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CHAPTER L.

A BROKEN TEACUP. Simla House, like many another residence with a high-sounding name, had nothing whatever to do with the place from which that name was derived. It was merely a creeper-grown cottage, with a bay-window on either side of the door, standing back from the main large and untidy garden. The "Simla" signified that its occupant, Major Kennedy, had seen service in India; the "House" indicated that his ideas and ambitions were much in advance

of his very limited income. To Lucas Henderson, however, Simla House was a palace, and the tiny drawing-room, with its pictures, and Indian curiosities, and jars of sweetsmelling flowers, was the throne-room of the princess, the queen of his heart, paid artist was as full of ambition as work towards his goal, the Major's more thehandsome income that was presently ing at things was unknown to Lucas lady bred in the lap of luxury, to whom he could not venture to offer a home for many a long day. Hedid not guess how difficult Grace often found it to meet the butcher's bill, or that the artistic grey gown, which seemed specially designed to set off her fair face and red-gold hair, was made by her own clever fingers out of a rem-

The Major had come across Lucas as the young man was painting in one of the pretty bye-lanes of Marston, and, delighted to meet with an intelligent stranger, at once invited him to Simla

"Dam not an artist by profession," Lucas thought it only honest to explain; "I am only a designer at Parkman's Pottery, Works, doing what I can with canvas and brushes during my holidays."

The Major waved his hand airily. whatever condition of life he may chance to be; and you, Mr. Henderson, are, I perceive, a true follower of art. I am not wholly ignorant of art myself; indeed, I have been considered a good judge. I shall be pleased and proud"-this with a certain patronizing humility-"to offer you such hospitality as my little place can afford. Come and have a cup of tea with us to-night, if no other friends claim

and brushes, and went with Major

Grace poured out the tea. She admired his sketches with a genuine adthey were speculators, who discovered the Major's weak point, and flattered him to the top of his bent, in the hope that his money would be invested in their own brilliant undertakings

The latter class was more obnoxious to Grace than the former, for she knew very well that her father was not so prudent and clear-sighted as he thought himself; and one member of it was at present haunting Simla House. She was glad of Mr. Henderson's visit to divert the Major's mind. Perhaps she was glad of it for other reasons, but she did not confess to those quite so readily. Still, an artist was different Lucas Henderson, was a gentleman, in spite of his undisguised poverty. One afternoon Henderson and Mr.

Ryan both came to tea at Simla House, the one by invitation, the other without any. Mr. Ryan was a sharp-eyed, business-like man, with fluent and sometimes ungrammatical speech. Lucas soon noted one pecularity in him; his quick eyes were always fixed on an averted face, and hastily glanced aside when anyone looked straight at

"I wonder what in the world he is instinctively. Then he caught Ryan's gaze on Miss Kennedy's pretty profile, and was inclined to think him some moneyed parvenu, in search of a wellborn bride whom his wealth might buy. The thought need not surely have concerned him, seeing that he was a stranger to the family; but, as a matter of fact, it filled him with wrath and indignation.

Grace quickly discerned the young pressed only by rapid glances. Mr. Ryan had little respect for art,

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During tea, however, it chanced that Ryan dropped the dainty bit of china, and it fell on the floor and was broken. He apologized for his awkwardness with clumsy profuseness.

"These little accidents will happen," said the Major lightly, 'until I have completed my invention for making her eyes fell. unbreakable china, That will prevent a great deal of domestic tribulation." "Have you invented something of that kind?" asked Lucas eagerly. have been trying experiment after experiment for years, but nothing has

come of them yet. I am hoping that some time, perhaps-"Dear me, how very singular!" said street of the village of Marston, in a the Major. "When you spoke of your than usual. I wondered whether such a project had ever entered your mind, though I did not for a moment suppose that it had. Yes, that is one of my schemes-one of many-for the good of my fellow-men. I have tried a few experiments myself, but they are, I must own, an expensive amusement, and I am not a Crossus. Don't you find them

