SIR GUY'S WARD.

A THRILLING STORY OF LOVE AND ADVENTURE.

CHAPTER XV. "I will gather thee, he cried, Rosebud brightly blowing! Then I'll sting thee, it replied, And you'll quickly start aside With the prickle glowing. Rosebud, rosebud, rosebud red, Rosebud brightly blowing!"

GOETHE-Translated. next her own, one lovely morning early in goddess, and --

September when

"Dew is on the lea. And tender buds are fretting to be free." The fickle sun is flinging its broad beams far and near, now glittering upon the ivied ing them out on either side of her like a from such amarriage." towers, now dancing round the chimney- silken veil, that extends as far as her arms Here she smooths out her parrot, and, tops, now flecking with gold the mullioned can reach. She is lovely, radiant, bright turning her head slightly to one side, wonwindows. Its brightness is as a smile from as the day itself, fairer than the lazy ders whether a little more crimson in the grows rarer every hour; its merry rays "What a child you are!" says Guy, with tractive. No, perhaps not: they are gaudy groaning in anguish, has now for a few the departing summer, the sweeter that it flowers. spread and lengthen, the wind grows some discontent in his voice, feeling how enough already, -though one often sees-a softer, balmier, beneath its influence; it is far, far younger than he, she is. as the very heart of lazy July.

"And on the woods and on the deep The smile of heaven lay. It seemed as if the day were one Sent from beyond the skies, Which shed to earth above the sun A light of Paradise."

There is an "inviolable quietness" in all the heartily.

as though they were (as indeed they are) her | in. Have I amused you?" to the present, and the inner room.

only four days since I washed it before."

"Never mind, ninny; wash it again, to my shoulder." To-day is so delicious, with such a dear "What a tarradiddle!" says Lilian. her work. A nail in Lilian's coffin has that I cannot resist it. You know how I convince you." love running through the air with my hair | As Guy obeys her and draws himself up to

termination.

stands properly out from my head unless it | beats for her alone. is full of soda.

pouts Lilian, And when Lilian pouts she thing looks so lovely, and so naughty, and so ir. "I think it is the mother sees to it," minutes ago as though her heart were set resistable, that, instead of scolding her for replies he gently. ill temper, every one instantly gives in to "Oh, is it? Kind auntie! What a "Coquette," mutters Chetwoode between her. Nurse gives in, as she has done to her | delicious little bit of blue! Forget-me-not, | his teeth. little mistress's pout ever since the latter is it? How innocent it looks, and babyish, "Not done yet?" asks the coquette at was four years old, and forthwith produces in its green leaves ! May I rob you, Sir this moment of her cousin, giving her head soap and water and plenty of soda.

The long yellow hair being at length wash- dress.' ed, combed out carefully, and brushed until "You may have anything you wish that the somewhat curious bow he is making. it hangs heavily all down her back, Lilian I can give you." ly down the stairs, straight out into the open letters?" glancing with pretty impertinence waiting : so don't be long, -do you hear?"

for her head. bees are silent, the flowers are nodding bish! Well good-bye, Guardy, I must to see you again, longing, pining for your drowsily, wakened into some sort of life by go and finish the drying of my hair; you return, thinking every minute an hour until the teasing wind that sighs and laughs | will find me in the garden when you come back to me." around them unceasingly. Lilian plucks a to the end of your last billet-doux." les through her hair drying it softly, loving. | the hall. ly, until at last some of its pristine gloss re- | Where she goes the sunshine seems to adornment.' led vigor beneath the sun's rays.

Fairyland might revel-in the warmth and yellow hair has vanished out of sight. With absolutely wild with jealousy. "Yes, now and to Guy in his distant study the sound once more to his writing, and tries to forget of indifference: "he either took it from me, and the words come all too distinctly.

" Why shouldn't I love ny love? Why shouldn't he love me ? Why shouldn't he come after me, Since love to all is free ?"

Beneath his window she pauses, and, finally, running up the steps of the balcony, peers in, full of an idle curosity.

Sir Guy's den is the most desirable room es instinctively how addicted to all pretty things the owner is, from women down to less costly bijouterie.

