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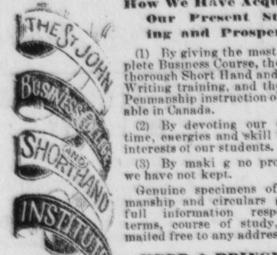
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CHAPTER XVI .- Continued.

"YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT?"

"Fine old place, but a shade sepulchral," quoth Major Gilbert to himself, as he stood on the doorstep at King's Common the following morning, awaiting a response to his summons. "What a time they are in answering!" cried he next, with a lover's impatience. But the next moment the door was noiselessly opened.

" Any one at home?"

It was a young under-footman who opened the door, and who now stood the picture of awkward, nervous hesitation, most evidently at a loss how to proceed in a moment of difficulty.

"Hey! What's the matter ?" demanded the visitor, stopping short in surprise, while half-a-dozen conjectures-all unpleasant ones-flashed into his brain at

Was there going to be any trouble ahead? Was yesterday's work capable of being undone to-day? Had mischief been brewing for she was lying half across the bed." in the night? Rosamund, what of her?

That something was strangely amiss was but too evident, and the thing to discover

"We have had a terrible misfortin in the night, sir."

Gilbert drew a long breath of relief. What was a terrible misfortune to him? That would certainly not have been the fashion in which his dismissal would have been made known, and on that point all his present uneasiness and anxiety centred.

comfort. "What is it, eh? But never answer it to his satisfaction. "Of course mind; show me in, and I'll soon hear." I am not a relation-I mean one of the

ladyship, sir-'

"Confound it! let's have an end of this," cried Gilbert, with excusable impatience; "say what you have got to say, and have done with it. I can't stop here all day while you hum and haw. Show left. She will see you presently." me in to Lady Caroline," he added, in a sort of desparation, and turned towards the imner hall.

But this was too much. "Stop, sir, stop!" and Wilham stepped back a pace; the next moment out came the thunderbolt, "Her ladyship is dead, sir. O Lord!" cried the poor young fellow, raising his two hands and letting them fall again, to enforce the full import of his own words.

"Good God !" exclaimed Gilbert, glued to where he stood. "Her ladyship is-

"Yes, indeed, sir."

"Do you mean-but no, you can't mean that? You don't mean Lady Caroline is -good heavens !" wiping his brow. "Eh -what ?-eh? Speak out, and speak plain, for God's sake, so that I can understand. Did you say that Lady Caroline is- ?" but he could not articulate the word himself.

"Found dead in her bed this morning, sir. 'Tis an awful thing, sir," and the speaker looked indeed white and scared, for the news was scarce cold. "They thought at first it was a fit, and the maids and Mrs. Ossory was an hour in the room trying what they could do to bring her ladyship round, but it was no use. And now the doctors have just gone, and they say she must have been dead at the first. Dr. Makin brought another gentleman met them in the drive, sir. They ain't been gone many minutes."

"No. I came the other way. But how -what-good heavens! I can't think. never heard anything more awful. Found dead in her bed, and she seemed as well as well as any of us only last night! Was any reason given? Is she supposed to have been ill? Have they any idea how ed away without a parting word or sign

my life!" continued Gilbert, pulling his long moustache; and, for once in his life, completely at fault in respect of his next move. Should be depart or remain? He looked at John, and John looked at him, irresolution upon either face, but the re-Monday morning, 29th instant, he will sult was that they moved solemnly across the hall together.

"Lady Julia and Lord Hartland is here, sir,39 whispered the man, as he opened the that he meant they were in the room for Gilbert gazed mutely round.

He was inexpressibly bewildered and meant to be tapped upon ! appalled, but it would be impossible to deny that he experienced also another sensation, and one equally novel to him at the moment-he breathed freely For the door, and stepped forward upon the soft carpet within without a qualm; for once he advanced from behind the large screen which guarded the entrance without seen, and yet his presence was felt everytrepidation; and for the first time he where, looked straight up and down, and round and round the spacious gloomy apartment. His reverie had barely been brought to

this appropriate close ere the door opened and Lord Hartland entered. The two shook hands in silence. Then Gilbert burst forth impetuously "I never had such a shock in my life,"

"When did you hear ?" asked the major,

His companion nodded, and the two sat

"Directly after breakfast. They had been trying to revive her for some time

"When do you suppose it took place?" "Makin-that's our doctor-thinks just before rising. The maids say she was still warm when they took her in hand, and they used all sorts of restoratives at once."

"With no effect ?" "Oh no; she had been dead before they

"Was her husband not on the spot?

Was he no good?" "Not at all. He was in his dressingroom-you know he is an early riser-and he thinks now he heard her call, but supposed at the time she was speaking to her maid. She had certainly striven to rise,

"Has-have you seen Rosamund?" said Gilbert, next. "You know it was all settled between us yesterday, don't you? I was here till late last night."

"I heard it was all right," replied Lord Hartland, putting out his hand quietly. "This is rather rough on you; but you will help to comfort them all, Rosamund

especially. She is with her aunt now." "Shall-do you think I ought to go away?" inquired Gilbert, who had been asking the same question of himself for the "Oh, indeed!" he said, with infinite last five minutes, without being able to "I-I-I really don't know, sir; her family yet, and I should not like to in-

"Oh no," said Hartland, with a faint smile, "it could not be called intruding. You have a right to stay, and I should say my cousin would be disappointed if you

"What is being done?"

"The usual things," and Hartland took up a paper-knife and played with it absently. After which the two sat a long time in silence, gazing for relief into the

"I suppose the arrangements will devolve on you?" said Gilbert, presently. "I will give any help I can."

"The boys are too young to be much good." "And the two eldest are at school."

"There is no one, then?" "I fancy Mr. Liscard will be able to express his own wishes; and though I have

not seen him yet, he knows I am here, and can send for me when he chooses." "The funeral can't well take place be-

fore the middle of the week," "No."

Then another silence.

"I am glad I came over early," said Gilbert, nursing his knee reflectively. "This happened to be an easy day, and

I was tempted." "What o'clock is it now?"

"Not twelve yet. I meant to have had a walk or drive or something, and was here by half-past eleven. But now,"-and he dolefully shook his head.

At length Rosamund came down.

She had been weeping, poor child, and at sight of the two figures who rose rewith him to make sure. You must have spectfully to receive her, tears flowed afresh. Until a few hours ago she had never known death, and had had indeed but little to do with the realities of life So terrible, so frightful a jar upon the even tenor of her days was not to be at once comprehended, and was scarcely to be looked upon but with horror and amazement. Her mother dead-gone for ever-snatch-The thing seemed too monstrous for be-"Bless me-I never was so shocked in lief; and almost as one in a dream she had clung and wept, soothed by Lady Julia's expansive, wholesome, and very real sympathetic tribulation. It had been an effort to leave her, even to come down and meet her lover-and yet it had been something to have a lover to come to.

She had heard that Hartland was with Gilbert, and had well known how quickly the former would depart on her approach; and indeed he had instantly begun to con drawing-room door; but it did not appear | sider how best to do so, when there was a tap at the door, which made all turn their it was empty, as a single glance showed. heads. A tap at the door-at that doorat a door that never was, and never was

> What could it portend? Only a housemaid entering with a

"I had better go and see what she came once in his life he heard the handle turn in about, however," said Hartland, making use of the notion. "One of us is wanted I imagine," And he left the room. All that day he was very little to be

> Insensibly one and all came to lean on him for directions and suggestions, for Major Gilbert was still too much of a wise have done, and it was due to Lord Hartland that the principal benefit which

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