**** Mildred J. & Grevanion BY THE DUCHESS.

CHAPTER XVII.-(Continued.)

"Why do you not reproach me?" she doctor. cried, passionately. "Abuse me, speak harshly to me-do anything but act toward me as you are doing; your Stubber, standing with their backs to kindness is killing me. Not all the epithets you could heap upon me would punish me sufficiently for all I have made you suffer. Have you forgotten that I actually thrust myself upon you-that it was I who offered myself to you that fatal night, not you who asked for me? Why do you not taunt me with all this? Have I to put these cruel thoughts into your head, or is it that you are too noble to use them against a woman? If you would only be unkind to me. I think I should not feel quite so wretched."

Lyndon smiled, though rather sadly.

"I am afraid you will have to go on being wretched forever if you are waiting for me to be unkind to you," he said. "Do you know, strange as it may seem all the displeasure I felt in my heart against you has somehow disappeared, leaving only love and forgiveness in its place. I am not angry with you now, my darling; I am only sad, and a little lonely perhaps," he concluded, turning abruptly away. After a short interval he came back to her side again, and went on with a

forced cheerfulness that in nowise deceived her.

"However," he said, "of course this state of affairs will not last forever. Time, they say, cures all things. In the meantime I will get through a little traveling, I think, and refresh my memory about certain foreign cities, so good-bye for awhile, and do not quite forget me during my absence. And"-in a low tone-"remember, Trevanion stooped and kissed him, not Mildred, that whatever you do, or whomsoever you marry, I wish you all the happiness that can possibly befall also added that it was his firm belief you."

"Are you sure you forgive me?" whispered Mildred, tremulously. "Think of all that has happened." "I do, indeed," he said.

"Will you not kiss me then?" whispered Mildred.

So he kissed her once again, for the last time, upon her lips; and it was thus they parted.

| window, followed hurriedly by the

go on with my reading."

as a matter of course."

see Mildred?"

next month," observed Mabel,

"It is almost arranged to take place

"Queenie," said Denzil, in a low

"It was she that saw you fall and

"I know that," said Denzil-"your

"Oh, where could you have seen

"It was only a dream then," mur-

(To be continued.)

DISTANT 30,000,000 MILES.

Eros Is That Far from Us Most of the

Time.

Late last December the asteroid

Eros, which was discovered about

three years ago, came within 30,000,-

000 miles of the earth. This is not the

nearest it gets to us, for at one point

in its orbit it is, or would be if the

earth was in the corresponding posi-

tion in its orbit, within about 13,000,-

went to your assistance, you know,"

voice, "tell me this-when did I last

"No," interrupted Denzil, putting his

hand hastily over the open page. "I

am tired of reading." Then, with a

short laugh-"I am afraid you think

me a savage-do you?-and are won-

dering whether I have sadly deterior-

ated during this illness, or whether I

What happened after that nobody ever knew, for Lady Caroline and listening to the most perfect poetry that could be written. Now you canthe bed, and their faces turned to the chilly outer world, could tell nothing. When at length they returned to the bed they found Mildred pale and trembling, the heavy tears coursing each other down her cheeks in rapid suchave happened during my absence-a cession, which she hastily brushed away as they drew nearer her, her suppose; so I want you to educate me hand tightly clasped in Denzil's. He had even made an effort to hold her Miss Sylverton was with me yesterday, with the poor injured fingers, and had brought them so far that the tips She said nothing of her marriage, howtouched hers. ever; but no doubt that will follow,

He was quite sane now. His face, slightly flushed, was looking upward; his eyes, glad and happy, were fixed on hers, while she answered back the gaze, forgetful of all else but that he lay before her sick, it might be, unto death.

"Denzil, you are exciting yourself," said Lady Caroline, nervously.

returned "the queen" evasively. "No, I am not," answered Denzil, his voice clear and distinct, but without mother told me the whole story. But removing his eyes from Mildred's: have I never seen her since-in any "leave me for a moment."

way?" He waved them back impatiently to the window, and neither Lady Caroline her?" asked Mabel, jesuitically, and nor the doctor could bring themselves to disobey the command.

to arrange some flowers on the small But Stubber, who was becoming seritable near her. ously uneasy about his patient, glancing round at him cautiously and surmured Denzil, disappointedly, and said reptitiously, saw what followed. He no more on the subject to his comsaid that when he and Lady Caroline panion's great relief. But the next day had again withdrawn, Denzil looked at Miss Trevanion, and that then Miss him to go down-stairs. once, but twice.