> "Yes, they are," Henderson admitted. coloring slightly. "But, you see, I have only myself to think of, and I-1

'Now, may I ask, as this is just our

"Oh, there is not much to tell," said

"Tell us how you have worked The Major at once began todilate on



I' FELL ON THE PLOOR AND WAS BROKEK. well. Her father's flights of fancy, and the costly manner in which he likel to indulge them, were so familiar to her, that she did not place much in his dreams of unbreakable pottery. Still, she listened this evening. Mr. Henderson was apparently interested, est, pray?" and as he knew all about such things, the idea must be of practical value Lucas threw out a suggestion or two as the Major proceeded, and the Major seceived these with so much gratitude, that gradually he began to explain his own modus operandi. Grace now felt tical, but unusually brilliant and valuable. She entered into the subject with such confident expectation of the tays when broken teacups should be unknown, that the young man, thus encourged, went more deeply into the details of his scheme, while Major Kenne iv commented objected, admired, mestioned in turns; and Mr. Ryan aid nothing, only listened.

Mr. Henderson was the first to take eave, in spite of the dulness of his odgings and the attractions of Simla House. Mr. Ryan usually outstayed his welcome, so far as Grace was conrned; but to-night he had much to ay in commendation of the departed guest, to which she listened attentively enough. He reserved, however, aliusion to the china process until the Major sauntered with him down the

"You may as well get that young fellow to tell you what he knows about the pottery business," he said carelessly. He has not the brains to develop his notions, but he cannot help gleaning something on the practical side of the tter in his every-day work, and that might help you in your own scheme." Quite so, quite so," answered the Major. "I intend to make him

"There would be no harm done," added Ryan, "if you quietly took a note or two of his process. Mind you, I don't say it will be any good, but it enn't do any harm."

Quite so," said the Major again. House became more frequent, and his notions were atterly worthless until creeting from Major Kennedy more cordial. He disliked and suspected Ryan as much as ever, chiefly with reference to Grace, but Mr. Ryan generally kept away at these times. Lucas was quite unjust in this particular suspicion; for Ryan guaged the Major's income too accurately to desire any matrimonial connection with the think evil of the hospitable Major, with his impossible inventions, his enthusiastic ignorance, and his friendly courtesy to a poor and unknown stranger? Nay, apart from that, who could think or care about unbreakable china when Grace smiled forth a welcome from her bright eyes, and as days went by added to the greeting a

quick soft blush? Mr. Ryan, with his customary acuteness, once observed that rising color, and for a moment felt inclined to denounce the young artist as an imposter and a pretender, but the next minute he smiled to himself "If our plans are to come to any

thing," he said to himself, 'it won' No one ever tried Simmons Liver sorts agitate your liver with Simmons Regulator without being salisfied with with Simmons Liver Regulator. A

do to have Mr. Lucas Hen Larson our proceedings; but he will be gone rightly, no harm will be done before then. Once get the Major up to town, and the concern set shall be in a position to snap our fin-gers at any claims he may make."

He judged Lucas Henderson rightly; Lucas did not dream of asking any definite promise from Grace while he had so little to offer her. But he did not guess how deeply the thought of Grace Kennedy was rooted in the young man's heart, hor how indelibly the brief acquaintance with the frank and enthusiastic artist had impressed itself

weedy garden, between the unpruned rose bushes and the straggling stocks and wall flowers, when he came to bid

gave him her hand at the gate. young man, but conversed chiefly with success," he answered, his eyes bent on the Major, leaving Lucas to talk to her with an eloquence which Mr. Ryan in handing a cup to Miss Kennedy, tious lately. I have more longing to when I came to Marston, and I shall have more faith, too, and a stronger motive power in the future, if you will wish me God-speed."

'Good-bye-God be with you," she

said gently.

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happened?

