YOLANDE.

By WILLIAM BLACK. AUTHOR OF "SHANDON BELLS," "MACLEOD DARE," "WHITE WINGS," "SUNRISE," ETC. CHAPTER I.

RELEASED FROM CHATEAU COLD FLOORS T ATE one evening in April, in a pri L vate sitting-room on the first floor of a hotel in Albemarle Street, a member of the British House of Commons was lying back in an easy-chair, having just begun to read, in an afternoon journal, an article about himself. He was a man approaching fifty, with what the Scotch call "a salt-water face' that is to say, a face tanned and reddened with wind and weather, sharp of feature, and with hair become prematurely quite silver white. At a first glance he seemed to have the air of an imperative, eager, aggressive person; but that impression was modified when by any accident you met his eyes, which were nervous, shrinking, and uncertain. Walking in the street, he rarely saw sny one; perhaps he was too preoccupied with public affairs; perhaps he was sensitively afriad of not being able to recognize half-remembered faces. When sitting alone, slight noises made him start.

This was what the man with the thin red face and the silver white hair was reading :

"By his amendment of last night which, as every one anticipated, was defeated by an overwhelming majority, the member for Slagpool has once more called attention to the unique position which he occupies in contemporary politics. Consistent only in his hopeless inconsistency, and only to be reckoned on for the wholly unexpected, one wonders for what particular purpose the electors of Slagpool ever thought of sending Mr. Winterbourne to Parliament, unless, indeed, it were to make ciently often heard of in the couucils of the nation. A politician who is at once a furious Jingo in foreign affairs and an ultra-revolutionary at home; an upholder of the divine rights and liberties of the multitude, who at the same time would, if he could, force them to close every public-house in the country, alike on Sunday and Saturday; a virulent opponent of Vivisection, who nevertheless champions the Game Laws, and who is doubtful about the Abolition of Capital Punishment, probably because he would like to reserve to himself the right of hanging poachers: it may be conceded that such a member of Parliament, if he is not to be counted on by any party, or by any section or subsection of any party-if, indeed, he is ordinarily a good deal more dangerous to his allies than to his enemies-may at least do some service to his constituents by continually reminding the country of their existence, while ministering on the same occasions to his own inordinate vanity. For it is to this-it is to an inordinate vanity, spurred on by an irritable and capricious temperthat we must look for the cause of those spasmodic championships and petulant antagonisms, those erratic appearances and disappearances, those sudden alliances and incomprehensible desertions.

of modern English politics." When he had got thus far he stopped. "It sounds like the writing of a young man," he was thinking. "But perhaps it is true. Perhaps that is what I am like. The public press is a mirror. I wonder if that is how I appear to Yolande'!'

Slagpool the very whirligig and teetotum

He heard a footstep outside, and imed up with pleasure.

laughing.

"Look," she said. "Is it your idea?" Bouillon."

two seconds together and be vexed. thing properly."

to the fire-place, and standing before be nothing but stupidity in the House a division; and perhaps I may be able the old-fashioned mirror as she adjust- to-night. ed the wide-brimmed Rubens hat over the ruddy gold of her hair. For this listen to this," said he, laying hold of not careering about the Continent with was an experiment in costume, and it her by both her small ears. "Don't my school-girl. No, no; I will see you had some suggestion of novelty. The you think it prudent of me to show up safe in your own room, Yolande; and plain gown was of a uniform cream as often as I can in the House-espe- your lamp lit, and everything snug: white, of some rough towel-like sub- cially when there is a chance of a divi- then-good-night." stance that seemed to cling naturally to sion-so that my good friends in Slagthe tall and gracefull figure; and it was pool mayn't begin to grumble about my disappointment in her face. "Altouched here and there with black vel- being away so frequently? And why ready?" vet, and the tight sleeves had black am I away? Why do I neglect my velvet cuffs; while the white Rubens dutles? Who do I let the British Em- mighty empirehat had also a band of black velvet pire glide on to its doom? Why, but round the bold sweep of the brim .- that I may take a wretched school-girl she sa d For the rest, she wore no ornaments | -a wretched, small-brained, impertibut a thick silver necklace round her nent, prattling school-girl-for her holithroat, and a plain silver belt round her days, and show her things she can't waist, the belt being a broad zone of understand, and plough through musolid metal, untouched by any graver. seums and picture-galleries to fill a

