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CHAPTER I.

An evening in October, one of those chill, dreary evenings to which the French philosopher declared the English owe their proverbial spleen.

The rain came down, not in honest, straightforward showers, but in fitful drizzies; the wind blew in spiteful gusts, tearing the leaves from the trees outside and sending the smoke inside in spiteful puffs; the sort of a night which drives men to their clubs and women to quar-

It is bad when such an evening visits London, it is worse in the country; it made even the cheerful village of Deermbe look wan and miserable—Deercombe, which lies like a gem between river and sea, and is famed for its sunny aspect ando exhilarating air.

As everybody knows, Deercombe lies on the Devon coast; it is one of the spots beloved by tourists, and scarcely a year passes but what some magazine contains an article full of poetry and illustrated by engravings extolling the natural beauties of the any village.

Until a few years ago, quite recently, in fact, Deercombe consisted of a few fishermen's cottages, clustering up the hill from the sea, a church, old and ugly, a village inn, and the ancestral home of

Tourists at that time knew it not, and the guide books passed it silently by; but some enthusiastic though indiscreet newspaper man happened upon it, wrote an article in his paper, and the deed was

But though many houses and villas sprang up about the grassy slopes, not so much harm was done.

It was too far from London for the regular speculative builders, and most of the new residences were occupied by retired and half-pay officers, the class which seems to have selected Devousaire as its own peculiar property.

In the drawing-room of one of these new houses, called "The Elms," probably because there wasn't an elm within a mile, sat two young ladies. They were the daughters of a retired colonel-Col.

Truth, which should always pose like an angel upon the historian's pen, compels me to say they were not young and not very pretty, except by candle light, and after considerable making up; indeed, at this moment they were distinctly the reverse of the latter, for a chill weather had bestowed a nipped appearance to their faces which not even the flush gained by the fierce argument could dispel.

dullish gray, the carpets to match, the dismayed by the ugliness of her surchairs were hard and uncomfortable; an soundings.

Standing there, she presented a connot even a couple of framed peacock's marked and conspicuous.

feathers could render aesthetic. A dull fire burned sullenly and smoked fitfully, and the draught that oozed from the misfitting doors and windows blew the thin tablecloth to and fro like the sails of a boat tacking across the

On the hall hung some awful oil paintings, which would have given an artist a fit, and about half a dozen water olors, the handiwork of the two young ladies, which would have finished him and killed him outright.

On the table and scattered about on the chairs were a motley collection of dress materials and old frocks, and the two ladies each held a pile of patterns in their hands, examining them frowningly.

"A pink, the proper pink, shaded with blue, the proper blue," said Julia, the elder, picking out the colors and putting them together in the lamplight, "is not a bad idea. "N-o," assented Emmeline, the

yourger. "But it wants a complexion." Julia, whose complexion was her weak point, and her constant anxiety, flushed angrily.

"I was thinking of a dress for myself," she retorted, "not for you!"

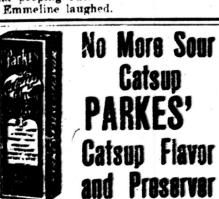
"Yes, I know, dear," responded Emmeline, "that is why I say the combination wants a complexion to carry it off." Julia glanced at the glass—the cheap glass, with the sticky, ill-made and mock Queen Anne frame-and reddened. "At any rate," she said, biting her

lip, "I have some color! I am not quite yellow!"

"Oh, no, dear, not quite! Who ever said quite? But blue and pink! Now, a nice violet-"

"The refuge of the desolate!" retorted Julia. "I shall go in cream; it always looks nice and it simplifies matters." It does indeed," remarked Emmeline. "If there are a hundred and fifty women at this ball, I'll be bound the hundred wear cream. For heaven's sake, let us show that we have originality!"

Julia flung the pattern on the table. "The best thing would be to stay away," she said, going to the window and peeping out.



