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But the very next spring after Bessie's engagement, a speculative neighbor who had money proposed to the squire the planting of the rich meadows of Farleigh in hops.

Everything looked different now. He had found an El Dorado at his own door, and could do nothing but abuse the conventional stupidity which had led him always to plant wheat and oats and feed cattle, simply because the squires before him had always done so.

But he was no better able to bear sudden riches than most men are. He immediately launched into unusual expenses—refurnished the Hall, and rebuilt his kennels, and bought a couple of hunting horses.

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had become the lawful heir to the barony of Erroll and Hastings.

Then he went back to England. But after the first excitement and pleasure of his return and his new position were over, he began to feel a sense of ennui and disappointment.

He had come up to London with this idea in embryo, resolving to make inquiries and preparations there. Bessie had no place in this movement.

But the happy father would hear of no excuse, and Ralph was obliged to go. It was a very splendid affair, but the doctor was used to Indian magnificence, and the splendor did not interest him.

By and by, wandering through a conservatory, he came suddenly upon a sight which gave him an inexpressible emotion—a little, scented, pearl-colored glove, lying on a rustic table.

Then Ralph looked at her. She was a little rosybud of a girl, clothed in pearl-gray silk, white lace and pink ribbons; and he fell irremediably in love with her in that one moment.

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He found the squire alive and prospering; Farleigh Hall had become one of the show-places in Kent; and in its old gardens, and again floating down the Medway when hops filled the air with a richer perfume than olibanum or nard, he wooed and won the lovely Bessie Wilmot.

He has two little pearl-colored gloves now, and the first Bessie laughed pleasantly when he showed her that the two were excellent matches, and made a pair.

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He determined to let the decision rest on whichever offered him the highest salary.

The Indian appointment won, and within a few weeks he was on the road to Calcutta. He had destroyed every memento of his engagement except one; but on that last night in England, when he had sadly burnt Bessie's letters, and her little gowns, and even her picture, he had not been able to commit to destruction that dainty little glove that had so long comforted him.

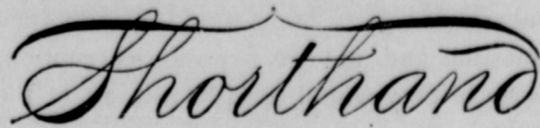
It found its home in no very romantic place—a secret drawer in his medicine chest—and there through eighteen long years it remained untouched and unlooked at. In this retreat it went with Ralph to Calcutta, and after a few months, he had no temptation to disturb it. He had become an enthusiast in his profession, and a devoted botanist, and in the two pursuits found ample interest for life.

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He grew attached to his Indian life. One relay of officers after another was exchanged, or sent home on long furloughs, but Ralph never thought of any change save a few weeks every summer to the cool heights of the Neilgherrys. Probably he would have died a very contented exile, if he had not received a letter in the eighteenth year of his Indian life, telling him that he

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