This was what Stubber said, but he that she did it out of pure humanity and nothing more. When two minutes later, he again approached Younge, he found that Mildred had disappeared, and that Denzil was lying perfectly composed, his face turned toward the half-open door. He sighed heavily but contentedly, and then came back to the realities of life.

"Doctor Stubber," said he, "do you know that I am better?"

are talking too much," she went on, AIDS SMALL DEALER. hurriedly; "you are looking very pale. Your mother will say it is all my fault

when she comes in. Lie back amongst PROTECTIVE TARIFF A DISyour cushions comfortably, and I will TINCT ENEMY OF TRUSTS.

> The Future of Protection-Its Real Concern Is for the Well Being of Smaller and Weaker Enterprises-A Chill for English Free Traders.

Charles A. Moore, president of The am now, for the first time, showing American Protective Tariff League, in myself in my real character. The fast a recent interview published in the is, I like talking to you better than New York Mail and Express made some statements regarding the tariff situation which will have a tendency not call that uncomplimentary, at all to chill the ardor of those Free-Traders events, can you? I feel as though I who have hoped to make a diversion had left the world for years, and, hav- in favor of their "ism" by girding at ing come unexpectedly back to it, am | trusts. Mr. Moore, who has an incisive now hearing all the strange things that | mode of expression and who thoroughly understands the subjects he discussort of Rip Van Winklish feeling, I ses, points out what every American who has the interest of his country at before I make my way down-tairs. | heart should continually keep in mind, that it would be impossible to devise and told me of Charlie's promotion. any legislation which could destroy the steel trust that would not at the same time destroy every smaller and individual concern engaged in the same business.

"These smaller makers of steel products, he says, "have their specialties in manufacturing. Some of them probably will sell their output to other concerns that have been amalgamated in the steel trust. Others will continue to retain their customers at home and abroad. But if steel goods were placed on the free list these individual manufacturers would be forced to the wall, because the steel trusts of Great Britain, France and Germany, if our tariff barrier were removed, would dump with considerable confusion, turning their surplus product upon our market at prices that the smaller manufacturers could not meet. Only the big corporation could survive; and that combination of men, who are kings in the several branches of their business, being united, could compete successfully, he tormented little Stubber to allow I believe, at home and abroad, in any part of the world, with any foreign trust-provided foreign governments do not erect prohibitive tariff barriers against us."

There is no one in the United States better qualified to express an opinion | trade and reciprocity." on this point than Mr. Moore. He has long been a student of the workings of our protective system, and brings to his studies the experience gained in Keep All You Get and Make No Foolish the conduct of a great manufacturing industry. His opportunities to get at the true inwardness of the situation are unrivaled; therefore when he warns the country that an assault on the steel and other great trusts would occurs once in about forty-five years. be an attack on the weaker concerns garding the ability of the steel trust to pay that enormous annual bill," and to compete with the manufacturers in the same line in the old world. That has been made clear to us in many ways, not the least significant of which is the changed attitude of such men ish their depleted pocketbooks through shades and grades of auburrn hair, as Carnegie and others toward protection. They openly say they do not need This may be philanthropy, but it is ample. The quiet, domesticated it longer, and the free traders have not business and it is not sense. Why, seized upon their admissions with joy, in the name of all that's reasonable, regarding them as an indication of a we should impoverish our own people coming division in the ranks of Ameri- in order to supply our foreign customcan protectionists. Mr. Moore, therefore, has rendered a be comprehensible to the strangely pointing out to them the danger to which the minor industries of the nation would be subjected by abandoning protection. That policy was never adopted, as free traders charge, for the purpose of benefiting "robber barons," by which title they are pleased to designate the manufacturers of the United States, but to build up an American industry, the workers in which would not be subjected to a fierce world-wide competition in which the standard of living of the masses would be reduced to the level of that of the toilers of less favored lands. It is because this is true that it may be asserted with confidence that Mr. Moore's argument will carry weight. If protection only considered the interests of real concern is the well-being of the small and weaker concerns, whose aggregate productions really exceed those of the combinations, it is sure to retain the support of the people, who are man's standard of living .- San Francisco Chronicle.