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"How delighted papa would be! The thought of these two dresses has made him miserable for the last four days. Nobody about the place will get a civil word for the next month, and ten to one Jane will give notice! What a charming affair life is for us all! I don't know which is worse, being the daughter of a retired officer with a small income and an enlarged liver, or a retired officer with a small income, an enlarged liver, and two daughters on his hands, who, like the pistols in amateur theatricals, persistently decline to go off!"

Julian jerked the curtains as close as imitation tapestry, at twenty-nine and six, could be expected to go across window twice too large for them, and began to collect the litter.

"Better tidy the room up." she said. complainingly. "He will be here directly and there will be a scene! I wonder where Joan is. She might do this."

Emmeline shrugged her shoulders. "I don't know where she is; wandering about the huts on the beach, I shouldn't wonder. She generally is at this time of the evening." "In weather like this!" remarked

Julia, contemptuously. "The weather makes no difference to her. I believe she rather prefers wind and rain. She is always out of the way when she is wanted. Now, if she were here we might ask her; Joan has some sort of taste."

"The taste of a savage!" sneered Miss Oliver.

Emmeline yawned and drummed on "I don't know," she said, slowly and reluctantly; "she always manages to look nice, though how she does it-" and she stopped short and shrugged her shoulders.

Emmeline yawned again and then laughed. "Joan doesn't cost him much, Jue! She saves him the price of a servant, and gives him the opportunity to figure as a benovolent guardian. I don't suppose he spends upon her more than the hundred a year she has got! All the same, I wish her father had been considerate enough to make her somebody

two too many for one house." Julia reddened angrily-her younger sister could always succeed in "hoisting her flag," as Emmeline called it-and, snatching up a bundle, was starting, with offended dignity, to the door, when it opened almost upon her nose, and a young girl entered.

else's ward! Three unmarried girls are

She had come from the darkness outside, and stopped for a moment to shield her eyes from the light; and as she The room in which they sat was fur-mished in the execrable style known as small, shapely hand before her face, she modern antique; the curtains were of looked like a vision of youth and grace,

s badly worked mantel border, which trast to the other two girls which was

The two Misses Olivers were thin and "padded," with carefully made-up faces and artfully arranged hair; their clothes, of the aesthetic style, fitted them to perfection, and yet lacked that nameless grace which is all important. The girl who faced them was slightly built, but lithe and graceful as a young

savage, with the undulating lines which promised even greater things when girlhood should ripen into womanhood. Her face was a perfect oval, with the clear complexion of a true brunette. She was dressed in a plain brown merino, which had by long service grown so familiar with her figure as to cling to it lovingly; as her only protection against the chill October evening, she

had thrown on a rough cloak with a hood, which she had turned arelessly over her head, and which served as an outer frame for the beautiful face framed inwardly by the mass of dark goldenbrown hair. Her eyes were a clear gray, soft yet brilliant with light, and emphasized brows of dark brown which lent a seri-

ous expression to the levely eyes beneath. The two girls looked at her with that half-concealed expression of envy with

which plan, ill-natured women regard the well-favored of their sex." "Where on earth have you been, Joan?" demanded Julia, querulously; 'we have been waiting for you this

half hour and more!" "I?" said Joan, and her vocie chimed in upon the hard, unsympathetic tone of Miss Oliver like a strain of music after a discord; "I have been on the cliffs." "On the cliffs, on a night like this,

dark as pitch, and raining! No one but a lunatic or yourself yould be capable of such folly! What on earth amusement you can find in it puzzles me!" 'Amusement!" echoed Joan, with her lips half apart, and her eyes fixed dreamily on the ugly, ungainly lamp.

"No, there is not much amusement, but there isn't much anywhere.' "A very gracious speech!" snapped Julia. "At any rate, I should think our society, contemptuously as you re-

gard it, must be better than your own, alone on the Coombe cliffs." "I had no idea it was so late," Joan, quietly, "or that you wanted me; and the night is not so bad-there is a

beautiful sea-Emmeline shuddered. "Oh, please, don't. A beautiful sea on a night like this! I am quite miserable enough without being rendered wretched by the thought of the sea.

