HER FOOLISH WIFE!

DUEL BY LOT

AN'S VENGEANCE: IUSBAND SHOT!

any wives are there in our broad pray earnestly, daily, "lead us not station!" They may be pure in unblemished in reputation, but still er will sometimes come in spite of ch and ward. Let those who have tempted read the trials and strugor heroine, and it will not only inm deeply, but render them stronger, d better fitted to meet and conquer on, let it present itself in whatever

ine day in the fall of the year, Lord Carisbrook were seated under the a spreading beech tree, in the garsched to Caldecott Hall, which was of their ancestral abode. His lordreading a letter he had received brother in London, and when he leted its perusal he exclaimed:-

says in his letter, my dear, that patched to us Sir Charles Evander, ronet of whom I have heard someis a friend of Hubert's, who knows very well, and he wishes him to some time in the country, if poshe delights of London are rapidly

be glad to extend our hospitality and of your brother Hubert's," anady Carisbrook, who never contrahusband in anything.

etter goes on to say," continued his "that his mother, Lady Evander, m to renew his acquaintance with ubyns, who live near us. Sir Charles St. Aubyn met in town, and if a uld be arranged between them, it most desirable.

ill do what we can," said her ladyvoring her husband with a sweet 'Iam sure we have been so happy our wedded life, dearest Albert, that have no compunction in inducing ig people to unite themselves to-

some further conversation it was denat they would gladly receive Sir Evander as a guest, and do all they make him forget the delights of the introducing to his notice the many of a country life.

k elapsed, and Sir Charles Evander at Caldecott Hall. s tall, handsome, well-made, and had scribable, easy, well-bred air, which be acquired from moving in the lety. There was magic in his eyes, dy Carisbrook had not been in his

half an hour before she felt fasciy his glance, and turning away with a said to herself:is indeed a man for a woman to love.

ppy should Miss St. Aubyn be with suitor." Carisbrook found the young baronet's as agreeable as did his wife. g as he was, he had seen a great deal

world, which had made him somewhat ic. In reality he dazzled rather than real impression on his friends, for as nothing genuine or sincere about le turned everything into ridicule and at everybody. brook soon discovered that he was an

hed sportsman, and that the amus of the city had not rendered him in any eminate. went out together on shooting expe-

and always came back with a full bag, arles being an excellent shot, and thoat home with dog and gun. e were so many places on the estate to so much to see, and so much to do

Sir Charles Evander's first week at tt, that Lily St. Aubyn was forgotten ady Carisbrook exclaimed: have some most agreeable neighbors,

r, to whom I shall feel delighted to ee you. Among others, I may mention

Rock Hill?" said Sir Charles. "Yes: net them, and shall be glad to renew quaintance. Lily is a fine girl, and sted me to pass some time very plea-in London."

will invite them to meet you at dinner, parles," exclaimed Lady Carisbrook. ou must not suppose we have any upon your heart in bringing you in with the most lovely young lady in rt of the country." Charles Evander laughed and made

"I do not think I am so impresle as you seem to imagine, although I wn myself susceptible of a woman's

ently Lord Carisbrook went to the other the room, and Evander had an opporof saying in a low tone:heart is gone already, Lady Caris-

deed! Since when, may I ask?" she l, with a slight elevation of the eye-

nce I entered this house. Since I first you, Lady Carisbrook," he said, with ce of admiration.

Charles," exclaimed her ladyship, in a f severe rebuke, "if you dare to repeat anguage to me, I shall instantly make shand acquainted with your conduct. guest in his house, and to make such a to the wife of your host!"

by not, when the hostess is pretty?" red Evander, twirling his moustache. y Carisbrook half rose, as if to call her id's attention, but he was looking over books, and had his back turned towards

you wish to lose your husband, by all promote a quarrel between us," said varies, coolly. "Dueling is possible in and I can fire a pistol with as much

s I can use a sword. became passive under this threat, and his large lustrous eyes were fixed upon ppearing to fathom the secret depths of permost recesses of her soul.

y Carisbrook began to be afraid of this but after bis familiarity that evening ways avoided a conversation with him. ew days afterward Lord Carisbrook and Charles Evander were out shooting her near the confines of the estate. By side was the main road, and they sat upon a bank to rest while the keepers d out a slight repast they had brought

denly the noise of horses galloping ly along the road fell upon their ears; this was mingled the clatter of wheels he cries of women, apparently in a ful state of alarm.

Sir Charles Evander was up in a moment, | looking eagerly along the highway.

