CHAPTER I.

"We understand that a marriage is arcanged between Lord de Gretton of Gretton Castle and Miss Nora Bruce, daughter of Captain Duncan Bruce, R.N."

"There, Nora!" Mrs. Bruce's handsome aquiline face flushed with triumph as she first read the all-important paragraph out for the edification of the breakfasting-party, and then pushed the fashionable paper across to her step-daughter. "All the country knows it now. My dear, dear child, you are a favorite of fortune indeed !"

Nora's first impulse was to push away the paper angrily ; but she felt that her mother's anxious eyes were on her, and, restraining the impulse, answered with tolerable com- ing? Does he not rather love to follow

"Fortune is fickle, Mrs. Bruce"-she

Mrs. Bruce only nodded, and her son, Vance Singleton, looked up with a halfangry smile from his coffee-cup. "Do you think De Gretton will back out?" he inquired gracefully. "No fear of

that, Nora! You are a pretty girl, and wiser in your generation than I thought you. Peer as he is. I think he has made an excellent hargain." Mrs. Bruce flashed an angry glance at the unabashed Vance. Nora's pale face shadow-

ed a little, and Cristine Singleton shrugged her slender shoulders disdainfully. "The first effect of your new dignity, smile. "When Vance begins to pay you with supple, healthful grace. Only her heart The cruel thrust went home. The great now." compliments, you may feel that you are a was dead.

great lady already." Vance smiled, and nodded his black

"True for you, Nora. You have risen enormously in my estimation in the last few days; and, when Crissie proves a better angler than she has hitherto been and brings even the smallest of fish safely to land, I promise her a compliment too." Cristine's eyes flashed dangerously, and

Mrs. Bruce hastened to interpose. "How you children do squabble!" she said peevishly. "One would think you took solicitude-"your coffee is quite cold. Ring for some more, Vance; the child has had

Nora smiled a little bitterly, and quite as scornfully as Cristine, whose angry glance she had intercepted. For twelve years nothing in the house had been so little considered, had been so infinitesimally unimportant, as the comfort of Nora Bruce; but the comfort of the future Lady De Gretton was quite a different thing. Had she been one shade less mizerable than she was, she must forever !" have taken a cynical pleasure in watching her step mother's transparent manœuvres, and must have extracted a malicious amusement from the hot coffee, the smoking cakes, the deltcate confections, now pressed upon her with such tender care. But, with a broken heart, a shadowed past, and a future from which one shrinks with sickening dread, it is hard to laugh even in bitterness

"But that is not the only newspaper-notice Nora has won," drawled Crissie, as she looked up from the bread-and-butter sne was cutting fantastically and eating not at all-for, in her new-born care of the brideelect, Mrs. Bruce had for once ignored her own children. "Did you chance to see the Universe last night?"

Nora shook her head indifferently; but Mrs. Bruce colored and bit her lip. "What nonsense you talk, Cristine!" she cried sharply, making a desperate effort to so fully occupied as it needs must be, you

"Never did care," corrected Cristine. "Tastes change-don't they, Nora ? She will me as another be a leader of society now.'

"That she will," chimed in Mrs. Bruce proudly; and she seemed to loom larger and more imposing than ever in her smart morning-dress and cap of gorgeous color. "Oa Duncan, to think that our dear child should bring us such pride and joy! It is more than we ever could have hoped for-Heaven bless her !" And, murmuring the pious benediction, she buried her still fine eyes in

flim of snowy cambric. Vance Singleton grinned broadly as he gave vent to a mimic sob; Crissie drew he faintly marked brows together, and glared into her coffee-cup. Captain Bruce fidgetec uneasily under the pathetic appeal and

looked across at his daughter. "Nora is a good girl," he said a little nerhis eyes made the girl's heart ache, yet gave her at the same time the only grain of comfort she was then capable of receiving. She could, at least, with Lord de Gretton's aid, make life a little easier to him.

So she smiled back cheerily, glad to see the worn face brighten at that smile, swal-Cristine with the careless question-

"Nothing that you need mind," broke in Mrs. Bruce hastily, with a thereatening

glance at her rebellious child. "Nothing that I shall mind; be sure that," she answered, with forced boldness, and a cool stare in Crissie's pale gleaming eyes. "I think I can guess the style of par-

agraph that Cristine most delights in." "Of course you can," that young lady agreed sedately-"the usual delicate badinage snent 'May and December'-'Our new heraldry is hands, not hearts;' you know shocking style.'

