# A DEAD PAST

CHAPTER XIX -(Continued.) want in your husband's own house?" There is the agent, Raikes."

"Mr. Raikes has only seen me once, la evening dress. He is away now. I shall look very different; he will not father, recognise me. I must stay one day some-where to change my clothes. You will "how of find me some quiet hotel and tell me what her, she who is as pure as an angel, as

"But, Kitten, you bewilder me. You say you wish to go away so that Des name by your vile slanders?" mond may not find you, or know where Margaret fell back a ster you are, and yet you want to go to his

"It is the last place on earth where he Brian will never set foot in Keppington "Do not ask me why. I know it, and I shall be safe there—quite frightened her. mafe, for who can say a word against me if I am under his roof? Oh, yes, I have thought of all that, and how unthere I am safe, and I shall be dead to them all-and to him," she added below her breath

Brian did not come home that afternoon until nearly dinner time. A long day of almost complete isolation, devoted to earnest reflection, had had a good

effect upon bim. He ran upstairs lightly, and opened late, and that she was, no doubt, in her Did I not tell you, Gertrude, that it was own room, oressing for dinner. He went to her bedroom, but the door was wide open and the room empty.

He simmed to his door and went to lay an envelope addressed to himself in sickening apprehension, he tore it open and read:

'My dear husband, we have made a terrible mistake, and we can never be be connected with Mrs. Desmond, happy together. I am going away so Felicia impatiently, "or who indeed can that you may be free, and may be often say that he has been away at all?" with her who has your heart. Do not heart, dearest love, and to do less than her shoulders. that is too hard for me to bear, and so I am leaving you. Good by."

wife had left him, and some one must have told her about Rossmond Earle.

#### CHAPTER XX.

Of all the persons who suffered be cause Kitten chose to run away from her husband's house, none endured at first a more scute sense of agony conected with that event than did Margaret Grantley.

The next day all the world knew of it. The scandal-mongers and the goasip-lovers, and all the crowd of tittle-tattlers, male and female, buzzed about like bees out of a hive over this one little delightful morsel of scandal which had come to disturb, with a pleasing excitement, the even current of a hitherto uneventful season. It was the talk of the clubs, and the popular topic of the park.

"It seems that Brian Desmond neg-lected her," said one.

lot," asserted another; "and such a fool, too, to go and bolt!" This one, of course,

WERR WOMEN. And first and foremost among them all, as a matter of course, was Mrs. Talbot, and many were the knowing winks and node and shakes of her head, halfuttered sentences, and half-completed revelations, by which she gave everybody understand that she knew of a great many more horrible and dreadful details than did any one else, and that there were things-things connected with the whole business! Ah, well, if they were but known-well, she could only say that the hair on the heads of the whole pop-

ulation of London would simply stand or end with it! "And is it really true, then, that that poor young fool, Sir Roy Grantley, has gone off with her?" asked some or

"Not a doubt of it," answered Gertrude, almost viciously, for she was angry with Roy for admiring Kitten. Why, I met his sister at supper last night, and you should have seen the woman's face; why, she nearly fainted when she heard the news."

Three days thus passed away, and still injecture and gossip ran rife, and scandal refused to be silenced concerning Mrs. Desmond and her dolngs. then one fine morning, just when Margaret was nearly driven demented by all the rumors and hints which her dear friends in every direction took care to convey to her, up drove Roy himself in a hansom, to her door in Connaught Square, with his small portmanteau above him, and with as unconcerned an air as though he had been away for a couple of days' hunting or shooting.