"I tell you the thing is done, my child; the invention patented, the company floated, or about to be floated." And Mr. Ryan is in it?" asked Grace. with instinctive distrust. "And my valued friend Ryaz is in

"And what is the invention, father?" "Oh, nothing that you would under- us or not" stand. Women's minds cannot grasp time, Grace, pack up, pack up; or sell off all that is in the house, if you like, and we will start afresh in London. You shall be a millionaire's daughter

> CHAPTER IL CROSS ACCOUNTS.

cessful pottery works were secured, to-gether with the work-people, for what Mr. Ryan descrited as "a mere song."

One of the flaming circulars advertising the venture fell into Grace's hands. "Father," she said, looking straight into Major Kennedy's face, "this is Mr. Ryan's doing. Is it quite honest?" "What is the girl talking about?" said the Major testily. "Is what hon-

Grace replied with another question her eyes were still fixed on her father's though her color rose a little. "Is not this Mr. Henderson's inven

"Henderson? Nonsense! I got a few hints from him, perhaps, simply on sure that the idea was not only practite practical details of ordinary pottery manufacture, but his scheme



my ideas and my brain to perfect the whole. Ryan will tell you so." "I would rather believe you than Mr. Ryan," said Grace.

Nevertheless, the Major had, by constant reiteration of the assurance, and by listening to Ryan's protestations, persuaded himself that the invention was absolutely his own; whereas Ryan So idenderson's invitations to Simla knew perfectly that the Major's misty put into practical form by the methods



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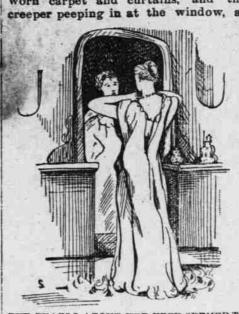
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Lucas Henderson had surgested. But Grace could prove nothing, even for her own satisfaction. She had no defiin a little while, and if I judge him nite knowledge by which to judge the question as to how far the experiments which Lucas had described were those which Mr. Ryan and her father had acted upon. She only knew that her father and Ryan had eagerly questioned Lucas, and that now they proclaimed the invention theirs. patent was taken out in the Major's name, the works were set going, and Lucas Henderson made no sign.

The new home in London was on a far grander scale than Simla House. The old furniture, to which Grace had clung despite her father's advice, looked mean and shabby in it, and was relegated to back apartments, while new and smart upholstery filled the showy rooms. It was not half so homelike as the dark little parlor, with its worn carpet and curtains, and the creeper peeping in at the window, at



THE PEARLS ABOUT HER NECK SEEMED TO

STRANGLE HER Marston. Grace had no friends in London, her old duties were gone, and her father was out all day. She could not and a hundred other matters were going to be paid for; and the Major only laughed and pooh-poohed her ques-

"You are like that girl in Dickens: what's her name? poor Little Dorrit," he said. 'You cannot accustom yourself to good fortune."

The one link with the old life was Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Ryan seemed to have lecome the director de facto, not only of the Unbreakable China Company, but of the house in Vernon Square. Grace might protest against expenditure and shrink from going into society, which received her with cold shoulders and supercilious looks, but Mr. Ryan's dictum was that the money must be spent and the society

"Father, I would rather stay at home" than go to Ebdon House to-morrow, she urged one day. "And I believe you would rather stay too, if only you would confess the truth. We don't like crushes and crowds of strangers, and uo one there will care whether they see

"Do be more sensible, Grace," said is further advanced. Doesn't do to ciety. It is only fair to you that we should go, whether I like it or not. Besides, will not Mr. Ducie be there?" Didn't he tell you that he was go ing? "That is another reason why I would rather not go. I would sooner not meet Mr. Ducie.

"Mr. Ducie has two thousand pounds a year and splendid prospects." "That is not the way you used to alue a man, father."