Lovely landscapes adorn the walls side by side with Greutze like faces, angelic in expression, unlike in appearance. There are a few portraits of beauties well known in the London and Paris worlds, frail as fair, false as they are piquante, whose garments (to do him justice) are distinctly de-

priceless statuettes, a few bits of bric-a-brac worth their weight in gold, innumerable yellow-backed volumes by Paul de Kock and his fellows, chairs of all shapes and sizes, one more comfortable and inviting than her wish to see him in the garden when his she already dreaming of an hour when she you not told me, I should never have guessthe other, enough meerschaum pipes and work should be over! Perhaps-per- may return to it once more as its happy ed your wretchedness. Besides, how do cigarette-holders and tobacco stands to stock | hapsa small shop, a couple of dogs snoozing peacefully upon the hearth-rug, under the mistaken impression that a fire is burning in the grate, a writing-table, and before it Sir Guy. These are the principal things that attract Lilian's attention, as she gazes in, ed the words that so often tremble on his best, the newest face the dearest." with her silken hair streaming behind her lips. Now the unwonted gentleness of her "I do not understand you,"-with in the light breeze.

On the wall she cannot see, there are a few hunters by Herring, a copy of Millais' jealous anguish and heart-burnings that tor- nothing about last comers or new "Yes or no," a good deal of stable-ware, and ment him all day long. straw-covered bottles of perfume, thrust Florence alone. rather ignominiously into the corner.

daintiest lace frillings at the throat and sweetly, blandly, invitingly.

properly saddened to es.

to her, whereupon she steps into the room her cousir, Mr. Chesney." still with her face hidden.

tone.

day. Do you rememder how late in the fairs. Some, indeed," with slow meaning, season it is? and that you are slighting are positively blind.' Nature? She will be angry, and will visit | She lays her work upon the table before Come out,"

"Who are you?" asks Guy. "Are you writhing beneath the lash. Flora ?" He parts her hair gently and "Chesney would be a good match for

"And behold it is only Lilian! Naughty "Very good. The Park, I am told, is Lilian! Are you disappointed, Sir Guard- even larger than Chetwoode. You, as her ian?" She laughs, and, running her guardian, should, I think, put carefully befingers through all her amber locks, spread- fore her all the advantages to be derived

"Am I? Nonsense! Nurse says," going I don't believe mere money would have girl of my age.'" Almost unconsciously she effort. assumes nurse's pompous though adoring "No? Perhaps not. But then the Park manner to such perfection that Guy laughs is her old home, and she, who professes

Some late roses have grown, and cluster Lilian, with bland encouragement, "I like to her, Guy. She should not be allowed to round Lilian's window; stooping out, she to hear you laugh; of late you have grown throw away such a brilliant chance, when a looks towards Chetwoode. kisses and caresses them, speaking to them almost as discontented to look at as my cous- few well-chosen words might bias her in

was admirable. Though I am not sure that the balcony outside, walks listlessly away, "La, my dear," says Mrs. Tipping, "it is I agree with her: you are not very much his heart in a tumult of fear and regret grown, are you? I don't think you are up while Miss Beauchamp, calmly, and with a scription, that lends an additional charm to

little breeze and such a prodigality of sun, "Get off that table directly and let me she hopes, been driven, and sews her hopes

wet, and feeling the wind rushing through his liberal six feet one, she goes to him and rible revenge and cruel longings into their it. And, nurse, be sure now"-coaxingly- lays her soft head against his arm, only children's socks, whilst all the flower and "you put plenty of soda in the water." to find he -not she -is right; she is What, and rot all your pretty locks? half an inch below his shoulder. Stand- the fatal guillotine. Not I, indeed !" says nurse, with much de- ing so it takes Guy all he knows to keep himself from throwing his arms thought, follows out mechanically his first "But you must; you will now, won't round her and straining her to the heart idea, and turns in the direction of you?" in a wheedling tone. "It never that beats for her so passionately,-that the garden the spot so beloved by his false

"You have raised your shoulder," she "An' what, I wonder, would your poor says, most unfairly; "It wasn't half so ing motionless in the centre of a grass-plot, mamma say to me if she could see me spoil- high yesterday. You shouldn't cheat !- while behind her Chesney is busily engaged ing your bonny hair this day, an' it the very What a charming room yours is! I quite tying back her yellow hair with a broad color of her own? No, no; I cannot indeed | envy it to you. And the flowers are so well | piece of black ribbon she has evidently given It goes against my conscience, as it were. | selected. Who adorns your den so artistic- him for the purpose. He has all her rich Go get some one else to wash it, not me; it ally? Florence? But of course it is the tresses gathered together in one hand, and invaluable Florence? I might have known. is lingering palpably over his task. In his "If you won't wash it, no one else shall," That good creature always does the correct coat is placed conspicuously the blue forget-

Guy? I should like a spray or two for my a little impatient shake.

table near her: "I suppose they are to see me again?"

