Her Great Love;

Or, A Struggle For a Heart

CHAPTER XX .- (Continued),

Decima rose and went to the window. A weight seemed suddenly to have fallen upon her heart. The eun was shining on

but Hobson does not think it likely. Why, the Hall is to be closed and only a few servants retained. I shouldn't be surprised to find that Lord Gaunt had gone of my life. It only wants explanation."

her voice steady and to smile, but the Better explain them to the sharehold-voice shook, and her eyes grew suddenly ers," he said. "I can't make head or tail

see, I'm fond of him. Of course, I can't and the neighborhood. And after such a splendid success as last night, too! well. where."

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seemed to have gone out of her life. She It was significant enough now. It

more gates, she stopped for a moment and looked down the avenue. Some men were taking down the fairy lamps which had been stretched from tree to tree; some grooms were exercising the horses; the men were talking among themselves, and she caught a few words. They were talking of Lord Gaunt's departure and the loss it would mean to them.

She returned slowly and heavily to The Woodhings A she caught and beavily to The Tell me what all this means, father?"

Instant, then left it pale again.

Mershon stood with his eyes fixed on the ground.

"You haven't forgotten what I said to could not bear the sight of her brave smile, which touched him more than tears would have done.

"We shall have to leave The Woodhines As all this means, father?"

Weel, instead of converting the well, instead of converting the smile, which touched him more than tears would have done.

"We shall have to leave The Woodhines As all this means, father?"

We shall have to leave The Woodhines and plainly."

This is easier and quite as effective.

Oyster Toast.—Put a half pint of live very quietly and plainly."

ttle else-had for a time driven

bench; there was a big cigar in his mouth, also as usual, and he was regarding Mr. Deane with a half-cynical, half-

Mr. Deane stopped in his pacing to and fro, and regarded her with a vacant. "No, no; I didn't call!" he said. "I'm was not a word of reproach in the lovengaged on business with Mr. Mershon. Hershon. That hight she wrote to Bobby. There as teacher in the public school of supper dish, is easily prepared, nourishing and wholesome home, if only for a day. Not until five

this Electric Storage Company."

Mershon glanced at her for a moment, so lonely, and as if something had gone blame but herself."

"It's this invention of your father's," out of her life. She grew pale and list-

he doesn't know, who does? That's what had done her ineignificant best to keep I told them in the city."

What is the matter?" asked Decima. failed. "Has anything gone wrong?"

But it was hard to forget a man whose name and deploying his absence. The county families were indignant at his sudden driving with her host, she said:

The afraid it isn't much use explaintable was explaintable.

The afraid it isn't much use explaintable was constantly hearing. The was making a visit to an old seather wilding people were always talking of him port town. One morning, while families were indignant at his sudden driving with her host, she said: 'I'm afraid it ign't much use explain- tear over it.

ing to me," said Mershon. "As I said, I Lady Ferndale, the Countess of Ro-don't understand anything about the borough, and several of their friends had people " was to float the company; and I should comed her into their set, but Decima have done that right enough if it hadn't been for this hitch.

"Is it some mistake?" said De by:

"I hope so: upon my soul. I hope so." to The Woodbines nearly every day, and replied Mershon. "I've sunk a lot of Mrs. Sherborne very often accompanied money in the affair. But that's nothing. him and sat with Decima in the drawing think what they would look he went on, quickly. It won't break me room, while her brother talked to Mr. if I lose it, every penny of it; but I'm Deaue in the laborators. Mrs. Sherborne if they didn't eat fish!"

Mr. Deane groaned. -I have invested a great deal," he It is very probable that he did not know



how much, seeing that he had left matter entirely to Mr. Mershon. Decima was too young, too ignorant of the world to understand clearly and furly; but a sense of coming evil oppressed her. She laid her hand upon her father's

"I hope he will be happy wherever he has gone," she said. She tried to keep cynical dubiosity.

Thought I'd come and tell you," a jerk of his head toward the door.

