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THE STORY

CHAPTER L.—The future of the still couthful and comely "Widder" Marcia fewe, recently released by death from or idling, selfish husband, is a conversational tit-bit among the house-vives of the little hamlet of Wilton, alligible bachelors and widowers also wince a more or less unselfish interest in the "Widder."

With the honesty characteristic of er, she could not see that it did. She night, no doubt, have played her role One always could if given a second chance. Nevertheless she had ried, tried with every ounce of trength in her-tried and failed! Well, it was too late for regrets now. jauntin' it frets me. Are

such reflections belonged to the past bines, and she must put them behind her as ack was set against the twilight; she ectories vas facing the dawn—the dawn with She had paid for her folly-if in-

ure as eed folly it had been. Now with bptimism and courage she looked fearpeasly forward, That was why, as she aught up her hat, a sume corled her umidit ips

The house did look pretty, the day a of the as glorious. She was a-tingle with agerness to see what it might bring. Calling Prince Hal, she stood before oviding "Take good care of the house, old

nploye han," she admonished, as she patted is silky head. "I'll be home soon." e Chest! Obeying her he lay down with paws atended, the keeper of the Home-

While she paced the platform at to-dat awyer Falls, the nearest station, Mareraturia fidgeted. She had never seen any f Jason's family. At first a desultory orrespondence had taken place beween him and his sister, Margaret: hen gradually it had died a natural leath-the result, no doubt, of his incolence and neglect. When the leters ceased coming, Marcia had let the girl. natters take their course. cia mim

She had written Margaret a short ote after his death and had received reply expressing such genuine grief had more than ever convinced her hat her course had been the wise and enerous one. What troubled her nost in the letter had been its outpuring of sympathy for herself. She etested subterfuge and as she read entence after sentence, which should ave meant so much and in reality meant so little, the knowledge that he had not been entirely frank had brought with it an uncomfortable sense of guilt. It was not what she had aid but what she had withheld that

Marcia Howe was no masquerader, nd until this moment the hypocrisy he had practiced had demanded no ustained acting. Little by little, morever, the pricking of her conscience 'd been forgotten. Miles of distance, Si rs of silence separated her from pi on's relatives and it had been easy Deallow the deceit, if deceit it had a, to stand.

J. ant now those barriers were to be fi /ken down and she suddenly realized at to keep up the fraud so artlessly agun was going to be exceedingly ifficult. She was not a clever disembler.

If she had followed her usual cusom and been open with Jason's sister, he dilemma in which she now found erself would never have arisen. tranted that her motive had been a forthy one had it not been audacious make of herself a god and withhold com Margaret Hayden facts she had and every right to know, facts that be-onged to her? Such burdens were-tien human beings to bear, not to esspe from. But if with mistaken kindhess she had been guided by a pygmy, hort-sighted philosophy, it was too ate, reflected Marcia, for her to remdy her error in judgment.

But Sylvia-Jason's niece? With her coming, all the arguments darcia had worn threadbare for and gainst the exposure of Jason's true haracter presented themselves afresh. should she deceive the girl as she had the ca. "Oh, pl her mother? Oh should she tell her he truth?

She was still pondering the question when the train, with its single car, ame to a stop beside the platform. Three passengers descended.

The first was a young Portuguese woman, dark of face, and carrying a ulging bag from which protruded gay

Behind her came a slender, blueyed girl, burdened not only with her wn suit-case but with a basket aparently belonging to a wee, w old lady who followed her.

"Now we must find Henry," the girl step?" course he'll be here. Look! Isn't weighed as liminated before inviting "Of course he'll be here. Look! Isn't weighed a liminated before inviting that he—the man just driving up in a her guest sed in quick review becar? I guessed as much from your fore Marco mind, she chuckled:

The guests were received at the course of the stion. You need not have wee-

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PERSONALS Misses Tyson and Kimball of Wilson were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray West and son, Cameron, vere Wilson visitors, Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Owens of near Wilson is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Georgia Craft.

Tom Wheeler who has been confined to his home with rheumatism is improving.

Mrs. W. A. Marlowe and Miss Lillian Corbett were Wilson visitors, Wednesday.