"And he is good-looking, well-connected, and all the rest of it. What can possibly be your objection to him, "Then, again, he may be a most use-

ful man to us; his name would be worth a great deal on our Board, and his money would be worth still more. It is desirable-necessary-that we should cultivate his friendship. Still Grace said nothing. "And, Grace, my child," went on the

Major restlessly, "I have at times thought there must be something more than friendship in his mind." He looked sharply at his daughter, but Grace did not flinch from the in-

"I hope not," she said. "There will never be anything more on my side." "Never, Grace? But of course you say so now. Girls always say that until a man proposes. Mr. Ducie is a gentleman of whom all the world speaks well, who will be able to give his wife everything a woman can want. And-and-we are very comfortable now, my dear, and all seems going on very pleasantly; but it may not last. I am getting to be an old man, my dear; I can't live for ever. I should like to see my Gracie married and settled before I go."

"Father," cried Grace, kneeling on the floor by his chair, and taking his ing what he was doing. He did not hand, "don't talk in that way! You do not want to leave me, do you? and, please God, you will be spared to me for many years yet."

"And there are other reasons, Grace," went on the Major, clearing his throat, and preferring not to answer her directly. "We cannot tell how fortune's tide may turn. We must take it at the shines. What is the use of a fine house." he added jocularly, "if we do not go among fine people, and if I cannot secure a rich husband for my daughter?" "I do not want a rich husband, father. We neither of us care for the fine house or the fine people. Let us leave it, and go back to Marston. We were a great deal happier in those old times at Simla House than we are

Major Kennedy shook off her gentle "You talk like a fool, Grace! It is a poor return for all the efforts made

and the ambitions cherished for your sake to hear you whining after that wretched little hole at Marston." "I am very sorry. I did not mean to be ungrateful," said Grace. "I am afraid I am not ambitious." And then she remembered how Mr.

Henderson had said that he was ambitious, and was made the more ambitious by his visit to Marston. She had admired his ambition. There must be several definitions of the word

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thought of Lucas Henderson alare troubled Grace. She was misera my conscious that her father had not acted honorably towards him, however much or little he had positively gained from his information; conscious, too, that he was the man of all the world in whose eyes she would wish to stand well. What if he imagined that she had encouraged his visits in order that her father and Rvan might get this information about their pottery from him? Her cheeks flamed at the very thought

It chanced that she heard again of him that very night, although Mr. Ryan, who was the bearer of the news, did not intend it for her ears. He spoke in a low tone, and Grace was playing the piano at the other end of the room "I was at Parkman's the other day," Ryan said. "I hear young Henderson is in a bad way."

'How so?" asked the Major quickly. "Ill," answered Ryan laconically. 'Might have been flourishing if he had behaved sensibly. I made him a fair offer to throw in his luck with us, and if he chose to be saucy about it he is justly rewarded.."

"You really did treat him fairly?" questioned the Major, with some anxiety. "He gave us a good deal of help, Ryan. I should not like to be unfair to the lad." "Pooh! he was not much use; you

always had exaggerated notions on that point. I offered him a berth with us only to keep him quiet, and to prevent him from tring anything he mirist have congas an from you." Major Kennedy preferred to believe this statement. Grace, catching the tone of the speaker, did not find it

easy to credit his assertions. "What is the matter with him? asked the Major, after a pause. "I didn't inquire particulars. He never looked up to much. It was pretty clear when he was at Marston that he had been playing pranks with his health in working at his experiments -half starved himself, I should say. Anyhow, he is off work at present, and guess how the rent, and the furniture, it is doubtful whether he will ever take

> There was another little silence. "Ryan," the Major then said hesitatingly, "I don't like to hear this. I don't like it at all. We must give him a helping hand.'

"If you do," said Mr. Ryan sharply, you will find yourself in a very unpleasant position, let me tell you. Depend upon it, he would soon establish a claim and get up a grievance against us if we acknowledge any kind of indebtedness. My dear sir, he has no more right to help from us than any of his fellow-workmen. 'I'll see that he comes to no real harm."

Major Kennedy made the discovery that his daughter was not playing. He disliked talking of Henderson in her hearing, though he gave himself no reason for this fact. He would de-



ENEW ALL ! LUCAS SAID QUIRTLY. "How about Ducie? Seen him lately?"

"I expect to see him to-morrow night. You don't think he is likely to back, do vou?"

