CHAPTER IL



She knew all about me and about Jack's

Granville came down from London by the afternoon express, as I had felt sure that he would do. In fact, I timed my return so as to meet him just when he drove up to the door, and we entered the house together. The best plan was to get what I had to say over in as few words as might be; so, when I had led him into my sanctum and had given him a cup of tea, I told him point blank that I did not love him well enough to marry him. I explained, perhaps rather foolishly, that circumstances had forced this conviction upon me; whereat he smiled in the slow, exasperating way which I believe is considered to be one of his strong points as a debater.

"This does not surprise me, Diana," was his comment upon my penitent con-

"I am quite aware, my dear Granrille," I returned (for I own that his composure irritated me a little), "that notning ever does surprise you. I am very glad that you are not surprised, and also

that you are not particularly distressed." "That," he observed, "is merely your assumption; I am not conscious of having said or done anything to warrant it, My sole meaning was that I can appreciate the force of circumstances. I hope you are now in a fair way toward curing patient. the young Mr. Longfield whom you so nearly killed."

After I had informed him that Mr. Longfield was recovering rapidly there was a short pause. Then he resumed: "You have heard, I presume, that Sir

Edward Sutton is dead?"

"I have not." I answered. "It may be young man has to spare." very ignorant of me, but until now I had not so much as heard that he had ever been alive. Was he a minister or an ex-minister, or anything of that

"Oh, no," replied Granville smiling: "he was only the husband of Lady Sutton. I thought you might possibly have your interesting patient; but perhaps he has not been well enough to read the newspapers lately. Otherwise he might have been somewhat moved by the news that the lady to whom he was engaged not so long ago is once more free."

I dare say I turned pale. It really did not signify whether I concealed my emotion or betrayed it, for Granville eviquiries, he told me all that he knew about Jack Longfield and Lady Sutton. It was a sad story, he said, though of course quite an everyday one. the consequences had been what they are do with her father and mother against her, and her lover so hopelessly impecunious?

"Well," I said, "filial obedience will meet with its reward now, I suppose. She has been delivered from her husband, and it only remains for her to live happily upon his money with her lover, who won't be impecunious any longer.

Granville shrugged his shoulders. suppose so," he answered; "but lovers are not always constant. Probably you

That was just what I did not know, but if I had known I should have kept my knowledge to myself. I don't think that in any case I should have been bound to take Granville further into my confidence, and every one will allow that I was not so bound after the unmistakable manner in which he had shown me that the rupture of our engagement was a matter of absolute unconcern to him. I did not love him, and I was relieved to discover that he did not love me; yet I imagine that no woman living would feel such a discovery to be otherwise than unflattering.

Under all the circumstances I was not sorry to hear that his duty to his party and his country would compel him to be in the house of commons that night, nor did I contradict him when he considerately added that his enforced departure cident. Mr. Maitland, who had been a would probably spare me some embarrassment. Before he went away he was so kind as to say that I should always retain his friendship and his best wishes. So we parted upon amicable terms, and I gathered that if I was glad to be rid of him, he was at least equally glad to be rid of me. The truth is that we had never had anything in the world in com-

Mr. Longfield, I presume, heard of my fiance's flying visit from Mrs. Robertson. That good soul had become greatly attached to the young man. She had seen us together, and no doubt she was anxious to prevent any possible misconception on his part. I did not tell her that 1 had thrown Granville over, nor did I think it necessary to impart that information to my guest, who, in the course of the evening, found an opportunity of saying:

The Old Brown Mare, told, 1 am sorry I didn't see him. 1 should have liked to see him."

"I don't think you would," I answered, "He isn't much to look at, and as a conversationist he cannot be called brillthat a certain Sir Edward Sutton is dead, He seemed to think that would interest me; but, as I have never had the pleasure of meeting Sir Edward Sutton, it didn't.

Well, of course I was watching him Sutton all his life, and I believe he went have preserved for her. so far as to add that he was sorry to hear it was time for him to go to bed. When field's mind is set at ease he won't an thanked for my great kindness and hos- words from you will do it." pitality, and assured me that he could not to London, where he had some business to transact. Did I, he inquired, happen to know whether Sir Edward Sutton had died in London? Because, if so, he would call upon the discousolate widow.

that point, but the next morning I ascerno time in acquainting him with the circumstance. Perhaps I half expected that this would lead him to speak more frank-ly to me, but it did not. He only seemed to be perturbed and excited, and several times during the day he reiterated his fesire to get up to London as son as possible.

