DAWN.

CHAPTER VII.-Continued.

She was a very modest maiden, and in her heart believed it a wonderful say. thing that Philip should have fallen in love with her-a thing to be very proud of; and she felt it hard that she should be denied the gratification of openly acknowledging her lover, and showing him off to her friends after the fashion that is so delightful to the female mind.

But though this consciousness of the deprivation of a lawful joy set up a certain feeling of irritation in her mind, she did not allow it to override her entire trust in and love for Phil-Whatever he did was no doubt wise and right; but, for all that on ingly difficult to answer.

In this way by the exercise of ceaseless diplomacy and with the assistance of a great deal of falsehood of the most | so secret?" artistic nature, Philip managed to tide ing between Maria and himself.

Now, the old squire was a shrewd man of the world, and was not therean opinion of his son's common sense have always wanted to see the Abbey behind them, uttered an exclamation is made to see the Abbey behind them, uttered an exclamation insture's eternal fashion, the youth and compensatory emphysema around the vigot of a new generation is waiting diseased and contracting portions of to believe it possible that he would Isleworth, and Rewtham, estates in a of surprise; and indeed the sight bevigot of a new generation is waiting diseased and contracting portions of the lungs a writer in The Hospital

to put them into action. At three o'- you come and dine with me next Thurs- astonishment. a vehicle that was rarely used. giving special directions that the coachman should see that his wig was properly curled. An ill-curled wig had you mention the subject of our con- father did not be subject of our con- father did not be subject. perly curled. An ill-curled wig had you, mention the subject of our confather did more in that way than all on my right." very bad effect upon Mr. Caresfoot's versation to Philip. I want to have a of us put together, he spent ten thous-

who was as usual dressed in the oldPhilip by tallian his father astonished add to it the most already for fashioned knee-breeches, and carried in the give a disparation that he intended add to it, there is too much already for his hand his gold-headed cane stepped to give a dinner party on that day a simple country gentleman's family. actly in the middle of the back seat. "You see, Philip," he said, with a The dinner which was served on a not leaning back, as is the fashion of grim smile, "I have only got a year most magnificent scale, wore itself our degenerate days, but holding him- or so at the most before me and I wish away, as all big country-dinners do, in self bolt upright. Any more imposing to see a little of my neighbors before bursts of sedate but not profoundly insight than this old gentleman pre- late verse. I have not had much society of teresting conversation. Indeed, had it sight than this old gentleman presented thus seated, and moving at a late years. I mean to do the thing not been for the novelty of the sight, stately pace through the village street well while I am about it, and ask ev. Maria would have been rather bored, it is impossible to conceive, but it so erybody in the neighborhood. How the squire's stately compliments notoppressed the very children that fear many can dine with comfort in the withstanding. As it was, she felt inat the spectacle which was an unwonted one, for the squire had not "About five-and-forty, I should end, amongst whom, looking down the

in due course, he safely arrived. He was ushered into a drawing-room.

"I am not at home. Who is it?" "Mr. Caresfoot, miss!"

Caresfoot senior, appeared from be- laid down. Now, bustle about, my lad, a very different conclusion. hind the back of the door, where he we have no time to lose; we must get "Why look how he is laughing."

Philip for many a long year, and I his senses. Who ever heard of a din-ward his father and Miss Lee. There

it is indeed wonderful that he can keep away," and the old squire bowed again was clear; his father had set his mind I could return the compliment, but I could return the compliment, but with such courtly grace as to drive upon it, and when once that was the conscientiously I can't. Did you ever than Philip dared.

When the notes of institute is a set of the piece."

so dissimilar as the late Mrs. Cares-

"Yes, we are engaged." "Thank you my dear. How long have you been engaged?" "About eight months."

annoyed him excessively. "Devil" Caresfoot was not a man accustomed to be thwarted; indeed, he had never been thwarted in his life, and he did not mean to be now. He had set his heart upon this magnings and it would heart upon this magnings and it would heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and heart upon this magnings and it would have the first and there relieved by the first wide. It was very lofty and the dark wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and the dark the churchyard claims its own, but I wide. It was very lofty and th heart upon this marriage and it would old man, his eyes flashing. "Break it off: by God the day he d heart upon this marriage and it would have to be a good reason, indeed, that could turn him from his purpose.