make no answer; they dodge the point. A conspicuous instance of this tendency to ignore leading questions and Devouring Unnecessary Quantities of Food disregard inconvenient facts is exhibited by the Philadelphia Ledger of recent date in commenting upon the at-

by the Economist "to what extent fair | American Lousehold, whose inhabitrade and reciprocity would introduce tants belong to the elastic class of foreign merchandise and supplant pro- well-to-do." Taking the naturally duction in the United States." A fair nervous constitution of most Ameriquestion, was it not? Yet the Ledger cans, the national lack of systematic in defending the position of Mr. Rob- exercise, the general preponderance of erts utterly fails to make note of the sedentary occupations, all of which fact that that gentleman did not operate against the digestion and asanswer the question, but applauds similation of such quantities of meat, him for evading it by a quotation from | it is not difficult to trace many of the the Republican platform of 1896, while ills which flesh is heir to back to the suppressing the more recent, and quantity of meat consumed per diem. therefore more binding, declaration of There are many scientists in the the national Republican platform of 1900, which limits reciprocity "to what regularly and systematically, consumwe do not ourselves produce." It is a ing vast quantities of food over and convenient memory which can forget 1900 and remembers 1896, but it is a mental eccentricity absolutely peculiar to the strenuous advocates of "fair trade and reciprocity."

The St. Paul Pioneer-Press exhibits the same idiosyncrasy when it says:

"To designate the failure of the treaties as shameful is hardly too severe. The reciprocity clauses of the Dingley law were included in response could all follow Pope Leo's methods to a very general demand for reciproc- of eating a little fruit for breakfast, ity and as the first step in the redemp- a little soup and vegetable for dinner tion of a pledge in the Republican platform."

Again the platform of five years ago, but not the platform of eleven our ways is scarcely possible in a months ago! The official proceedings single generation. Particularly in of the twelfth Republican National Convention, held at Philadelphia in June, 1900, are incorporated in a neatly bound volume, which is, or should be, in the library of every newspaper bill. Once a day from June to Octooffice. The little book is undoubtedly ber for meat is more than sufficient on the shelves of the Ledger and the Pioneer-Press. Presumably its existence has been forgotten. So we venture to refresh the editorial memory by directing attention to the paragraph which begins at the bottom of page 105 and ends at the top of page 106. It some people, for it possesses a peculiar prepared with a little butter and seapertinency to the question of "fair

GOOD TRADE MOTTO.

Concessions to Rival Foreign Producers.

One of the ever-vigilant Free Trade Auburn and Blonde Tresses Have Gone journals thinks that now, "when we are selling a half billion dollars' worth

ABOUT EATING MUCH MEAT.

Brings Us Suffering.

It is a frequently discussed fact that Americans, as a rule, eat too titude of the American Economist in much meat. In European countries, its controversy with Hon. George E. even in England, the land of four Roberts, director of the mint. Mr. meals a day, there is not so much Roberts, says the Ledger, was asked meat consumed as in the average world who allege that all of us overeat above what the body demands, and suffering consequently. Physicians and dietists are constantly endeavoring to win the world over to simpler and more abstemious living, and it is almost common now for a physician who has had the advantage of the most modern teaching to advocate absolute fasting during illness.

> It is unquestionable that if we and fruit again, with crusty bread, for supper, we might live to be as old as he is, but such a reformation in summer weather, when every extra ounce put into the stomach robs us of just so much energy, should we make stringent reforms in the butcher's and is the first step toward reform. Three times a week is better; once a week still better, and if we could force ourselves to do without flesh entirely for that period we should be triply the better for it. Vegetables, fresh and crisp, uncooked or simply soning; fruit, plenty of it, ripe and sweet; salads at all times and of all varieties, and whole wheat or crusty brown loaves-these would work direct reformation in the summer health for most of us.

BROWN HAIR IS POPULAR.

