CHAPTER XIV.

which she had received Victor two days be-

"You don't seem particularly well lodged, for such a fine lady as you have become,'

he suggested as an opening. plenty of glass and gilding, and he liked his for bigamy, so there !"

colors bright. " My husband and I find the rooms comfortable enough," said she carelessly.

"Ah, yes, so you've got another hus-I acter. mean you've married since I saw you last. suits you pretty well."

"Perfectly, thank you. He is an invalid, and I only see him when I wish to do so." round the room , stopped short and stared at her. "You've got on, haven't you, since | dle? You've heard the proverb 'Let sleep--since-"

duties of a wife? Yes.

and then continued his aimless promenade alone." round the room, while Madeline sat down in an armchair and took off her fur cape. of on that occasion?" When he drew near to the side of the room himself in the glass, and carefully smoothed when she comes to herself." down with his not too clean hand a little spoke again.

and at the best of times one never knew him in possession of certain facts in the his- est son, a good-hearted young fellow with where to have you. But this beats all—that tory of his confidential clerk." it does." And he laughed again.

"I don't quite understand," said she. was a poor devil knocking about somewhere an assurance that she was in earnest. whom you'd promised to love, honor, and

He put it quite plaintively, but Madeline his fist and sat down again. only laughed in her turn; and, with some "You think I don't mean what I say; to explanations and declarations by first one fear of a woman's foolish fancy for raking but you are mistaken. Or perhaps you official and then another, none of whom up old sores, he added quickly: "But faucy that your credit is so good with Mr. | cuuld tell him more than he knew-that his there, I know I was a bit has y and irritable Beresford that he will believe nothing against father had been foully murdered, no one at times-we all are, more or less; and of you? There I think you are mistaken againt knew by whom. So he left a kind, indiffercourse it was very natural that you should Your employer is a selfish, avaricious man, ently spelt letter at the house of M. Fourfeel it, being such a dne looking woman as willing to shut his eyes to irregularities on nier, to be given to Gerald as soon as he was you were and as you are still, for the mat. your part which don't concern him and his better, and returned with his solemn freight ter of that. And I'm not one to make a business. But commercial smartness is not to England. And there were more investifuss over every trifling irregularity. But- the same thing as robbery preceded by mur- gations, and more interrogatories, and at but to-to ask your first husband to step in, der; and if Mr. Beresford were once to the end of a fortnight Gerald, having sufficiin a friendly way, and have a chat, just as understand that you had had a hand in the ently recovered from his illness, had his if nothing had happened, in the very house | death of Mr. Shaw-" where your second husband is nursing him-

out his handkerchief and passed it over his thunderbolt. O Madeline, you've seen the forehead; for injured delicacy had made him | worst of me; now be honest, was I ever

"I'm so sorry you think that," said Madeline, leaning back in her chair, and drawing a footstool toward her. "But perhaps you will forgive me when I tell you that nothing is further from my thoughts than to talk to you 'just as if nothing had happened.' I wanted to speak to you because a lot of extremely strange things have happened since I had the pleasure of promising to love, honor, and obey you in Islington church, and because I want to know just what share you, and a certain gentleman whose name I don't think I need mention, the world. She sprang up, walked quickly Madame de Lancry looked at him, and have had in bringing those strange things about."

Smith grew suddenly quite quiet, and suc- dark, dull night, and the wind was rising. cessfully abstracted every trace of expres- Meredith followed her to the window, and sion from his round face.

information in my power, but I haven't the Before she could pass he put out his hands languid interest in the matter under discusleast idea who the mysterious 'certain gen- to detain her, and, shrinking with disgust sion, though scarcely surprising so soon tleman' is."

"Well, we won't waste any time over that. The gentleman I mean is your accomplice, Louis de Breteuil. Now you know quite well that I'm not afraid of you, so what is the use of going through all that silly pantomine?' she asked calmly, as Meredith began to dance, and to make little threatening runs at her. "I know that you two are still linked together; I know that he is still living luxuriously in Paris on the proceeds of your combined knaveries; I know that you have for some years filled the post of traveller for the firm of Fournier & Beresford in order to veil your robberies, and to give you opportunities for more; I know that the railway robbery was your work-"

"Then if you know so much, what the deuce is there you want to know more?" interrupted Meredith, whose eyes, as round days. And as for hurting Louis de Breteuil and figeted with a tassel of the sofa-cushion and black as a toad's, were now shining out by this slapdash sort of accusation, it's like like a corrected child. of a moist red face, as he stood watching her catching a bird by putting salt on its tail. "I mean-I mean," said he, clearing cruel mouth in terror.

murdered ?" "Good gracious !"