But somehow the impetus that urged him | "Do you?" on half an hour ago is wanting; the spur to his industry has lost its sharpness; and ders on disbelief, and is in her eyes highly presently, throwing down his pen with an objectionable. "Why should I trouble myimpatient gesture, he acknowledges himself | self to recollect such trifles?"

no longer in the mood for work. What a child she is !- again the thought | Chetwoode says, in the house,—the cosiest, the oddest, the occurs to him ;—yet with what power to "You were foolishly prejudiced against you a week ago," he says, presently. He most interesting. Looking at it, one guess. torture! To-day all sweetness and honeyed your cousin before his arrival. I is inside the gate now, and seems to have gayety, to morrow indifferent, if not actual am glad you have learned to be civil with lost in this shamefully short time all the ly repelent. She is an anomaly, -a little frail him.

when least expected. surely if she loved Chesney her eyes could my liking." But then indecency has gone out of fashion. not have dwelt so kindly upon another as Guy's heart sinks within him as he re- the beauty of her face and smile. "This complete indexes to the mass of valuable

him consumes him daily, -hourly; but a her cousin?

A shadow falling across the paper on her crewelwork; the parrot's tail is now in nantly.

"You come?" asks he, in a deferential reality his face has grown suddenly pale, another minute, and you would have found

what can seep you indoors this exquisite cate voice, "generally. He seems very Archibald, ignorant of the storm brewing, brilliand gladness of her face dies from it. who has killed 1,899.

his admiration favorably. Have you not grass.

noticed it ?" "I cannot say I have."

"No?"-incredulously-"how extraordinary! But men are proverbially dull in the observation of such matters as love-af-

you with storms and drooping flowers, if her and examines it critically. She does you persist in flouting her. Come out, not so much as glance at her victim, though secretly enjoying the knowledge that he is

"Nurse, wash my hair," says Lilian, throws it back over her shoulders. "I her," says Guy, with the calmness of deentering her nurse's sanctum, which is thought you a nymph,—a fairy,—a small spair. But his calmness does not deceive ing their cradle songs; the gay breeze, lazy his companion.

wings would not make them look more at- moil of the day has been weeping and -parrot-with-

to a glass and surveying herself with critical weight with Lilian," Guy breaks in upon sparks the bees have deserted them, are eyes, "nurse says I am a 'very well grown her all-important revery, with a visible growing drowsy, and hang their heavy heads

such childish adoration for it, might possibly | air. "That is right, Guardy," says Mis like to regain it. You really should speak the right direction."

dear friends, when nurse's voice recalls her "Yes: your assumption of Mrs. Tipping Guy makes no reply, but, stepping on to certain triumph, goes on contentedly with into the canvas beneath her hand, as long ago the Parisian women knitted their terbeauty and chivalry of France tell beneath white rose dying on her breast, throws a

Guy, wandering aimlessly, full of dismal ally dies chivalrously at her feet.

treacherous little mistress. me-not begged of Guy by Lilian only a few upon its possession.

"Yes, just done," finishing up in a hurry

"Well, now run," says Lilian, "and do administers a soft little kiss to her nurse as "What a noble offer !- Are you going to as I bade you. I shall be here on this spot reward for her trouble, and runs delighted. waste much more time over your tiresome when you return. You know how I hate air, without hat, or covering of any kind at the half-finished sheets lying on the 'Does that mean you will be impatient

The garden is listless and sleepy. The all business, or love, or such-like rub- "Of course," laughing. "I shall be dying

Thus encouraged, Archibald quickly blossom here and there, and scatters far and So saying, she trips away from him down vanishes, and Guy comes slowly up to her. near the gandy butterfly in very wantonness | the handsome oak-panelled room, and dis- "I think you needn't have put that flower of enjoyment, while the wooing wind whist- appears through the doorway that leads into in Chesney's coat," he says in an aggrieved

turns to it, and its gold shines with redoub- follow her. To Guy's fancy it appears as "Is it in his coat?" As she makes this though a shadow has fallen suddenly into mean reply she blushes a rich warm crimson As she saunters, revelling -as one from the room, when the last glimpse of her so full of consciousness that it drives Guy

gladness of the great heathen god, she sings a rather abstracted air he betakes himself I remember," she says, with an assumption or asked me for it. I quite forget which."

