OF HIGH CLIFFE.

AN OLD SOLDIER'S LOVE STORY.

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> CHAPTER XIII. HOW THE CURE WORKED.

The drawing-room party broke up early that night. Lady Flora seemed tired and out of sorts, and she was glad to escape from the task of entertaining, which, during these past days, had been a heavy burden to her. Hoping to see something of Colonel Lyndon and Letty, she stood out on the terrace for a few minutes after her guests had gone;

then, hearing and seeing nothing, she went to her own room. She had not been there for more than a few moments before there came a knock at her door. Guessing who the intruder was, she cried to her to come in, and a little

white-robed figure, with a curiously rapturous expression in its eyes, stood before Lady Flora smiled. "Ah! Letty, my darling !" she said, "I was expecting to see you. Here, you shall take down my hair,

we can sit down together and have a talk." Silently Letty obeyed. In a few moments Lady Flora was in her favourite arm-chair, her an impassioned farewell. That was not Flora had decided to spend in the country, and she was curled up on the rug at her feet. the colonel's way. He left it, as he would Percy was constantly flying backwards and tremulously, taking one of Lady Flora's out their want of self-control to the universe. Ettrick seemed never to have been so dehands, and clasping it in both hers.

and bring me my dressing gown, and then

"I thought so," answered her friend, self in check. son had told her?

"Then you are not angry with me?" she were left alone. 10 111211 W murmured.

I knew, of course, that this would happen eyes, "a talk we had one night coming home some day, and with my great interest in from Deep Deane?" | mail and and and

was very perplexing, "it has nothing to do swered Letty very earnestly. with me. I want nothing except-except -to see you all happy. Why do you look the colonel. "And you made me a promise. him for his selfishness. at me so, dear Lady Flora? I believe it is Do you remember that?" all right. I think he sees how foolish he "You asked me to look upon you as my should be interested in him. He did not has been. I do not think he will go to friend." "urkey or Russia now."

who were about the Castle, knew, or even have caused so great a change. guessed, whither things were tending.

surprise that he took no decided step, and paid her farewell visit to the Castle. On with them." All her people were dissapt to a woman." pointing her, and all herschemes were coming to nothing, and she felt, naturally, a little tion of money," said Lady Flora. "I indignant with the world in general for not thoughtsubmitting itself to management.

apparent in her manner to Colonel Lyndon, error. I admire Miss Browne : I shall or, possibly, he was over sensitive. He came always admire her; but I shall never again to feel presently that he had worn out his ask her to be my wife. And you may be leave Castle Ettrick.

On the day before his departure he made an opportunity for speaking to Letty alone. It was not to tell her he loved her, or to bid sake of economy, Mr. Winstanley and Lady "I have a confession to make," she said have said, to boys and weaklings to blazon forwards between his regiment and his home.

how could Lady Flora know unless her noon. Milly was with them ; but she ran off take a part in everything that was going on, after the dogs, and for a few moments they his frequent visits made the life of the soli-

Angry! my child! how could I be angry? looking down at Letty with grave, kind

"And I ask you again," he said gently. ated his conduct beforehand, he could no green to the reneion Falls road to Alex-

Veronica, with a forced smile. Veronica's visit, and the change in her appearance and manner, made hope revive in Lady Flora's breast. Girls-especially rich girls-are whimsical. It might be that Percy had not taken quite the right way with her. Or perhaps she expected him to persevere in the teeth of refusal. A sprained

Percy, who had rejoined his regiment, and carriage horses ; necessities they were Once Lady Flora ventured to hint at her was away from home when Miss Browne then he told her gravely that they had both his return for one of those brief leaves which, been mistaken. Yet he and Letty were he often took now, his mother spoke of it, constantly together, and he admired her hinting at her suspicion; but the contradicmore than ever, and she showed, in a hun- tory young fellow did not take the hint dred ways, her confidence in him and her kindly. "I have done with rich girls," he regard for his opinion. "Men are perverse, said: "they think to much of themselves -wilfully perverse," said Lady Flora to And I don't believe, under any circumstanherself. "There is no doing anything ces, I should have cared to owe my fortune any impossibility. "It is only my own

But I thought there was no ques-

He interrupted her : "Yes, mother, and | family to consider." Some of this irritability may have been | so did I think ; but we are all liable to welcome, and that it was time he should sure," he added, with a laugh, in which there was nothing forced, "that she would never have me."

