The Story of a Masterpiece.

By HENRY JAMES, JA

IN TWO PARTS. - PART I

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(CONTINUED.)

It was their misfortune both to be poor. They determined, in view of this circumstance, to say nothing of their engagement until Baxter, by dint of hard work, should have at least quadrupled his income. This was cruel, but it was imperative, and Marian made no complaint. Her residence in Europe had enlarged her conception of the material needs of a pretty woman, and it was quite natural that she should not, close upon the heels of this experience, desire to rush into marriage with a poor artist. At the end of some days Baxter started for Germany and Holland, portions of which he wished to visit for purposes of study. Mrs. Denbigh and her young friend (CONTINUED.) study. Mrs. Denbigh and her young friend repaired to Paris for the winter. Here, in the middle of February, they were rejoined by Baxter, who had achieved his German tour. He had received, while absent, five little letters from Marian, full of affection. The number was small, but the young man detected in the very temperance of his mis-tress a certain delicious flavor of implicit constancy. She received him with all th frankness and sweetness that he had a right to expect, and listened with great interest to his account of the improvement in his pros-pects. He had sold three of his Italian pict ures and had made an invaluable collection of sketches. He was on the high road to wealth and fame, and there was no reason their engagement should not be announced. But to this latter proposition Marian de-murred—demurred so strongly, and yet on grounds so arbitrary, that a somewhat painful scene ensued. Stephen left her, irritated and perplexed. The next day when he called unwell and unable to see him; and the next, and the next. On the evening of the day that he had made his third fruitless call at Mrs. Denbigh's, he overheard Marian's name mentioned at a large party. The interlocutors were two elderly women. On giving his attention to their talk, which they were taking no pains to keep private, he found that his mistress was under accusal of having trifled with the affections of an unhappy young man, the only son of one of the ladies. There was apparently no lack of evidence or of facts which might be construed as evidence. Baxter went home, la mort dans l'ame, and on the following day called again on Mrs. Denbigh, Marian was still in her

room, but the former lady received him. Stephen was in a great trouble, but his mind was lucid, and he addressed himself to the task of interrogating his hostess. Mrs. Den-bigh, with her habitual indolence, had remained unsuspicious of the terms on which the young people stood.
"I'm sorry to say," Baxter began, "that I

heard Miss Everett accused last evening of very sad conduct."

"Ah, for heaven's sake, Stephen," returned his kinswoman, "don't go back to that. I've ne nothing all winter but defend and palliate her conduct. It's hard work. Don't make me do it for you. You know her as well as I do. She was indiscreet, but I know ske is penitent, and for that matter she is well out of it. He was by no means a desirable young man."

"The lady whom I heard talking about the matter," said Stephen, "spoke of him in the highest terms. To be sure, as it turned out, she was his mother."

"His mother! You're mistaken. His mother died ten years ago." Baxter folded his arms with a feeling that he needed to sit firm. "Allons," said he, "of

whom do you speak?"
"Of young Mr. King."
"Good heavens," cried Stephen. "So there are two of them?" Pray, of whom do you speak?"

"Of a certain Mr. Young. The mother is a handsome old woman, with white curls." "You don't mean to say that there has been anything between Marian and Frederic "Voila! I only repeat what I hear. It

seems to me, my dear Mrs. Denbigh, that you ought to know.

Mrs. Denbigh shook her head with a melan-choly movement. "I'm sure I don't," she "I give it up. I don't pretend to judge The manners of young people to each other are very different to what they were in my day. One doesn't know whether they mean nothing or everything."
"You know, at least, whether Mr. Young

has been in your drawing room?"
"Oh, yes, frequently. I am very sorry that
Marian is talked about. It's very ampleasant for me. But what can a sick woman do?"
"Well," said Stephen, "so much for Mr.
Young. And now for Mr. King."

"Mr. King is gone home. It's a pity he ever came away."
"In what sense." "Oh, he's a silly fellow. He doesn't under-

stand young girls?" "Upon my word," said Stephen, "with fexpression," as the music sheets say, "he might be very wise and not do that." "Not but that Marian was injudicious,

She meant only to be amiable, but she went She became adorable. The first thing she knew he was holding her to an ac "Is he good looking?"

"Well enough."
"And rich!" 'Very rich, I believe."

111 "And the other?"
"What other—Marian?" "No, no; your friend Young." "Yes, he's quite handsome."