No. no; I was not thinking about that just then. Perhaps it would be as well if he did. If I were you, I would rather see him my daughter's husband than one of the Untreakable China "You don't mean -" began the

Major, aghast. "Never mind what I mean. I am not in the habit of telling people. We are going on splendidly, but there is a certain risk in all these things, and, for all I know, Mr. Ducie, and Mr. Henderson, too, are as well out of the

Major Kennedy went back into the drawing-room with a troubled mind. He found Grace wating for him there. "Father," she said-and her face was pale and her voice trembled a little-'I heard what Mr. Ryan said abou tMr. Henderson. He is ill, and flood, Gracie; make hay while the sun he is poor Don't you think we ought

> Her father was continually repeating Ryan's sent ments now, and when he entrenched himself behind Mr. Ryan's logic, there was no getting at his

> The next night Major Kennedy and his daughter went to Ebdon House, where Grace was welco med with considerable empressment by Mr. Ducie. Her Marston neighbors would scarcely have known quiet Miss Kennedy, with her home-made gown and her ready smiles, in this fashionably attired young lady; and they would have noticed that her smiles were less frequent and less spontaneous than of old -that the fair face was paler, and the brown eves were troubled. The reason for Grace' sad face was



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expensive, Mr. Henderson?" in some rottery works. He was a can save in many different ways. If I designer and pottery painter, and should ever be successful, it would rethough only a struggling and poorly pay me a hundred times over." Major Kennedy himself, and lived in a family circle, and nothing will, of dream and of enthusiasm and high course, go further, what means you hopes There was this difference be have tried?" said Major Kennedy. "Or tween the two: that while Lucas tried am I too great a stranger to be trusted hard by patient labor and self-denial to | with the secret?" brilliant imagination enabled him to Lucas frankly. "I have not succeeded consider himself already the possessor of | very far as yet." to be derived from his yet unlaunched | Major," put in Mr. Ryan, watching enterprises. The Major's way of look- | Henderson at the same time. House was the abode of wealth and | talk was not very entertaining to prosperity, and that Grace was a young Grace, who recollected them only too trust ladies with secrets. In the mean-

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"An artist," he said, "is an artist, in

"I have no friends at Marston," said Lucas, and he packed up his palette

miration, made the more delightful to the young artist by the loveliness of the smiling face and the brightness of the long-lashed brown eyes. And she sang to him in a sweet soft voice. The acquaintance her father made in Marston-and he was a most hospitable soul -were not, as a rule, interesting or agreeable to Grace. Sometimes they were artisans from the neighboring town, from whom the Major was sure that he would get the very information he needed for the perfecting of the great invention he had in his mind at that particular time. Sometimes

doing here?" Lucas said to himself Major's daughter. And who could

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She walked with Lucas through the

them good-bye. "I hope your invention will be suc cessful." she said hesitatingly, as she "Your good wishes ought to secure was probably unaware that eye pos sessed. 'I have become very ambibe rich and successful now than I had

She met his look for an instant, then

His parting words were still ringing sweetly in Grace's ears, when, some six weeks later, Major Kennedy entered the parlor of Simla House with a radiant, excited countenance, and addressed his daughter in a tone ten times more important and self-satisfied

in this poverty stricken place. We shall remove at once to London. "Father," cried Grace, are you serious? Surely not! This is what is going to happen some day, not what has

it," answered the Major.

Grace Kennedy struggled in vain guessed intuitively what the successful nvention was; and indeed the Major, hough he felt some little awkwardness in telling her about it, had neither hope | Grace? nor desire to keep the secret for long. The Unbreakable China was soon to be advertised in every newspaper, to be in everyone's mouth and in everyone's hands. The Company, under Mr. Ryan's superintendence, was formed with marvelous rapidity; some unsuc-



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concern. And look here, Kennedy; I used to faney Henderson gave us help so readily because he was not thinkcome to Simla House to see you or me Good night.

"Why should we help him, I should like to know?" Her answer was plainly enough to be read in her eyes; the Major did not give her the chance to put it into

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