"Of course you will go on helpMiss Decima. You won't desert drawings, Decima followed Mr. Mershon said.
"Mess Decima followed Mr. Mershon of the drawings."

ing up at her sidewaye. "I cautioned him hould he not go away?"

It's like you to speak like that, and ou're right. He's his own master. But feel anxious and worried about it. You feel anxious and worried about it. You feel anxious and worried about it. You greater portion of his fortune in it."

It's like you to speak like that, and greater portion of his fortune in it."

Decima regarded him with troubled to be built up. Cut Bobby nodded gloomily.

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Mershon picked a leaf off the rose Decima stood by the window, looking bush, examined it critically, then glanced up at her in his covert way.

'I'm afraid your father's a bit worried

"I am sorry," said Decima. "Very—
"Oh, it's a way young fellows have when they go up to London," said Merwhen they go up to London," said Merman, and it will not matter to him. But get in between them. Cover the

when they go up to London," said Mery to the village. The people were full of the village. The people were full of the to the village. The people were full of the to the village. The people were full of the to the village. The people were full of the to the village. The people were full of the village. The people were full of the to the village. The people were full of the village. The village were not rich, are no

She returned slowly and heavily to The Tell me what all this means, father?" Toodbines. As she passed through the she asked. built, the door leading to the laboratory Mr. Deane launched into a torrent of

Mr. Deane launched into a torrent of words to prove that his invention was impregnable; but it is needless to say that they carried no conviction to Decima's mind.

"And what is this about Bobby, father?"

The her asked, anxiously.

Mr. Deane paced up and down and tore bands classed in her land Although she

the father was pacing up and down, his hands tightly gripped behind him, his head bent, his hair in wild disorder. Mr. Mershon was, as usual, seated on the bench; there was a his cirar in his pounds."

The has incurred debts which must be discharged at once. I have sent him all the money I can. Yesterday I had a letter from the banker's saying that I had overdrawn my account. Mr. Mershon has been drawn my account. Mr. Mershon has been kind enoughly to lend me a hundred "He has just gone," she said. "Mr. Mershon!" said Decima, faintly.
"Yes, yes," responded Mr. Deane; "he
is extremely kind. I don't know what I

Decima went straight to her father.

"Did you call, father? Did you want ling faint and sick."

Decima stole out of the laboratory feeling faint and sick.

CHAPTER XXI.

"Is it some mistake?" said De hna. were, and the great ladies, after awhile. anxiously from Mr. Mershon to her The only persons she saw were Mr. These are really the most unintel-Merehon and Mrs. Sherb rue. He came afraid your father's gone in for it rather was as constrained as ever, and obe heavily." which sometimes got on the girl's nerves and made her feel as if she must seream or rush from the room. She was beginning to feel as f a net were being drawn

> toward her was one of the deepest respect in bed." Fire. and only sometimes the cosmally him a quarter. What has been the toast. work which she had begun so eagerly. Now and again she asked Mr. Bright if he had heard from or of Lord Count, but he always realied in the nevertive, with asked the Boob.
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> Shake of the head and a sigh. "About two he One afternoon she come back from the

rillage feeling tired and listless. She took Grouch. "What was he talking about?" little recor at the back of the house at where she kept her pais. asked the Boob. Where she kent her pets.

It had grown into quite a small mensgerie, for, in addition to the guines nice
and white mice she had brought with her,
and white mice she had brought with her,
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had given her. There were some Belgian
had given her. There were some Belgian
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have a rebish-locking inckdaw, who It's easy to fool the man

good, and good ones better.
Splendid for chafed, her ever since the first day she had met him, now he was gone, and she should perhaps never see him again.

She sighed as she took the jackdaw on her hand, and stroked his black plumes, and the bird croaked as if in sympathy. Suddenly the door opened, and looking round, she saw Bobby. She sprung to her feet with a glad cry, the jackdaw flying with a shriek to the ceiling, and flung her arms round Bobby's neck. Then, as she looked into his face, she drew back with a little cry of alarm and apprehension. Was this Bobby, the bright, laughing-eyed boy whose every word was a jest-this pale young man with gaunt cheeks and black marks under his eyes?