Now it was simply impossible for him to incur any such fatigue, and the effect of his mental disturbance was to throw him back, and bring on a return of the feverishness from which he had been free for some time past. Dr. Bowles was not at all pleased when he saw his

"Mr. Longfield has been worrying kimself, Miss Selby," his medical adviser told me in an accusing tone of voice. "That won't do, you know. If we are to have worry I won't be answerable for the consequences. I don't think you quite realize how little strength the

I realized, at all events, that it was necessary to relieve him from worry, and that must be my excuse for the course which I determined to adopt. there was any indelicacy-and I dare say there was-in my seeking out, within a few weeks of her widowhood, a woman who was a total stranger to me and heard of him, or at any rate of her, from questioning her as to whether she still remained true to her first love, I couldn't help it. It was not delicacy that was likely to restrain me from doing anything in my power to save Jack's life. So I discovered that it was incumbent upon me to hold a consultation with my solicitors, and having instructed Mrs. Robertson to telegraph for me at once if any change for the worse should take dently read me like an open book. In place in Mr. Longfield's condition, be-answer to my would be indifferent inwhich I have frequented ever since I came of age.

I am not generally accounted a nerv-The ous person, but I cannot deny that I exyoung people had been neighbors; they perienced considerable trepidation and had fallen in love with each other, and discomfort as I rang Lady Sutton's doorthere had been a sort of engagement bell. I was going to do a very bold and which had not been sanctioned by their unconventional thing, and the chances respective families. Then old Sir Ed. were largely in favor of my motives beward Sutton had presented himself, and ing misconstrued. The butler informed me, with an air of grave surprise, that in nine out of ten such cases. The poor her ladyship was not receiving visitors girl. Granville said, had hardly been to at present, but I gave him my card, tellblame in the matter. What could she ing him to say that I had special reason for asking to be admitted, so, after a short interval, during which two sable clad footmen had kept an eye upon me lest I should decamp with the umbrellas, I was requested to walk up stairs.

As I entered the drawing room, who should come bounding out and almost knock me over but Granville Maitland. M. P.! He looked slightly confused, but did not explain his presence or ask for an explanation of mine; he only mumbled something, which I suppose was meant for a greeting, and trotted down know better than I do whether hers is." stairs very quickly. I don't know whether he was as much astonished as I was, but I could not devote more than a second or so to thinking about him, be cause I had to concentrate all my mental powers upon Lady Sutton and the unauthorized mission which I had undertaken on Jack Longfield's behalf.

She was a very pretty little woman, with golden hair and blue eyes, and I hope it is not ill natured to say that she had evidently taken some pains to render her widow's garb attractive. Asshe held a pocket handkerchief in her hand, and as her eyelids were rather red, it was to be presumed that she had recently been in tears, though whether these had been shed as a tribute to the memory of her late husband seemed less One comfort was that she certain. knew all about me and about Jack's acmost kind friend to her, had given her

all the particulars, she said. "And if you have come for-for the reason that I suppose, Miss Selby," she continued hesitatingly, "you may feel assured that you have nothing to dread from me. Mr. Maitland, I know, has told you my story, and I am sure you must have concluded, what is perfectly true, that I have justly forfeited any claim I may ever have had upon Mr.

Longfield." "I think you have," I answered candidly-for, although I had foreseen the sense in which she was likely to interpret my visit, I was not the less annoyed with the woman for verifying my prevision-"but if he doesn't think so that is a matter of small consequence. You and Granville Maitland are mistaken in imagining that I have any wish to supplant you; what I do wish is to see the

"Mr. Maitland was here today, I am poor young tenow in good nearth and being kissed and embraced without so spirits again, and I shouldn't have in-truded upon you if I hadn't been con-ing, and when he did speak, the asservinced that you alone have it in your tion that he made was characterized by power to cure him. If you can tell me anything rather than modesty. that you still care for him I shall be iant. He had no news to give me, except quite satisfied, and I will go away at

once. Thereupon she began to cry and accused me of placing her in a cruelly false position. Her husband was only just dead-how could I expect her to send a compromising message forthwith narrowly while I spoke, and of course 1 to one whose love she had rejected for noticed how the color rushed into his the sake of more material advantages? pale cheeks. He told me, in a rather She was persuaded that by doing so she isteady voice, that he had known Lady would lose what little respect he might