"I do," resenting his manner, which bor-

After a pause, and with a distinct effort,

ing, and not in the least exigeant, or difficile," love for her cousin Archibald, with such Whenever I think of the dear Park, I it of Cecilia !) never reproves him. evident pleasure did she receive his very naturally think of him, until now they are marked attentions. And now, -to-day, - both associated in my mind: this adds to

There are two or three lounges, some they did a few minutes since upon her members Florence's words and now hears day last week I might have been as happy scientific information which is regularly guardian. With what a pretty grace she Lilian's own confession. He glances at her as I am now, -whereas I was the most mis- published and much of which is unavailable had demanded that blue forget-me-not and despairingly. She is picking a flower to erable wretch alive, the victim of sus- for want of an index. placed it in the bosom of her dress! With pieces, and as she does so a little soft sigh pense. what evident sincerity she had hinted at escapes her. Is it for her lost home? Is mistress? Is she mercenary, as Florence you know I should have been so kind to Of late a passionate desire to tell her of hinted? or is it home-sickness that is tempt- you seven long days ago?" the affection with which she had inspired ing her? or can it be that at heart she loves

manner tempts him to follow her and put | cold reproof; "surely you are wandering his fate "to the touch," and so end all the from the subject: we were saying from you: I want the very honest truth. faces. If you happen to be in a bad

"No? It seems very like it," says Miss brought purposely all over her face letting | with all the tactless truthfulness of a man always agreeable, and never starts distaste- est and truest of all." only the laughing sarphire eyes, blue as the when he has one absorbing object in view. ful topics. Ah, here he is! Archie, how skies above her, gleam out from among it. Miss Beauchamp's bland smile freezes on long you have been! I thought you were not?" with a rather forced laugh. "Not royalty. The sight was truly a magnificent "Open the door, O hermit, and let a her lips, and shows itself no more. She never coming! Sir Guy is in one of his ter- only did I love you from the first moment I one to a lover of horses, and ten handsomer poor wanderer in," croons this fairy, in makes answer nevertheless in an unmoved rible moods, and has frightened me out of saw you, but you are the only woman I ever animals it would be hard to find. my life. I was in danger of being lectured really cared for; while you," with some Rising gladly, he throws wide the window "Where she always is, in the garden with off the face of the earth. No woman should hesitation, and turning his eyes steadily be pitied but she that has a guardian! You away from hers, "you-of course-did "Always ?" says Guy, lightly, though in have come to my rescue barely in time : love-once before." only a lifeless Lilian.

epris with her, and she appears to receive sinks beside her contentedly upon the A little chill shudder runs through all best

CHAPTER XVI.

'O spirit of love, how fresh and quick thou

SHAKESPE ARE It is the gloaming, -that tenderest, fondest, most pensive time of all the day. As yet, night crouches on the borders of the land, reluctant to throw its dark shadow over the still, smiling earth, while day is slowly, sadly receding. There is a hush over everything; above, on their leafy perches, the birds are nestling, and croonasleep, so that the very grasses are silent and unstirred. An owl in the distance is hooting mournfully. There is a serenity on all around, an all-pervading stillness that moves one to sadness and fills unwittingly the eyes with tears. It is the peace that follows upon grief, as though the busy world, that through all the heat and tur-

The last roses of summer in Mrs. Arlington's garden, now that those gay young flies, fond of late hours and tempted by the warmth, still float gracefully through the

Cecilia, coming down the garden path, rests her arms upon her wicket gate and

She is dressed in an exquisite white cambric fastened at the throat by a bit of lavender ribbon; through her gown here and there are touches of the same color; on her head is a ravishing little cap of the mob deher face, making her seem, it possible, more womanly, more lovable than ever.

