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"Oh, I thought you would be alone Somehow Elspeth had been glad not few minutes before time."

SHOW ROOMS-Next to Swallows ished," said Kenrith. "You shall see Barber Shop. RESIDENCE-Next my treasures such as they are." door South of W. J. Lawrence's "Pray, let us wait," began Lady she said, "isn't it rather funny to Lambart, significantly, but Kenrith only laughed. "Miss Dean, you may perhaps remember our talking of a certain diamond in the train the other day. Now I am going to show it to Lady Lambart and Lady Hilary, also a black pearl which I have late-

ly picked up. You shall stop and

ed Kenrith. 'Yes, but"-"Then you must stay," said he, in boundaries, and so on. his masterful voice. would rather not know where the letters"millionaire kept his valuables. There was no definite reason for this feel- the letters," cut in the young man, ing, but she had it strongly. Instead his black eyes brightening. "You are of following Kenrith with her eyes to rest this morning. I will do your as he walked to the other end of the work and mine, too. room, she turned them upon Lady Hilary, with rather an appealing such a thing," replied Elspeth hursmile, as much as to say, "I do hope riedly, "but' you don't mind me having stopped?" But the other girl did not even see there could be a question of kindness

bart, who had walked away with her

Elspeth was almost startled by the look in the girl's face, which hardened it, and for a moment made it old beyond her years. The eyes were eager and feverish, the white throat visibly throbbing under its wisp of talle. What is the matter with her? Why does she look like that? Elspeth asked herself. And then Lady Lambart exclaimed, "How extraordinary of you! Who on earth would have dreamed of your keeping them there?" The blood suddenly streamed up to Lady Hilary's face then receded, leav-

ing it very pale. In spite of herself, Elspeth was curious to know what there was so



"I can work faster if I'm alone."

extraordinary about the hiding place Mr. Kenrith had chosen for his jewels. She had deprived herself of the knowledge which she might have had; but whatever Lady Lambart had seen, that had Lady Hilary seen too.

CHAPTER VII.

For two nights Elspeth had a respite. Nothing happened. But as she lay awake in fearful expectation, or started out of her first sleep with her heart pounding and her forehead damp, it was not surprising that she began to lose her color and have blue circles under her eyes.

The girl knew that her face showed something of the strain she was silently enduring, but she hoped that no one would notice the change. Luckily, she said to herself, nobody cared enough for her to observe too closely, not even Lady Hilary, who, though grateful to Elspeth, was naturally much absorbed in her own anxieties. But on the morning which completed the girl's first week at Lochrain Castle Hydro, James Grant was waiting for her in Mr. McGowan's room;

As Elspeth came in, he sprang up from his chair at the desk. he exclaimed, "I have a chance to see you alone. I began to think it would never come again. Not once hats, in brown, black and dove.
All cash purchasers shall respeak to you, without McGowan or someone else bursting in upon us." Elspeth was rather taken aback at his manner, which gave a very different impression of the man from that she had received on their first meeting. He had been exceedingly quiet and self-restrained then, talking to her of his employer with markid respect and reticence. Now he callerred to him almost truculently, as

by this time," she said. "You told me to see Mr. Grant alone since the day the hour, but"— (she glanced at when he had suddenly asked for her her bracelet watch) "I see we're a friendship, with repressed emotion, and an odd air of mystery; and now "It doesn't matter; we have fin- she shrank away a little, laughing "As it's Mr. McGowan's own room,"

speak of his 'bursting' in?" "You know what I mean," replied Grant, with no answering smile, as he closed the door which Elspeth had intentionally left open "Anyhow, there's no danger of his intruding upon us this morning.

"Is he away?" asked Elspeth. "Yes, till afternoon. He has gone "I—I think perhaps I had better to see Lord Lochrain, by his request, not, thank you," stammered Elspets, at a place about thirty miles from here, where his lordship is visiting, "Why, don't you like jewels?" ask- before coming on to stop at this hotel. There's some business about the coal on the estate, a question of

"Well," said the girl in a matter-The girl resisted no longer; but the of-fact voice, "we musn't neglect our idea flashed into her head that she work, if he is away. I suppose the "You need suppose nothing about

"It's very kind of you to suggest

"Kind!" echoed Grant. "As if

the smile. Her whole soul seemed from me to you. Why, I have thought concentrated in a gaze which was fix- it nothing but your face, growing ed upon John Kenrith, or Lady Lam- paler and thinner this last week, from "Oh, it isn't that," answered the

girl, then checked herself quickly. She did not wish to confide in James "You have had enough to wear you

out, anyhow," he said. "It's a shame. But I hope it won't be for long. You promised that other day to let me be your friend; but you know I want more than that, really. I never cared about any woman before I saw you. The sort of girls I came in contact with were commonplace creatures, without any attraction for me. I used to think it would be my fate, if I ever fell in love with a woman, that he should be some one so far above me, it would be hopeless for me to ry to reach her. But you-you are a dainty and refined and as pretty

as if you were the daughter of a countess, like Lady Hilary Vane, yes you are of my own class in life, and I can dare to tell you now that I have been in love with you ever since the afternoon when I drove you up from the railway station."

"That's only a week ago," stammered Elspeth, distressed and embarrassed. "You can't know your own mind in such a short time. Please forget about this. I will be your friend, of course, but"-

"Don't answer me yet," broke in the young man. "I've often heard that girls always said 'no' at first, especially if they were taken by surprise; and I didn't expect that you could have learned to love me so soon. But wait; hear what I've got to say before you speak."

"I thought you were going to let me 'rest' this morning," pleaded Elspeth. "This conversation is much more wearying, after a bad night, than attending to Mr. McGowan's correspondence. I've a headache, and-and I'm worried about lots of things."

"You need never worry about anything after this if you'll trust yourself to me, and do as I am going to ask you to do, presently. First of all want you to promise that you will be my wife, by and by."
"Oh, I couldn't!" cried Elspeth.

am not at all in love with you. never could be. "How do you know that?" asked

Grant. "Unless there is some other man. Is there—is there? You must tell me that.

"You ought not to ask me such a question, but-there is no one," the girl answered. She spoke the truth. There was no man in her life, and there never had been, except her father and brother. Nevertheless, the color she had lost slowly streamed back to her face, and the image of a man rose before her eyes. scarcely knew him, and he was as far removed from her as the stars above the earth. Yet she realized that he was her ideal, the man she could have loved if she had been more fortunately placed in the world; and that, compared to him, no man that she had ever met, or was likely to meet, would seem in her eyes worth

girl, for she had not been aware what a hold he had obtained upon her imagination. She tried to shame herself by thinking. "How surprised he would be if he could dream that the poor little typewriter had such ideas about him in her foolish head"; and it was this reflection that brought the blush, which James Grant was

She is thinking of some one, after all," he told himself. "Who can it Oxford, perhaps? Yes, that's the most likely thing. That's why she blushes, for she needn't blush if it were any one who is likely to care honestly, and not just flirt with her to pass the time. That's one more black mark against him. If I had any hesitation before, I've none left

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