I replied that in my opinion there was of her bereavement. He changed the not much danger of her incurring that subject with suspicious haste, but that loss, and that she must trust me to rehe had not put it away from his mind frain from compromising her. "Be-was proved by the irrelevant roplies sides," I added, "neither you nor I nor which he returned to each successive ob- he can afford to stand upon ceremony. servation that I laboriously made until The doctor says that unless Mr. Long-I wished him good night he made me a swer for the consequences; so his mind little formal speech in which I was must be set at ease. Of course a few

I did not get those few words out of main much longer as a burden upon her without some trouble. She tried my hands. He hoped that in a few days very hard to make me confess that the he would be strong enough to travel up interest which I took in Jack Longfield was not of a purely friendly order; she rambled off into a long history about the pressure that had been brought to bear upon her and the many excuses that she had for discarding her first love: I was not able to enlighten him upon but in the end I induced her to say that, since it was a question of life or death, I tained, by searching through back copies might give him her best wishes and of The Times, that the late baronet had kindest remembrances. As that seemed expired about a fortnight before at his to be sufficient I took my leave, and, at residence in Berkeley square, and I lost the risk of appearing projudiced, I must remark that she struck me as being a silly and selfish little creature.

On my return home I had the gratifiation of finding my patient decidedly aproved in health, though restless and ewhat excited. He made no secret of his anxiety to be off. Indeed, when Mrs. Robertson had dropped asleep after linner, as she always does, he asked me

whether I should think him rude if he

leparted on the morrow. He really ought to be in London, he said. "I shall not think you in the least rude," I replied, "and I quite agree with you that the sooner you go up to Lon-ton the better. That is if you can ob-tain leave from Dr. Bowles. By the way, Lady Sutton gave me a message for you. Her kindest remembrances, I think it

"I didn't know you were acquainted with Lady Sutton," he said flushing sud-

"I was not until today," I replied, "and to confess the truth, I shouldn't have been now if I hadn't forced my acquaintance upon her. You must try to forgive me for having taken such a liberty. The responsibility really rests with the doctor, who gave me to understand grateful to them both. - New York Comthat unless I could comfort you with some good news you would very likely fret yourrelf into a dangerous iliness.

I then made such explanations as appeared to be needful, while he listened to me shamefacedly. It was easy to divine what his sensations were. He had certainly made love to me, and, being a gentleman, he naturally felt a little uncomfortable at the thought that I, of all people, should be instrumental in securing for him a happiness of which he had despaired. However, I spared him as much as I could, and be thanked me for my kindness, without looking at me. and speedily made his escape. I am sure it was quite as great a relief to me as it was to him to say good night.

But when the post came in on the following morning, I received a letter from Lady Satton which astonished magreently, and the contents of waich I had no choice but to communicate to Mr. Long-

"Dear Miss Selby," she wrote, "it is most painful to me to have to tell you of something which I had hoped to keep secret for many months to come, but after you had left me today I felt that, in justice to poor Jack, I ought not to conceal the truth. I will leave it to your kindness and good sense to decide whether he had better be told at once or not: only please do not let him come here. I know I must seem to have been faithless to him: still there is a difference between the sort of boy-and-girl flirtation that he and I had once upon a time and the love of riper years. sides, I quite thought that he had for-

gotten me. "I am afraid you will be rather displeased to hear that I am engaged to Mr. Maitland, and that we are to be married in about a year's time: although, as you vonrself no longer care for him, I don't know why you should mind. Knowing him as well as you do. I am sure you will believe that he scrupulously refrained from telling me what his true feelings were until you had set him free.

The letter was a tolerably long one; but there is no occasion to quote more than the above passages from it. Indeed, the remainder did not greatly interest me. The question was whether it would be safe to tell Mr. Longfield all, and I had by no means made up my mind that I would do so when he came, with a very serious face, to inform me that Dr. Bowles had sanctioned his immediate departure for London. However, I need scarcely say that I found half measures impossible. I tried to dissuade him from attempting to see Lady Sutton on the ground of her recent be reavement, and I tried to hint very gently that there was a chance of her being no longer quite of the same mind as she had been before her marriage, but these subterfuges were of no avail.