Presently be beheld a carriage drawn by two flery horses, over which the terrified coachman had lost all control, descending a hill at a rapid pace. He was just able to perceive that two ladies occupied the carriage, and then, without a moment's hesitation, he raised his gun and shot one of the horses dead, thus bringing the carriage to a stand-It turned out that the lady occupants of the carriage were Mrs. St. Aubyn and her daughter Lily, who were at once conducted to Caldecott Hall by Evander and Lord Caris-

When they reached Caldecott Hall, the blushing girl who was hanging on Evander's arm at once attracted Lady Carisbrook's

A pang shot through her heart. "What," she exclaimed to herself, "am I jealous? Oh, it is absolutely necessary for my peace of mind that that man should leave

The pleasant party at Caldecott Hall was soon broken up. The St. Aubyns returned to town, and Sir Charles Evander growing tired of the country and its amusements, made his excuse to Lord and Lady Carisbrook, and also sought the gay metropolis. Her ladyship felt very dull and miserable when the young baronet took his departure.

She longed also to go to town, and soon made her husband acquainted with her wishes. He was so satisfied with his country home and the sports he there enjoyed that he combatted the resolution; but in the end she gained her point. Caldecott was shut up, and the servants sent to town, to a house which his lordship's agent had taken for them, in a fashionable part of the West End. It was in Wilton Crescent, and they were not far from Hans Place, where the St. Aubyns resided.

Her ladyship did not much care about them, because she fancied that Sir Charles Evander paid the lovely Lily too much attention; but she was obliged to keep on friendly terms with them, because they were invited everywhere, and she would meet them at all good houses.

Sir Charles was soon made aware of Lady Carisbrook's presence in town, and he laughed in his sleeve, for he knew enough of women and their characters to understand that as he had gone away from her, she had fol-

The gentleman whom Lady Carisbrook met, and to whom she talked about Sir Charles, did not give Evander the best possible character. There were two friends of his, Captain Vavasour and Mr. Frederick Mordaunt, the latter of whom was constantly at the St. Aubyns', and at all places where he thought he should meet Lily, and this conduct of his was not at all surprising, for he loved her passionately, though she had not in any marked measure encouraged the preference he exhibited for her.

Mr. Mordaunt had taken a strong dislike to Sir Charles Evander ever since he first met him at Hans Place. The attitude which the latter assumed towards Lily convinced the jealous mind of the lover that he was in love with her, and that she did not object to his admiration. Mordaunt's affection for her was so sincere that if he could not win her himself, he wished to see her married to one who would insure her happiness, and this he felt certain Sir Charles would not do. He could say nothing to either Lily or her mother, because they would accuse him of an interested motive in vilifying a man he had treated as

To Lady Carisbrook, however, he was not so reticent. He told her his opinion of the baronet, though there was no tinge of acrimony or malice in what he said. He spoke his mind freely, with the air of one who was fearless of the consequences and knew that he was uttering the truth. Lady Carisbrook had invited this confidence on the part of Mr. Mordaunt and Captain Vavasour, but when she had gained it she was displeased with them for running down one whom she liked, and one occasion said, with some asperity:-"If Sir Charles Evander is such as you des-

cribe him to be, I wonder that you associate "For my part," replied Mr. Mordaunt, "I can answer that I have for some time ceased to do so. I am coldly civil whenever we meet, and he must know that I do not class

him among the number of my friends." "That must be a great deprivation for Sir Charles, Mr. Mordaunt," said her ladyship. "But I hope to meet you in a more forgiving humor at Mrs. St. Aubyn's reception tomorrow evening. I shall be glad to see you both there, as I have so few friends in town. Carisbrook leaves London for a week tomorrow morning, to see after his poor dogs and horses, about whom he frets so much.

The party given by Mrs. St. Aubyn, to which her ladyship had alluded, was merely a reception. Visitors dropped in as they liked, went from group to group, chatting first with one, then with another, and took their departure, when it pleased them, without any

Lady Carisbrook made her appearance about ten o'clock, superbly dressed, and almost the first person she met on entering, after having spoken to her amiable hostess, was Sir Charles Evander, whom she thought had never looked handsomer.

"This is kind of you," he exclaimed. "There is no one worth speaking to here, and I was getting awfully bored. May I inquire where Carisbrook is?"

"Did you not know that he had left town?" she replied, showing her pearly teeth and fluttering her fan. "I am quite alone. I do not know what I shall do with myself." "I am acquainted with married women,

answered Sir Charles, twisting his moustache who would not consider such an occurrence a calamity. They would glad of a little relief from the presence of their lord and master. "That is charming." said Lady Carisbrook.

eagerly. "You will tell me what those ladies did, will you not ! Please do take compassion upon and tell me." "With the greatest pleasure," rejoined Sir Charles Evander. "I must premise, how-

ever, that my ladies were not of the senti-mental order. They did not look upon husbands generally as an unqualified good, and they enjoyed their freedom by such innocent little amusements as giving dinner parties to an intimate friend or friends. I have had such an invitation myself; abox at the theatre has diversified the proceedings.

"Excellent," exclaimed Lady Carisbrook, "I am sure that I cannot do better than follow such a capital example. Will you favor me with your company at my house to dinner tomorrow at 7, Sir Charles?"