Throughout that winter, which, for the He was a man, and he was able to hold him- lightful to him, and certainly he had never been more delightful to his family. Gentle, heart. upon which Letty coloured and faltered, for They met in the garden early in the after- kind, considerate, full of fun, and ready to Percy kept his promise of not speaking to tary country-house, when the sharp, bleak "Do you remember," said the colonel, winter days frightened its other guests away. None of them knew-and least of all she who had wrought the miracle-to what influence this happy change was due. None "Oh! yes, yes; you were so kind; you of them could have suspected that his chief helped me so much by what you said," an- attraction to Castle Ettrick that winter was of them could have suspected that his chief the slight, fair girl, with the heart of a lion, "Did I help you? I am very glad," said | who had gone out of her way to reprove

As for Letty, it was natural that she mean it subtly, but if he had artfully calcul-

shall have plenty of time for rest. You his exact position was. He had an allowance know I need never do anything else," said of one hundred and fifty pounds a year from his father. This, as he was well aware, had not covered his expenses in the army. That his father would increase his allowance or his marriage was unlikely. The propertythis, perhaps, he had not known before-was heavily burdened, and improvements were urgently needed; they were often hard put to it to meet necessary expenses. Necessary ankle, Lady Flora was convinced, could not expenses with Lady Flora included the season in town, a house full of visitors in the country, elaborate dinner-parties, hunters

> or how could she have done without them? She was so determined to prevent him from allying himself with the pretty nobody whom she had imprudently thrown in his way, that she exaggerated their embarrassment. "You must see," she repeated, again and again, "how impossible it is."

But Percy could not, or would not, se affair. I shall not trouble either you or my father for anything," he said. "If I choose poverty, who is to blame me?" "But you are our only son ; you have tho

"And I do consider the family. If I bring the noblest and sweetest woman in the world into the family, every member of the family ought to be grateful to me," said Percy.

All Lady Flora could obtain from him, finally, was that he would not speak to Letty until his father had been consulted, and his mother had spoken to him again. So it was decided between the mother and son; but another besides themselves was to have a voice in it. Letty, though she did not know it, had long been in love, and her love-history had reached a stage when a mere nothing-a breath, a whisper, the tone of a voice-brings revelation to the startled

her. Lady Flora was equally prudent. But before the next day was out her resolution had been taken,

When Lady Flora was dressing for dinner that evening, she knocked at her door, and asked to speak to her. Permission was given, much more coldly than usual, and, without so much as sitting down, the gir said what she had to say.

"I must leave you," she said abrup ly. Then, as Lady Flora looked at her like one petrified, "Please don't ask me why: It is hard enough as it is-I mean to leave you and my dear little Milly, and this house, where I have been so happy."

"Why should you leave ?" said Lady Flora, her face assuming a stern expression, for she could only billycock hat into his mouth. She ran to a suppose that Percy had broken his engage- doctor with him, and he found that a piece ment to her. "It is right that I should of felt had stuck crosswise in the boy's ask. Has any one --

"No one has done enything," broke in Letty, with feverish haste: "no one has said a single word. Say I am capricious. Tell people so-Janet ,ard Mrs Mackenzie, and Milly. Say I am tired of the countryanything-anything-only don't ask me questions."

In spite of herself, in spite of the anger that still burned within her, and her bitter disappointment, Lady Flora was touched. "My dear," she said, in a changed voice, and looking anywhere rather than into Letty's pale face, "this is very sudden. What do you intend to do? Have you any

"..., yes," answered the young girl. " mean to try and be a governess somewhere else. If you would let me, I should like to start at once. I suppose I could not go earlier than to-morrow morning. Then perhaps you would tell me where to go at first I have fifty pounds in the bank that will keep me for some time. And then if you are kind enough to say I am a tolerably good governess, I shall soon get another situation. I want to go a long, long distance away-to America or Russia.

A feeling of the deepest compassion came over Lady Flora's heart as she listened to those simple words. But for the dignity of the family—but for those necessary expen-ses which had to be met if the family was to hold its own in the world-she would have taken her little favorite to her heart, and bidden her remain at Castle Ettrick, and be her son's wife.