Accordingly, having extracted the above information, he said no more to Philip, but proceeded to lay his own Philip, but proceeded to lay his own To change the subject. Your the center of the relieved by loose with you, that day I leave the property to his cousin George—There have been defined as spread the whole subject with his own interest, Maria, word. To change the subject, wone to be a good reason, indeed, that off; by God, the day he plays fast and property to his cousin George—There have been defined as the particular purpose for which I have bidden you here to enight. Be assumed that it was not to ask you to of the Caresfoot plate, which, catching the light of the suspended candles, word. To change the subject, your the control of the relieved by loose with you, that day I leave the particular purpose for which I sure that it was not to ask you to of the Caresfoot plate, which, catching the light of the suspended candles, word. To change the subject, your in the beholder was positively bewildered. The particular purpose for which I sure the particular purpose for which I sure that it was not to ask you to other to prove the control of the particular purpose for which I sure the particular purpose for which I sure the particular purpose for which I sure that the red corpuscles multi-be proven here to enight. Be assured that it was not to ask you to other to ask you to other to any case, the oxygen-carrying of the blood is augmented. This according to the blood is augmented the property interesting fact of my approaching end, but rather for a joy-fully with the well known effect of mountain air in the treatment of any approaching end, but rather for a joy-fully with the feeling that the red corpuscles multi-be property to his cousin George—There have been defined to the particular purpose for which I such that the red corpuscles multi-be property to his cousin George—There have been defined to t

"Are you going to have fifty people to dinner?" asked Philip aghast. whilst a servant went in search of and help me to write the invitations to be in excellent spirits. His hand-Miss Lee, whom she found walking in presently. I have prepared a list; some face, that of late had been so and will you kindly send over to Bell gloomy, was lit up with laughter, and at Rowham. I wish to speak to him, he contrived by his witty talk to keep he must bring his men over to do up those around him in continual merri-"Oh, why didn't you say so before?" write to Gunter's and order a man "Philip seems very happy, doesn't he," and taking it for granted that Philip cook to be here on Tuesday said George, sotto voce to Mrs. Belhad paid her an unexpected visit, she and to bring with him mate- lamy, who was sitting next to him. started off for the house at a run. rials for the best dinner for fifty peo-"Why, Philip," she exclaimed, as she ple that he can supply. I will see afthe face as an index to the mind if you that wonderful port. We will finish off the face as an index to the mind if you that wonderful port. you, o-oh!" for at that moment Mr. that wonderful port my grandfather watching him all dinner, and I draw

fear that that was by accident; nei- ner being given to fifty people before did you see him start? Believe me he ther the name or the blush were meant especially in a house where such rare is not happy and unless I am mistaken me; now, were they?"

I thought," replied Maria, who was traditionally select and solemn natis over. We are not all asked here for still overwhelmed with confusion, "I ture? The expense, too, reflected Phil- nothing." thought that it was Philip, your son, ip, would be large; a man of his fa- "I hope not, I hope not; if so we shall you know; he has not been here for so ther's age, had, in his opinion, no have to act upon our information, eh? "With such a welcome awaiting him of money that was so near to belong- lovely to-night." right to make such ducks-and-drakes But, to change the subject, you look

will sit down and have a little talk together. Won't you take off your together. Won't you take off your together. Won't you take off your together. At length the eventful evening are then Philip dared.

When the notes of invitation arrived destinations, the data their respective destinations, the edge at their respective destinations, the point and the together. Won't you take off your together together. Won't you take off your together together together together together. Won't you take off your together toge

front, and silk stockings-was, with his im accordance with the old-fashioned

foot and Jim Brady. She could, how-drawing-room, he received his guests two inches thick. ever, think of nothing appropriate to as they arrived with an air that would When the wine was handed round, "My dear," the old gentleman con-with a prophetic shudder that in lieu in the room, and then, havcovered, presently, "the subject upon with a prophetic shudder that, in lieu ing first whispered something in the which I have taken upon myself to of the accustomed bow, he gave her a ear of Miss Lee that caused her to speak to you is one very nearly affect- kiss. He also noticed, for he was an turn very red, he slowly rose to his ing your happiness and also of a deliobservant man, that the gathered comfeet in the midst of a dead silence. cate nature. My excuse for alluding pany was pervaded by a curious air "Look at your cousin's face," whispcate nature. My excuse for alluding to it must be that you are the child of my old friend—ah! we were great friends fifty years ago, my dear—and neighborhood of the Caresfoot family was ghastly pale and the black eyes for years—in many instances for gen—white raper. that I have myself a near interest in the matter. Do you understand me?" erations—and as intimate with its members as the high-stomached stiffmembers as the high-stomached stiffwhom or amongst whose fathers I have "Well, then, forgive an old man, who ness of English country-life will allived for so many years," began the has no time to waste, if he comes to the low. They therefore were well acpoint. I mean I have come to ask you, quainted with the family history and filled the great hall with ease, "it was, but it was clear from if tradition does not lie in this very Maria. if any understanding or engagepeculiarities; but it was clear from if tradition does not lie in this very ment exists between Philip and yourof no help to them now, and that they room, and at this very table, that the of no help to them, now, and that they only Caresfoot who ever made an aft-

