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Heiress and Wife.

CHAPTER IV.

"Daisy," said Rex, gently, as he led her away from the lights and the echoing music out into the starlight that shone with a soft, silvery radiance over hill and vale, "I shall never forgive myself for being the cause the cruel insult you have been forced to endure to-night. I declare it's shame. I shall tell Pluma so to-mor-

"Oh, no-no-please don't, Mr. Rex. I-I-had no right to waltz with you,' sobbed Daisy, "when I knew you were Pluma's lover."

"Don't say that, Daisy," responded Rex, warmly. "I am glad, after all, everything has happened just as did, otherwise I should never have known just how dear a certain little girl had grown to me; besides, I am not Pluma's lover, and never shall be now."

"You have quarreled with her for my sake," whispered Daisy, regretfully. "I am so sorry-indeed I am." Daisy little dreamed, as she watchthe deep flush rise to Rex's face, it was of her he was thinking, and not

Pluma, by the words, "a certain little Rex saw she did not understand him; he stopped short in the path, gazing down into those great, dreamy

strangely.

"Daisy," he said, gently, taking her little clinging hands from his arm, and clapsing them in his own, "you must not be startled at what I am going to tell you. When I met you under the magnolia boughs, 1 knew I had met my fate. I said to myself; 'She, and no other, shall be my wife,"

"Your wife," she cried, looking at him in alarm. "Please don't say so. I don't want to be your wife."

"Why not, Daisy?" he asked, quick-

"Because you are so far above me," sobbed Daisy. "You are so rich, and I am only poor little Daisy Brooks." Oh, how soft and beautiful were the eyes swimming in tears and lifted so timidly to his face! She could not have touched Rex more deeply. Daisy was his first love, and he loved her from the first moment their eyes met, with all the strength of his boyish, passionate nature; so it is not strange that the thought of possessing her, years sooner than he should have dared hope, made his young blood stir with ecstasy even though he knew it was wrong.

"Wealth shall be no barrier between us, Daisy," he cried. "What is all the wealth in the world compared to love? Do not say that again. Love. outweighs everything. Even though you bid me go away and forget you, Daisy, I could not do it. I can not live without you."

"Do you really love me so much in so short a time?" she asked, blushing-

"My love can not be measured by the length of time I have known you," he answered, eagerly. "Why, Daisy, the strongest and deepest love men have ever felt have come to them suddenly, without warning."

The glamor of love was upon him; he could see no fault in pretty little artless Daisy. True, she had not been educated abroad like Pluma, but that did not matter; such a lovely rosebud mouth was made for kisses, not grammar.

Rex stood in suspense beside her, eagerly watching the conflict go- Daisy's home. ing on in the girl's heart.

"Don't refuse me, Daisy," he cried, "give me the right to protect forever from the cold world; let us be married to-night. We will keep it a secret if you say so. You must-you must, Daisy, for I can not give you

Rex was so eager, so earnest, thoroughly the impassioned lover! His hands were clinging to her own, his dark, handsome face drooped near hers, his pleading eyes searching her very soul.

Daisy was young, romantic, and impressible; a thousand thoughts rushed through her brain, it would be so nice to have a young husband to love her and care for her like Rex, so handsome and so kind; then, too, she would have plenty of dresses, as fine as Pluma wore, all lace and puffs; she might have a carriage and ponies, too; and when she rolled by the little cottage, Septima, who had always been so cruel to her, would courtesy to her, as she did when Pluma,

the haughty young heiress, passed. The peachy bloom on her cheeks deepened; with Daisy's thoughtless These pills are a specific for all clinging, nature, her craving for love diseases arising from disordered and protection, her implicit faith in nerves, weak heart or watery blood. Rex, who had protected her so nobly at the fete-it is not to be wondered Rex won the day.

Shyly Daisy raised her blue eyes to his face-and he read a shy, sweet consent that thrilled his very soul.