Take some of those things up, will you; papa will be in directly, and they must be got out of the way before he comes." Joan went down on her knees and began to gather up the stuffs and old frocks in silence for a moment; then she said, surprised, but absently, as if

her thoughts were elsewhere: "Are you having some new dresses? Where are you going?" Julia uttered an exclamation of irri-

"Just listen to her, Em; wouldn't any

... she had just dropped from the and hadn't heard a word of the

SHE'S CHAMPION WOMAN FLIER. This is Mile. Detrieux, the French woman who made a fine flight from Blankenbargh to Bruges and back with a passenger. She flew higher and longer than any other air woman, thus establishing a new record. Joan, as quietly as before "And which to the expense of going? You've been have you chosen?" and very girl- there for the last five years, with no like, she picked up the patterns and other result than to remind people turned them over. "None," snapped Julia, shortly. "We word 'ball,' and I suppose I shall hear of

us your opinion," she added with affected indifference. Joan took up one piece of mate-ia! after another, slowly and with the rapt dreamy expression habitual with her, and presently threw a red and gray nun's veiling over her shoulders.

"Is that pretty?" she said, turning It was pretty, decidedly pretty, in juxtaposition with her clear skin and lovely hair, but the two girls thought of their own complexions and faded hair, and colored angrily.

"It might become a savage," said Julia, coldly. "It certainly would not suit a civilized being. For Heaven's sake take it off!" Joan put the cloths aside composedly,

and turning to the remaining ones, picked out several others and draped them across Julia's shoulders.

"It is not bad," admitted Julia, grudgingly.

us put together," said Emmeline, but so all grace.

number of colors one gets confused," remarked Joan, quickly. "Better choose one for me," said Emmeline, "and let it be as much unlike

Julia's as possible. If there is anything I abominate, it is being dressed to match some other person." "Yes! If I had a sister-" began doors.

"You would think as I do!" interruptplease! What about the greeny blue?" Silently and slowly Joan tried several colors, and at last put her hand on a faint pink.

"I like none so well as this," she said. "Well, perhaps I'll choose it," responded Emmeline, ungraciously; "and now, for goodness' sake, help me take them out of the way before papa comes in. Nothing upsets him more than seeing things of this kind about; they remind

him too forcibly of our existence." As she spoke the hall door was heard to open, a man was heard to stumble over the mat, and a voice came from the hall uttering maledictions.
"There he is!" exclaimed Julia. "Be

quick, Joan, or there will be no peace for the remainder of the evening." Joan slipped through the doorway

with her load, and the next moment Colonel Oliver entered. At first sight the gallant colonel might have been taken for the girls' brother in-

stead of their parent, so carefully was he preserved and artistically made up. It was not until you were quite close to him, as he stood in a strong light, which he never did if he could avoid it. that you saw that the glossy blackness of his hair and moustache was due to the dyer's art, and that the thin, cleancut face was full of crows'-feet and wrinkles, carefully smoothed out by a set,

The figure, too, might have been taken for that of a young man, unless the colonel should be compelled to stoop, when the fact of his wearing stays made itself quite palpable.

galvanized smile.

For the rest, he was carefully dressed in a lounge suit, which would have become a boy of one-and-twenty; wore patent leather boots that pinched his really small feet, and gloves, whose size -sevens-was a never failing source of

satisfaction to him. It should be mentioned that the smile was put on with hat and gloves for outof-door use, and that he took it off, as it were, with them when he entered his know of will do this so safely and surely

"What the deuce that fool of a girl leaves that mat turned up for I can't imagine, unless she wants to break my neck!" was his amiable salutation. wish one of you would fall over it, then some notice would be taken of it. What on earth is all this mess about? What's the meaning of all these dresses?" he

inquired. "The ball, papa," said Julia, in a low "Oh, that confounded ball! What on

you're five years older. I'm sick of the can't decide. Perhaps you'd better give nothing else for the next week!" "Perhaps we'd better not go," said

Julia, with a sigh, but watching him closely. "Of course!" he exclaimed. "That's the way! Fly at my face at once. Go!

Of course you'll go. I hope I know my position well enough to be aware that I muzt make some sacrifice to maintain it. Besides-" he broke off, and looked down at the hearthrug-a cheap imitation of a Turkey.