The very mildness of this exclamation, in the face of such a terrible implied accusation, was an emphatic protest against the injustice of it.

robbery of Blair's £12,000, the comparative- nature grown hard and cruel. Meredith ly trifling amount which a prudent man like absolut ely shivered as he looked at her. this poor Mr. Shaw would have had about | "And do you-do-do you mean to-to tell him cannot had much attraction for either me," he stammered in a low voice, "that of you. I am sure that robbery was not you-you would send a man to the gallows your object ; I want to know what was."

As she took not the least notice of his ex- "Not quite that. But the most turbulent pressions of indignant astonishment, Mere- life is better than stagnation, and I am not dith suddenly changed his tone, drew for- | sorry that chance has reminded me of an old ward a chair, and, seating himself in front grudge to be paid off by throwing me across of her, put his spectacles on his nose and the path of my creditors." his hands on his knees, and examined her "One of them. If you were to come across face, with his head tilted back, and a the other you wouldn't get off so well. Look look of genial amusement on his face.

fact that two of these unions were illegal; of-well, I don't exactly snow what, for we chair a little nearer to her, and continued, and what I say to you is: Humbug about sure pain cure.

wagging his head from side to side as he spoke, in a particularly irritating manner : The sitting-room into which Madeline de Now look here, our days of connubial bliss hat, which was his habitual and most un-Lancry led her visitor was the same in are over, and so is your right to henpeck becoming headgear, nodded to Madeline in fore. Mr. Smith glanced round him at the out of school to please you at this time of manner with which, during their married furniture, which was somewhat spare and day. And if I were to confess to you that life together, he used to leave her to go out unpretending, and then at the diamonds in I'd murdered"-he shuddered at the word- in the evening "to see a man who got a the lady's ears, in unconcealed astonish ("half the stockbrokers in Europe, it wouldn't tip," and opened the door. Halfway along do a bit of good, except to satisfy your idle | the corrider he met a tall gentleman with His own taste lay in the direction of only got to open my mouth to have you up out, wondering how Madeline would explain

whose affairs you seem determined to med- hood.

where she was sitting he stopped, looked at | will speak in a passion, and be ashamed of | ill of concussion of the brain, the last had

feather-like tuft of wiry black hair which | Madeline's cheeks glow and her eyes flash. always stood out from the crown of his head "Exactly," she assented, speaking under Mr. Beresford's sensational announcement unsubdued by the rarely applied comb. strong self-restraint. "But as even a sen-Then he laughed with some effort as he sible woman may object to see crimes committed with impunity under her very nose, the train was the only important piece of "You always were a rum un, Madeline, I shall call upon Mr. Beresford, and put evidence forthcoming. Mr. Shaw's eld-

ed up with a deep drawn breath, and his thing at all, came over to Calais to call at "Why, to go and marry a swell quite re- | fist raised in exasperation, which, however "Les Bou'eaux" to see Mr. Beresford, gular, with license and cake and everything was more comical than alarming to Madeline and to take his father's body back to Engin style, knowing all the while that there who only looked up and nodded calmly, as land when the inquest was over. He behav-

obey in Islington church half a score of years | ped and looked in her face with most careful | life as he stood, in his long travelling ulster, scrutiny. Then, as if satisfied, he dropped silenced by his grief and by his ignorance of

self in security, why-why, it shows a posi- burst out the little man, who was by this whether the face was like any one he had tive want of delicacy, Madeline, that it time shaking from head to foot. "I had seen before, the young man at first hesitated, nothing to do with it-I knew nothing about but finally said "No," and persisted in that And Mr. Smith, alias Meredith, pulled it. I was shocked. It came upon me like a answer.

the rail of the chair he had occupied, was more communicative, and on her press-Something in his pleading voice, his momen- Victor Fournier. tary sincerity, recalled the old days of thier brief married life together, his impulsive you understand, madame, and I think he remorse after some one of his numerous was a much older man than Victor; but he backslidings, the difficulty she used to feel had just the same type of thin aquiline feain assuming for a few minutes that hardness tures, and a small black moustache like which was now her natural attitude to all Victor's. to one of the two windows, threw it open, listened attentively. and looked out at the masts and funnels of At the words "certain gentleman" Mr. | the ships that lined the quay. It was a as she turned suddenly, she found herself so "I shall be very happy to give you any close to him that she uttered a hoarse cry. from his touch, she stopped.