on the details of her costume. Her girl !' face was interesting, even at an age when gentleness and sweetness are to hear that," she said, quietly. about the only characteristics that one expects to meet with. And although no mere catalogue of her features-the him; "for how I think my dream will calm clear brow; the wide-apart gray- soon be coming true." blue eyes; the aquiline nose; the unusually short upper lip and beautifully rounded chin; her soft and wavy hair life," said she seriously. "It is all I glistening in its ruddy gold; and her wish for and hope for. Nothing elsecomplexion, that was in reality exces- nothing else in the world. sively fair, only that an abundance of "Bless us all !" said he, with a touch freckles, as well as the natural rose- of irony. "What wonderful ambition color of youth in her cheeks, spoke of is this?" her not being much afraid of the sun and of the country air-although no to you," she said, simply, mere enumeration of these things is at He took his hands from her ears and all likely to explain the unnamable put them on her hair, for there were self, Yolande," said he rather hesitatgrace that attracted people to her, yet some bits of curls and semi-ringlets ingly. "You can order flowers. You there was at least one expression of her about her neck that wanted smoothing. face that could be accounted for. That "You are not indispensable, then ?" unusually short upper lip, that has been said he.

droop to the mouth whenever her fea- she said. "Surely it is a shame that breakfast table, papa? It is not far to tures were in repose; so that when she you have wasted so much time on me, suddenly looked up, with her wide, through so many years, always coming wondering, timid, and yet trustful to see me and take me away, perhaps eyes, there was something pathetic and not a week between, and I am glad wistful there. It was an expression enough, for it was always expectation ship, but beyond that it had no signifi- at Oatlands Park the same-up and cance whatsoever. It had nothing to down, up and down, by rail, and then ing" over the breakfast table to the to be your private secretary." very last of all the last and lingering she would let her father go down to put | eyes. in an appearance at the House.

two very distinct manners. With her Don't think of it even." friends and intimates she was playful, careless and not without a touch of humorous wilfulness; but with strangers and especially with strangers abroad, she could assume in the most astonishhow she should behave when she went once been in the-the what is it called? travelling with her father, which hap- |-for the ladies to listen in the House as any one could wish. In the musicoom after dinner, or on the deck of a by accident absent, she was the English had been charmed with the bright, variable, vivacious face as it had regarded him across the white table cover aud the flowers. Yolande's face could become very calm, even austere on oc-

"Is it what you meant?" she repeated, turning to him from the mirror. Her face was bright enough now.

"Oh yes," said he, rather reluctantly. 'I-I thought it would suit you. But you see, Yolande-you see-it is very pretty-but for London-to drive in the Park-n London-wouldn't it be a little conspicuous?"

Her eyes were filled with astonishment; his rather wandered away neryous'y to the table.

"But, papa, I don't understand you! Everywhere else you are always wishing me to wear the brightest and lightest of colors. I may wear what I please which have made of the member for -and that is only to please you, that is what I care about only-anywhere else : if we are going for a walk along the Lung' Arno, or if we go for a drive in the Pracer, yes, and at Oatlands Park, too, I can not please you with enough bright colors; but here in London the once or twice of my visits-"