"Bobby!" she exclaimed. "What is the matter—are you ill?" In 25c opal glass jars at

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matter are you ill?"
The flush rose to his haggard face for a moment, and he averted the eyes which

had hitherto met hers so straightly.
"I am rather seedy, Decie," he said.
"It's—it's the London life."

He sat down on one of the cages, and she sat close beside him and got hold of one of his hands and pressed and drag-

"Why didn't you tell me you were com-ing?" she said. "And, oh, Bobby, you must be ill to look like that!"

He looked down at the ground and be-

gan to roll up a cigarette; and she could

see that his hands were shaking.
"There is something the matter, Decie."

he said. "You've got to know sooner or

then her woman's courage came to her

Decima sat pale and silent for a mo-

Poor Girl!

"Fish, mostly," responded the

"Why," spoke the Westerner,

'I thought fish was a brain food.

ligent-looking people I ever saw.'

"Well," replied the host, "just

Bedridden.

You Have Heard Him.

"How long did Barker talk?"

the trouble-paralysis?"

crust from slices of read cut about half an inch thick and toast to delicate rown. Don't scorch it, whatever you do; and if this acci- to a bottle it can be gotter out by dent should happen, cut off the making a loop of a strong string I was coming," he said, ignoring her comment on his appearance. "You're not looking first-rate yourself, Decie," he added; for the sudden flush of excitement had left her face and its pallor was percharred portion and throw it away. and carefully placing it under the Spread each slice lightly with but- cork, then pulling steadily. ter, sprinkle with salt, and arrange After filling a rubber water botthe slices in a deep dish. Pour the with hot water, press the sides over them enough milk to cover the before screwing on the cap. This toast, putting it on slowly, that it presses the steam out and makes may soak into the toast. If you the wear and tear less. wish to expedite the work of pre- Eggs will keep fresh for some later; it can't be kept from you, and you'd better hear it from me than any one else. We're in trouble, Decie."

Trouble! Her lips formed the word; on cold. When the dish is full egg over with olive oil and place it cover it and set it in the oven and inthe salt, pointed end down. "Better explain them to the shareholders," he said. "I can't make head or tail
of them." He reached for his hat and said. "Whatever it is, we must meet it

At the end of the time the contents have all the curtains in the house Mr. Bright was too absorbed in his own grief to notice the effect upon her of his should like a word with you, Miss Decided as because and tell you. The said, under his breath, and with steaming hot. Remove the cover when some of them have worn a nervous gesture. "It was Mr. Mershon wired for me," he and leave the dish in the oven long those that are left can be matched "Mr. Mershon? Why should he tele enough to crisp the top layer together for bedrooms, putting the about ten minutes-and serve from new ones in the living room and "He has not deserted you," she said.
"I'm afraid your father's deeper in this the good and noble things he began. We you have no right to expect him to stay here, if he does not wish to. Why

> toast it, and proceed as with the Decima drew a long breath.
> "To utter smash," he said. "I don't un milk toast, making the milk half or thing wrong in the invention—the patent wouldn't hold water. I don't quite know what is was. Mershon tried not to put the blame on the governor, but he let it would the milk toast, trimming off would the milk toast, trimming off the crust and toasting the bread lightly. Do not utter it dry, but "I'm afraid your father's a bit worried about your brother, Miss Decima, isn't he?" he said.
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> Decima stared at him.
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> "My brother!" she said.
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> "Yes," replied Mershon, picking the leaf to pieces with his long nails. "Seems to have been going the pace. Been writing to your father for more money again."
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> "Bobby!" exclaimed Decima. "I—I don't understand!"
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> "I'm afraid your father's a bit worried "Why did he join Mr. Mershon's to blame," said Bobby. "He was led away by the governor's enthusiasm. Who wouldn't be? You know the way he talks. I don't think Mershon's such a bad fellow, after all. He—he is behaving very well about it. He has lost a lot of money in the affair."
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> "I am sorry." said Decima. "Very—"I am sorry." said

