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AN EPISODE

a charming spot-for two, he said, seating himself comfortably at

"We are lucky to find it unoccupied," she said, "especially at one of Mrs. Gurdon's garden-parties. She will be pleased. I don't believe there is square inch of the lawn to be seen."

"The whole world is here. I know, Miss Lindsay; I have shaken hands with it."

"It is one of the penalties of being a great author."

"Or of being notorious?"

"You are too modest, Mr. Holland. Have you not shared the honors of the afternoon with the Prince and the latest lion-just imported from South Africa, was it not?"

"And felt like a martyr all the time. But there you have the proof, Miss Lindsay. Don't think I am complain-Fame and notoriety mean the same-in London. And in this"-he indicated the screen of shrubbery which cut off the little nook from the rest of the garden, but did not shut out the strains of the Blue Hungarians or the hum of many voices-"in this I have my reward. I forgive the lionhunters."

"It is a relief to be out of it," she admitted. "Do you know, Mr. Holland, that these nooks-yes, there are more of them-are a pet idea of Mrs. Gur-

"I must thank her. She is a woman garians are so good." of genius."

She laughed merrily. "Oh, no, she is only an incorrigible match-maker-and finds them useful."

"So she, at least, believes in love?" he asked, picking up the thread of a former conversation.

"Or in marriage. It is not always the same thing, is it?"

"It should be," he replied, with an air of the deepest conviction. He was looking up into her eyes. "What does somebody say ?-that in

woman love is a disease; in man it is an episode." "I seem to recollect that," he said.

"But it is nonsence; love cannot be summed up in an epigram."

have a very bad memory, Mr. Holland. you." Is it another of the penalties of-notoriety?"

"In my case I am afraid so. Is Meredith the culprit?"

"I must leave that to your conscience, liant study of society, entitled 'Provi- very rude. Mr. Holland speaks very dence and Mrs. Grundy,' for which, if the title page is to be trusted--"

"Ah! I remember now. Please spare me, Miss Lindsay. You don't know the evil effects of phrase-making -it saps a man's morals until he has not even a nodding acquaintance with | warm there just now?" the truth. And you have taken your revenge."

to your-your knowledge of human naire, shall I say? I was glad, for my

"For what, if I may ask?"

book. Can you guess my excuse?"

an epigram if you like-would never ed. have been written. How could it,

Here the bushes were parted, and a sixpence. It's in them all." face-a tanned, handsome, open face it was, albeit just now the expression was

"Come in, Ralph," she said. "Very sorry, I'm sure," said the newhe disappeared.

Miss Lindsay smiled.

remarked her companion, sitting down yet."

tend to her."

studying her eyes very intently at that you then. You remember, Nell?" moment. "He held a fort somewhere "I remember thinking that those couple of thousand tribesmen, with have done you good."

told me so himself." He is modest—as well as lucky," said Holland. "You and he are old friends, Miss Lindsay?"

"We were brought up together." "Like brother and sister?" "Exactly. We quarrel quite as much, at least."

"And make it up, I dare say? But am sure the quarrels are not serious. Apropos, am I forgiven?" "Was there a crime, Mr. Holland? Really, I have forgotten."

"We were discussing-" "George Meredith, was it not?" Then I am not forgiven for that un- cried.

fortunate fault of my youth? You are very hard, Miss Lindsay. You have mean to say-" taught me the error of my ways, and

"Oh, I hope not," she said. "It is too warm for anything but frivolity." He reddened a little, and nervously plucked the grass round him. Miss Lindsay watched him with some curiosity out of the corners of her eyes; the symptoms were not unknown to her. "There is a green thing on your coat, Mr. Holland," she went on.

"Thanks." He flicked the insect off. tell you what it is-perhaps you can "I have something to say, Miss Lindsay-a kind of confession. It is stupid; but I don't quite know how to say it."

"Is it necessary?" she asked innocently. "I don't like confessions, Mr. Holland. We are Low Church people." "It means a lot to me," he continued, Capt. Havelock." and again there was silence. Then he

rose for the second time, perhaps feeling that an upright position conduces to a proper dignity.

