A SECRET REVEALED

minds of all: had come with the ostensible object from the floor. beautiful girl whose past was a mys-, he murmured:

Her success at the last meet, the Landon? You waltz divinely." on Lord Rochester had got bruited said gratefully. "I know-I feel- she did not understand at first; then has the most pronounced effect of cise language, obtain quality of impression she had evidently created "It is because you help me," she heard so much of her, was at its "You dance as well as you ride." height.

her heart beat painfully.

and another of the daughters of the effect upon her young spirits. county; and it seemed to her as she "Why," she said, "I have only and for that matter the women, too, that he had clean forgotten her.

and Royce were only back with gliding around to such music for a I could dance with you! You pounds and a few still higher. Any the soil from washing, both as a the old caravan; this dress, which me tell you that a man does not you?" anxious thought, for her old, brown As they danced he saw, though wife than dance with you," she quality, either to make it richer or in seeding the land to some of the

the vases of porcelain.

would not catch his lordship arriv- woman, whom his friend Royce had for a few moments the pleasant cows belonging to several different ing at a ball before the festival was picked up-where? Stand by her un- young guardsman who had secured farms and representing widely varyin full swing, as the French philos- til he had raised her to a pedestal her for this waltz expended his elo- ing environment, feed and care. In one pound of linseed meal and one opher remarked, he liked his world from which none should throw her. quence on deaf ears. well aired.

He bowed over the countess' jeweled hand with a grace second only to her own.

"It reminds me of the Second Empire, countess!" he said, glancing round the room.

The countess received the compliment with a gracious smile.

"Commendation from Lord Rochester is the highest of all praise!" she responded in the same tone.

another; and the country folk, who said fervently. "Ah, here they pale and sad in the midst of such a knew him by name only, looked af- come!" he added under his breath. scene of gaiety.

whispered one girl to another, men- "The crowd of worshipers at the ness and relief, but it died away in "That's the great Lord Rochester" their faces. seems to be looking for some one, deliciously as they pressed around and succor. doesn't he? Will he dance, I won- her begging for a dance.

will not dance all the evening." great man were searching for some They knew, though Madge did not, heart ache with a strange pang, like one not at present in sight, for that her triumph was commencing, that of a half-gotten pain. What had though his carefully guarded eyes re- and a sudden envy began to burn in Seymour been saying to her that vealed nothing of what was passing their breasts.

ished, and a look of satisfaction and a forced sneer on her thin lips. pleasure in its place.

over her hand,

she said with the simplicity of in- in a tone of ungenerous criticism. and --- What a success Madge is His heart smote him, why he scarce- out to buy.

this next with me?"

wards her, and one and another eagerly, crowding around her in the To her it almost seemed as if they at him. Could she, too, have been cepting a part of the nitrogen are whispered, "Who is it?" and when intervals between the dances, and were alone, and that the soft strains dreaming of that particular day? derived from the soil materials, both

into excitement.

air. said Madge. Her face was pale, and girl. she lifted her lovely eyes to his with

a touch of appeal in them.

in a traction to the traction to the traction to the traction to the traction to CHAPTER XXIX .- (Continued.) | dancer of his day. 'If we break handsome face, and presently looking Presently one guest began to whis- down, it will be my fault, remem- up she saw him. per the inquiry which was on the ber." As he spoke he mentally "Royce!" and she moved toward swore that there should be no break- him, Lord Rochester falling back and "Where is she?" for though they down if, he had to lift her bodily was instantly absorbed in examining

of dancing, they had also come to see But he need not have feared. Be-

Madge, as she sat in her corner its paleness, and had a delicious have not been near me, Jack." The should be fed to increase the amount behind the young squires, heard her color in it. She was a gypsy, and old dearly-loved name slipped out of fat in the milk. So far no satisvine music, the gentle courtesy of "For the best of all reasons," he given. The present belief of those tendency to wash again in the same name mentioned now and again, and the movement of the waltz, the di- unawares."

looked at his handsome, careless face learned this last fortnight, Irene- are talking about you." Lady Tresylian-taught me.'