"You shall never regret this hour, my darling," he cried, then in the soft silvery twilight he took her

his heart and kissed her rapturous-

trustingly.

through the sweet pink clover to the the broad gravel path to the little little chapel on the banks of the cottage, wondering if it were lonely river. The crickets chirped in dream. the long green grass, and the breeze "Well!" said Septima, sharply, trees, rocking the little birds in their come dancing home, leaving me all

took her trembling chilled hands in warrant." his own; if he had not, at that mom- For a moment Daisy's blue eyes

responses of her lover, and answered Septima would look; and the laugh the questions put to her; then Rex sounded like the ripple of a mounturned to her with a smile and a kiss. tain brook.

Poor little thoughtless Daisy - it "Now, Aunt Seppy," coaxed Daisy, up a harvest of woe so terrible that irate spinster's neck, "please don't be her wildest imagination could not cross. Indeed I was very particuhave painted it.

whispered, as he led her out again arms angrily. into the starlight; "it seems so much "You can't coax me into upholdlike a dream."

kissed his pretty child-bride. Daisy winked so easily. Detained! A likedrew back with a startled cry-his ly story!" lips were as cold as ice.

have the right to scold you again; else. But, I really was detained, strument which will be used in Ja- was suspicious. The Duke was supkeep it a secret from every one for "He's gone to the Hall after you, awhile, darling. You will do this for I reckon. I told him he had better my sake, won't you, Daisy?" he asked. stop at home-you were like a bad This type of telescope is stationary, of official blunders, the Royal Duke conditions. I-I-do not like to tell face. you what those conditions were,

timidly; "you know I am your-your hear it. -wife-now."

Daisy blushed so prettily as she spoke, Rex could not refrain from catching her up in his arms and kissing her.

"You shall know, my darling," he cried. "The condittions were I should John. Please don't stop me," she marry the bride whom my mother cried, darting with the speed of selected for me. I was as much young gazelle past the hand that was startled as you will be, Daisy, when stretched out to stay her mad you hear who it was-Pluma Hurl- | flight. "I-I-must go!" hurst, of Whitestone Hall."

"But you can not marry her now, Rex," whispered the little child-bride, nestling closer in his embrace.

"No; nor I would not if I could. I love you the best, my pretty wild flower. I would not exchange you, sweet, for all the world. I have only told you this so you will see why it is necessary to keep our marriage a secret-for the present, at least." Daisy readily consented.

"You are very wise, Rex," she said.

"I will do just as you tell me." By this time they had reached

ways call you. Then we can talk your mother." matters over better. You will be Daisy sprung to her feet like

while the dew sparkles on your pretty namesakes?" he asked, her breath coming quick and hot. eagerly.

Before she had time to answer the Aunt Septima," she cried, "but you cottage door opened and Septima appeared in the door-way. Rex was mother, mother!" she cried, flinging obliged to content himself with herself down on her knees, and sobsnatching a hasty kiss from the rosy lips. The next moment he was alone.

He walked slowly back through the tangled brushwood-not to White-His mother's bitter anger, so sure stone Hall, but to an adjoining hostto follow-the cold, haughty mother, elry-feeling as though he were in a who never forgot or forgave an in- new world. True, it was hard to be jury, and his little sister Biraie's sor- separated from his little child-bride. row were at that moment quite for- But Rex had a clever brain; he meant potten -even if they had been remem- to think of some plan out of the pressered they would have weighed as ent difficulty. His face flushed and zaught compared with his lovely paled as he thought of his new posilittle Daisy with the golden hair and | tion; it seemed to him every one must eyes of blue looking up at him so certainly read in his face he was a young husband.

Daisy never forgot that walk Meanwhile Daisy flitted quickly up you."

swayed the branches of the tall leafy "this is a pretty time o' night to alone with the baking! If I hadn't A sudden, swift, terrified look my hands full of dough, I'd give your crept up into Daisy's face as they en- ears a sound boxing! I'll see you're tered the dim shadowy parlor. Rex never out after dark again, I'll

ent, Daisy would have fled from the blazed, giving way to a roguish smile.

