Harry's Majority

By DAGNEY MAJOR.

THAT most delightful companion of summer days—the sun—was shring brilliantly through the open window into a charmingly appointed ching-room one bright June morning. Breakfast was laid for three. At the head of the table sat Miss Prischle. head of the table ant Miss Pris-cilla Payne, a sweet, gray haired-woman, with what is termed a "good" face, though lined with care and trouble. Yes; the bowl of happiness was low when her share was ladled out. There was a gentle look of resignation in her face, which was the reflection of a hrave heart. She brightened up as she heard a quick, light footstep, and her nices, Jesse Burton, a sweetly pretty girl of about 18 summers, entered the Jessie Burton, a sweetly pretty girl of about 18 summers, entered the

"Good-morning, auntie! Is Harry down?" she asked, kissing berguard-

"No, dear; but he soon will be, I'm sure. He can only have one twenty-first birthday."

Many letters for him?" "A few; one is from Australia."
"Auntle," 'said the girl, suddenly.

with a tinge of lovely color flaming her checks, "I-I-have something to "I do believe I can guess what it is,

O, auntis, I am sure you haven't a

My dear, your face convinces me that my conclusion is correct. Come here and let your old aunt whisper it: Harry has proposed and you have ac-cepted him."

"How did you know?" ejaculated essie. "Yes, he proposed last night.

Aren't you going to congratulate me?"
"Yes, yes, darling. May you be very, very happy," and she kissed her niece lovingly. "Are you quite sure, Jessie, that you love him, and that there is nothing that would prevent you from marrying?"

Jessie replied by a look that indi-cated such a question was entirely un-

"You know, dear, I was in love once, and some one was fond of me, butbut-things went wrong. Some day you shall hear the story, dear, then you will understand how it is I am so anxious about you. Ah, here is

At that moment a handsome young fellow entered the room. Jessie ran and kissed him, and led him to her aunt, who was smiling through tears of happiness and sorrow-sorrow be-

After oft-repeated congratulations and many happy returns, Harry was permitted to open his letters. The gist of the one from Australia ran as follows;

follows:

"My Dear Son: I trust you will receive this on the day you attain your majority. Now that you have arrived at an age of discreties. I wish you to know as much of my listory as is necessary. Pray my dear son, do nut think hardly of me.

All I have done I have done for the best.

I have interfrected that good man.

Rev. William Nayand, your guardien and counsefor all three years, to tell you as much as he thinks fill. He will see the lawyers for you. After to-day you will be able to draw \$1.50 a year. This will confine useful my death, when all I have gues to you. Wishing you all happiness, my dear bey. Your most affectionate

Harry read this through twice, amid

Harry read this through twice, amid a strange feeling of uneariness and emotion. It was the first letter he had ever received from his father. He sat down, looking rather pale, crushing the letter in his hand. Was his three months of perfect happiness at this house to be marred by some hor-rible revelation? He trusted not.

Somehow or other he thought of James Barton, his rival.

Miss Payne had taken a great fancy to Harry when they first met, two years ago, and he had interly been staying with her and Jessie, with the inevitable result that he fell head over ears in love with her pretty face.

"My guardion, Rev. William Nay-land, will be calling to see me to-day. Miss Payne," he said at length, "about I should like to see

trouble with you but 17"

The doubts and perfective which entangled his mine for a moment too, with a fivid face. "No one can seemed to everythelin him then with gainsay it." "Yes, I will gainsay it." "Yes, I will gainsay it." ong arms and held her closely to

"Jessie," he began falteringly at William Daining," it, "If-If-there should be anything. All looked up at and, if the three should be nothing that might name between our marking of the if there is a very the my family, and I have kept it from you, believe me with 1 say that it was through no family of mine. I had no intention to course.

Your offermore, Rev. William Nay at was charted with Har-a bour. Harry ing the said of the and off other for glacular, who had been like a facan we the painful nature of the day which the clergyman had to perform that afternoon he would sarely have timbe it a lighter tank.