"And rich, too!"
"Yes, I believe he's also rich." Baxter was silent a moment. "And there's no doubt," he resumed, "that they were both

"I can only answer for Mr. King." "Well, I'll answer for Mr. Young. His mother wouldn't have talked as she did un-less she'd seen her son suffer. After all, then, it's perhaps not so much to Marian's discredit. Here are two handsome young millionaires, madly smitten. She refuses them both. She doesn't care for good looks

"I don't say that," said Mrs. Denbigh, sagaciously. "She doesn't care for those things alone. She wants talent, and all the rest of it. Now, if you were only rich, Stephen"-added the good lady, innocently

Baxter took up his hat. "When you wish to marry Miss Everett," he said, "you must take good care not to say too much about Mr. King and Mr. Young. Two days after this interview he had a conversation with the young girl in person. The reader may like him less for his easily

shaken confidence, but it is a fact that be had been unable to make light of these lightly made revelations. For him his love had been a passion; for her, he was compelled to believe, it had been a vulgar pastime. He was a man of violent temper; he went straight to the point. "Marian," he said, "you have been de-

Marian knew very well what he meant she knew very well that she had grown weary of her engagement and that, however little of a fault her conduct had been to Messrs. Young and King, it had been an act of grave disloyalty to Baxter. She felt that the was struck and that their engagement was clean broken. She knew that Stephen would be satisfied with no half excuses or half de nials; and she had none others to give. A hundred such would not make a perfect con-fession. Making no attempt, therefore, to save her "prospects," for which she had ceased to care, she merely attempted to save her dignity. Her dignity for the moment was well enough secured by her natural half cynical coolness of temper. But this same vulgar placidity left in Stephen's memory an impression of heartlessness and shallowness, which in that particular quarter, at least, was destined to be forever fatal to her claims to real weight and worth. She denied the young man's right to call her to account and to interfere with her conduct; and she almost anticipated his proposal that they should consider their engagement at an end. She even declined the use of the simple logic of tears. Under these circumstances, course, the interview was not of long dura-

tion.
"I regard you," said Baxter, as he stood on the threshold, "as the most superficial, most

heartless of women. He immediately left Paris and went down into Spain, where he remained till the open-ing of the summer. In the month of May

ars rentize and her protege went to Eng-land, where the former, through her hus-band, possessed a number of connections, and where Marian's thoroughly un-English beauty was vastly admired. In September they sailed for America. About a year and a half, therefore, had elapsed between Bax-ter's separation from Miss Everett and their meeting in New York.

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During this interval the young man's wounds had had time to heal. His sorrow, although violent, had been short lived, and when he finally recovered his equanimity he was very glad to have purchased exemption at the price of a simple heartache. Reviewing his impressions of Miss Everett in a calmer mood, he made up his mind that she was very far from being the woman of his desire, and that she had not really been the woman of his choice. "Thank God," he said to himself, "it's over. She's irreclaims." woman of his choice. "Thank God," he said to himseif, "it's over. She's irreclaimably light. She's hollow, trivial, vulgar." There had been in his addresses something hasty and feverish, something factitious and unreal in his fancied passion. Half of it had been the work of the scenery, of the weather, of mere juxtaposition and, above all, of the young girl's picturesque beauty; to say nothing of the almost suggestive tolerance and indolence of poor Mrs. Denbigh. And finding himself very much interested in Velasquez, at Madrid, he dismissed Miss Everett from his thoughts. I do not mean to

erett from his thoughts. I do not mean to offer his judgment of Miss Everett as final, but it was at least conscientious. The ample justice, moreover, which, under the illusion of sentiment, he had rendered to her charms and graces, gave him a right, when free from that illusion, to register his estimate of the arid spaces of her nature. Miss Everett might easily have accused him of injustice and brutality; but this fact would still stand to plead in his favor, that he cared with all his strength for truth. Marian, on the contrary, was quite indifferent to it. Stephen's angry nce on her conduct had awakened no echo in her contracted soul.

The reader has now an adequate concep tion of the feelings with which these two old friends found themselves face to face. It is needful to add, however, that the lapse of time had very much diminished the force of those feelings. A woman, it seems to me, ought to desire no easier company, none less embarrassed or embarrassing, than a disenchanted lover; premising, of course, that the process of disenchantment is thoroughly complete and that

Marian herself was perfectly at her ease.
She had not retained her equanimity—her
philosophy, one might almost call it—during
that painful last interview to go and lose it She had no ill feeling toward her old lover. His last words had been—like all words in Marian's estimation—a mere facon a parler. Miss Everett was in so perfect a good humor during these last days of her maidenhood that there was nothing in the past that she could not have forgiven.