"And why has the affair been kept piquancy was added to the proceedings try. Some centuries have elapsed since "I don't know; Philip wished it. He Maria Lee played a principal part. Ma-most like with his hand upon this over the next six months; but at the that I should not by rights have told ing-room, wondering if Philip was going to take her to dinner and why far from improved. Hilda was chafing ip has already told me there was an when suddenly she became aware before me now. Yes, the sapling oak that all the room was looking between the before me now. Yes, the sapling oak the before me now. Yes, the before me now into the biggest tree in the more and more at the ignominy of her understanding between you; I only that all the room was looking has growing wanted to hear the confirmation of at her and on raising her ever she confirmation of at her and on raising her ever she confirmation and now It position; Maria was daily growing wanted to hear the confirmation of at her, and on raising her eyes she country-side 'twixt then and now. It more and more impatient to have their engagement made public; and at last but by no means least, his father was but by no means least, his father was dies are concerned. I am rejoiced to hear that there is no mistake on his intention of taking her down in the solution of taking her down in the s almost daily at him on the subject of hear that there is no mistake on his full facet of all the married ladies and the regiment roof that "I am so glad that you are pleased," people of title present. She prayed I may, like him, make them the parfull face of all the married ladies and me under the same ancient roof, that "Pleased, my dear!" said the old gen-her; indeed of the two, she would have "None of you sitting at this board that the old man who tleman rising and walking up and preferred that way of going down to to-day can look upon the old man who down the room in his excitement, dinner. But it did not, so there was now asks your attention without re-"pleased is not the word for it. I am no alternative left to her but to accept alizing what he himself has already fore slow to guess that what preventmore rejoined than if some one had left me another estate. Look here, such a trying moment in front of the Now, life is hard to quit. When a left me another estate. Look here, such a trying moment, in front of the man grows old, the terrors of the uninterested company—from know, like is large and ter-Maria, I had set my heart upon this intensely interested company—from known land loom just as large and terwas some entanglement on his son's of it for years. I loved your father, murmur of surprise through the agination, larger, perhaps. But it is agination, larger, perhaps. But it is part. Indeed, it had recently become girl; ay, I love you too, because you wide-flung doors, down the great oak a fact, that must be faced—a hard important the long to the long that the long that are a generous, honest woman, and staircase loaded with avortice thereo. clear to him that London had develop—will bring a good strain of blood in
staircase loaded with exotics, thence evitable fact. And, age, realizing this, ed strange attractions for Philip. That to a family that wants generosity—ay, and I sometimes think wants honesty that ware fluing open at their approach and affections here fade and fall away. this entanglement could be marriage, and I sometimes think wants honesty that were flung open at their approach and affections here fade and fall away, into the harmoneting hall. On its threewas, however, an idea that never endown and sometimes thank wants nonesty ours, and, as I can't buy it, I am glad hold not only she, but almost every grow and gather there upon the furmonths' residence in the high Alps, and tered into his head; he had too good that it should come in by marriage. I have always wanted to see the Abbey member of the company who passed in the shore; and, secondly, that after the tendency to a development of a development of a compensatory emphysema around the

At three precisely the heavy open of mien that had marked his arrival.

his leave with the same magnificence board belonged to him. I have only spent two. Mind, my love," he added,

his approach they incontinently fled. we sat down sixty to dinner when I of Phillip's face beaming with anima-As soon as the carriage had passed came of age, but then we were a tion, and even in the pauses of conthrough the drive gates of the Ab- little crowded; so we will limit the versa'tion hear the echo of his distant

"What good spirits he is in!" she

"That, my dear Maria, was the first pretty well convinced in his own mind that I have heard myself called that his father was taking leave of his converge who have heard of the converge was taking leave of fear. See how he keeps glancing to the converge was taking leave of the converge was taking leave to the converge was taking leave to the converge was taking leave to the converge was taking

Maria took off her hat as suggested.

At length the eventful evening aramongst whom, the old squire, in his dent in diamond buckles, frilled shirt—

The dinner had come to an end, and

snow-white hair and stately bearing, custom the cloth had been removed, himself by far the most striking fig- heaving bare an ancient table of pol-

The eyes were full upon her now, were totally in the dark as to why they er-dinner speech of his own accord, dewise and right; but, for all that on the eyes were full upon her now, several occasions she took an opporand she felt that they were drawing were all gathered together in this unlivered himself of his own accord, delivered himself of his burden. That At length, to the relief of all, the degree, old yeoman Caresfoot, and the last of the chosen fifty guests put in occasion of his speech was to him a an appearance, and dinner was announced. Everybody made his way to
which he planted Caresfoot's Staff, the his allotted partner, and awaited the great oak by the water yonder, to mark

I mean to have a little company. Will "Oh, how beautiful!" said Maria, in I may see my son's child, the little but it does not do to dissect a cli-

Standing near the door of the large and composed of slabs of timber a good

The hall was a chamber of noble pro- that which sinks into oblivion. My refers to the evidence, as recently "I will try to be a good daughter to portions sixty feet in length by thirty life is done, it cannot be long before shown, that not only do the chest

ay?"

I shall be very glad. Mr. Cares—
as he took his seat at the head of the table placing Marie and the place of table places.

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