"Well, papa?" demanded Emmeline, watchfully. "Have any of you been out this even-

ing?" he demanded. "No, only Joan." "Oh! Joan," he said. "And did she

tell you the news?" "News? What news! Joan tell us!" and Julia laughed contemptuously. "She's the last person to hear any, un-

"Look in the glass," she said, "and tell me which you like. See now, that is a beautiful mixture. That suits you. She never goes anywhere but the beach FNCLISH WOMEN IN SPORTS. "She'll fall over and kill herself one of these fine times," remarked the colonel

"Joan has more taste than the both of complacently. "Oh, she didn't tell you eh? Hem!" and he paused and looked coldly that the speech was robbed of out of his small eyes at each of the two girls. Then he smiled, and added, abrupt "Oh, no! But when one looks at a ly, "Stuart Villiars is coming to the

The two girls stared open-mouthed for moment, then both exclaimed: "Lord Villiars!"

The colonel lit a cigar and regarded them from under his lowered lids with the shadoww of a smile he wore out of

"Yes. I heard the news from Carn-

ford, at the club; it is scarcely known ed Emmeline. "Never mind all that. | yet. Carnford heard it by accident. He arrived to-morrow." "To-morrow!" breathed Emmeline in an awe-struck whisper.

The colonel nodded. BACKACHE

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"Coming home quite unexpectedly. You know that the old Earl of Arrowfield died lately. Well, Villiars is his heir. The old eart died worth a couple

The two girls gasped.
"Lord Villiars gets title and money." but takes the latter and drops the former; his own is so much older. He is coming home, so Carnford says, to marry.' Emmeline leant back in her chair, and

clasping her hands in her lap, stared thoughtfully before her. "To marry and settle down!" and the

There was eilence for a moment, then Julia said, without looking up: "Is is all they say true about him,

papa!" "True?" retorted the colonel. "Who knows, and who cares that is, now? It was all very well while he was a penniless peer, too poor to live in his own house, and obliged to prowl about the continent; but now he's worth a couple of millions, I don't expect you'll find a soul to believe he was anything but an angel. Besides, what does it matter? he is coming home to settle down. I tell

"You know him, papa?" said Emmeline, her eyes sparkling, her pale face lit up with a touch of color that made her look almost handsome.

The colonel nodded. "Yes, same regiment. Oh, yes, we shall be great friends." He looked round the room. "Julia, you'd better get a new carpet and for Heaven's sake get something more cheerful than this mis-erable thing. If ever there was a beastly fashion, this aesthetic one is the beastliest. It's enough to make one sick the dirty yellows and sagey greens and-see here—" He pulled a purse from his pocket and took out a couple of fivepound notes. "Take these I've been lucky at the club lately—and get some-

thing for yourselves." The girls seized the notes with scarce-

y concealed eagerness. "Oh, thanks! It is just in time, papa; Loadby's asked for their bill quite pointedly when they sent the patterns; how lucky you were!"

"Y-es," said the colonel. "Y-es, very lucky. Er, by the way, you had better get a new dress or something for Joan. "Oh, Joan," said Julia, carelessly.

That does not matter; she can wait. was noticing only to-night how well that merino looked. There is nothing ike merino to wear." Emmeline laughed coldly.

"Yes, Joan ought to write a testimonial to the manufacturers; she's had that dress in nearly constant wear for two "And so another month or two won't

matter," broke in Julia. "If she were not so ridiculously proud, she might have one of mine to turn." "Oh, don't worry her," said the colenel; "Joan doesn't care about dress,

and-ahem---

(To Be Continued.)

in Outdoor Pastimes of All Kinds. The Englishwoman is becoming more of a sportswoman than ever. This season she is playing more golf, she is going shooting with increased enthusiasm.

The sale of automobile outfits for wobuyers drive their own cars and do not what is required and demand it for

themselves. Golf is far more of a cruze than in previous scasons, and it is played with a stant. businesslike attention to the game that necessitates the least fashionable and most serviceable outfit. Women play at men's clubs whenever they are allowed, and when at a popular resort they find they are barred from the links, they speedily form clubs of their own.