"For heaven's sake, Roy, what is the meaning of all this?" she cried breathlessly to him, as he entered her draw-

Roy looked surprised, almost more by her manner than by her words. His siater was very pale, her voice shook with smotion, and her hands, as he took them

in his, trembled nervously.
"My dear Margaret, I do not understand you. Is anything the matter?" 'Anything the matter? How can you ask such a thing? Do you take me for

a child, Roy? Do you suppose I do not mow, have not heard everything-every-

"I have no idea to what you are alludhe answered her in calm surprise. looking slightly puzzled and bewildered.
"Where is Mrs. Desmond?" she asked him almost in a whisper, so terrible was

her anxiety. What has that got to do with you?" he answered her impatiently, almost infatuation, she forebore to express her

roughly. "Ah!" she cried, "then it is true what

-you know where she is," she answered Brian. Once before Margaret had seen that give her back nothing but the empty discover the wild blaze of anger in her young broth-

jer's face once before, when she had "You, Kitten! How can you be a ser-nt in your husband's own house?" ment Roy was transformed, his eyes flashed, his brow contracted, a storm of passion broke out all over the smooth. young face. He reminded her of his

"How dare you," he said hoarsely, how dare you speak such a thing of holy as a saint. What can you be like to venture to smirch the whiteness of her

Margaret fell back a step. t seemed to her as if Roy would have struck her, the rage in his face was so terrible. This boy-her boy, who had will ever look for me. If he can help it, been as a child to her, was a boy no longer, but a man, and a man with whom it was not safe to meddle. He

White with anger, and incapable of replying, save in a billed torrent of strong and disjointed words, Roy broke away kind people are, and what ill-natured and betock himself to Felicia. He sprang things they would say; but, you see, upstgirs three stope at a time, and burst into his cousin's drawing room.

Mrs. Talbot was sitting with her. As be entered Felicia uttered a cry of surprise and delight, and ran eagerly forward to meet him.

"Oh, Roy! Roy! how delighted I am; why have you been away? But, of course, now you will be able to explain where you have been. How glad I am the drawing room door. Kitten was not that you have come back; now all these there. Then he recollected that it was horrid, wicked scandals will be stopped. not true T

"Well, that remains to be seen, my dear Felicia," answered Gertrude airly, "Sir Roy has not cleared himself yethis dressing table. Upon his pincushion you see, to say the least, it is unfortunate that he and Mrs. Desmond should his wife's handwriting. With a strange, have been both 'missing' on the same day. It remains to be explained, of

"Why on earth should Roy's absence

'Why, my dear"-docking them off on look for me, for you will never find me; her fingers, "three dinners to which he you will be far happier without me, but was engaged, and at which he never turnshall always love you and think of ed up nor even sent any excuse," remarkyou. I could not fill your life or your ed Gertrude, with a careless shrug of

This was true, and Roy for the first time recollected these broken engage-No more, no reproach, no agong of ments, with a sort of horror at his own complaint, no anguish of despair. His carelessness. He looked from one to the ments, with a sort of horror at his own other of the ladies in absolute dismay; he began to perceive in what light his conduct appeared to the world.

"It is not true?" pleaded his cousin, with a wistful entreaty in her dark eyes. "No. of course it is not true," he answered quickly. "How could it be true? But everybody seems to have gone mad For heaven's sake tell me how this has got about, and what I am to do to stop it?" He was no longer angry, only dis mayed and distressed beyond measure. "You have only to say you don't know where Mrs. Desmond is," said Gertrude.

"But I cannot say that. I do know where she is," he answered gravely. And then Mrs. Talbot laughed.

### CHAPTER XXI.

In all his life Roy never hated Mrs. Talbot so cordially and so intensely as "Well, she must be a thoroughly bad he did when she uttered that short laugh. It was a laugh that meant so much umphant confirmation of the suspicions of the world, the ruin of Kitten's fair name, all seemed to be comprised in that short, sneering outburst of ill-timed hi-

Felicia, on the contrary, seemed oppressed with despair at her cousin's most unexpected answer. She sank down into a chair with a look of helpless distress. and tears gathered thickly in her eyes. "Oh, Roy," she cried, "don't, don't say that, it cannot be true-don't say it."

"Why should I not say it?" swered, a little defiantly, because of that other woman who sat by with a speet upon her lips, "it is quite true. know where Mrs. Desmond is now. Why should I deny it? She was in great trouble. She sent for me because I am her oldest friend, and I helped her to leave town and to go to a place where she wished to stay for a little time."

"And where is that, pray?" "That is her secret and mine," he an swered frowning. And then Mrs. Talbot laughed again.

