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what?" she asked, despair- the child in his arms, but Oswald di

in hope." She remembered so well the time man best." before when he had called her "dear Miss Neslie," and she had been annoyed at it. Now matters were so aldont-care-to-work feeling that | tered that he was the only friend she | pliedhad to rely on-the only one who could comfort or advise her. With a

out her hands to him.

And if she could have given him the whole world she could not have trusted confidentially." made him so proud and happy as those few words did. There was nothing for

sented to come." "Miladi" was looking at her with take the tutor's arm.

laughing, mischievous eyes. "It will be such a relief to me to us, Valerie?" she asked. "I have used Burdock Blood have some friend of my own, whom Bitters as a spring medicine for I can trust near me. Henri de Nouthree years now and don't think years to come Oswald will go to your dining-room. Her heart burned within there is its equal anywhere. When favorite place, Oxford, and then I in- her, her angry scorn was so great I feel drowsy and tired, and have tend Monsieur de Nouchet to succeed that she with difficulty restrained it

> se useless. "Vivien," continued "miladi" "I As usual, Valerie took her seat at hope you will find it worth your while the head of the table, the tutor being to be civil to my friend. If you are on her right hand. Vivien, whose face not, you know the alternative. I am burned with shame and humiliation

> be made comfortable for him." the honor of her house-she restrained lie. She could imagine the comments. the burning passion of her indignant the gossip, the disgust of the few pride. Alas, if she went, what would faithful retainers left in the present state of things, become | Monsieur de Nouchet tried hard at of Lancewood?

left to me !" She was somewhat surprised to find "He does not know his position,

the best rooms in the house for the to place himself on an equality with de Nouchet took luncheon with them; tutor. He had a sitting-room that me."

ing such rooms; but Monsieur de Nou- interest him and try to make him day, but she promised herself that she fuse perspiration, which naturally caused chet is a French gentleman and a dis- understand her views concerning the would speak on the following morn- me much annoyance. Learning of the tant relative of my own." Estes were a wealthy family," observ- mortificatoin-she would rise above all ting down to breakfast with them no gratification they have braced me up, in-

living ?" cough. father was a D'Este, my mother a De poses, master. Lady Neslie consulted down-stairs; it seemed to her that

all poor." The rooms were prepared, much to in the cellar, were ordered in for him, Vivien's secret annoyance. Another saddle-horse was bought-one would do for Monsieur de Nouche..

spend much of his time in riding?" drawing-room, and he went there with Vivien asked; and Valerie, with a them. sneering laugh, replied-

be seen when he comes." in no great hurry to accept the post own room but that she feared the comthat Lady Neslie had offered him. He ments that the servants would make came in May, when the lilacs were if she left Valerie and the tutor tete-

budding, and the laburnums gleamed a-tete. The boy was dismissed, and like yellow flame among the trees. Vivien looked on in wonder that was she fancied-that she heard Valerie almost fear. It was like the arrival say to Monsieur de Nouchetof the master of the house rather than

a paid dependent. The carriage was him." sent to the station to meet him-dinner was delayed. well," said "miladi," "He would not began to play. Valerie took no no-

like any ordinary kind of dinner." tice of her and the tutor resumed his wary reply. "It is high time that the looked up in silent dismay.

child began to learn manners." "But surely our luncheon would do room to speak to her. for their dinner," said Vivien, "I nev- "Vivien," she said.

"You are likely to hear of several will you go with us?" arrangements that will startle you," have only this to say-that, if you do she could condescend to make a third not choose to dine with my relative, in such a party. Her heart rebelled who is also my friend, you need not against the bare idea; she could never trouble to dine with me."

first entered the Abbey.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Miss Neslie was somewhat startled when she entered the drawing room on the day of the tutor's arrival, to find him seated there, laughing and conversing with Lady Neslie on the most familiar terms. They were seated side by side on a fauteuil, and Oswald Many persons are in a condition to invite was playing near them. Her ladyship neumonia or Consumption by reason of had laid aside the last vestige of her mourning-the widow's cap had long since disappeared, She looked radiant in a dinner-dress of rose silk and white hair and round her throat. Henri de Nouchet, with eyes full of admiration, was gazing at her, when Vivien suddenly entered the room.

He rose quickly, looking with wondering awe at the tall, stately girl whose noble, beautiful face and white throat rose statuesquely from a cloud of soft black tulle. Valerie rose also, and introduced Monsieur de Nouchet in a few words.