She perceived her opening, and rose also. "It is time we were returning." she remarked.

"Don't go just yet. Miss Lindsay," he pleaded, putting out a hand to detain her. "I want you to listen to me for

moment. I won't keep you if-" But already she was half-hidden by was a bewildering smile. He had preforce to follow.

"It seems more crowded than ever," my mother and Capt. Havelock. Shall we join them ?- I hope you are attending to your duties, Ralph? Mr. Holland and I have been discussing Meredith-and things. Tired, mother? Oh! you must be. Mr Holland, will you find my mother a seat somewherenear the band, if you can? The Hun-

"Delighted," he replied. Then lower: "I may see you again before you go, Miss Lindsay?"

"If you can," she repeated. She watched them until they were lost in the crowd, and then deliberately led Capt. Havelock back to the little mook. Some girls have no originality. But it was still empty.

"But sit down, Ralph," she said, taking her old place. "Thanks; I prefer to stand," he said

suffly. "It is a matter of taste-or of comfort." She gave him a swift glance. 'Not up to Simla, is it?"

"I'm sick of it. Beastly pack. haven't had a chance of speaking to you all afternoon, Nell."

"Philanthropy is its own reward," she said. "It's not that-Mrs. Lindsay is all But there's that scribbling

Again she laughed. "I am afraid you fellow who's always dangling after "He is very amusing-and clever." "Is he? He doesn't know one end of a gun from the other, and I suppose he thinks that horses were invented to

drag the Chelsea 'bus-or wherever he "Why, dear boy, to be a groom sir. The sentiment appears in a bril- not man's chief end. And you are

nicely of you." "Confound his impudence!" and, by way of relief, he proceeded to kick a hole in Mrs. Gurdon's turf. "Look

here, Nell," he said presently; "I'm going off to Egypt." "Indeed! I thought winter was the proper season. Won't it be rather

"That is, if they'll have me," he continued, paying no heed. "I've volunteered for Dongola. Kitchener is go-"But, really, Mr. Holland, I trusted ing up to Khartum in the autumn-at

least I hope so." "In Cook's boats? What fun!" "It will be-for Fuzzy and the dervishes. But you might have the de-"That, 'in man it was an episode.' cency to say you are sorry, Nell. I

It makes life so much easier to believe mayn't come back, you know." "So that is why you told me?" she "You will let me retract in sackcloth asked. "Don't you think it is rather and ashes, Miss Lindsay? Honestly, I crude, Capt. Havelock?" But she was have some reason to do so. It is three not looking at him, being engaged in years since I wrote that miserable tracing patterns on the grass. Not that

it would have mattered; for he, on his "It seems to infer a compliment- part, was also regarding the point of somewhere," she said, rather doubt- the sunshade with apparent interest. "Oh, I dare say that writing chap "I am very much in earnest," he would have done it better," he said said, getting up and standing above savagely. "It's his trade. I suppose

her; and he looked it. "I didn't know you mean to marry the beggar, Nell?" you then. If I had, the thing-call it "His name is Holland," she suggest -

"I know that. You can see his portrait in any illustrated paper for a

"Which is really no reason why he shouldn't be addressed properly, is it? not too pleasant-showed in the inters- I have some idea that I have seen andices. Miss Lindsay nodded brightly. other portrait in the same places, with the letters D. S. O. after the name."

"You need not get nasty. Besides, comer. "I didn't know, Nel' -- " Then you haven't told me yet if you are engaged to him."