oyster liquor over the fire and cook in it for three minutes a dozen oysters which have been chopped coarsely. In another vessel heat a cup of milk, thicken it with a table-Mr. Deane paced up and down, and tore hands clasped in her lap. Although she stir until it is smooth, and put with blow had fallen heavily. Presently she it the obopped overtoned in the law is the chopped overtoned in the law is the law is the law is the chopped overtoned in the law is breath. Suddenly she heard her father utter an exclamation of dismay and a groan. She pushed open the door, and entered.

I don't know: I don't understand: ne blow had fallen heavily. Presently she heard steps coming toward the door, and heard steps coming toward the door, and said, impatiently. "Your brother Robert heard steps coming toward the door, and said, impatiently. "Your brother Robert heard steps coming toward the door, and said, impatiently. "Your brother Robert heard steps coming toward the door, and said, impatiently. "Season to taste with salt and pepper and sincurred debts which must be discovered."

Season to taste with salt and pepper per, and, if you like it a pinch said. mace or a grating of nutmer. Have ready toast browned, dipped in hot water, buttered, and salted as for tomato toast, and pour the oyster sauce over it and between the slices. Set in the oven just long enough to heat through-all the ingredients and the dish should A young woman failed to pass have been piping bot-and serve. her examination for appointment This makes an excellent lunch or

home, if only for a day. Not until nee days afterward did she receive a hurried Her mother was terribly disap- Clam Teast .- For this the long What is this business? she asked, alcrawl from Bobby, saying it was impointed and decided to interview clams should be used, the hard most demanded. What is troubling my possible for him to leave London just then, but that he would run down as one of the examiners.

The letter was 'I am sorry, madam,' the man should be cooked just as you do, the bing it on the beach, and kept his small so unlike him—there was not a touch of said, "that your daughter did not oysters. If you wish to make a lit-The days passed. It seemed to her estimated by the said Decima. What I there were forty-eight hours in each bout it? Tell me.

Bobby's brightness in it—that it fined be said, the said pass her examinations, but there the richer dish, beat an egg light pass her examinations, but there the richer dish, beat an egg light pass her examinations, but there the richer dish, beat an egg light is nothing I can do about it. You and put it with the emilk just before know, madam, that no one is to mixing this with the oysters and

"Sue to blame!" exclaimed the Giblet Toast .- Stew the giblets ought to be a lot of money in it, and i When she went for a walk, she avoided thought there was. You see I don't understand this kind of thing myself, and she were compelled to pass them, she perhaps you don't know that them stalk of celery and a quarter of an interest and this kind of thing myself, and she were compelled to pass them, she perhaps you don't know that them derstand this kind of thing myself, and I relied upon Mr. Deane. He ought to know."

If I do not know, who does?" exclaimed Mr. Deane, throwing out his hands with pitful vanity.

"Just 10," said Mershon, slowly, and showly and showly and showly another glance at Decima. "If showly that the doesn't know, who does? That's what had done her insignificant best to keep her description."

She were compelled to pass them, she were compelled to pass them, she would not glance up the avenue.

She tried to forget Lord Gaunt—not es about lots of things that happened one who had loved and lost, for she did not know that she loved him, would have her its proposition on in the water. Remove these, about lots of things that happened years and years before she was browned flour, rolled in a table spoonful of butter; season with salt, pepper, and a little kitchen bread, toast it lightly, dip rach slice for an instant in boiling water, lay the pieces on a hot platter, and pour the gravy and giblets

over them.