"Would not you like to be so pilloried, Cris?" Vance rose and stretched himself as he put the malicious questiou; and then, without pausing for an answer, he turned to his step-father and said, "I am off to town to-day, sir. No chance of your company, I father and I.

suppose?"
He looked as though he rather dreaded than desired it; but Vance was always is quite another thing. civil to the step father to whom he owed so much, which was one reason why Nora keps Nora-your poor father, whose future coma soft place in her heart for her rather fort depends on you. Lord de Gretton could graceless step-brother.

He seemed immensely relieved when the Captain answered with a sort of nervous

"Not to-day, Vance ; Lord de Gretton is soming over, and-"Oh, ab, so he is !"-with a quick grimace of disgust. "Well, so long as I don't

proval of Vance Singleton's little ways.

his mother.

smooth bronze skin.

self-absorbed misery she could hardly help the world. smiling at such a phenomenon as that, der and amusement aright, and bit his lip For his sake you will not refuse it.

"Good-bye, Nora. I won't forget your way; she saw the girl's softened look, and wedding present !" he cried, with a revenge- struck while the iron was hot. memory of her old sorrow, with her sore could not injure Arthur now; and for her And yet even the hardest might have Court paid a neat compliment a little while

and aching heart. were diminishing with such cruel speed. In cooly and firmly. "Do you wish me to mar- idyl been lived through, hardly had the "You must think I am very fond of the six weeks' time she would be Lord de Gretton's wife; and then—then she must fling
all her thoughts forward, must let her fancy
only play with the future, and never dally
with the dear, dead, dangerous past.

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the big silver locket that had lain in her He has much to offer." bosom so long, to gaze through blinding "To offer you, papa?" tears into the brave blue eyes, the frank handsome face that smiled back so kindly, promptlyto press her chilled lips to the irresponsive

pre told his love. and leave me here? Life without you is too down to kiss him. hard, too bitter !" she had cried in her re- ton asks me, I will say 'Yes." bellious pain, and, in the first bitterness of her griet, had prayed wildly and passionate- Mrs. Bruce, with an effusive gasp. ly that she too might die.

But the Angel of death had been deaf to her prayers. Does he ever come for our callthose who shrink from and fly from him, aed set the willing sacrifice aside? A year, and half another, passed away, and found future, the future that stretched so blank "mother"-"she may withdraw her favors her not only living still, but with unfaded and bare before her. beauty and undiminished charm; for the man whose mere coming threw the small bitter pathos-"oh, yes, I can bear it, or community into a nervous flutter had wooed | my heart is dead ! But will it be long? her for his wife; and she was from that mo- think not -I hope not! My mother died at then I shall come back for my reward." ment, in the estimation of her neighbors, three-and-twenty, and she left love and hope the luckiest, happiest girl, not only in all behind; I shall go to mine."

> creamy skin, had not dimmed the bright- to where she was sitting to remind her that the black shadow of her fear. She gulped ness of the dark-gray jet-fringed eyes be. Lord de Gretton was expected. queathed her by her Irish mother ; pain had "And you will be so fit to receive him !" traced no wrinkles on the low smooth brow, she added, surveying the pale girl with nor planted one silver thread in the blue- much disfavor, "I wonder you care to black brightness of the soft rippling hair. dream away your days in this wood; it The tall slender form was still erect, instinct | must remind you so of Arthur Beaupre."

she grew to feel a certain pride an I safety in future lord. head, quite untroubled by his sister's the thought, to look with a certain superior scorn apon the world that could hardly hurt her more. With all the hopes and dreams of youth buried in Arthur Beaupre's grave, she was, at one-and-twenty, as safe from

fierce pain as desolate of hope. It was not a good or healthy frame of mind, but it was that in which Lord de Gretton found her, which rendered her pliant as wax much older, so unsuited to her, perhaps, in Nora knew that she was alone. to her father's wish, her step mother's im-

"It will save your father's life, child," no pleasure in your sister's good fortune. You Mrs. Bruce said, her shrill voice quivering as for age, what does that matter? She has Nora, my dear"-with sudden affectionate some face all aglow. "Oh, Nora"-there and is the most fortunate girl in the world was real pathos in the look she cast across to have so splendidly solid a reality to fall the shabby room of her husband, with his back upon. gray head bent above the rickety old writing-table, and the morning sunlight stream- livinging through the high narrow window findevery wrinkle in his poor threadbare coat-

step mother's married life-had been-years for the best.'