Five years ago there was practically no demand for guns for women. Now the manufacture of a lighter gun for women marksmen is an industry in itseft, while even girls of 13 and 14 are learning to shoot straight with guns specially made for them. Cycling is about the only sport which s less popular, and that is largely due

to the fact that the automobile has made the roads dangerous and unpleasand to the cyclist on account of the clouds of dust in the wake of an automobile. It has taken a very long time to interest Englishwomen in swimming. Many members of the London Bath Club are adepts at this exercise, but it has been exceptional to find a woman swimmer

at seaside resorts. This year, however,

teachers are busy everywhere, and their

pupils range from very young girls to

elderly women, all anxious to master the

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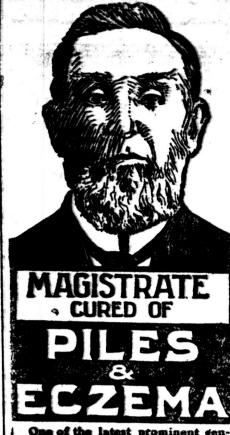
arts of swimming and diving.

While a bitterly waged war was in progress in Washington among the women owa well known organization, in which there were two militant comps, many cruel, biting things were said by one of the other. A gracious matron, noted for her consummate tact and the skill in which she handled difficult situations, essayed the part of peacemaker, with the result that, being a person of nice discernment, she at once abandoned the plan.

She called on Mrs. Brown, who was the candedate against Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Brown complained bitterly that her opponent had wilfully misrepresented facts and showed certain infermities of taste and temper, for which there could be no excuse.

"Well." said the ambassadress, who was friendly with both leaders, "von should not let the passion of politics narrow your horizon, my dear. You should be broad visioned enough to make reasonable allowances for what you consider unlovely harshness. You fail to reason that Mrs. Jones' age may be tell-

ing on her." "What ingratitude!" ejaculated Mrs. Brown. And the tactful woman knew that her mission was futile.



One of the latest prominent gen-tlemen to speak highly in Zam Buk's favour is Mr. C. E. Sanford of Westen, King's Co., N.S. Mr. Sanford is a Justice of the Peace for the County, and a member of the Board of School Commissioners. He is also Descon of the Baptist Church in Berwick. Indeed it would be difficult to find a man more widely known and

to find a man more widely known and more highly respected. Here is his opinion of Zam-Buk. He says:—

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE MOVING PICTURES.

(Peterboro Review.) To-morrow little Willie and Mary will go to Sunday School. Mother will brush her hair and put on her best Sunday dress. Willie will be told to keep clean and go straight to school and not to stay away from home too long afterwards. He grows, with his growing he knows that the world is large and Sunday school seems smaller and less inviting. He dos not want to go. Sometimes moral suasion or the slat across They Are More Than Ever Interested the rear is necessary to show him that Sunday School is the place for all lads on Sunday afternoon. Mary, little jewel, goes willingly with her Bible under her arm. Willie will put his in his pocket. Now a Detroit Sunday school has jumpin more extensively for automobiling ed into the gap and is teaching the Bible and aviation; and she has taken up by the aid of the moving picture. Don't be shocked, "Early Christians" was the title of a lecture by Herbert Booth, givmen has been larger than ever before, en in Peterborough a few weeks ago and it is noticeable that most of the aided by moving pictures. No more in buyers drive their own cars and do not Detroit will Willie have to be persuadneed the assistance of men in making ed to go to Sunday school. He will be their purchases. They know exactly there rain or shine. The problem has been solved. Make the lesson interesting and the question of holding the Sunday school scholar will be settled in an in-

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"THEN IT HAPPENED."



(Our Daily Discontinued Story.) The moving van was nearly full and the husky moveman was perplexed. He paused with an \$80 plate glass mirror in his arms, considering where to put it.

Incidentally he was holding the mirror up to nature in the form of O'Mara's goat. But the goat did not pause to con-

(The End.)