Kidney Toast .- Split lamb kidneys, taking out the core, sprinkle them with salt and pepper, roll them in flour, and lay them in hot butter in a frying pan. Cook for five or ten minutes, until tender, take them out with a fork and chop them coarsely. Add a cupful of hot water and one of gravy to the flour and butter in the pan, and stir until smooth, adding a little browned flour if the gravy seems rather thin. Season with a couple "Yes, ma'am," said Harry the of teaspoonfuls of Worcestershire Hobo, "I know I look like a strong sauce and two tablespoonfuls of And yet she could not complain of Mr. man, but out of my forty years of sherry, boil up once, put the mine-Merehon. He was too clever to harves life I've spent over sixteen years ed kidneys back in the gravy, and as soon as they are hot pour over Sometimes Mrs Sherborne brought a "Why, you poor man," replied toast, which has been laid in a hot magnificent burch of orchide from The the lady sympathetically, handing dish after dipping and buttering in

Chicken Toast .- This is another Now and again Decima met Mr. Bright:

No, ma'am," said Harry, "jest of the same kind. For this you indeed, he sought her as of old, and saked her advice and assistance in carrying a reg'lar habit of sleepin' eight may use any scraps of cold poultry of any sort, cooked in any ways declared she had started. And De-Prepare a cupful and a half or two cupfuls of chicken soup, using some you have left over or making it from the bones of the chicken, or "About two hours," replied the utilizing a 10 cent can of chicken soup, or diluting your gravy that may remain with stock or with milk. Season it judiciously with "I dunno," replied the Grouch. onion juice, celery salt, salt, and white pepper, and thicken it as directed for the other gravies alwho ready given. Put with it your chicken, chopped, taking whatever

amount you have. Half a cupful can be used or twice as much or more, and if you are short on the chicken boil an egg hard, hop it, and put this or minced ham or tongue with the small portion ci chicken, and stir all into the gravy. Prepare your toast as already directed and pour the chicken and gravy over it. If you wish you can use, instead of the toast, bread cut in slices and fried to a delicate brown in good dripping.

Home Hints.

One cold chop will make a small dish of creamed or minced lamb. Cook the bone with it and simmer gently. Serve on toast and garnish with parsley.

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a time in the vessels. When a cork has been pushed in-

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longer if after the articles have kept in good condition if after dustbeen cleaned they are rubbed with ing them they are rubbed with a a soft flannel cloth dipped in lin- flannel cloth, dipped in melted paseed oil, then polished with a cham- raffine. Polish with a chamois

When making angel cake add new. cake will be tender and velvety. To and then the worst torn of them keep it moist and tender turn a should be used to mend the others

crock over it. the hands is to take half a cupful curtain to be mended. of coarse corn meal and one cupful of strong vinegar. Wash and rub the hands well in this, then rinse in warm water.

It is best to heat the plates be- | One teaspoonful of peroxide o fore putting hot pies on them when hydrogen added to half a tub of aluminum vessels can be removed first taken out of the oven. If hot water in which clothes are rinsed Baked Milk Toast .- Trim the by boiling a solution of water and pies are put on cold plates they will act as a bleach. It gives a borax and letting it stand for some sweat, making the undercrust pure white color without any damage to the fabric.

thoroughly and rinse.

Silver will remain bright much | Lacquered brass beds can be leather and they will look like

one teaspoonful of cornstarch to When lace curtains are badly the sugar and sift five times. The torn they should be first washed by cutting lace from the torn cur-A good way to clean stains from tain to match the pattern of the

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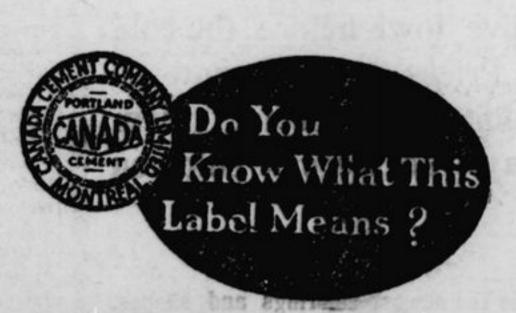
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