She got up and shook out her skirts and prepared to take her leave of Fe

"It won't wash, Sir Roy, it won't wash!" she said, with odious laugh still upon her lips. "Will it, Felicia, dear?" "I don't see why you should doubt my consin's word," said Felicia, rather doggedly; "there is nothing extravagant in what he has told us. He is Mrs. Des-mond's oldest friend. If she was in trouble it was quite natural that she should

send to him.

And then Gertrude laughed again and took her leave of the cousins. There was one thing which Roy us derstood, and of which Gertrade and the world knew nothing, and that was the peculiarity of Kitten's character, which had led her to do a thing which, to the eyes of others, was foolish and reprehensible; but which was in entire acance with the natural simplicity of her own mind. Even Felicia, who was affectionate and sympathetic, could not enter

into this. "Roy," she said to him, when the door had closed upon Gertrude, "this is too dreadful! How is this business to bettered? How are these two people to

be brought together again?" "I have no power to interfere," he "Kitten is no child. I can said sadly. only do as she tells me to do."

Now to Felicia, it seemed that Kitten was not only a child, but also an exceedingly foolish one; but knowing Roy's

"Do you think of the husband, poor everybody is saying? It was you who Mr. Desmond? It is dreadful for him. But Roy could not be brought to pit But Roy could not be brought to pity The man who had dared to wit

not of compassion, but of abborrence. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* What is he doing-is he looking for her?" was all he said gloomily, after a

"No, he seems stunned, I hear, you know, because-because-Mr. Haikes, his cousin, is with him." Felicia spoke of Edgar Ralkes with a

little telltale confusion of manner, which Roy was far too much absorbed in his own troubles to observe.

"Raikee" he said sharply. that is his agent, who lives at Keppington? Is he in town, then?"

It had been Roy's secret hope that this gentleman might recognize Kitten, and be the means of restoring her to her husband.

Yes, he went to Lowndes Square at once, and has been there ever since. answered Felicia, who thought her hero a very prince among men for this act of "Mr. Desmond has kept him." charity. "He is going back to Keppington, I

suppose?" inquired Roy pagerly. "No I don't think he is. Mr. Raikes ran in this morning, knowing I should be anxious," added Felicia, coloring a "to tell me that Brian Desmond little. has asked him to go abroad with him at once."

"To go abroad!" cried Roy, aghast, "De you mean to tell me that he is go is money well expended. One of the ing to make a search for his wife? That chief expense accounts has been for To leave her without even knowing what his become of her, or whether has got enough to live opon? Good heavens, the man cannot be such a bruts se that!

'Mr. Raikes certainly told me he was going shroad at once. I know nothing ber increases, the cost of cement and more.

"Felicia," he cried, "it cannot be. Do you think that he-her husband-beieves in this wicked slander against her, which Mrs. Talbut and venomous women of her description have set affort?"

No. no. I hope and trust he has not heard of it," she answered eagerly. "I do not think he has yet. But at any moment it might get to his ears. Oh, Roy, a flat culvert of cement at low cost if only it could be stopped!"

And that was what Roy, too, said, over and over again to himself, as he went slowly back to his sister's house, "If it only could be stopped!"

But how can the voice of scandal be stopped? It is often hard to make people believe in an absolute truth, but to believe in a lie, that seems to come easily to everybody; and once fairly started on its way, a lie is as hard to stop as is that magic fiddler of German fairy lore, who has been dancing his way over the world ever since the Middle Ages.

He was very depressed and unhappy, a she flung bimself wearily into a deep armchair in Miss Grantley's drawing Margaret was adding up her "Well, Roy?"

"Well, it is as you said," he answer-ed gloomily. "You were right and I was wrong. It is not, I suppose, for the first time is our lives that I have been

forced to acknowledge as much." "There is, of course, one thing you could do, Roy, which would effectually stop this uncomfortable scandal at once and forever."

