



OR THE MARRIAGE OF THE MILLIONAIRE

"I don't know," she said. He assumed a worried expression. "Why should you worry me by such a doubt, Lady Florence?" he murmured, reproachfully. "Have I not tried to prove myself his friend—and yours?" She shrugged again. "Oh, yes," she said, with barely suppressed impatience. "I suppose so."

all of you, have it your own way with me. But I suppose you'll condescend to be present?" Senley Tyers shrugged his shoulders. "I won't promise even that," he said. "It's not unlikely we shall see. Look here, your train goes at ten o'clock to-morrow. I've got the ticket. You go and lie in the sun in Nice for a few weeks; that's all you want now."

doubted the reality of his presence. "Yes," she answered, in a low voice that sounded harsh and strained. "It is I." He looked at her with an expression of anxiety. A fear lest the vision should melt into thin air, and she should again escape him, mingled with his almost overwhelming joy at her presence, and he drew near to her slowly, hesitatingly.

papers they sent you, and—and that you did not want to see me, did not want to come," she murmured. "He stared down at her, then broke into a wild laugh. "Not care to come, Nora! Look me in the face and say that. Not care to come, when I had been searching for you the whole world to have seen you, if only for a moment, long enough to learn from your own lips that you were safe and happy!"

laughed a short, happy laugh. "My dear child, I have the note, the precious little note, in my pocket at this moment. I say precisely, though it hurt as well as comforted me, for it was hard to be told that you could be hiding from me and yet—happy."

CHAPTER XXXVII. "You did not write this?" repeated Vane, looking at her in astonishment. She shook her head, with a puzzled frown on her face. "No; where did you get it from?"

"No," she said. "I was wrong; I know that as well as you. You see, I was mistaken in thinking that—that you didn't care for me."

"He told you that?" "In a low voice," "Yes," she said. "I know that as well as you. You see, I was mistaken in thinking that—that you didn't care for me."

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