smile, and answered suavely-

"As this will end now, you pretty saucy catch her daughter's studiously-averted puss-with a marriage! You did not like eyes. "Even if dear Nora's time were not my coming, Nora; you were a passionate child even then, and you set yourself against know she never cared for society papers as me from the first. But your dear father would have married some one, Nora-he is a man that must be looked after-and as well

Nora laughed in spite of herself; there was something so supremely absurd in the thought of the imperious woman who had long ridden rough-shod over Nora Bruce laboriously explaining her twelve-year-old marriage to the possible Lady de Gretton of the future.

The laugh appeared to cheer the elder woman immensely; she threw one arm around the girl's shoulders and would have kissed ter, but she slipped doftly aside.

"You look so pretty when you laugh, child; those toath of yours are like little pearls against your pretty red lips. Ah, if my Crissie had only your attractions !"

She paused and sighed profoundly, as vously; and the trouble in his voice and in her with irrepressible scorn. Nothing about very darkest when fate brought Lord de Could I care for a man who threw me over SON, Preston. her seemed meaner than this desertion of her daughter.

"How your opinions change, Mrs. Bruce ! It is not so long since you held up Crissie as model I might vainly emulate, and bewildmed me with the long list of her graces and perfections. Mind, I am not grumbling at lewed a mouthful of coffee, and turned to that," she added hastily, as the other was bout to interpose-"that was natural "And what does the Universe find to say | chough; she was your own child-I your hasband's only.'

"But dear to me as my own, Nora. You casaot deny that I have been a good mother,

rood wife. Nora shrugged her shoulders; she felt inexpressibly weary of the whole discussion, of the woman's pertinacity, of her own confuse.I thoughts.

"I do not complain," she said. "As you say, my father would have married some one, and it might have been worse." It was a grudging admission at best, though it cost no small effort to make ; but that sort of thing-awfully amusing, but from Lord de Gretton's chosen one it was more than enough; the step-mother was

affected almost to tears. "Thank you, Nora dear," she said, with grateful whimper. "I knew that sooner or later you would do me justice, would see that we always acted for your good-your

"We were not talking of my father," the other interrupted, with jealous haste; "that in which Cristine's chill regularity of out- merciful fashion, and you may wish it for "But it is your father I must speak of, an I would do so much to make him happy and set his mind at case; he said as much

last night." Nora did not answer. Mrs. Bruce suspected her of not listening, though in truth every word she spoke sank straight to the

very bottom of her sore heart. take Nora with me, he will not grumble at hard and cheerless; much work and little fashion, bitterly enough. She never, even wish to die, and slowly but surely the pay had dimmed the bright eyes and broken to her more than sympathetic mother, open- "angel with the amaranthine wreath" with-This was indisputably true, as Lord de the brave spirit with which young Duncan ed her lips upon the subject; but her crys- drew. Gretton had, in his cold and silent fashion, Bruce had set forth upon his life-voyage. tal-clear, pale blue eyes g littered with an But in withdrawing he left the strange more than once displayed a stately disap- His lot had been the lot of many another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another been the lot of many another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angry fire as they followed the young and another angre and another and another angre and another and another angre and another and another another and another angre and another another and another and another another another and another another another and another an man who, unbacked by infinential friends or | well-matched pair about the room, and in | ton in the hands of those around her. Life "Shall you be away long, Vance?" asked powerful interest, essays to make his way her inmost heart she registered a vow to be held for Nora no possibility of happines now; F. F. DALLEY & CO. in a je slously guarded profession. Younger | revenged, a vow that was kept consistently | she could only, she thought, be more or less "Not more than two or three days," he and luckier men had passed him in the race in the bitter days to come. answered carelessly; and, looking up, Nora of life; gates at which his patient merit was surprised to see a vivid flush stain the had battered in vain had opened in his sight partner, he was an eligible parti, as the pru- hopes and live on in misery at home. And

"Remember, this is the first piece of good He caught the glance, interpreted its won- fortune that has ever come in his way, child. Mrs. Bruce was a clever woman in her

ful nod; and then whistling a little out of Nora walked straight across the room to been hard indeed, to lose him to Nora was tune to cover his confusion, he strolled off. the table at which her father sat, forlorn and unbearable. She had never loved her step- city, who has been in the service a quar-Nora was not long in following his ex- haggard looking in the brilliant morning sister overmuch : she hated her from that ter of a century, endorses St. Jacobs Oil ample. Her head and heart ached heavily, sunshine, a desperate purpose swelling in moment with a fierce and virulent hatred as a pain-banisher. It cured him of rheuand she longed with a wild eager longing to her heart and urging her on to feverish ac- that was not for one second softened, that matism." be once more alone-alone with her know- tion. She could make him happy with a even exulted cruelly in her bitter and quickledge that her fate was sealed, with the word; why should she not speak it? It ly-coming grief.

what did it matter ?