"Well, you see"-here she ventured "Capt. Havelock seems—out of sorts," another glance—"he hasn't asked me

"I suppose you will marry him, "Probably he is looking for my though," he persisted. "It's natural mother," she said. "I told him to at- enough, perhaps-he's a genius and all that-and of course I'm not. Wait a "He is a capital fellow," he said in- minute, Nell! I can't stand this any differently. "Done something in .n- longer, and I'm bound to have it out for good. You were always cleverer A small affair of outposts," she re- than I was; but you know what I've plied, in the same tone. Only, per- wished for ever since I was an unlicked haps, it was as well that he was not cub at Eton. I wasn't afraid to tell

on the frontier for a fortnight against lickings—which you did not get—might

only a European sergeant and fifty "Well, you didn't say so! And all Sikhs under him; and he was reduced the time I was stewing in India it was to thirty rounds of ammunition and no the same; and when I was down with provisions before he was relieved. It fever in the plains I kept shouting one told me a common thing out there. He name—so the doctor told me."

"It was in very bad taste," she murmured.

"Oh! Then that fort on the frontier, with the Waziris howling roundand not five minutes' sleep on end for fear they should rush us-and the grub running out-and the only idea in my head was to see it through somehow, and get home to ask you to marry me! There, Nell, it's out at last!" She was looking at him now, but

there was a world of reproach-and

perhaps something else-in her eyes.

"You haven't asked me yet!" she

out words. As for her: boy!" she said. And that was all. Except that, a little later, she met

Mr. Holland. "I have been looking for you, Miss Lindsay," he said; "I have something to say. Not going already, surely? I may call to-night, then? I need not

guess-I-I hope so," "I think it would be better not to

come, Mr .Holland," she replied, giving him her hand. "I am sorry, but-will you oblige me by considering the episode as closed? I am engaged to

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The chameleon as a pet nurtured by fair femininity is no longer a favor. The gorgeous Brazilian beetle is occasionally allowed to roam at will about my lady's coiffure, but he is becoming very scarce. And now there is When I wear a necktie I can't hardly a new pet, even more strangely at the shrubbery, and her only answer variance with feminine nerves, than either the lizard or the beetle. What do you think it is? Nothing more or and forget you've got it." she said as they picked their way less than a tiny turtle, kept alive in through the throng. "Ah! there are golden chains, his shell studded with precious stones, and his life one round of pampered pleasure.

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> I dunno which I like best-"Ivanhoe" or gingerbread.

all to pieces. You can't tell ma any woman ever

Some way or other I can't seem to make Shakespeare's pieces go into my

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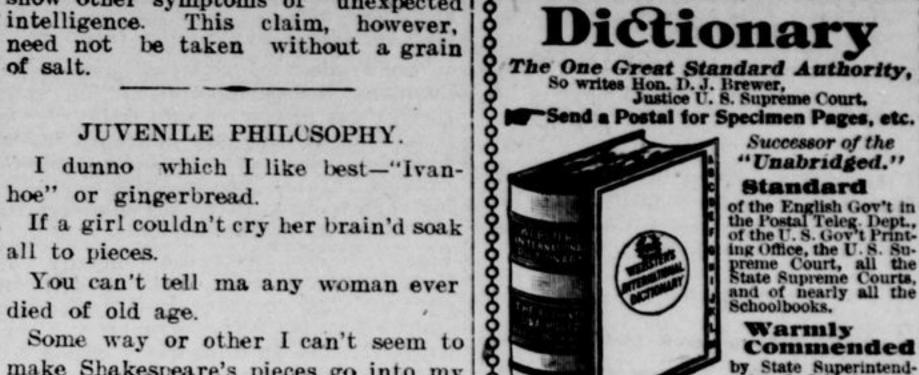


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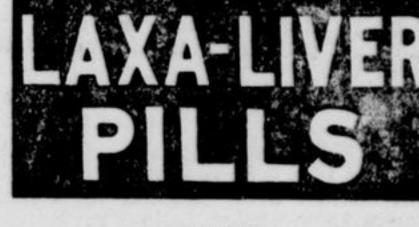
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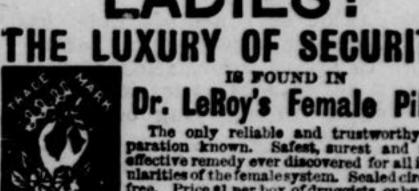
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