Strangely enough, in the midst of "She had an apt pupil," he said. doubtful.

and Tony; she recalled them all with -could walk-a score of miles with- "Not always," he responded, it is three pounds fat per 100 pounds ways present in land rich in humus, a strange, sad tenderness. If she out the slightest fatigue, tired of laughing at her innocence. "I wish milk, others four pounds, some five the slightest fatigue, tired of laughing at her innocence. "I wish milk, others four pounds, some five the slightest fatigue, tired of laughing at her innocence."

ing on the shafts of the caravan with too absorbed to notice, that they loving woman can use. her basket-wtk, with Royce at her were the objects of general attention feet and within touch of her hand! and interest, and his manner toward to dance the next with Irene." A great yearning filled her heart, her became more deferential and reher eyes grew moist, and the gay verential. A man of the world, he watch." guessed how matters stood with her, Do," he said. "I am quite as ed in dairy thought, that it is in-She was the one discordant note in and though his greatest admirers amusing at the game as a perform- corporated in the laws of some the harmony of refinement and splen- would have hesitated in calling Lord ing elephant. Eh?" as her partner states that allow a poorer quality of of green manure or soiling crops dor, the humble piece of delf among Rochester, a good man, he had, like came up with a smile and bow. milk to be sold during May and June the worst of us, his generous mom- "Your dance, is it? All right. Good- than during the rest of the year. I regarded quite advantageous in farm As she sat in sad reverie Lord ents, and this was one of them. He by, Madge." Rochester entered the room. You would stand by this simple girl- She looked after him wistfully, and my own herd and with some 300

the music died away Madge stopped found her sitting in the palm-house; cally no change. with a deep sigh.

Lord Rochester smiled. your capacity for pleasure!" he said. with the brightness which is born of gently; "all new and strange." and a weary, harassed expression

tally hoping that some one might shrine of the new divinity," he said. an instant, and she sank back as if introduce him to her, and that he Madge only half understood him, she had remembered that she could might give her just one dance. "He and she stood confused and blushing no longer fly to Royce for comfort

stood, the center of the throng, Renie now, but her pallor and weari-It certainly appeared as if the with Rochester towering beside her, ness touched him, and made his

in the brain behind them, his voice "That kind of person always unand manner were absent and preoc- derstands the effectiveness in cos- most curtly. cupied when he answered those who tumes," murmured one woman who had run through three seasons, and Royce.'

"Dairy-maid!" was the scornful having!" "For no one else, I assure you," response. "Say rather the smile of "Yes; but I thought we weren't to days. He had always called her his he said, touched by the child-like a Franch soubrette. You can see talk?" he said. candor. "Am I so fortunate as to that kind of thing at any of the "No," she said in a low voice. In his rough play he had thrown her

name, and Rochester wrote his own noticed that the woman opposite her sons who have danced together as He had picked her up in his arms heat in decomposing. She put her hand on his arm and her head as they clasped hands, for Irene closed her eyes; she knew her—a great thing for a boy to do you expect to earn the modern dolhe led her from her corner. They she had to remember the figures and that with Royce's strong arm round -and she had come to and murmured lar. There are men who seem to be

don's wife!" the interest almost grew with envy: though those around the them only

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in speaking distance. Lord Rochester was holding her bouquet, while she displayed her card to show a gentleman, who implored a dance, that she had not one left. The wit of the party was perpetrat-

found it difficult to perform that

promise, because so many other

men wanted to be near her; at last,

however, he did manage to get with-

ing bon mots for her special benefit, and the rest of the group seemed waiting on the off-chance of being permitted to pay her some small attention. Royce watched her and her surrounding court with a smile on his

"Well, Madge," he said with his and hear Royce Landon's wife, the fore they had taken a dozen turns easy laugh, "it's very kind of you to notice me. Is your head quite fed in large quantities a butter is true dairy type gives more milk, the

You should be!" who had not seen her, and yet had "You need no assistance," he said. she said half apologetically, her eyes hard writes Mr. Wells W. Cooke. Madge laughed. Her face had lost think I haven't missed you? You teresting to the dairyman is, what

exchanged these glittering halls for "Let us go then," he said. "Let else's wife for ten minutes could quantity will bring the cow up to sorbent.

linsey and scarlet shawl; to be sitt- Madge was too unsophisticated and whispered in the tone which only a poorer.

Seymour was standing beside her, "I had no idea it was so deli- bending over her and talking in a cious!" she said, half-apologetically. low, persuasive voice. Royce noticed that his face was flushed, and that "What would most of us not give for his eyes were bright and restless "It is all new to me," she said the wine cup. Irene's head drooped "May it long continue so!" he made her lovely face look strangely

Seymour looked up with a start and

"Give me this dance, Renie?" der? They say that sometimes he The women looked at her as she said. He did not often call her

"Irene is tired," said Seymour, al

"Yes, I will dance with you,

"Do not dance too long, Irene,"

"Have you been looking for me?" and saucer eyes," remarked another "I am not tired; it was the heat sat upon the flower-like face.