Miss Hazel McKeel was the guest of Miss Annie Rose Smiley of Wilson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Eagles of Fountain were the guests of Mrs. W. E. Lang, Sunday.

Sylvia Hayden

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"But I II expected-" gasped

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car," she answered.

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ong visit, child;"
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"You see"I was a wee

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don't do that," begged the Alton City Courier

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ht the key," added she

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In spite rself, Marcia smiled.

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Mrs. Floyd Sutton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams

ir. You've taken of Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boyt of Lucama was the dinner guest of Mrs.

W. A. Marlowe, Monday. If not, I'm sure turn up to meet me, Mrs. W. P. Ellis of Wilson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. 1.

Shackleford, Sunday. Miss Virginia Dail left last week for Western North Carolina where she will re-enter College.

Mrs. Herman Gaylord and Mrs. Leland Hardy of Greenville and Mrs. O. G. Spell of Farmville were the guests of Mrs. Ray West, Sunday. culations. She had

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Shirley spent the week end with Mrs. Shirley's ature starved for mother, Mrs. Ada Bass of near Wil-

Well, as chagrined, there Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jenkins and was con seeing that the girl Misses Ruth and Clara Jenkins were was equ mfited.
As she hed Marcia, she acthe dinner guests of Mrs. Ida Burch, costed beinly with the words: Sunday. am looking for a

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craft, Mrs. W. relative lowe. You don't hap-E. Lang, Mrs. J. C. Gardner, Mrs. Estelle Bailey, Mrs. W. I. Shackleford and Mrs. Ray West attended the one day convention at the Christian church in Farmville, Thursday.

ey looked searchingly MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS s face, then laughed. The Woman's Missionary Society "Fanc an aunt like you!" of the Christian church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. aving a niece like W. A. Marlowe. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. "Well, in say is I'm glad I came," w rl's retort. "I wasn't A. J. Craft and turned over to Mrs. altogether should be when I started a lid to myself: 'Sylvia W. V. Nix who was program leader for the month. A most interesting you are big chance. You may program was rendered.

just be your money."
"You n find it's been wasted." During the business meeting plans were made for the entertainment of I know already it has the Hookerton Union Association announced the girl. bu see where you're which will meet with us Saturday, September 28th. o Paradise-I'm cer-

Plans were also made for the anglimpses I've had of the train have con- nual bazaar to be given Tuesday, t. Do you live where November 19th. Mrs. A. J. Craft was elected chairman with Mrs. W. unt Marcia? Will it E. Lang assistant chairman,

Following the business meeting a "I shall I you one thing," Marsocial hour was enjoyed at which cia replict least only one, and that is that is trained to be Aunt time the hostess served a delicious It makes me feel like really haven't that sweet course.

REVIVAL SERVICES Revival services will be held at the local Christian church, beginning Sunday evening, September 29th The pastor, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, will assisted by Rev. L. B. Scarborough "That thave mattered. Had of Bath, N. C. Services each even-I known ou were like, I should ing at 7:45. The public is cordially invited to attend.

> ANNUAL BAZAAR The annual bazaar sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian church will be give Tuesday, November 19th, The pu lie is cordially invited. Proceeds for church biulding fund.

RTHDAY PARTY On Monday afternoon Mrs. W. A. Marlowe delightfully entertained a umber of little folks at a birthday party in honor of her little five-year-

The guests arrived promptly at the e east to visit relatives ks. If I should come appointed hour and from the time rerybody would decide they entered the deor until they said good-bye-to the charming little said good-bye-to the charming little host, there was not a dull moment. After the games, delici

frankness. "It can bo smile in spite of her-

Cecil Lang delightfully entertain-"Don't ever watch your own d a number of his friends at

The guests were received at the I do," she conceded door by the host and invited into the spacious dining room where several marble and card games were enjoy-The guests were then invited into

the living room where musical games weere played. Novel contest afforded much fun. The winners Detaclable refreshments were more, made its inferior of consumed such zemes as the room contained.

Those present were: Misses Hazel MeKeel, Ruby Marlowe, Alyce Gain, Visconia Dilay, Elizabeth Taylor and Messes, Ed Taylor, Jr., Harold, an as the room contained. Halley, Alva McIntyre, Cartem Smith,

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