"A cousin of mine," she said, and then, in reply to a laughing remonstrance from him, she corrected herself, "Not exactly a cousin, then, but a distant relation."

The tutor bowed, and said her ladyship "honored him greatly," Vivien spoke kindly to him, but she was annoyed at finding him there, and at the very familier terms on which he seemed to be with Lady Neslie. He bowed low before the queenly beauty. whose dark, proud eye seemed to awe him. He did not at first enter into conversation with her, He was quiet-horrrible familiarity mean? How er, too, after her entrance. He took would it end? How was she to keep

"We must appeal to the law. But | "Your eyes are black, and I don't not seem to like L.m. until that time, dear Miss Neslie, live, like your face," he said, with his usual charming frankness. "I like Mr. Dor-

The tutor's face darkened. "Who is Mr. Dorman?" he asked after a few minutes; and "miladi" re-

"A nondescript. He was my late husband's secretary. He is secretary, Brain is not as clear as it sudden, frank, sweet impulse she held steward, agent, and everything else now to Lancewood. He has rooms in "You are a true friend," she said. the Abbey. Sir Arthur thought it What should I do in my trouble but more convenient than for him to live

"I see-a kind of upper servant-"Yes," replied "miladi."

"No," said Vivien, joining suddenly it, she saw, but patient endurance. All in the conversation. "Mr. Dorman was It sets the liver, bowels, and hope of anything good from Valerie a valued friend of my father's, and now he is a valuable friend of mine.' Several days afterward Valerie said | With a puzzled glance the tutor looked from one to the other. " Miladi" "You remember, Vivien, what we smiled significantly and said somewere lately discussing-the engage- thing to him in an undertone in ment of a tutor for Oswald? I am French so rapidly that Vivien could glad to say that I have succeeded in | not hear it; he only looked at her my wish; Henrie de Nouchet has con- the more attentively. Then the dinner-bell rang; and she saw "miladi'

"Do you mean Oswald to dine with

"Certainly," was the abrupt reply Miss Neslie took the boy's hand and chet is very clever, of course. In the followed the laughing pair into the posure.

quite determined that the house shall saw the wondering looks of the servants; she noticed the old butler's gaze For the sake of the heavy stake- as it rested indignantly on Lady Nes-

lie will remember the public opinion, first to engage her in conversation; "Alas, my father," sighed the un- he was most polite and deferentialhappy girl, "what a charge you have he paid her compliments which she received in perfect silence.

that Lady Neslie had selected two of she thought; " a tutor has no right

had been in former years a state- Then all her late good resolutions through the conservatories with "miroom, and one of the finest bedrooms." returned to her mind. If she could ladi," he dined and spent the evening Grippe, which left me all run down, very "He is no common person," said "mi- benefit Oswald by talking to the with them. There had been no alluladi," proudly. "For any one like Mr. man, obnoxious as he was to her, she sion to the boy or his lessons. Vivien weak. Very often I could not sleep at Dorman I should not think of arrang- would certainly do so; if she could bore the irregularity patiently that night, and I was much troubled with prochild, she would trample under foot ing. "I always understood that the D'- all smaller feelings of annoyance and How she detested the idea of sit- Pills, I began taking them, and much to my ed Vivien. "How is it that this gen- mere personal feelings, and do her one but herself knew; yet she saw that tleman is compelled to work for his duty.

"Miladi" coughed a very little even was ended it was patent to her rise to all kinds of gossip amongst as well as to the servants that the "My dear Vivien," she said, "my tutor would be to all intents and pur- things, she wished to avoid. She went Nouchet and the De Nouchets were him, deferred to him as she would have her absence or her presence was of done to Sir Arthur, the finest wines messages were sent that the cook must prepare a certain number of French dishes every day. Lady Neslie asked "Do you intend your son's turor to him if he would take coffee in the

Vivien was horror-stricken. What and looked the tutor full in the "What my son's tutor will do will new terrible evil was this which had face. befallen the unhappy house of Neslie? He came in May. Apparently he was She would fain have escaped to her Vivien fancied—sne was not sure, but

"You will not be troubled much with | tell you-not before. Have you any rea-

She asked herself whether she was in some terrible dream, some waking "Henri is accustomed to dining nightmare. She went to the piano and "But," inquired Vivien, "will your place by "miladi's" side. They laughon's tutor dine with us every day, ed, talked, jested; the dainty bloom deepened in Valerie's face-she was all "My som and his tutor," was the brightness and smiles, while Vivien