Out of Fashion. The woman of today who desires to

CHAPTER XVIII. confidently expected, the inward in-

-telling on him more seriously than the doctors had anticipated. Mrs. Younge had been telegraphed for on the evening of the accident, and had arrived at King's Abbott early few minutes, fell into a sound, refreshthe following morning, having elected | ing slumber. to travel all night rather than endure the agonies of suspense, though the

telegram had been very reassuring. The third day showed their patient apparently better than on the preceding one. There had been more decided symptoms of amendment, and he had the intense look of interest that came gone through the dressing of his into his face whenever her name was wounds with wonderful composure and stoicism. But toward evening he grew depressed and irritable, and evinced a faint inclination to wander; whereupon the doctor looked grave, shook his head and made certain changes in his medicine-but all to no purpose. The next day he was in a raging fever.

The fifth day after the fever first adjoining apartment, did he venture declared itself Lady Caroline, having | to speak of it and try to discover the insisted on the poor mother's lying down for an hour or two, was sitting in Denzil's room as the time wore on toward evening. Bending over his bed, she noticed a certain change in his face.

"What is it?" she asked, tenderly. "Mildred," he whispered, with deep entreaty in his tone, and holding out his hand.

"I am not Mildred, dear Denzil," said Lady Caroline, thinking that he still raved; but he said:

"I know you are not," quite distinctly; and then again, "I want her-why does she never come to me?"

Poor Lady Caroline was greatly perplexed; she knew not what to do. Had things been different she would have followed the dictates of her own kind heart and sent for Mildred on the spot; but, as it was, she remembered former scenes and Lyndon's recent sad departure and did not care to take the responsibility on herself of bringing her daughter and Denzil together.

"Mildred, Mildred!" called the sick man, impatiently; and then the little ray of reason that had come to him in person," he said, bitterly; "everyone out whether their influence is likely to connection with her face vanished, and else comes to see me except herself. he wandered off once more into the ter- Surely Lyndon could not object to the manners and morals of her offrible feverland, bearing with him the name of her he loved.

For two hours he lay thus, calling, sometimes wildly, sometimes feebly, but always for her, until his loving nurse's heart was smitten to the core.

At length came Stubber, the family four weeks." doctor, and, seeing Denzil in this state, he regarded him silently for several

"Time will tell," answered the little Denzil did not appear to recover doctor, sententiously; "and now you quite so rapidly as had been at first must go to sleep if you wish to keep in that much-to-be-desired condition. juries he had received-though slight | Lady Caroline, I trust to you to let no more young ladies into the room this evening."

Denzil laughed quite rationally, and, changing over to the other side, in a

.

Not once again during all the remainder of his illness did Miss Trevanion enter Denzil's room; neither did he ask for nor allude to her in any way, although Lady Caroline noticed casually mentioned.

After a week or two, the remembrance of her visit faded, or came to him only as a shadow from the fevered past he had gone through, and not until the doctor had given him permission to quit his bed for an hour or so every day, to lie on a lounge in the truth.

It was one morning, when he was feeling considerably stronger, and had Mabel beside his couch, reading to him scraps of poetry that every now and then struck her fancy as she glanced through the volume in her hand, that he approached the subject.

"Is your sister away from home?" he asked, in the middle of a most pathetic passage.

And Mabel answered "No," reddening a little.

"Then I think she might have come to see me before this," he said, with all the fretfulness of an invalid.

"Well, you see, she has all the housekeeping to attend to, now mamma is so much your slave," returned Mabel, smiling; "that keeps her away. She always asks for you, though, and is so glad to hear of your getting on so rapidly."

This sounded rather lame, and Mabel, feeling it to be so, tried once more to resort to her book.

"I suppose it would give her too much trouble to make her inquiries in bors without troubling herself to find that?'