"Do speak English, Yolande," said he, sharply. "Don't hurry so." "The once or twice I am in London,

mediately thrust away the newspaper oh no! Everything is too conspicuous be grandly indifferent-even contempfrom him, face downward. The next Is it the smoke, papa? And this time | tuous. Was it for her, who wished to moment the door of the room was open- I was so anxious to please you !-all ed, and the frame-work of the door be- your own ideas; not mine at all. But affairs, to mind what was said about him came the frame-work of a living pic- what do I care?" She tossed the in a leading article? And then, in ture, Mr. Winterbourne's face lighten- Rubens hat on to the couch that was spite of herself, tears slowly rose and near. "Come! What is there about filled the soft gray-blue eyes, though The picture framed by the doorway a dress? It will do for some other she kept her head down, vainly trying was that of a young girl of eighteen, place, not so dark and smoky as Lon- to hide them. And then mortification singularly tall and strikingly fair, who don. Come-sit down, papa-you do at her weakness made her angry, and stood there hesitating, timid, half not wish to go away to the House yet! she crushed up the paper twice and You have not finished about Godfrey of thrice, and hurled it into the fire; nay,

"Is it your idea!" he repeated, "I am not going to read any more thrust and drove the offending journal peevishly. "Yolande, you are getting Gibbon to you to-night, Yolande," said into the very heart of the coals. And worse and worse instead of better. he; but he sat down, all the same, in then she rose, proud and indignant, but Why don't you say, 'Is this what you the easy-chair, and she placed herself with her eyes a little wet, and with a on the hearth-rug before him, so that toss of her pretty head, she said: "Is this what you meant?" she said, the soft ruedy gold of her hair touched "It is enough time to waste over promptly, and with a slight foreign ac- his knees. It was a pretty head to such folly. Perhaps the poor man has

His eyes could not dwell on her for | "Oh, do you think I am so anxious write such stupidity as that. Now, about Gibbon, then !" she said, lightly, papa, what shall I play for you?" "Come to the mirror, child, and put as she settled herself into a comfortable | She was going to the piano. But he on your hat, and let me see the whole position. "No. . Not at all. I do not had risen also. want any more Gibbon. I want you, . She did as she was bid, stepping over And you said this morning there would the House. There is just a chance of

But any one who had seen this young | mind that is no better than a sieve? uplifted, her hands busy with her hat, going headlong to the mischief all for to youwould not have wasted much attention | the sake of an empty-headed school-

"Do you know, papa, I am very glad | the curls fell out of her box."

"Glad, are you?" "Yes," said she, nestling closer to

"Your dream ?" "My dream-the ambition of my

"It is to make myself indispensable

do with any sorrow, suffered or fore- long beautiful days that were very good shadowed. So far the girl's existence to me, but were stupid to you, when had been passed among the roses and you were thinking of the House all the ilies of life; the only serious grievance | time. Very well, now, papa; I have she had ever known was the winter more sense now; I have been thinking; coldness of the floors in the so-called I want to be indispensable to you; I chateau in Brittany where she had want to be in London with you always; emancipated from the discipline of the idling, either to the Continent or to the place; and the world was fair around have to think that I am wearying for

This must be admitted about Yolande and even nervously. "London won't Winterbourne, however, that she had do for you; it-it wouldn't do at all.

"Papa," said she, " what other member of Parliament, with so much business as you have, is without a private secretary? Why should you answer all those letters yourself? For me. I ing fashion the extreme coldness and | will learn politics very quickly; I am courtesy of an English miss. Remem- studying hard; at the chateau I transber, she was tall, fair, and English-look- lated all your speeches into Italian for ing; that, when all the pretty, timid exercises. And just to think that you trustfulness and merriment were out of have never allowed me to hear you them, her eyes were wide apart and speak in the House! When I come to clear and contemplative; and further, London-yes, for five minutes or half that the good dames of the Chateau an hour at a time-the ladies whom I Cold Floors had instructed her as to see will not believe that I have never pened pretty often. At the table d'hote No, they can not believe it. They with her father present, she was as know all the speakers; they have heard light-hearted, as talkative, as pleasant all the great men; they spend the whole of the evening there, and have many come to see them-all in politics. steamer, or anywhere, with her father Well, you see, papa, what a burden it The would be taking off your hands. You miss out and out, and no aside conver- would not always have to come home sations were possible. "So proud, so and dine with me, and waste so much reserved, so English," thought many an of the evening in reading to me-no, I impressionable young foreigner who should be at the House, listening to you, and understanding everything. Then all the day here, busy with your letters. Oh, I assure you I would make prettier compliments to your constituents that you could think of; I would