Suddenly Lady Neslie crossed the "Vivien," she said. "Monsieur de er heard of such an arrangement as Nouchet and I are going to Ladypool to-morrow. It will be a pleasant ride;

The question was simple, the anremarked "miladi," with a laugh. "I swer difficult. Vivien asked herself if bring herself to be on equal terms So, in sheer despair, Vivien watch- with them. Then conscience asked her ed the course of events, and on the which was the worse-that she should fourteenth of May Henri de Nouchet seem to identify herself with them or that they should attract attention by riding about the country alone. A sudden escape from the dilemma oc-

urred to her. "To Ladypool?" she said. "Why. Valerie, there will not be time for

that if Oswald's lessons begin. "Monsieur de Nouchet will take a holiday just to look about him," she said. "I have promised to show him the country; you can please yourse'f as to going with us."

"Heaven help me," thought Valerie," for I know not what to uo," "I will make no engagement now" she said, coldly, "I will decide in the

She thought to herself that peru ps the morning might bring her wiser counsels. "Miladi" seemed perfectly indifferent. Vivien played until she was tired, and then she took a book. She read until long past their usual hour of retiring. Valerie and the tutor were still talking and laughing. Vivien decided that however painful it might be, it was her duty to remain. Whatever shield her presence could throw over Valerie's want of propriety, she

It was nearly midnight when Valerie rose and said ... "I am losing my beauty-sleep. Vi-

vien, are you not tired?" Monsieur de Nouchet bowed profoundly over her ladyship's jeweled hand; Vivien never even raised her eyes as he bade her good-night. Miss Heslie could not sleep; she was

the honor of her house stainless and

The next morning she rose, hoping Miss Neslie. against hope for better things; but when she went down to the breakfast | ie; "if Mrs. Grundy chooses to ask room, the tutor was there, and there rude questions, refer her to me." was no excuse this time in the fact of the boy's being present. He had the favorite chair, in which her father had preferred to sit; he asked if the wonderingly. papers had arrived; he named a dish that he should like for luncheon. If to startle," said Valerie. "I will manthat breakfast had lasted much longer, Vivien's patience would have given way. He conducted himself in every way as though he had been mas-

ter of the house. Miss Neslie could hardly trust herself to think of it After breakfast the horses were brought round. Her ladyship descended, looking very bright and bonny in

are company, three are none." So good. the onus of the decision did not rest after all with Miss Neslie.

She watched them until out of sight and then, with dismay on her face and despair in her heart, she went to consult Gerald Dorman.

"What must I do?" she cried to him in passioate wrath. "What can l do? If I speak to Lady Neslie, she will only be defiant and make matters worse. Has such a thing ever been heard of, that a man should be taken into a house and treated like the master of it, as this stranger Gerald was at a loss what to do County of Grey, including a valuable Water

or advise; he could only try to soothe her and calm her angry despair. few days," he said. 'Lady Neslie evi- Durham. dently likes her relative. After she has shown him the country, and the excitement of his arrival is over, she oct. 2nd will doubtless behave differently."

"And in the meantime what about CDIDDE the scandal?" asked Miss Neslie. "I saw the strange looks yesterday on the faces of the servants. Think of the scandal, the comments, and the gossip, when it is known that Lady Neslie and her son's tutor ride out togather—that he, in fact, lives with u sas one of ourselves." "We can only hope that Lady Nes-

and think twice before she outrages it," said Gerald. And, when Vivien began to think matters over she saw she could only await the course of events.

Things did not improve. Monsieur he spent the afternoon loitering case as follows:

if she gave orders for breakfast to be feel like a new man. I am now all O.K., She was sorely tried; before dinner taken to her own room, it would give and highly recommend these pills to anythe servants, and that above all little consequence-" miladi" and the tutor were engrossed in each other. In answer to some remark of Monsieur de Nouchet's Valerie said-

"We will have a long ride to-day. We will go to Nuneham Park." Then Vivien seemed to think it was time to speak. She raised her head,

asked, " of beginning Sir Oswald's les-Somewhat taken aback at this direct attack, he glanced at "miladi." "Whenever Lady Neslie thinks well,"

"When do you think, Monsieur," she

he replied. "And that will not be just yet," said Valerie.. "You will begin when I son for wishing to know, Vivien?"

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strange you should engage a tutor who never gives a lesson," answered

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sumed his teaching of the boy.

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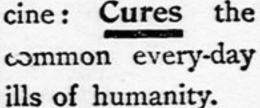
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