whispered, "then a life of happiness." she knew I was Daisy Brooks no shining rings, away from her flushed joke hugely. He ordered the crest-Then as if in a dream she stood longer, but Mrs. Rex Lyon?" she face quite still by his side, while the fatal thought, untying the blue ribbons of ceremony went on; in a confused her hat. And she laughed outmurmur she heard the questions and right as she thought how amazed

was done-in a moment she had sown slipping up behind her and flinging be studied as never before this com- and spent the night there, stopping the seeds from which was to spring her plump little arms around the larly detained."

ing you with your soft, purring ways. He bent his handsome head and I'm not, Brother John, to be hood-

"No," laughed Daisy; "but you are "Yes, you are my very own now," dear old Uncle John's sister, and I he whispered. "No one shall ever could love you for that, if for nothing

but it was left to me under peculiar | A sudden terror blanched Daisy's

"When did he go, Aunt Seppy?" she asked, her heart throbbing so "Please tell me, Rex," .she said, loudly she was sure Septima would

> "An hour or more ago." Daisy hastily picked up her ha

"Where are you going?" demanded Septima, sharply.

"I-I-am going to meet Uncle

CHAPTER V.

"I say you shall not," cried Septima, planting herself firmly before her. "You shall not leave this house to-night."

"You have no right to keep me here," panted Daisy. "I am-I am-" The words died away on her lips. Rex had told her she must not tell just yer.

Septima, wrathfully. "You are the bane of my life and have been ever since that stormy winter night John brought you here. I told him then to "I will meet you to-morrow at the wash his hands of the whole matter; magnolia-tree, where first I found | you would grow up a willful, impetumy little wood-nymph, as I shall al- ous minx, and turn out at last like

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lightning, her velvet eyes blazing,

"Speak of me as lightly as you will, must spare my mother's name! Oh, bing piteously, "if you had only taken me with you, down into the dark cruel waters!"

"I only wish to Heaven she had!" fervently ejaculated Septima. At that moment a quick, hurried,

step sounded on the gravel without, and John Brooks hastily entered the room. "Ah! thank God! here you are,

Daisy. I was over at the Hall for you, and they told me you had left some hours before. I knew you had not been home, and I was sorely and dined as an ordinary mortal

than death to bear.

(To Be Continued.)

ASTRONOMERS AT WORK.

British West In lies a Favorable Spot for bridge, who was traveling incognito Their Investigations.

ing winter. The Astronomical Ob- at an hotel in the West End. The servatory of Harvard College is about greater part of the next day he spent to establish a station on the Island in London, and a wonderful experi-"Are we really married, Rex?" she Septima shook off the clinging Members of the staff of the observa- and charged with impersonating tory are now engaged in packing the himself. At the hotel he continued instruments and preparing for speedy the incognito under which he was departure.

aica will begin immediately, and it is as the Duke of Cambridge. He had important to get the instruments in only a valet with him. Next day he place. These instruments have been made some purchases, also under his carefully tested during the past sum- true title; but the news had leaked mer at Cambridge. The principal in- out in the hotel, and the manager maica will be a long-focus horizontal posed to be elsewhere, and the police refractor, with a twelve-inch aper- were communicated with. with a mirror at the end reflecting was arrested in a side street off Picany portion of the sky which it is cadilly, and conveyed to the nearest desired to observe through the tube police-station in a cab, and it took to the eye-piece. The telescope will be used visually and for photographic the authorities that he was not an purposes.

Assistant Prof. W. H. Pickering, ed with impersonating a Royal perwho will be in charge of the Jamaica Station for the present, has lately when the bewildered detectives succeeded in securing with this instrument the smallest object, angularly measured, ever obtained on a photographic plate. This was a persectly clear image only one second in diameter of a star. How small this is may be partially conceived when one realizes that a spot an inch in diameter held at the distance of 20 inches from the eye has a diameter of 10,000 seconds.

Prof. Pickering will endeavor to complete the visual observations of the moon which have already brought him so much fame, he having demonstrated that there are active volcanoes and some form of vegetation there, and having devoted much time to the important question of the existence of an atmosphere on our satellite. "You are a rash little fool," cried Prof. W. H. Pickering will continue his work on the elliptical forms the disks of Jupiter's satellites which has attracted great attention.