" Madeline, you must believe this-I will have you believe this," he said, dropping from his voice and manner the crust of coarseness, which, at first assumed as an affectation, was new the result of years of companionship with his inferiors in education. "There is only one of the commandments I've never broken, I've never helped emnly, "if I were to tell you that the obto break: I've never lifted my hand against ject you hold dearest in life is intimately any max's life. And there is one oath I've connected with the discovery of Mr. Shaw's kept and mean to keep; and that is to stand | murderer?" by the man who stood by me. Not much to take pride in, I daresay you think. But white. one creed is as good as another if you stick to it, and that's mine, And if you tell on he fastered quickly, in a husky voice. me to old Beresford you'll simply lose him a "She!" said Madame de Lancry, in a good clerk and take away from me the one deep voice that sounded like distant thunder honest occupation I've got, which I might to the poor lad, who grew suddenly as red have settled down to entirely one of these as he had been white, and hung his head, To rush about and proclaim that a certain his throat, "that I do not understand you, "I want to know why Mr. Shaw was man is a murderer won't hang him, my madame."

citement wouldn't be strong enough to be stancy, your convictions, by minutes, I worth the trouble."

"After such a haul as you made by the with the horrible resolution of a sensual over it."

pour passer le temps?"

here, Madeline, you'd better get your husband "It's too funny, simply too funny," said to buy you a couple of new dresses, and forhe at last, when his effrontery had had its get all about me and—the other one. You tient and restless. "Here's a good lady want any harm to come to you, and I don't who has married three gentlemen in succes- exactly know why, for your'e as vindictive a

here if you like, go and worry old Beresford, try to set my employers against me if you like-remember I've got the ear of both the from illness, was too much for Gerald. He money-grubbing old boys -but, for God's looked up in her face quite steadily for a sake, don't try to meet De Breteuil. I'm moment longer, and then his body fell foronly a human blackguard, but he is -the

And Meredi h took up from the table the shabby, low-crowned, curly brimmed, round me. It isn't likely I'm going to tell tales exactly the same awkward would-be careless curiosity, since a wife can't witness against gray moustache, who stared at him, but in a her husband. And you are my wife, Mad- manner too dignified to be called impertment. ame de What you may call'em, and I've Mr. Smith touched his hat to him and hurried his own visit. "Old chap worships her, "But you won't do that; it would take suppose; and he might be at the bottom of a stronger inducement than that to make sea the for what she cares; so might I. But you appear in a court of justice in any char- De Breteuil-I'll be hanged if I know whether she isn't fond of him still. Queer "All right, all right; perhaps it would. creatures, women." These reflections last-I read it in the papers. I'm sure I hope he But now, aren't you a silly woman to go ed till he reached the platform, where he poking your nose into things that don't con- found that his train had gone; however, he cern you in the least, when the very best started for Boulogne by the next, and it was thing that can happen to you is to be en- some weeks before Mr. Smith again made "Hullo!" And Smith, who was fidgeting | tirely forgetten by-by certain people in his appearance in Calais or its neighbor-

The ten days following the night of Mr. ing dogs lie,' and if you had heard certain Shaw's murder were spent in investigating ing marriage, the young Frenchman turned "Since you gave me my first lesson in the words which-which certain people made by the police, in arresting and releasing use of in Paris ten years ago, when you various persons who had no connection with He gave her one sidelong look out of his turned so unaccountably nasty, I think you the affair, and in interrogating all those round black eyes, like a convicted goblin, | would see the advantage of leaving well people who had had any intercourse whatever with Mr. Shaw on the day of his "Did you ever hear the words I made use death. Gerald, Mr. Beresford, and Mr. Smith, were the only people who could tell "Oh yes, the nonsense a sensible woman anything of importance; but the first was disappeared with the telegraphic excuse to This particularly unwise speech made his employers that urgent family affairs required his presence in England; so that that the dead man had had in his possession a clue to the perpetrators of the robbery in the manners of a groom, who had been most This blow struck home. Meredith jump- carefully educated without learning anyed very well, poor perplexed young man, "If you do-" he growled; and he stop- looking dignified for the first time in his the French language, listening by the hour evidence taken down and his careful de-"Before God, Madeline, I had not!" scription of the murderer. On being asked

But when, a fortnight after the murder, Madame de Lancry called to learn how he was, and, finding him convalescent, broach-He had risen and was leaning against ed the subject of that night's adventures, he bending over it, and speaking with most | ing him to be frank, he confessed that the genuine earnestness and anxiety. Madeline face he had seen bending over him in the did not look at him, but her mouth quivered. | darkness had struck him by its likeness to

"It was only a likeness in the features,

"Had you ever seen the man before?" she asked.

