

Every-Day Philosophy.

When weariness with life my spirit fills. When deep disgust consumes me with my lot, I draw some store of comfort from the ill I have's got.

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"A veritable little goose. No, no!—perfection, I mean," seeing me pout. Then suddenly putting his arms round me and drawing me down to him, he whispers, with deep feeling, "Phyllis, my darling, darling girl, don't you know it? Must I tell it to you over and over again? Cannot you see every hour of your life how fondly I love you, just for what you are? And you, Phyllis, tell me—do you—"

of all this turmoil, if only to recompense me for the misery I am going to endure." CHAPTER XIX. During the morning of the day on which Lady Handcock is expected to arrive, I feel strangely nervous and unsettled. Probably she will be cold and haughty and indifferent, like the generality of grand dames, or, worse still, supercilious and filled with a well-bred mockery only half concealed, like Lady Blanche Going.

George Ashurst, a very fair young man, with an aquiline nose, plump face, and a long white moustache. He at once impresses me with the belief that he is thoroughly good-natured, and altogether incapable of ill-temper of any kind. Perhaps, indeed, if he were to smile a little less frequently, and show some symptoms of having an opinion of his own, it would be an improvement. But what will you? One cannot have everything. And he is chatty and agreeable, and I manage to spend my evenings very comfortably in his society.

am positive Sir Mark is amused. I color and look up. "What ages ago it seems since last we met!" says he, promptly. "Ages? No, months. It was last in June we met, I think—and here."

shall remember what you say, and take her as a model from this day forth. "It isn't in you. You would make a horrible mess of it. And you are infinitely nicer as you are. A strong stare is a necessary ingredient, and you don't possess that. You should be able to wither with a stare."