As it was, she could only sigh and con sent. "Perhaps you are right, dear," she said, very sadly, "there are some situations which are only to be met by flight. I will make arrangements that you shall stay in

"And I need not come down to-night?" said Letty tremulously. "No, you may stay up-stairs. Milly

Slowly and sadly Letty went up to her clasp of Letty's hands upon her own. "I and that if, when I was dying, a comrade of hero. She set him up on a pedestal of her because she would not give pain to those do not understand," she said coldly. "There mine had offered to be her friend, it would own, and her innocent girlish heart bowed she loved : because, under this new and have been a comfort to me. I want you to down before him. strange stress of feeling that had crest in you. Will you?"

unusually long absence, Captain Winstanley had not once felt as she had felt could the tears sprang to Letty's eyes. He appeared suddenly at the Castle. He look- imagine, what the sacrifice of that threw herself upon her bed in the darkness, "Thank you! thank you!" she cried, her koudoir, and for more than an hour they The leaving of her home, the separation from were shut up together. It was a painful in- her friends, the looking forward to long years heard of her son's latest fancy : heard that go away without once looking into his face, leave the place where she had the unspeak-"It is impossible, Percy," she cried: "im- able happiness of seeing his face, she would never, never forget him-this was almost

"Not a single word against her, mother, more than her gentle heart could endure. She wept until her heavy eyelids fell. But she could not sleep long. Lady Flora was at the door of her room, and Milly, looking curious and anxious, was with her, and she had to shake off her languor, and prepare for her journey to London.

(TO BE CONTINUED).

In the Morning. "Four years ago," writes Col. David Wylie, Brockville, Ont., May, 1887, "I had a severe attack of rheumatism, and could not stand on my feet. The pain was excruciating. I was blistered and purged in true orthodox style, but all to no purpose. was advised to try St. Jacobs Oil, which I

"If you will consider me, mother, I will did. I had my ankles well rubbed and then wrapped with flannel saturated with the medy. In the morning I could walk with-

The longest sleeping-car run in the world "I will try," she answered; "but you is doubtless that on the Canadian Pacific railway, from Montreal to Vancouver, 2,905 Flora tried her hardest to dissuade her son the run from St. Louis to the City of Mexi-

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August

There is a gentle-Dyspepsia. man at Malden-onthe-Hudson, N. Y.,

named Captain A. G. Pareis, who has written us a letter in which it is evident that he has made up his mind concerning some things, and this is what he says:

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Constipation of August Flower, and I think you had better get another bottle.' I am also troubled with Indigestion, and whenever I am, I take one or two teaspoonfuls before eating, for a day or two, and all trouble is removed." @

Young Sprigg-" Mr. Bidquick, I am worth twenty-five thousand and I love your daughter." Mr. Bidquick (retired aucioneer)-"Sold."

He (suddenly)-" Do you think the minister will want to kiss you, dear?" She (pleadingly)-" Let him if he wants to, Harry. He's just grown a beautiful mus-



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WITHOUT SO MUCH AS SITTING DOWN, THE GIRL SAID WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY.

Flora, who was now as much perplexed as of course. I am a man nearly old enough her. And when his manner towards her be-

must be some mistake."

to fear that she had done something really comrade of your father's who takes an in- one evening, early in December, after an self; but no one knew, no one who unnatural and forward-Letty began to ex- | terest in you. Will you?" plain what had happened.

den," she said, "and it had been on my that she had a friend in the world-and such and there was an agitation in his manner locked the door, to shut out intruders, she mind all day to tell him how cruel it was of a friend! But why was he so sad? And which aroused his mother's anxiety. him to make you unhappy because he was why did her heart ache as he looked at her? After they had dined, she called him into it seemed to her as if the rest were nothing. unhappy himself, and so-"

" And so you told him?" " Yes, I told him.'

"In those very words?"

To her surprise and relief Lady Flora be- you." gan to smile.

Did he promise to be a good boy?"

imperlinent?" said poor Letty. "No, not impertinent, dear; impertinence old deer-hound-from the yard, but it made | Flora, satirically. is in the intention. A little foolish, per- adiversion. haps. You meant well, so I will say no more about it. But another time you must | impatiently, and Letty became restless. consult me before you give way to your rather Quixotic impulses. Will you promise Beauty up," she said. "It is too bad. Shall herself.