"I wish to goodness you would say

you were engaged to be married to some culverts. The illustration shows the girl, everybody would perceive instantly side wings of the cement cuivert, the impossibility of there being any truth which add to its durability.--Indianin the reports which have coupled your name with Mrs. Desmond's,"

"Engaged to be married." he cried. contemptuously; "how can that be done, What utter nonsense! To be engaged. I must ask some woman to marry How can I go out and do that at

Margaret-Grantley, quietly, without venturing to sults as the larger tubers used for

tinued, after a pause; "Felicia would marry you to-morrow; there is no prelim degeneration can only be the result inary lovemaking to be gone through with her. Uncle Gregory is so sick of from planting the small tubers a numand you above all others. Felicis her reach. On the other hand, it is quite self is fond of you-

Here Roy rose violently from his chair. and with an exclamation of angry impatience went out of the room, slamming the door after him. (To we continued.)

### HE RODE FIRST CLASS.

Cost More, but He Didn't Have to Push the Coach. A gentleman who recently returned

from a far Western trip told this story the other day of a stage coach ride which he had in the Rocky Mountains.

"I wanted to go to a mining camp which was ten miles from the nearest get there was either to walk or go by coach.

"When I reached the coach the driver wanted to know how I wished to the necessary trouble.—Exchange. travel-first, second, or third class. I thought this question peculiar, as I did not see three conches, but one. Howentered the coach and sat directly opposite me. Presently a rather tough-

cents. tions and why there should be three classes when we all shared the same sengers, keep their seats; second-class at \$52.14. passengers, get out and walk, and, third-class passengers, get out andpush!' I was glad I was traveling first class."-Baltimore Sun.

Some men are surprised when they discover that the truth answers better creatures that are profitable to the



-0-As to Cement Culverts.

During late years farming comnunities are giving much attention to the public highways, realizing that it he is content to give her up without an culverts and these are quite as high when the opening to be bridged is narrow, for the reason that less expensive and, much lighter lumber is used hence the culvert must be renewed at frequent intervals. As the cost of lumcement building blocks and slabs decreases, so that the future will see many more structures of different kinds built of concrete than it has been thought profitable to use in the past.

Experts any that a spun of twentyfive feet or less can be bridged with and that the work is lasting. The main essentials in the cement culvert, be-



FINISH OF CEMENT CULVERY

youd the first-class material, of course, are the submerged cut-off wall at each end, to prevent undermining and the wing walls at each end. In every section there are masons who are familiar with the working of concrete and what it is, then," he answered. "God highway overseers should consult knows, I would do anything." these men before investing money in "If you were to give out at once that the old-time and expensive wooden apolts News.

> Potatoes from Small Seed. Considerable argument is rife

among writers as to the relative value of small and medium or large tubers, a moment's notice? If that is your plan, for use as seed. It is claimed that the small tuber will often (generally, "There is always Felicia," said Miss perhaps) produce as large and fine re-Roy did not answer, and Margaret con- to question at least beyond the first generation, for it is safe to say that London and parental cares that he will ber of seasons in succession. This bestow her gladly upon the first comer seems to be a logical conclusion to as logical to assume that the fine medium or large tuber, containing as it must all the vigor and fine points of the variety, will produce first-class progeny and, we believe, this is essentially the case when the seed tu bers are selected from one's own product and selected at the proper time and properly cared for. If the seed potatoes are selected from the bin, be the selection from small or the large tubers, in the spring just about the time they are wanted for use, it must not be expected that they will give as good results as those which have been prop erly selected in the fall and properly rallroad station, and the only way to cared for. There is a decided saving of time, money and fertilizer in the careful selection of the seed potatoes, as any one will discover who will take

Increased the Potato Yield.

In a three-year test of growing potatoes after clover at the Ontario Staever, I decided to go first class, and tion, an average increase of thirtythe driver replied the fare would be seven bushels per acre was obtained \$2. Shortly after I had taken my seat as compared with growing potatoes another man came up to the coach, without the use of clover. For fertilizand, after talking with the driver, de- ing the land for potatoes the author cided to go second class, at \$1. He recommends the use of a moderate quantity of barnyard manure applied on the clover in the fall, or of welllooking fellow, resembling a tramp, rotted manure used in the spring; or, if also entered the coach and sat down commercial fertilizers are used, an apbeside me. He said he would travel plication of 500 to 800 pounds of or third class, and his fare was only 50 more per acre in the proportion of 250 pounds of nitrate of soda, 350 pounds "After we were on our journey a lit-tof superphosphate, and 200 pounds of tle way I began to wonder in what sulphate or muriate of potash. An inconsisted the difference of accommoda- crease of forty bushels per acre was obtained in a crop cultivated six times, as compared with one cultivated three coach. My ignorance on this point was times. In a three-year test spraying enlightened when we finally came to a with bordeaux mixture apparently inlong hill. The driver stopped his creased the yield ninety-four bushels. horses, and, turning around in his seat, The cost of growing an acre of potacried in a high voice: 'First-class pas- toes yielding 300 bushels is estimated