"I would first of all tell you, Harry that I have an unbounded faith and reard in your father, who, under the ost adverse circumstances, has won the esteem and respect of all with whom he has come in contact since re-siding in Australia. He only made one slip in his life, but it has cost himell, God only knows what! When he left he expressed a hope to me that, if he married, I would take care of any children with whom he was blesses and bring them up in total ignorance of who their father was. This I prom of who their father was. In a c pro-ised to do. He married out there and you were born, but in giving birth to you your mother died. When you were four years old he sent you to me. When you attained your majority he matructed me to tell you the secret of his life, and begged that you would not judge him too harshly. Through hard work he has gained a substantial fortune, and from this day you will receive from the lawyers sufficient rapital that will yield an income of \$1,500 a year, You will now hear-"

"Stop!" said Harry, quietly, with a strange, hard look in his face. "I cannot and will not touch one penny of my father's money. He has deceived me. He had no right to bring me upwith the thought that his life had been beyond reproach. It was cruel-cruel-cruel!"

He was pacing the room now; his face was white and set.

"Jessie-the girl to whom I am en-gaged-what will she say? What am to tell her?-I, who have alway-cen taught to be truthful and open ever since I learned to speak. I have been kept in ignorance of that which ought to have known, and what shought to have known."

"It was done with a noble purpose and worthy of the noble mind that so tertained it," broke in his guarding quickly. "Were your flances to know the whole story she would revers and honor the name you bear."

"I shall hear nothing until we are married," retorted Harry, with rapay rising anger. "Is it not enough that ny-my father has killed my faith in him? Now you wish to kill her faith in me. No! no! no! I can't hear the truth;" and he strong from the room

He staggered blindly into the dir ing-room. But he paused on the threshold. HesawJessiestanding near the window, and by her, with his hand roughly seizing hers, stood James Panon, his rival.

"Jessie, I desire an explanation." h aid, quietly, but with a voice that shook with suppressed passion and

With a startled cry the girl turned

"My explanation is this," put in Banton, with a sneer, "that the son of a ommon forger is not a suitable hus-and for Misa Payne's niece!"
"Recall those words!" shouted flar-

"You lying scoundrell"
"They are true," sneered Banton "Twenty-three years ago your fathe forged a check, was convicted, imporoned, and finally left for Australia where he has since lived. If you don't believe it, I have ample proof. Go and ask Rev. William Nayland."

"It is a lie! a lie! liar!" thundered

Harry. "It isn't true, it isn't true," cried Jessie, moving towards him.

The shout had brought Miss Payne

and Rev. Nayland into the ross "You are not the son of Henry Dala-

ing, as you think, but of James Trenton, the forger, one and the same

At these statements, Miss Payne gave

a strange cry. Jessie rau to her.
"Auntle, auntie, say it's not frue."
Then Hev. Nayland stepped forward
and told them a take of how a man had fatien among evil companions, non-got into debt and had forged a check, how he had once been engaged to Man I to cilin Payne, and how he had gone to Australia to start life afresh, feeling that he was unworthy of her great love. He fold them of the honored name he had won, of his hard, but er struggle, and of his fortum reapped by long years of toil, of his marriage to a woman who, in giving birth to Harry, had died; how the father swore that his child should never know what his father had been, so be sent him to live in America at a sacrifice that none would ever know.

dered the elergyman, with righteon you in the garden after breakfast."

The meal having concluded, with hy who knows the secret, throng painful evidence that things had gone atwist. Harry strolled into the garden with her.

The deep of the clergyman, with righteon wrath. "you, the only one in the family who knows the secret, throng painful evidence that things had gone at below the secret, throng the love of that true, pure girl there." den with the restricted into the gar a base and foul way in order to erus the love of that tree, pure girl there.

"Darling, what is it? What is the matter?" she naked, gently nesting up to him. "Something has gone wrong, and who should there your trouble with you had 12"

Trenton, threatening disclosures disclosures disclosures with your best 12"

after check you received—" less he sent you more money. Check after check you received -"

quiet voice: "I arrived from Australia Inst night, I am James Trenton, alias

All looked up startled. In the door way stood an old man with howen head. Miss Priscalla tooked up: "O. James, James!" she cried, run-

ning to him, "you come back after at these years! Thank God! Thank God!"—Chicago Tribune.

the Compromised, Friend-I thought you said you in-tended to put on mourning for your poor bushend.

Widow-I did, but it was so very un becoming that I compromised by wear ing black stockings.—Denver Repul-lican.

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