"Oh, yes, yes !" answered Letty readily, There was no further quiet talk between Percy, rising. and then Lady Flora kissed her, and bade Letty and the colonel that day, and on the her good Meht; but ever after Letty re- following morning he left the Castle before tained an uneasy feeling about her bold she was up.

proceeding that evening.

tesies between the Castle and Deep Deane, recentillness, but who was on her feet again, ought to treat me seriously-to treat me as a where Veronica remained, her foot not called to pay her farewell visit to Castle man. Do you think I would have come to out pain." Many get up and walk in the being sufficiently recovered to allow of her Ettrick. Lady Flora had been prepared to you before any one else—even her—if it was same day. travelling; but Colonel Lyndon, was now a receive her coldly; but being touched by not a very serious matter with me? Can't more frequent visitor than Percy, and Lady the change in her appearance, she forgot the | we speak of it quietly ?" Flora paid no more attention calls at the displeasure in motherly anxiety.

Colonel Lyndon had placed it on the night | be overtaxing your strength?"

He will go -who will go ?" asked Lady | " I admire you -not as a young man would, have adopted a course more certain to win London for the present." to be your father, Letty. And I-well! gan to be marked by a peculiar gentleness: "I mean Captain Winstanley," said the fact is that I can't help being sorry when she saw in the eyes that on rare occa-Letty, blushing up to the roots of her hair. sometimes, when I think of the loneliness of sions sought hers a sunny brightness, for which shall stay with you. You had rather not "Captain Winstanley!" cried Lady Flora, your position. It has come to me that if I had nothing but the sympathy between their un- Then you shall stay alone. I will come up in great astonishment. "What have his married at the age when men generally mar- spoken thoughts could account, a new feeling, and see you after dinner." affairs to do with you?" She had drawn ry, I might have had a daughter like you, one of which she did not try to understand, herself up in her chair, and loosened the and that I might have died and lefther alone, took possession of her. He became her own room. She had done it for the best In a voice choked with sobs-for she began look upon me just as if I were that an old This was the condition of things when come to her, she could not trust her-

"I met Captain Winstanley in the gar- was very kind, and it was pleasant to think ed much paler than was ordinary with him, evening meant to her. When, having

holding out both her hands. "Indeed I will." And then-for the overflowing pity of her terview to both of them. When Lady Flora of loneliness, all this she could bear; but to woman's heart would have a vent--"and I Letty hung her head. "I am afraid I can't bear your going away," she said gently. his love had passed from a rich girl, who without thanking him for his love to her, told him that he was selfish," she faltered. | "The place will seem so empty without had all the world at her feet, to a poor little | without telling him that though she must

For the space of an instant he looked at "Well," she said, in a voice from which her searchingly. Could it be that, after all, the sternness had gone, "and what did he was mistaken? Then, while he stood Captain Winstanley say to your sermon? hesitating, feeling for the next word, there came through the trees a sound they both "He said I was quite right, and promised knew. It was nothing but the whistle with to think over what I had said. Was I very which Percy Winstanley was accustomed to summon his favourite dog-a beautiful

> The call was repeated two or three times "I do believe they have tied poor old

we come and see, Colone lLyndon !"

Shortly after the colonel's departure, Ver-There was still some interchange of cour- onica, who looked pale and worn after her consider you," said the young man. "You

" Are you really fit to travel?" she said must have patience with me." The little hoop of pearls was still where kindly "Are you quite sure you will not There followed a long discussion. Lady miles. This is nearly 200 miles longer than of his arrival. For he alone, of all those "Oh, no! And if I do, what matter? I from his purpose. She pointed out what co.

me, Percy !"

nobody, her indignation knew no bounds.

possible! This is a mad freak. The girl-"

please !" he said angrily ; "she is perfectly

innocent of this. She does not even know

how I feel. For all I can tell, she may re-

"That is very likely indeed !" said Lady

"I think it is," answere! Percy; "I know

Lady Flora laughed. In her anger and

disappointment she was scarcely mistress of

"If you take it in this way -- " said

"Oh ! stay a moment, stay a moment!"

she cried. "Have a little consideration for

she is too good for me, far."