"I shall be most happy," he said. Lily St. Aubyn came up, and they were eparated; but Lady Carisbrook had made the engagement, calculating upon her husband's absence, without meaning any harm, though she ought to have known that it was wrong to do anything which she could not tell his

lordship. The greater part of the day was passed by her in buying flowers in Covent garden, and making preparations for a charming little dinner, such as would at once display her taste and the resources of her establishment.

In the afternoon she went to her bed-room to lay down and rest for an hour. She was tired. It had been quite late when she left Mrs. St. Aubyn's, and not used to such hours, she found it difficult to recover from the fatigue which they occasioned.

To her surprise she was disturbed, as she was about to close her eyes for a refreshing sleep, by a knocking at the door.
"It is only I, Emily," said a voice, which she recognized instantly.

"Good gracious, my husband! What brings him back? Can he suspect?" she began, when her speculations were cut short by the entrance of Lord Carisbrook, who caught her in his arms and kissed her tenderly, and cried:-

"Here I am again, dearest, sooner than you expected. Ah, what is this? You do not seem so pleased to see me as I thought you would be.

"You frighten me. I was half asleep, and my nerves are a little weak. I was at Mrs. St. Aubyn's last night till late," she answered, rubbing her eyes, and sitting on the edge of the bed, wrapped as she was in the capacious folds of a pink dressing-gown. "But what brought you away from Caldecott in such a

"A relative of mine-who made a fortune in India, became eccentric, and lived in London under another name—is dead, died yesterday, in fact, and his solicitor has written to me to say that he has left me the greater portion of his wealth."

There is nothing very interesting about that," her ladyship said, "we have as much money as we want already. Is that all that has brought you up in such a hurry? As for me, I would not have gone across the street for such news.

"You have very strange ideas," replied Lord Carisbrook, with a tone of disappointment. "You were sorry at seeing me, and now you

don't care for the legacy."
"I do like people to be exact and consistent. Your return has destroyed my projects of independence for a week. I was going out to dinner to-night, and-"

"What is to prevent you?" interrupted Carisbrook. "I have engaged myself to the solicitor, and shall very likely stay late talking over matters with him. I shall not be home till twelve certainly, so you can go where you like without paying the slightest attention

Imprinting another kiss upon her lips, Lord Carisbrook took his departure, called a cab, drove to his club, and told his friends of his good fortune, and ordered dinner.

Her ladyship determined to be brave, and receive Sir Charles Evander, though prudence dictated the adoption of a very different It happened that Sir Charles was more con-

siderate. He belonged to the same club as Lord Carisbrook, and met him there in the afternoon. "How do?" he said. "I thought you a

hundred miles away in the country."
"At Caldecott," replied his lordship. "I have only just returned. Business brought me back. It was a great pity. I never saw finer weather for shooting."

Sir Charles went to the writing-room, and wrote a letter to Emily, in which he said that he had met her husband, and hoped she would, under the circumstances, excuse him for breaking his engagement, as he had no wish to meet Carisbrook, and he sincerely trusted that this evening alone was only a pleasure deferred.

In the hall he did not see Carisbrook, who was putting on his hat, and he said to the porter distinctly in his lordship's hearing: -"Give this letter to a commissionaire, and let him take it to Lady Carisbrook's, Wilton Crescent."

These words fell like a thunderbolt upon his lordship, who, half-stupefied, watched Sir Charles re-enter the club. He was himself oing for a stroll round St. James' Square, in which his club was situated, to get an appetite for dinner, and changing his mind, he put down his hat, and extending his hand to the porter, said:-"Give me that letter; it's for my wife, and

can deliver it, Most probably Sir Charles Evander did not see me, or he would have asked me to take charge of it." The porter did as he was requested; and

Lord Carisbrook, fuming like an angry lion, went upstairs to the smoking-room to read the letter at his leisure, unobserved and uninterrupted.

Its contents astounded him. They, indeed were calculated to throw suspicion upon the conduct of any woman, and if a man had plunged a knife into his heart, he would not have felt more exquisite pain than he did in reading this compromising letter of Sir Charles Evander's.

"This is terrible!" he muttered, wiping the perspiration, which had gathered on his brow in great drops, away with his hand. "No wonder Emily was not anxious to see me. This is how she enjoys her independence. But the affair cannot rest here. It was, indeed, an unlucky day for me when Sir Charles Evander crossed the threshold. Bitterly shall he repent his treachery. I must kill that man, or he shall kill me." The continuation of this powerful story will be found in the New York Weekly, No. 7, which can be purchased from all News Agents on and after Tuesday, December 14. Specimen copies sent free. The terms to mail subscribers are:— Single copy, one year, \$3; Four copies (\$2.50) each), \$10; and Nine copies (money all sent at one time), \$20. Getters-up of clubs can afterwards add subscribers at \$2.50 each. All letters must be directed to STREET & SMITH, P. O. Box No. 4896, New York.

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