"You are keeping back something from me, Miss Selby," he said at length. "Please don't do that, because it isn't

"Please don't do that, because it isn't kind or friendly to decreive me, although
I know you mean to be both."

So then I burted out the truth clumstly enough, and I must say that the effect which it produced upon lim was startling in the highest degree. Up to Jack Longfield to be a modest nod even as somewhat timil young man; certainly I had imagined that he was a good deal in awe of me. But these illusions were rudely dispelled when I found myself.

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found myself being kissed and em-

"I knew all along that you loved me," he declared unblushingly, "but you felt that you were bound in honor to that fellow, and when I heard that old Sir Edward was dead I felt much the same thing with regard to Lady Sutton. How can we ever thank them enough for hav ing taken a fancy to each other!"

I pointed out to Jack that his case was far from being upon all fours with mine. I had never pretended to be in love with Granville-a man with whom it was preposterous to imagine that anybody could fall in love-whereas he had undoubtedly been enamored of a woman much inger and prettier than I was. Well, he admitted that he had once been enamored of Lady Sutton, but he would admit nothing more, and perhaps I was not overwhelmingly anxions that he should. Beauty, after all, can only be defined as that which pleases the eye. if my sallow countenance pleased his eye more than her ladyship's pink and white one, it was not for me to complain of his had taste.

So it has come to pass that in these days Jack hunts the old brown mare. 1 wanted to turn her out to grass when he terms peremptorily forbade me to get upon her back again; but he says his weight makes all the difference to her, and that she is safe enough for him, though she would not be so for me. If it comes to that, I may as well acknowledge, without wasting more words about it, that his hands are better than mine. In every way and all ways he is better than I am, I think-which, no doubt, is just what a wife ought to think about her husband. I do not know whether that is the light in which Lady Sutton regards Granville: but I am sure I hope it is. If my heartiest good wishes are any comfort to that couple, they may rest assured that they assess them: for, as Jack truly says, we have every reason to be profoundly

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To ALL WHOM P MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given that I, the administrator of the estate of Henry Miller, decessed, have filed my final account with the County Court of Checkmas County, Oregon, and that the Judge of said Court has set Tuesday. April 2th, at the hour of ten o'clock a, m, of said day as the time for hearing said report and objections thereto if any their he, at which time all persons interested are hereby institled to be present and make objections to said report if any there be.

J. K. Monkis

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1992 2:26-3:25

Administrator's Sale

Administrator's Safe

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, made and entered on the lat day of March, 1822, authorizing and directing me as administrator of the estate of Mary C. Moll, deceased, to sell the real estate belonging to said estate, that, in pursuance of said order, Libra administrator, will on Monday, the file day of April, 1822, at the hour of one o cheek proposed on the premises, three miles east of Clackamas, Or, sell to the highest and best bidder for eash in hand the following described premises belonging to said decedent to wit. Being a part of the donation land, elsim of Bayld. Moll, and Mary C. Moll, his wife, Certificate No. 3861, and No. 7288 in see 3.12 s. r.2 e and more particularly described as being bounded on the west by the line of Charles Moll, and the county road, on the north by the county road, on the north of the county road, on t

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Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1892.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Gregon for the County of Clackamas.

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named settler has filed notice of his intention to make fluid proof of supposed of his claim. And that said proof will be made lactore the Recisers and Receiver and Receiver

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF OREGON AND AN Thomas Charman, Piff.,

23: 10, together with costs and disbursements liercin.

Now in order to make the above named sums and amounts I will on Saturday, the 26th day of March A. D. 1892, at the bour of I o'cleck p. m. of said day at the front door of the coart house in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, for each in hard sell all the right, title and interest that said defendants have in and to the following described real property to wit: the each half of the northwest quarter of section 22 in township 4 south, range 2 east at the Williamette meridian containing eighty arres more or less in Clackamas County, Oregon.

W. W. H. Samson,
Sheriff of Clackamas County, Or.
Dated February 22d, 1892.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, that I was appointed by the county court of Claekamas county, Oregon, on the 14th day of January, 1892, administrator of the estate of Owen P. Owens, deceased all persons having claims against said ceatat are hereby notified to present the same to me, properly verified, for payment at Oregon City, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. R. D. Pairos, Administrator of the estate of Owen P. Owens, deceased.

decoased. Dated February 26, 1892. 12:26-3:25

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