As she leans upon the gate a last yellow sunbeam falls upon her, peeps into her eyes, takes a good-night kiss from her parted lips and, descending slowly, lovingly, crosses her bosom, steals a little sweetness from the golden shade upon her white gown, and fin-

But not for the dead devoted sunbeam does that warm blush grow and mantle on her cheek; not for it do her pulses throb, her heart beat fast. Towards her, in his In the distance he sees her; she is stand- evening dress, and without his hat, regardless of consequences, comes Cyril, the quickness of his step betraying a flattering haste. As yet, although many weeks had come and gone since their first meeting, no actual words of love have been spoken between them; but each knows the other's heart, and has learned that eyes can speak a more eloquent language, can utter tenderer thoughts, than any the lips can

"Again?" says Cecilia, softly, a little wonder, a great undisguised gladness, in her soft gray eyes.

"Yes; I could not keep away," returns 13

he simply. He does not ask to enter, but leans upon the gate from his side, very close to her. Cyril looks downright handsome: his _I refused him." blonde moustache seems golden, his blue eyes almost black, in the rays of the departing sun; just now those eyes are filled with love and passionate admiration.

Her arms, half bare, with some frail shadowy lace falling over them, look rounded and velvety as a child's in the growing dusk; the fingers of her pretty, blue-veined hands are interlaced. Separating them, Cyril takes it tondly, silently, yet almost absently.

Suddenly raising his head, he looks at her, his whole heart in his expression, his tone. "I had no idea you meant it for his eyes full of purpose. Instinctively she feels the warmth, the tenderness of his glance, and changes from a calm lily into an expectant rose. Her hand trembles within his, as though meditating flight, and then lies passive as his clasp tightens firmly upon it. Slowly, reluctantly, as though compelled by of the mineral may be economically taken some hidden force, she turns her averted out without danger to the roofs of the

tenderness, knowing it is their betrothal feet deep. they are sealing.

"I wish I had summoned courage to kiss hesitation and modesty that a few minutes lily beset with thorns that puts forth its "More than that, I have learned to like ago were so becoming. His arm is around stings to wound, and probe, and madden, him very much indeed. He is quite charm- her; even as he makes this rather risque remark, he stoops and embraces her again, Only yesterday-after an hour's inward this rather pronounced. "Besides, he is without ever having the grace to ask perconflict-he had convinced himself of her my cousin, and the master of my old home. mission, while she (that I should live to say

"Why?" she asks, smiling up at him. "See how I have wasted seven good ple. days," returns he, drinking in gladly all

"You bore your misery admirably : had

"I know it, -because you love me." "And how do you know that either?" fear, a sad certainty of disappointment to "It is the same with all women," he says, asks she, with newborn coquetry that sits follow on his declaration has hitherto check- bitterly; "the last comer is always the very sweetly upon her. "Cyril, when did mistake. A well-known section of the noyou begin to love me ?"

"The very moment I first saw you." "No, no; I do not want compliments

"Never!

frame, turning her to stone; drawing herself with determination from his encircling arms, she stands somewhat away from him.

"It is time I told you my history," she says, in cold, changed tones, through which quivers a ring of pain, while her face grews suddenly as pale, as impenetrable as when they were yet quite strangers to each other. "Perhaps when you hear it you may regret your words of to-night." There is a doubt, a weariness in her voice that almost angers him.

"Nonsense!" he says, roughly, the better to hide the emotion he feels; "don't be romantic; nobody commits murder, or petty larceny, or bigamy nowadays, without being found out ; unpleasant mysteries, and skeletons in the closet, have gone out of fashion. We put all our skeletons in the 'Times' now, no matter how we may have to blush for their nakedness. I don't want to hear auything about your life if it makes you unhappy to tell it.' "It doesn't make me unhappy."

"But it does. Your face has grown quite white, and your eyes are full of tears.

Darling, I won't have you distress yourself

"I have not committed any of the crimea you mention, or any other particular crime," returns she, with a very wan little smile. "I have only been miserable ever since I can remember. I have not spoken about myself to any one for years, -except one friend; but now I should like to tell you everything."

"But not there!" holding out his hands to her reproachfully. "I don't believe I could hear you if you spoke from such a distance." There is exactly half a yard of sward between them. " If you are wilfully bent on driving us both to the verge of melancholy, at least let us meet our fate together.'

