ed," said he one day to 'Lena, who was commending him for his improved man-Quickly comprehending the drift of her ner. "Yes, a heap more than I supposed.

judice laid aside, he, as is often the case, I thought you liked Mabel, said his began to find virtues in her, the existence Nellie that "he had no idea of beauing a to marry every girl he likes? Mabel rode with her, praising her horsemanship, does very well to tease and amuse one, pointing out some points wherein it might while of the deep affection his conduct And what objection have you to her, had awakened in the susceptible girl. to 'Lena, who was speaking of her improv

> neatly fitting riding dress, became her Mrs. Livingstone was now not only red better than anything else. The excite-

'Lena, who now leaned on his aim, he said, "There goes the future Mrs. John Jr.—so mother thinks!"

"Where?" asked 'Lena, looking around would. But John Jr. took no notice of face, exclaimed in his blunt, jocose way, her hints, and when he got a chance, he "Upon my word, Meb, if you keep on,

'Twas the first compliment of the kind "Marry her, then," retorted his mother had ever paid her, and questionable as it -"marry her with all her poverty, but was, it tended to strengthen her fast form-

"If you please, Mr. Livingstone, won't Anna and 'Lena bade her a more affection.

printing upon her forehead a kiss which "Thunder!" was John's exclamation, sent the rich blood to her neck and face.

girl, and that girl 'Lena Rivers. Durward her, telling her not to mind John's freaks "Did my son say anything definite to laughed heartily, and then, either to tease | -it was his way, and he always had a par | you before you left?" asked Mrs. Living-

and now, hearing her patiently through, he replied, "I know I'm impolite to Mabel, but hang me if I can help it. She is so flat and silly, and takes every little attention from me as a declaration of the line of the li

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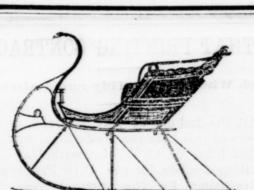
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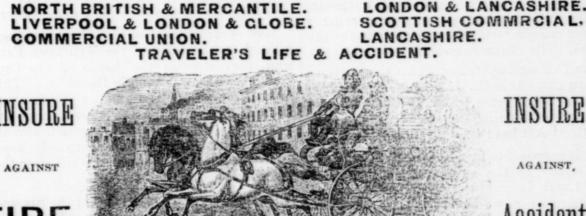


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