She blushed a little at the emphasis of her companion's remark; but she was not discountenanced. She summoned up her good humor. "The truth is, Mr. Baxter," she said, "I feel at the present moment on perfect good terms with the world; I see everything en rose, the past as well as the future. "I, too, am on very good terms with the world," said Baxter, "and my heart is quite reconciled to what you call the past. But,

nevertheless, it's very disagreeable to me to think about it." "Ah then," said Miss Everett, with great "I'm afraid you're not recon-



"I'm afraid you're not reconciled." Baxter laughed-so loud that Miss Everett looked about at her father. But Mr. Everett still slept the sleep of gentility. doubt," said the painter, "that I'm far from being so good a Christian as you. But I assure you I'm very glad to see you again."
"You've but to say the word and we're friends," said Marian.

We were very foolish to have attempted to be anything else." "'Foolish, yes. But it was a pretty

folly." "Ah no, Miss Everett. I'm an artist, and I claim the right of property in the word 'pretty.' You mustn't stick it in there. Nothing could be pretty which had such an ugly termination. It was all false." "Well-as you will. What have you been doing since we parted?"

"Traveling and working. I've made great progress in my trade. Shortly before I came home I became engaged." "Engaged!-a la bonne heure. Is she

good !- is she pretty !" "She's not nearly so pretty as you."
"In other words, she's inflattely more good.

I'm sure I hope she is. But why did you leave her behind you?" "She's with a sister, a sad invalid, who is drinking mineral waters on the Rhine. They wished to remain there to the cold weather They're to be home in a couple of weeks, and we are straightway to be married."

"I con tulate you with all my heart," "Allow [me to do as much, sir," said Mr. Everett, waking up; which he did by in-

stinct whenever the conversation took a ceremonious turn. Miss Everett gave her companion but three more sittings, a large part of his work being executed with the assistance of photographs. At these interviews also, Mr. Everett was present, and still delicately sensitive to the

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> Quarryvilleat 7.10 a m.
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> Eing Street, Lanc., at 8.05 a. m., and 3.5 p. m.
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> Arrive at
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> Reading, 10.10 a. m., and 8.55 p. m.
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> Leave,
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> Reading, at 7.20 a. m., and 4 p. m.
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> Arrive at
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> King Street, Lanc., at 9.20 a. m., and 5.70 p. m.
>
> Quarryville, at 6.40 p. m.

AT Trains connect at Reading with trains to and from Philadelphia, Pottsville, Harristurg, Allentown and New York, via. Bound Brook Route. At Columbia, with trains to and from York, Hanever, Gettysburg, Frederick and Baits-more. more.
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At Lancaster Junetion, with trains to and from Lancaster, Quarry vitle, and Chickies.

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Arrangement of Passenger Trains on, and after, Sunday, May 13, 1888. | NORTHWARD | Sunday | Conwall | 7.50 | 146 | 658 | 1.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6. SUUTHWARD, 1.56 7.20 9 32 5 56

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The Marietta Accommodation leaves Columbia at 6:60 a. m. and reaches Marietta at 6:65 a. m. and 10:01 and 8:65 Leaves Marietta at 10:05 p. m. and arrives at Columbia 8: 8:20 j. also, leaves at 6:20 and arrives at 10:01 and arrives at 10:02 and 10:02 j. also, leaves at 6:02 and arrives at 8:00 cm.

The Frederick Accommodation leaves Marietta 4:10 a. m. The Frederick Accommodation, exet, seenesting at Lancaster with Fast Line, west, at 2:10 c. m., will run through to Frederick. The Frederick Accommodation, cast, seaves Columbia at 12:50 and 12:50 We promise! them to you last Saturday, but they did not reach us in time. manover Accommodation, East, leaves Col umbia at 4:10 p. m. Arrives at Lancaster & Fact Line, west, on Sunday, when fact will stop at Downingtown, Contesville' Pabury, Mt. Joy, Elizabethtown and Middler of the only trains which ran daily, On Su the Mail train west runs by way of Columbia, E. WOOD, General Passenger age CHAS. E. FUGH General Manager.

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