In six weeks' time it would be sin to open | Lord de Gretton has done you a great honor. | as fair a lot as he could have desired for her,

His thin face flushed; but he answered "Yes : he can give me what I have not glass, and feel as though she touched the cold known for years-freedom from debt. cheek of the dead-sin to dream night and peace of mind-a little rest before I die."

"Heaven bless you, Nora!" broke in

Her father said nothing ; but, as the girl clung to him with sudden passion, she true and ardent a soldier to find it wholly heard him draw a long breathof relief. Vaguely and dreamily the girl pondered

her past, and nerved herself to face the "I can bear it," she eried, with a sort of

Nettleten, but in all England too. Happy? She nursed her moody thoughts until Ah, well, they did not know! Tears had Cristine Singleton, in an elaborate afternot washed the faint roses from her smooth noon costume, came toiling up the steep hill Nora could not bear to damp his spirits with

gray eyes dilated; and, with a face as white She was so sure of this last fact that as death, the girl hurried down to meet her

CHAPTER II. "It will be for her good, I believe," said Captain Bruce a little irresolutely. the lt will be for the good of us all, I know." answered Mrs. Bruce, with no shadow of doubt in her brisk crisp tones.

nervous incoherence. "Lord de Gretton is liberality itself, and, with nervous excitement, her sharp hand- lived out her romance with young Beaupre,

"Ab, ye ! Poor Arthur, if he had been "Luckily for us he is not," Mrs. Bruce ing out every line in his fine worn face, interrupted fervently; "otherwise the way would have been blocked indeed. It would "remember what a life it has been for the have been heart-breaking, maddening, to last twelve years for us all ! Don't, my dear | see a marvellous piece of good fortune come sweet gir!, that I have loved like my own in the way of an untrained girl like Nora child-don't forget what lies in your power and run the risk of being rejected. No, no," now-don't conden n us to such an existence | -shaking her black head with a sort of easy and cheerful resignation-" I was very Nora did remember distinctly enough shocked when I heard of the poor young what those twelve years-the years of her fellow's death; but now I can see it was all

of grinding poverty and much pretentious | Dancan Bruce thrust his hands into his show, years in which she had suffered much | pockets, jingled savagely the keys therein, more actual hardship than either Mrs. Bruce and relieved his feelings with an impatient or her daughter-for Christine Singleton had sigh. His wife's mock piety jarred upon beeen persistently put forward at her step. his finer taste; but he did not attempt to sister's expense-but years that now seemed | contradict her. On this occasion, for a wonin the retrospect, peaceful and happy der, the married pair were really not at rest.

"Nothing lasts forever !" the girl cried, In his inmost heart Captain Bruce was with a hard bit ter laugh. "I thought papa quite as anxious for the marriage as bis and I were to live alone for ever, Mrs. wife, though he shrank from expressing his hard the only result of all our trouble and Bruce; then you came, and all that life wish with her outspoken frankness. He had a conscience, and it pricked him painfully At any other time the retort would have when he saw the betrothed pair side by side cost her dear, and, as it was, the step- and read the chill repugnance on Nora's mether's lips quivered; but she forced a pale, beautiful face. But the pricks were of us," Cristine said coldly. "Life cannot only sharp enough to make himself uneasy be all sunshine even for her. and unhappy-they did not stir him to save

the new life will give her no ecstatic happi- newspaper. ness, it will bring at least enjoyment and

So the man, who really loved his mother- not.

pushed her forward to her doom. Bruce should prove himself thus weak. But how strange you look child, almost --- " though Cristine's future was really too gloomy for contemplation. Nora checked her with irrepressible scorn. Nothing about very darkest when fate brought Lord do 1 Could Lore for a monthly to the strange you look child, almost a though I cared," Cristine supplemented, with a reckless laugh.

