

HIS LITTLE WIFE.

IN TWO INSTALMENT—PART II.

There loverlike attitudes opened his eyes to the truth, she filled him with anger and amazement. That Richard Curtis, a mere private secretary, should have presumed to form an attachment to a baronet's niece, seemed to Sir Vane an unpardonable offence...

desk. The fall broke it open, the contents fell out, and among them was the missing bracelet. Julian stifled a groan. 'I sent for that wretched girl,' his mother went on. 'I showed her the bracelet in Sarah's presence, and said that if she would admit her guilt I would deal leniently with her.'

accusation brought against her. I was compelled to speak to set matters right. What man could have done less? 'The injustice done to the young lady who bears your name,' said the colonel, arising from your own duplicity, can only be set right by an open avowal of your marriage, and of the existence of a duplicate bracelet.'

note from Sir Vane, asking him to call at the Grange. He went, wondering greatly what the baronet could want with him. Surely Cicely had not ventured to bring their engagement under her uncle's notice? Sir Vane received his visitor in the library.

a little nearer to Dick. 'This intrusion is unpardonable,' cried the baronet, his voice trembling with rage. 'Leave my grounds, sir.' Ere Curtis could comply, or remonstrate, a lady came up the wild avenue, within a stone's throw of the summer-house.

CHAPTER IV.

On the day following Julian Beaumont's accident, Richard Curtis had received a

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