"Have you not heard, then?" asked Mabel, hesitatingly. "I fancied you would have known before this. Her engagement with Lord Lyndon is at an end. He has been abroad for the last

CHAPTER XIX.

ever for a moment hinting at their ers, unmindful of the complete nega-"Mildred's engagement is at an end minutes. contents, she would smile in a half- tion of this theory by the enormous incanal. The wars in South Africa and with Lord Lyndon!" Denzil's pale, "Lady Caroline," said he, with deamused and yet pathetic way at the crease in the export of our agricultural China have doubtless diverted much cision, "Miss Trevanion must be sent | haggard face flushed crimson; he put suggestion of a mutual friend that her and manufactured products in the past British merchant shipping from the up his uninjured hand and brushed for, be it right or wrong." famous husband's love letters would four years of adequate protection. They Eastern trade and caused many vessels vigorous as any of them. Every day back his hair impetuously, fixing his For which Lady Caroline blessed him secretly, and sent for Mildred eyes on Mabel the while. "What make a popular volume, after being urge that our trade balances are too to go east by the way of the Cape, in- she spends an hour in her private large and must be cut down by an in- stead of the canal. The growth of large and must be cut down by an in-creased acceptance of foreign commod-German tonnage from 1,492,657 in 1899 gymnasium in the palace at Tokio, and she is said to be one of the most skilledited, of course." caused it?" he asked with surpressed forthwith. She came without a moment's delay, agitation. "It must have been very ities to take the place of articles to 2,040,,299, is explained by the part ful horsewomen in Japan. and, even as her foot crossed the sudden. Four weeks ago, you say-King Edward Likes Society. which are now produced at home; but Germany has taken in the Chinese threshold of the door, a sudden silence | why, that was just after-King Edward much prefers congen- when they are asked to specify the ex- war, the transportation of men and He The past remains with us to remind ial society to solitary state and so has tent to which this industrial hari- supplies for a large army requiring fell on Denzil. He turned-the fever | paused. us of our perils and our constant need "Just after your accident occurred," introduced the custom of having a kari shall be carried into effect, where much shipping. The other increases for a time sank conquered-while his of help, but it ought not haunt and beautiful eyes lit up with passionate said Mabel, slowly; and she grew good-sized dinner party every evening it is to stop and what lines of domestic are largely due to like causes. The oppress us. The real life of an aspirfrightened, fearing that Mildred would at the royal table. The members of production shall be driven out of busi- British army in China was drawn expectation and fond hope. ing soul is always ahead. We are not Slowly and with hesitation Mildred condemn the remark if she heard of it, his own family, all guests and several ness in order that we may buy as chiefly from India and, of course, did fleeing from the devil, but seeking God. advanced to the side of the bed, and and determined to make no more ad- members of the suite are always in much as we sell, or thereabouts, they not traverse the canal. then Lady Caroline went over to the missions, whatever happened. "You attendance.

000 miles, but unfortunately this only Consequently the astronomers took his warning should not go unheeded. advantage of the conditions prevailing No one will doubt what he says rein December to take innumerable photographs of it and a few stars in its vicinity in connection with the sun from all points possible, with the object of using them as a basis for the computation of the sun's distance from the earth, which, though known approximately, has never been determined with precision. As the earth and the star are now speeding away from each other and further photographing, therefore, of no avail for the purpose, the astronomers have begun the task of measuring the photographs some 5,000 or 6,000 in number, to ascertain the distance in minutes and seconds of an arc between Enos and the neighboring stars. After this is done the intricate mathematical calculations will be entered into. These will occupy many months, or perhaps a year or more, before anything like

Children's Friendships.

a definite result can be reached.

From about the fifth or sixth year children are apt to make firm friendships with their small contemporaries. This should be a watchful period for mothers, for these early friendships have a marked influence on the mind. morals and manners of a child. Nearly every character is moulded very largely by early companionship and surroundings. Every mother should take the great establishments which can care to be her children's companion stand alone it would have precious litas far as possible, for she may be quite sure that if they are left to the care of servants they will at the best only attain the ideal manners and customs of the nursery or servants' hall, which are not quite those of the cultured classes, says the Evening Star. Children require the companionship of little folks their own age, and a mother should be so much her children's friend .nat she knows all their associates and is able to nip in the bud any acquaintance which she thinks undesirable. The mother who, to save herself fatigue, lets her children seek companions among their schoolmates and neighbe good has only herself to blame if spring are corrupted.

Dickens' Love Letters

Charles Dickens' love letters exist-a boxful of them. So states a writer in a London weekly: "I had the pleasure privilege of receiving her at my house

FAULTY MEMORIES.

Curious Tendency to Forget What the National Republican Platform Says About Reciprocity.