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It is not easy at the best of times for a prise, for Nora stood within the doorway, with cupola: Frame 2 story Woodshop and Paint Rooms; man with a small income and an extravagant whiter than her white dress, and with a for iron and wood lathes; Circular and Upright Saws, when times are bad the inevitable submerg- gray eyes. but, as she herself said, poor as the Bruces such a strange pathetic gesture and her pal-Nettleton, and that consideration demand- is it?'

ed some expenditure in dress.

The step sisters were hardly likely to Nora's agony; to strike straight home was prove rivals, she thought, as she surveyed | wisest and most kind. four years; so that for a while the thin, to the heart. were some who even in those early days dis- insolent contempt. line would pass unnoticed in the glow of her too."

Nora's ripened beauty. came upon the scene, when he transferred fate. his attentions, with startling and unflatter-

ing rapidity, to her. It was all true. The man's life had been | tion ; and she resented it, in her cold silent | But youth and strength conquered even the

chant and landed proprietor, young, hand barely twenty-one. some, and a general favorite, he had been the mark of each manesuvring "mamma," and his marked devotion had been the proudest feather in Cristine's cap of coaquest. To lose him to any one would have

been melted by that brief tragedy of love back to a peeress who had been talking to Her hours of freedom were so few now, "Papa, look at me, please," she said quite and death. Hardly had the pretty summer him for an hour. The young lady said,

when, like a thunderbolt out of a summer happiness the news of the South African troubles, the sudden summons to the seat of

tea, on the croquet-lawn, and in the tenis- by other people. day of the hot red sand in which her soldier. He pushed back his scanty gray hair with court over the news of Nora Bruce's engageboy had fallen-sin to remember that one such a tired gesture, but looked at her with ment and the girl's astounding luck; next are made pallid and unattractive by funcgolden summer day in which Arthur Beau- such a trustful smile, that she hesitated no day the goesips had fresh food for conjectional irregularities. disorders and weakture, in the departure of the -th Hassars, nesses that are perfectly cured by following "Oh, Arthur, Arthur, why did you die "That is enough, papa," she said bending and young Beaupre's chance of ever coming the suggestions given in an illustrated trea-"When Lord de Gret- back to "the girl he left behind him."

was too deeply in love not to admit that the | N. Y. summons was at least inopportune, but too unwelcome. The excitement of the coming fray thrilled through his quick young blood and set his blue eyes aft me with a different fire from that which had brought a hot rich glow to Nora's cream-smooth cheek.

"You must not fret, darling; you are soldier's wife, you know," he said, with proud and fond authority. "We shall thrash these niggers sooner than they think, and He looked so gallant and bright, so full of high hope and courage, as he stood there in the morning sunshine, loath to speak the farewell word, and yet eager to depart, that her sobs down with an heroic effort, and looked up with pale bravery into his face. "Heaven keep you, Arthur, and send you back to me !"

"'Till death us do part.' Remember that, Nora. Only death can come between us

He quoted the words with a sweet mocking smile that dwelt wholly in the deep blue eyes and scarcely altered the grave firmness of the lips; but it died away as he went on, and left the mobile face entirely sad. For him too the parting wrench was come.

They clung together for a few brief moments, the dark shadow of a cruel destiny hovering over them the while. Then, with a sharply-indrawn breath that was all but a "De Gretton is a gentleman, though so sob, Arthur Beaupre tore himself away, and

The days that followed were filled with up, and whose over-active imagination tortured her with ever-present pictures of the perils her lover ran. As the summer faded and passed away, as the autumn days grew brief and chill, and the first keen breath of winter blew over the land, the great gray eyes had an eager longing look that was in-finitely pathetic, the bright color faded, Dr. Carson's Pulmon the softly-rounded cheek grew thin and

"Nora looks wretched," said Mrs. Bruce, making her pettish complaint to her silently observant child. "Really we are the most unlucky family that ever lived! The dressmaker's bill has just come in ; it will make your father more miserable and discontented than ever, and really is enough to turn every hair on my head gray. Yet see how our campaign has ended! You are alto-

gether unprovided for !" "I cannot ask men to marry me," Christine said coldly; but the rebellious blood rese under her transparent skin and warned Mrs. Bruce to let that part of the subject

"Well, well, I did not say you could, child ; I wish you would not interrupt so Egyptian molasses jug. ridiculously. Nora was the person we were discussing; and I do say that it is rather expense should be an engagement that may come to nothing after all."