Madge held out her card, which But Madge heard none of these ridors and the hall, and they knew now in this crowded ball-room as although containing a high percenwas empty, excepting for Seymour's charming criticisms. She scarcely each other's paces as only two per-plainly as if it were being re-acted. tage of water. It generates little

presented a very fair sample of our the steps, and her whole innecent her, and his keen eye and sure foot, with her first breath: modern race. He was over six feet, soul was absorbed in the effort. she could come to no harm-and "Royce, dear, don't mind. It is they would be of smallpox. There dressed "as only Rochester can From her seat among the dowagers gave herself up to the dangerous joy, nothing; only hold me a little while." are two kinds of conservatism—that dress," as the men said despairingly; the countess watched her, and saw half delightful, half painful, which is beart ached and beat fast, and which is born of fear and ignorance, and Madge, who in her harmony of her success, but she exhibited no filled her weary, aching heart. The all unconsciously he pressed her and that which is born of knowblack and crimson, and fresh young sign of satisfaction; and when one present slipped away from her like closely to him as he pressed her ledge and courage. The first dreads beauty, would have attracted at- and another of the stately old ladies the baseless fabric of a dream, and years ago. tention alone, gained rather than remarked on Madge's beauty and she was once more the happy light- "It is like old times, Renie," he and better light. lost by the proximity of her hand- grace the countess merely smiled hearted girl whirling in the arms of murmured, scarcely knowing that he coldly and inclined her head. her boy-lover just home for the holi- spoke aloud.

soft, dulcet strains of Waldteufel camp, the night Royce had said, "If looked down at the face so perfect breathed, as one speaks of a place of the plant and thence to the leaves were already floating through the I come she must come with me, for in its pure loveliness, and saw that of refuge and safety. she is my wife." To the proud pat- the blue-veined lids were closed over "That would be rather difficult," structed and much of the water "I am afraid I dance very badly," rician Madge was still the gypsy the eyes, he too remembered the old he said with a laugh that sounded thrown off into the air. From the times and all that she had been to rather far away. "She went down leaves the remaining water with him, and to him also the present to supper with a heap of others at the reconstructed food moves out seemed unreal and visionary.

same confession and throw myself on Madge had made Royce promise ed upon his arm, how easily he could notice them?" your mercy" said the most finished that he would keep near her, but he lift her as some heavy couple came



HOW FEED AFFECTS DAIRY PRODUCTS.

and also its grain. Corn and oats per cent of fat. make a good grained butter, wheat The quantity of milk can be varied bran and linseed meal a poor grain- between large extremes, and it can ed, while if buckwheat middlings are be said in general that a cow of the "Were you making fun of me, Mrs. turned, dearest? Are you satisfied? produced that looks and cuts like more food she digests. If a richer She looked at him carnestly, as if a soft butter, while cottonseed meal by getting a different cow. In con-

The phase of the question most infactory affirmative answer has been She saw Royce dancing with one her partner were having their natural said, smiling. "What a success you who have studied the problem most place, as that place nearly always another of the day of the fect the richness of the milk, that is, the surrounding land. One of the the pounds butter fat in each 100 best preventives consists, strange as Madge looked around, confused and pounds milk. The present doctrine is it may seem, in rotation of crops. that each cow has her own normal Land continually cropped and culti-"I don't understand," she mur- richness of milk, due to her indivi- vated will, under ordinary managemind wandered back to the forest She looked at him with mute sur- mured; "everybody is very kind. But duality and her ancestry. This rich- the country was a standard to the forest she looked at him with mute sur-"I think I'd rather remain your that no change of food can change other reasonable care, will be found

The belief is prevalent that when "Very well," he said; "I'm going cows are turned to pasture in the spring the change from dry feed to "I should like to see you. I will wet induces a larger flow of poorer coarse. We always sow a mixture. milk. Indeed, this idea is so ground-He could do it, he new, and he Royce went around the room in ly when the cows went to pasture, hens once a day, allowing half a search of Irene. He had not noticed in some it changed in the opposite pint of the mixture to ten hens, will They danced the waltz out, and as her among the dancers lately, and he direction. The average was practi- add to the egg-productions.

WHY MILK FAT VARIES.