Habitual disregard-suppression, it might be called-of central principles and facts seem to be a uniform characteristic of the votaries of tariff tinkering by means of special trade treaties secretly negotiated and secretly conof knowing Mrs. Dickens and had the firmed. They argue along general lines that, if we are to sell more to foreignin my earliest London days. Without ers, we must buy more from foreign-

more than we are buying, our customers are entirely justified in thinking that we ought to make it as easy as possible instead of as hard as possible it suggests that, to make it easy for them, we should remove our Protective tariff from foreign products, and thus allow our foreign customers to replenthe sale of their goods in this country. ers with the wherewithal of life may

distinct service to his countrymen by constructed brain of a Free Trader, but cess in spite of what would once have it certainly is not comprehensible to been considered a tremendous handiany one else. Even though we should cap-brown hair. It is the blonde acgive them only so much of the Ameri- tress-whether actually or artificially can market as we now possess of for- so-who is handicapped today. She eign markets, where would be the not only suggests the socially fast gain? There isn't any reason why we and furious, but she is old-fashioned should prefer foreigners to Americans for customers, and, if we are to sacri- haired actresses, such as Miss Adams. fice any market now held by us, it are light-haired and nothing more. would be better to sacrifice the foreign They are careful not to hint at the rather than the home market. But the | word blonde. It is noticeable that the plan proposed is much more foolish than a mere exchange of markets would be, for, by the removal of our They represent the new order of protective tariff barriers and the consequent turning over of the American market to foreign producers, we would give at least fifty dollars for one, for the American market is more than fifty times as valuable as all the foreign markets which we possess. That may than the false .- Chicago Chronicle. be a way of trading which appeals to tle support in this country; but as its the free trade mind, but hardly to that of the successful American business man. And why should we give up anything to pay for what we can get duct more than one business enterfor nothing? We seem to be doing prise, yet Mrs. John Bucher of Gibvery well with our foreign trade just raltar, Pa., has for several years prenot willing to jeopardize their chances as things are. In the old child's game sided over the destinies of a blackof future comfort by assisting in the of "Button" we used to be told, "Keep | smith shop, a saw mill and a farm promotion of an industrial rivalry, the all you get and catch what you can." and has besides taken care of her five outcome of which would inevitably be That makes a very good trade motto children and nursed her sick husband. the lowering of the American working- and one which it is the part of wisdom She has thus established the reputo follow.

Suez Canal Traffic Figures.

Statistics of Suez canal traffic in 1899 and 1900 indicate a remarkable shrinkage of British and American tonnage using the canal in 1900 and growth in Austrian, Dutch, French, German, Japanese and Russian. The total tonnage using the canal in 1899 was 13,815,991, and in 1900 13,699,238. Over half the tonnage in the latter year, or 7,771,346 tons, was British, the other large figures being German, French and Dutch. American tonnage and all things English than the emdeclined doubtless because of the small- press of Japan, who, with her huser number of warships going to the band, has done so much to develop Philippines and China via the Suez her country on western lines. The

be fashionable must wear brown tresses, whether she seeks to shine upon the stage or in society. The change is not due to the initiative of the stage. however. The mania for blonde hair some years ago was most evident among the footlight favorites. Then came the more recent rage for all of which Zaza was the spectacular exbrown hair of so many player women today reflects the vogue for it in all classes of society. Miss Mannering, Miss Marlowe, Miss Anglin, Miss Eleanor Robson, Miss Tyree, Miss Bates and many more have won suc--which is even worse. Most lightbrown-haired actresses are, as a rule. recent recruits to the profession. things. Among women in private life that one meets on the streets, at the shops and in cafes, brown hair is much more common than it has been for years. It is the fashion, and a good one; it stands for the real rather

Is a Jack at All Trades,

Few people can successfully contion of being the most remarkable woman of her kind in Pennsylvania. When Mr. Bucher was taken ill his wife assumed all of his duties, as well as her own. Last fall Mrs. Pucher cradled and harvested an entire field of rye and cut all corn raised on the farm. She also assisted in the running of the big cider press. During the winter she helped fill the icehouse.

Japan's First Lady and England.

There is no more ardent admirer among foreign royalties of England empress, who has been married thirty years and has a family of five children, is still as essentially young and