Farm Notes.

Long and hard pulling makes windbroken horses.

Hens are without exception the most sadly neglected of all the living

If sheep are not kept constantly in good condition the quality of the wool

A proper poultry house is not necessarily one with a fim-crack roof and a glit weather cock.

Profit in dairying depends upon four things-good cows, good and cheap feed, good care and a good market.

The Farm Toolshop.

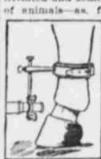
It is the exception, rather than the rule, to find a shop as a branch of farm work nowadays. We run to the store for any little thing we want, pay two prices for it and lose valuable time. Our fathers had all of the small tools in the shop and could make any repairs not of a serious nature on any tool or appliance of the farm and do it 1542-Mary Stuart, daughter of James quickly and inexpensively. Our hired help are kept busy on rainy days going over tools and wagous, painting 1594-Gustavus Adolphus born. and repairing. If the harness breaks 1608-John Milton, the poet, born. there are waxed ends of thread ready 1648-Col. Pride prevented 200 members for use or some rivets to repair larger breaks. The shop contains a small anvil and a vise as well as a wooden clamp in which to hold the ends of leather when sewing them. Natis, screws, bolts, hinges and the like are kept in small numbers, but in various sizes. Oils, monkey wrenches, chisels, hammers and the like are always there and we are prepared for any small trouble. A very small corner of the barn is large enough for the shop, and it will pay to begin now to fit up such a place, adding tools as one can.

Small Farming.

It is not always the man who has 200, 200 or 500 scres of land who is making the most money in proportion to the amount he has invested in it. There are those who with 10, 15, 20 or 25 acres, are making more than the average farmer with five or ten times that amount of land. As a rule it is because the farmer has a part of his means reserved as a working capital. With it he can secure labor, implements, fertilizers and all that is necessary to bring his little farm up to the highest point of successful production. Many of our farmers would do better to sell half their land at even half the price and devote the money thus acquired to better managing the remainder of their farm. than to pay taxes upon the entire amount they now farm or rather half

Curative Apparatus.

irritated and sometimes diseased limbs 1864 President Lincoln urged curtailof animals—as, for instance, the leg



pouring a stream of water upon the limb at a point affected. Heretofore t has been universally customary for the person in charge of the antmal to hold the end of a boss at

the point desired DIRECTS STREAM, and pour the stream of water upon it for such length of time as might be deemed necessary. This mode of holding the stream is more or less defective, in that the stream of water could not be poured upon the exact spot for any great length of time on account of the person holding the hose becoming tired and unable to direct it uniformly. In order to obviate these difficulties and to produce an apparatus not requiring continuous attention, the device here iffustrated was produced.

Calves Cheaply Pattened.

Professor Roberts, of the Cornell station, claims that to fatten calves successfully on skim milk and grain to supply the butter fat, the calves should first be fed a moderate amount of new milk for a few days, and then skim milk should be gradually substitoted so that at the end of a few weeks the calves would be fed entirely on skim mlik: if seven pounds of corn mest is mixed with one pound of ed chairman of the Cunard Steamship linseed ment, old process preferable, Company, vice Lord Iverclyde. he finds it will make a fairly good substitute for the butter fats of the new

Clover Qualities.