Yet every dairyman knows that milk varies in its richness. If, then, this is not due to the feed, what is with the progress of the period of lactation. Just after a cow calves, the milk is the thinnest it is to be any time in the year and it remains with but little change in quality until the cow gets in calf again. Then just before the cow goes dry. The extent of the variation differs widely in different cows.

There is usually a variation between the quality of the milk produced in the morning and in the evening. The rule is that the richer milk is given at the milking that occurs after the shorter number of hours between milkings. If the milking is done in the winter at o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the evening, the evening's milk will be the richer, for there are only tenhours between the morning and evening milkings. After allowance

and pressed her to him and kissed You can't afford to be ancient, if

the answer came, "It is Royce Lan- the women were evidently smitten of the waltz were being played for Then the blood rushed to her face mineral and organic of which they

the beginning of this dance. Roches- through the plant to the growing He noticed how lightly she weight ter and she passed us; you did not parts where the food is transformed

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has been made for all these causes there is still a daily and weekly fluctuation in the richest of the milk due to causes as yet unknown. But the fact of this variation is cer-

tain. Fright has a powerful influence to take the fat out of milk. If the cow is driven to the barn by a barking cur, if she is beaten with the milk stool, a less quantity of a poorer Green grass, clover and carrots are quality of milk is sure to result. If well known to give a yellow color to she stands out in zero weather until milk and butter. Of the grains, corn chilled, or is compelled to occupy a and oats probably tend to produce a cold stable, the owner is punished milk most satisfactory for general for his lack of kindness by a decided household use. On the other hand, lack of milk and cream. In general, buckwheat middlings has the most it can be said that anything that injurious effect. The feed affects the makes the cow uncomfortable in hardness of the butter, that is, its mind or body will both lessen the ability to stand up in hot weather, quantity of milk and decrease the

TO HOLD HILL LAND.

After land is once permitted to wash, it is very hard to stop its

An efficient remedy, if coupled with will not do so well unless sown very thick, as the roots are so turage, a crop or two of hay may be taken off, and then a good crop

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Two pounds of bran mixed with

The power of the cow to take and digest large quantities of food regulates to a considerable degree her value in the dairy. The small eater is of little value, as it is impossible the cause? Most of the variation is for her to make milk, and force endue to the changes in connection ergy and milk out of food that con-

force and milk making. The horse seldom fears any object unless it appears suddenly; therefore the way to break a horse of shyness is not to whip it when it obeys the ly and leisurely through the crowd. | That's the great Lord Rochestor!' That's the great Lord Rochestor!' their forces tion, it is liable to get a whipping for it anyway. The only reasonable way to break a horse of this habit is to require it to stop whenever it shies and let it see that there is nothing to be afraid of. Man himself is not much afraid of anything he clearly sees and understands.

So far as dairying is concerned, the greatest problem that is confronting the farmer is the securing of cows of great producing power. By having such cows he will make both his labor and his feed bring him a far greater return than is possible at the present time. The science of raising cows is one that must be through the now crowded room, and see anything so remarkably strange said Seymour smoothly, and he left bouncing and blundering their way; studied, and the time put on the noticed his wandering gaze. Sud- as her dress? Those poppies would the palm-house by the opposite door how fragile and like a delicate flower study of it will bring in more dollars the preoccupation of his face van- light opera," and she stared with "Why does Seymour take such pos- There was a slight flush on her face, spent in running about over the session of you, Renie?" asked Royce and a faint smile on her lips; but country looking for cows that will the touch of warmth in her cheeks, come in sight of the dairy standard "At last!" he said as he bowed Rochester too experienced to be "Don't let us talk of Sey-of any- and the shadow of a smile served in the mind of the farmer. As a taken with a dairy-maid's simper thing for a little while," she said. only to accentuate the sadness which usual thing the cow buyer falls far

FARM NOTES.

Hog manure is very variable in find a dance also? Will you dance case chantants in Paris. Poor Royce the old times she and Royce had down and rendered her for a moment composition, owing to the variable often danced together along the cor- or two unconscious; he saw the scene nature of food, but is generally rich,

The plant obtains all of its food, excepting carbon, from the soil or She opened her eyes and smiled up through it. In Nature all these excountess sang the girl's praises, she And Royce? He held her firmly. "I-I think I am tired after all, solved in the soil water and the The dance was a waltz, and the could not forget the night at the yet gently and tenderly, and as he Royce. Take me to-to Madge!" she water is taken in through the roots

ture use.