" Never, madame." "Ah!" She got up and walked about the room, looking at the objects around her, glancing now and then at Gerald, whose after his illness, irritated and lastonished her. At last she stopped in front of him, such a majestic figure in her trained gown of black brocade glistening with hanging drops of jet, that the pause she made before speaking rendered her slow, grave words doubly impressive.

"What would you say," she asked sol-

Gerald started, and his face grew very

"You told me, not three weeks ago-but "No; if it were so easy as that the ex- you very young men measure your conknow," she interpolated scornfully-"that so changeful in the old days, became straight | father's name from the suspicion that hangs

> Gerald started again. "Yes, yes, so it is," he said quickly, his thin face burning study of human nature is to examine yourand quivering with half a dozen strong and self. strange emotions as he heard her.

Madame de Lancry watched the sensitive and ingenuous face steadily, and said, in a low deep voice, the very tone of which kept him spellbound: "Find the murderer of Mr. Shaw-and you will have found the man who robbed and murdered your father.'

# The Boundary Line

Between comfort and discomfort is often very slight. Have you rheumatism or neuralgia? or are you a sufferer from intended effect of making Madeline impa- let us alone and we'll let you alone. I don't obscure nervous pains? Why suffer longer? You can purchase for 10 cents a bottle of that king of pain-Polson's NERVILINE, or sion, without troubling herself about the devil as ever I've met; but still, for the sake you can get a large bottle for 25 cents. It cures promptly. It is sure, pleasant to take, then, when she comes across the original and never were very comfortable together, and and never fails to cure all kinds of pain. only genuine husband, she thinks herself en- o wonder, considering how you've turned Don't wait an hour, but send to any drug attention of the world has owed part of his titled to bring him to book." He drew his ut. Still, there's a spirit in you I like, store and get a trial bottle. Nerviline the

The shock of this declaration made to him while he was still weak ward, and he was only prevented by the Dyers and Cleaners, 759 to 763 Yonge St., quick clasp of her strong arns from falling Toronto. Branch Offices: 4 John St. N., to the floor. Her first impulse, even then, was indignant contempt at the weakness of a nature which was not braced up instead of shaken by a statement so overwhelming. But as she put her arm round the young man's shoulder, and laid his damp head back gently on to the cushions of the sofa, be relieved by using Dr. Carson's Stomach Bitters, tho old emotion of tenderness, which she had not now known for years, woke up in the woman's breast again, and she remembered the time when thoughts of love were her, is as mortal a sin as abuse. foremost in her too.

"Poor boy!" she whispered kindly; and as she touched his hair with her lips with motherly gentleness the door opened and

Victor came in. He had just returned home from the factory, and, on hearing that Madame de Lancry was in the salon he had hurried to the room in eager haste, for his admiration for this somewhat inaccessible lady was increas' ing every day. Of course he affected not even to have seen her caressing attitude near Gerald, although she scarcely altered it on his entrance : but when she left, after a few remarks to Victor, in which she did not forget to congratulate him on his approachalmost savagely to Gerald, and said disagreeably.

"She might have spared a little of her sympathy for me, linked as I shall be tomorrow to the most ill-tempered specimen of boldness and prudery your fog-smothered country has ever produced !,'

said, "To-morrow?"

"Yes, to-morrow. Old Beresford is going to give a confounded betrothal-dinner, to tie us up by anticipation, you know; he has grown very solicitous since my aunt's death the other day."

This was an illusion to the fact that a rich widowed sister of M. Fournier's, a lady who had been for some years in delicate health, had died within the last week in the south of France, leaving the bulk of her property to her nephew Victor.

Gerald listened, but made no answer; and when, some few minutes later, Victor, not finding him a lively companion, left him is generally disagreeable, and a sentiment of alone, he remained for some time in the envy commonly prevents us from heartily attitude he had assumed on first hearing sympathizing with his joy. the news, leaned forward with his elbows on his knees and his hands clasped loosely together. Presently he got up with red eyes and tremulous lips, and walking unsteadily toward the mantelpiece, saw that it was three o'clock.

"There's lots of time for me to get there before they have dinner," he said to himself; "and of course I really ought cents. to make some inquiries and bestir myself, after what Madame de Lancry said."

So he went in search of Madame Fournier, told her, with tears of gratitude in his eyes for her kindness, that he must go back to "Les Bouleaux" that day, and show Mr. Beresford that he was fit for work againwhich he evidently was not-and started in a small hired omnibus within half an hour of making up his mind.

The drive was full of horrible reminiscences to him, but as he drew near to "Les Bouleaux" his agitation increased from another cause. Suddenly, within a few yards of the entrance to the avenue, he shouted to the driver to stop, and got out of the omnibus. For he had caught sight of a little dark figure that started forward out of the open gate to meet him.

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