"Nora must take her chance with the rest

All sunshine! Even as she spoke the bitter jealousy-prompted words, ill news was "After all," he would argue plausibly flashing over land and sea, the news of an enough, "putting us out of the question, engagement in which our arms had seffered such a marriage is the best thing possible a defeat, in which our foes had been savagefor her. She has loved once-she is her ly cruel; and first on the long list of the mother's own child, Heaven bless her !- and | dead was the name of Arthur Beaupre. Mrs. that once will mean for ever; and left Bruce was selfish and unsympathetic, but to herself, she would make all the rest of her not inhuman. Fven she shed a few tears ife a dream of sorrow. My beautiful Nora when she thought of the young lite cut a poor and sorrowful old maid? No, no! short at its brightest, and of all the inno-De Gretton will give her loveliness a golden | cent hopes that must perish with it. With setting; she will have sense to see that, if a little hysterio cry she threw down the

"Poor, poor Arthur, and poor Nora too Who is to break the news to her? I canless child in his own faint half hearted "I can." Cristine cried through her fashion, swallowed the glittering but that teeth; and, looking up, Mrs, Bruce saw

dangled so temptingly before him, and not that her daughter's face had grown deathly only deserted her in the hour of peril, but white and her eyes had a ciuel steely Perhaps it was hardly strange that, in | "Can you, C. is?" she asked doubtfully. presence of such strong temptation, Duncan 'I am sure you are very good and brave.

family to keep his head "above water;" and when times are bad the inevitable submergence seems ever at hand. Mrs. Bruce was "Arthur," she cried, in a long agonized agricultural district in Western Ont. Address X. Y. Z. an active, energetic woman, a thrifty house- wail that seemed to wound her slender care S. Frank Wilson, Prop. Auxillary Publishing Co., 33 keeper, and a manager of notable talent; throat in passing, for she clasped it with

were, they were the principal people in lid lips moved so stfily-"Arthur! What Without a word Cristine Singleton placed This, translated, meant that Mrs. Bruce the newspaper in her hand. There was no had a daughter to marry, and that Nettle-ton adjoined a Cavalry depot, in which she thought but the net itself mer manue. There was no to; brick house, outbuilding nearly new; good young orchard, just commencing to bear; about ton adjoined a Cavalry depot, in which she thought, but the act itself was merciful. To leacres timber. ROBERT JAMES, Jr., New-hoped to find a happy hunting-ground for break the news in any tender feminine ton Brook P. O., Ont. fashion would only have been to prolong

them with a critical appreciation of their There rang through the long room one widely differing charms. Nora was decided- wild heart-broken cry, the echo of which ly the handsomer now; but hers was a lingered uncomfortably for many months in beauty that was long in ripening, and she Mrs. Bruce's ears, and then Nora Bruce fell was younger than Miss Singleton by fully to the ground face forward, like one stricken

dark, passionate looking girl contrasted dis- "You have killed her!" the step-mother advantageously with her light-haired, light- cried, with mingled fear and anger; but eyed, hly-skinned step sister. But there | Cristine only shrugged her shoulders with

cerned a rare and splendid promise in the gipsy-looking child, and prophesied a day live to wish that death had come in such a

The words were spoken in the heat of pas-Among the first to make the discovery sion, with only such meaning as passion was Arthur Beaupre, a blue eyed, handsome gives; yet Cristine Singleton lived to feel young Lieutenant of Hussars, who had been | that some spirit of malignant prophecy had one of Miss Singleton's most favored and descended upon her that day, and made her constant partners, until gray-eyed Nora the mouthpiece of a cruel, overshadowing

For long weeks Nora Bruce lay between life and death, and those who watched her Cristine was not slow to note his defect never knew which way the scale would turn.

wretched; and it was easier to yield and Arthur Beaupre was more than a pleasant | make her father happy than to dash his last to golden keys. No wonder that in his early | dent Cristine had been careful to inform | so it chanced that Albert G.ant, Lord de Vance Singleton blushing | Even in her retirement he felt dazed and at odds with all herself before she accorded the full sunshine Gretton, in the 57th year of his age, became of her smile. The eldest son of a rich mer- the accepted husband of Nora Bruce, then

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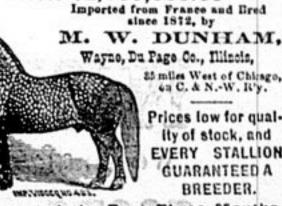
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