Here he steals his arm round her once more, and, thus supported, and with her head upan his shoulder, she commences her short story:

"Perhaps you know my father was a Major in the Scots Greys; your brother knew him : his name was Duncan."

Cyril starts involuntarily. "Ah, you start. You too knew him." "Yes, slightly."

"Then," in a curiously hard voice, "you knew nothing good of him. Well," with a sigh, "no matter; afterwards you can tall me what it was. When I was eighteen he brought me home from school, not that he wanted my society, -I was rather in his way than otherwise, and it wasn't a good way, -but because he had a purpose in view. One day, when I had been home three months, a visitor came to see us. He was introduced to me by my father. He was young, dark, not ugly, well mannered," here she pauses as though to recover breath, and then breaks out with a passion that shakes all her slight frame, "but hateful, vile, loathsome.

"My darling, don't go on; I don't want to hear about him," implores Cyril, anxious-

"But I must tell you. He possessed that greatest of all virtues in my father's eyes,wealth. He was rich. He admired me; I was very pretty then. He dared to say he Most fairmen look well in evening clothes; loved me. He asked me to marry him, and

As though the words are forced from her, she utters them in short, unequal sentences; her lips have turned the color of death.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

WHAT ENGINEERS DISCUSS.

The most scientific methods of purifying one hand between both his own and strokes and disposing of sewage without polluting

> The question of an adequate water supply for a ship canal from the great lakes to the Atlantic. A large and improved harbor at Dover,

England, for the accommodation of the channel and other craft. Methods of coal mining by which more

"Cecilia," murmurs he, imploringly, and The irrigation of 6,500,000 acres of land then-and then their lips meet, and they in Arizona, the main canal to be about 150 kiss each other solemnly, with a passionate miles long, 112 feet wide and over twelve

> A water storage project for a better supply of water to the Erie canal, involving a dam 130 feet in height across the Genesee river at a cost of \$2,760,000. The most desirable method of construct-

> ing a system of reservoirs on the Upper Nile, so that the people of Egypt may be protected against the evils of drought and The most economical method of constructing a number of deep-tunnel passenger

> to secure more rapid transit for the peo-The formation of a society to compile

> railways, under the city of London in order

A Royal Turnout in Germany. John Splan, the well-known driver of horses, went over to Germany recently with a consignment of horses, and in a letter to a Chicago paper he says :

In one of the large cities the other day I saw a turnout that was a dandy and no bility was seated in a handsome open wagon, while occupying high and prominent seats in the rear were two footmen wearing beautiful livery. On the box sat one of the most perfect specimens of a man, so far as "I have told you. The honest truth is form and figure are concerned, while his Quitting his sanctum, he crosses the hall, temper, Sir Guy, I really think it a little this. That morning after your arrival when ability as a horseman, I think you will cheroots, and boxes of cigars, mixed up with and enters the drawing-room, where he finds hard that you should come here to inflict it I restored your terrier to you, I fell in love agree with me, was of no mean order, when with you : you little thought then, when I I tell you that he managed ten prancing She is, as usual bending industriously over "I am not in a bad temper,"-indig- gave your dog into your keeping, I was steeds in the most masterly manner. Let "No," in a low, soft voice, that somehow came a span of beautiful grays as leaders, see a fairy vision staring in at him, -a little rainbow being missing from it. Seeing Guy, Chesney. "I can't bear cross people: they has a smile in it, "how could I?" I am then three perfectly matched coal blacks slight figure, clothed in airy black with she raises her head and smiles upon him are always saying unpleasant as well as un- glad you loved me always, -that there was abreast; these were followed by three wellmeaning things. New faces, indeed! I no time when I was indifferent to you. I matched grays, while next to them came a wrists, and with a wealth of golden bair "Where is Lilian?" asks Guy, abruptly, really wish Archibald would come; he is think love at first sight must be the sweet matched pair of large black horses as a "You have the best of it, then, have you well fitting the blue blood of German

Slaughter of Chamols.

Two thousand chamois have been killed by Prince Auguste of Coburg, and he ranks The word comes with startling vehem- as the champion chamois killer of the world. "To know what you are doing, and "Well," in her unchangeable placed stac. Sir Guy, black with rage, turns aside, ence from between her lips, the new and Next to him comes the Emperor of Austria,