> write to you think you were the very best member they could choose. And then-then I should be indispensable to "You are indispensable to me, Yolande. You are my life. What else

make all the people of Slagpool who

do I care for?" he said, hurriedle "You will pardon me, papa, if I say it is foolish. Oh to think now! One's life is more important than that, when you have the country to guard."

"They seem to think there," said he, with a sardonic smile, and he glanced at the newspaper, "that the country would be better off without me." It was too late to recall this unfortu-

nate speech. He had thrust aside the newspaper as she entered, dreading that by accident she might see the article, and be wounded by it; but now there was no help for it; the moment he had spoken she reached over and took up the journal, and found her father's name staring her in the face. "Is it true, Yolande?" said he, with

a laugh. "Is that what I am like?" As she read, Yolande tried at first to be of assistance to her father in public she seized hold of the poker, and

to support a family; but he need not

"No, no, Yolande. I must be off to to get in a few words somewhere, just "Well, now, Miss Inveigler, just to show the Slagpool people that I am

> "Already?" she said, with a great "Child, child, the affairs of this

"What do I care about the empire!"

He stood and regarded her calmly. wish to be private secretary to a member of Parliament!" "On, but if you will only sit down

for five minutes, papa," she English girl standing there, her arms Just think of it. The British Empire piteously, "I could explain such a lot "Oh yes, I know. I know very well. About the temper madame was in when

> "Papa, it is you who make me frivolous. I wish to be serious-" "I am going, Yolande." She interposed

"No. Not until you say, 'I love

"I love you." " 'And I forgive you.' " "And I forgive you." "Everything?" "Everything."

"And I may go out to-morrow morning, as early as ever I like, to buy some flowers for the breakfast table?' But this was hard to grant. I don't like your going out by your-

can ring and tell the waiter-. "The waiter!" she exclaimed. "What am I of use for, then, if it is a burgh Falls, Vt.

Covent Garden. "Take Jane with you, then."

"Oh yes." So that was settled; and he went unstairs with her to see that her little silabsolutely without intention; it was in- and expectation, and my things always ver reading-lamp was properly lit; and explicable, and also winning; it seemed | ready, and you, poor papa, wasting all | then he bade her the real last goodto convey a sort of involuntary uncon- your time, and always on the route, and night. When he returned to the sitscious appeal for gentleness and friend- that such a long way to Rennes. Even ting room for his hat and coat, there was a pleased and contented look on

"Poor Yolande!" he was thinking ; "she is more shut up here than in the country; but she will soon have the liberty of Oatlands Park again."

He had just put on his coat and hat, and was giving a last look round the room to see if there was anything he been educated. And now she was and you shall never have to run away ought to take with him, when there was a loud, sharp crash at the window. Chateau Cold Floors, as she had named Oatlands Park; and you shall never A hundred splinters of glass fell on to the floor; a stone rolled over and over her; and every day was a day of glad- you, when I am always with you in to the fire-place. He seemed bewilderness to her from the first "Good-morn- London. That is it now: that I wish ed only for a second; and perhaps it was the startling sound that had made Her demand once made; she turned his face grow suddenly of a deadly "Good-nights" that had to be said before up her face to him; he averted his pallor; the next second-noiselessly and quickly-he had stolen from the " No, no, Yolande," he said, hastily, room, and was hurriedly descending the stair to the hall of the hotel.

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(To be continued.)

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