Regarding the question of the number of stars in the skies, Prof, C. A Young says;

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The Durchmusterung of Argelander contains 324,189 stars north of declination-2degrees, Argelander's successor, Schonfeld, extended this work to the southern stars from declination-2 degrees to-23 degrees. His catalogue contains 133,659 Thome, at Cordoba, is now extending this work to the South Pole. He has published positions of 340,380 stars from declination-22 degrees to -42

WHEELING ON MUDDY DAYS.

tires of a bicycle should be pumped Asylum,. where 50 fatherless and much harder than for riding on dry motherless girls were educated at roads. This matter of inflating the her cost. All the white shoes and tires is one of importance, as a real- white gloves which those girls wore ly hard tire is not nearly so liable to at their first communion were those slip as is one that is only moderately which had been worn by the

Royalty is Occasionally

Recently the Kaiser left the perial residence at Potsdam privately, in a suit of brown tweeds, as he often The guard, however, seeing him go out, did not know who he was, and questioned an official of the palace shortly afterwards concerning the stranger. This aroused some suspicion, and the Emperor was followed still unrecognized. He went to Berlin, where a regular detective was set to watch him, for any stranger who enters or leaves the palace at Potsdam is always well

The Kaiser went to a restaurant, afraid something had happened might, for he is given to these little incognito excursions. He did noth-Ah! how little he knew! Something ing particular, beyond buying some had happened to her, the darkest and cigarettes at a tobacconist's, and cruelest shadow that had ever dark- the detective, joined by another plainened a girl's life was slowly gather- clothes man, dogged the unsuspecting above her innocent head, and was ing monarch back to the palace, soon to break, carrying in its tur- which he entered unconcernedly. The bulent depths a sorrow more bitter guard saluted, but the innocent detectives, now convinced that some-John Brooks glanced inquiringly thing was wrong, darted forward and from the one to the other, intuitive- laid their hands on the Kaiser's shoully guessing he must have interrupted ders, and demanded to know who he was. It took twenty minutes, and Daisy had struggled up from her the corroboration of half the palace, knees to a sitting posture, putting to satisfy them that they had "Only a little courage, Daisy," he "I wonder what she would say if her hair, curled into a thousand "pinched" the Kaiser, who enjoyed the fallen men to be given a sumptuous CHARGES, KIDNEY and BLADDER dinner and a hundred marks-\$25apiece, as an appreciation of their

> from Edinburgh to Canterbury, broke traveling, but absent-mindedly sub-The work of observation in Jam- scribed himself in the vistiors'-book

> > The late King of Italy, who fell by the hand of an Anarchist, was fond, like the famous "Arabian Nights' monarch Haroun-al-Raschid, of dressing in plain clothes, and moving among his subjects as one of themselves. It was on one of these occasions, while traveling in a third- it. The calculations of astronome class railway-carriage from Florence on the motions of these bodies to a town a short distance away, based upon the supposition that t hat King Humbert was accused by an | are moving through empty space. old orange-woman, who sat next to it is certain that the ether is a him, of picking her pocket. She seized his wrist and held on to him most valiantly, till they reached the station, where she gave in charge. The King disproved the charge, without disclosing his iden- blue of the sky, and the varied ti tity; but he was recognised immediately afterwards by one of the offi- stance that has been actually were cials of the police-court.

The King showed great good humour and used to relate the story against himself. It is strange to think he sometimes moved, unknown to them among the dregs of his people in the slums of Naples, and was never molested, escaping only to be assassinated in public by a fanatic.

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His story took effect, will a voice shouted out; Did you say you fought agains the Afghans, the Zulus, the Mat befe, and the dervishes?

Yes, my friend, proudly replied And that you slept on the gr with only the sky over you

I aid, hundreds of til And that your feet bled in

That they did! cried the son of Mars. Then I'm sure you've enough for your country and have a good rest. I'm goin

JUST COMMONPLACE. Candidate, alighting from carr in very muddy road, to voter; How do you do, my dear, M And how is Mrs. ---Considerate Voter;-Hi! stop! go into that mud. I'm going to

for you, anyhow!