White clover does not seem to be affected by the so-called clover sickness ette. which interferes with raising common clover more than a certain number of perfected an apparatua which will transyears on the same plece of land. Alsike also seems to suffer less from the sickness and will thrive on a rather wet, heavy piece where red clover does not do well, likewise stands se vere cold better than red clover, but is be conveyed to his majesty by a special not liked by cattle so well as either mission, headed by Prince Arthur of

Roof Painting Posts. The roof wears out, unless kept

painted, faster than any other part of them. aides, and it will also need to be paint- shot with either rifle or revolver. ed oftener. When shingles are used splendid fencer, and an exceptionally from clear, straight-grain wood and clever boxer. kept always painted, they will last a tages of painting roofs is to keep wa-ter from the nalls, where rusting soon for the wood where they are driven. that of carrying a stick white ter royal highness has a large collec-tion of sticks from which to select to match the costumes she wears.



1154-Landing of Henry II. in Eng-

land from France. 1421-King Henry VI, of England born. 1437-Sigismund, Emperor of Germany,

1527-Pope Clement VII. escaped in disguise from prison.

1540-Meeting of the Diet of Worms.

1565-Pope Plus IV. died.

of British Parliament from entering the House. Called "Pride's

Purge. 1661-English Parliament ordered the body of Oliver Cromwell hung at Tyburn.

1606-Ten Scottish Covenanters executed in Edinburgh.

1688-Flight of James II. 1742-Treaty of Moscow between Great

Britain and Russia. 1746-Charles Ratcliffe, Earl of Derwentwater, executed.

1776-British take possession of Rhode Island.

1777 Suspension of habeas corpus act in Great Britain. 1787-Delaware by unanimous vote rati-

fird Constitution of the United States. 1795 - Rowland Hill, "father of the British postal service," born.

1716-Indians admitted to the Union. 1835-Ceremonies at Noremburg mark

ing opening of first railway in Germany. 1842-Samuel Woodworth, author of "The Old Oaken Bucket," died.

1846 Santu Ana proclaimed President of Mexico. 1848-David Carter made the first de-

posit of California gold in the United States mint. 1854-The Immaculate Conception de-

clared by the Pope. -Father Matthew, apostle of tem-

perance, died at Cork, Ireland. 1861-Congress passed bill authorising exchange of Union and Confeder-

An efficient mode of treating bruised, 1862-Battle of Prairie Grove, Ark.

ment of State banks. of a horse-is by 1868. The Gladstone ministry assumed ... Paraguayan army deoffice

feated and destroyed at Villeta. 1881-Many lives lost in the burning of the Ring theater in Vienna.

nt at Wash ington, D. C., completed. 1884-Third Plenary Council closed at

Baltimore. 1891-Lord Dufferin succeeded Lord Lyttleton as British ambassador

at Paris. 1895-Great demonstration against munleipal abuses in Madrid, Spaln. -Attempt on the life of the Sultan

of Turkey. 1898 -Gen. Calixto Garcia died, aged 62. 1809 -- Certificate of election given to W. S. Taylor as Governor of Ken-

tucky. 1902-President Castro ordered arrest of foreigners in Venezuela....

Thomas B. Reed died. 1903-Four killed in railroad wreck at Worcester, Mass....Gen. Royes elected President of Colombia...

....Japanese Diet dissolved. 1904-Labor riots begin in St. Peters burg ..... Mrs. Cassie L. Chad wick arrested ... Three Russian hattleships sunk at Port Arthur.

## SED WORLD & NOTABLES

Sir William Watson has been appoint Krantz, the Czar of Russia's chef, is

by tradition and position a gentleman, and has the right of wearing a sword. The Khedive of Egypt is not only a onogamist but a tectotaler, and does not smoke-not even an Egyptian cigar-

Prof. Cerebotani, a Frenchman, has mit the peculiarities of a man's handwriting or drawing, enabling him to sign checks 1,000 miles away.

It is understood that King Edward will confer on the Mikado the decoration Connaught.

The King of Greece is the greatest linguist among monarchs. He reads twelve languages and speaks most of

s wooden building. It pays better to - The King of Spaln is a skillful and keep the roof painted than it does the fearless rider, a keen motorist, a deadly

The young crown princess of Germany. very long time. One of the advan, who is popular, has set a new custom.