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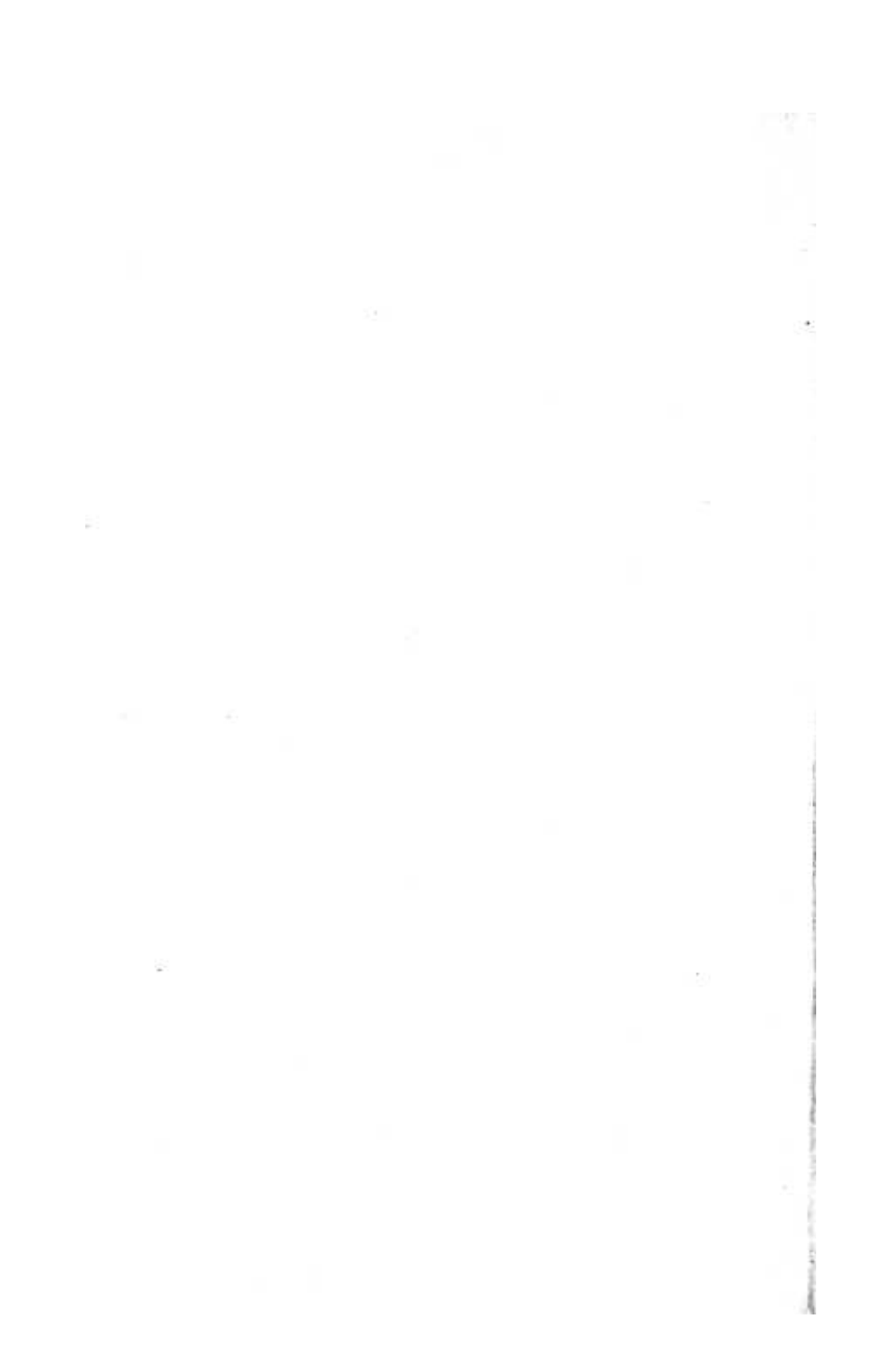
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## CHAPTER XXXIV.

### MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.

How curiously different things look to each of us according to our particular point of view ! While Faith and Paul at Hillborough and in London were reflecting seriously how to make things decent for the Thistleton family at the approaching ceremony, the Thistletons in turn, in their opulent mansion in the park at Sheffield, were all agog with the unwonted excitement of preparation for their Charlie's marriage with the sister of Sir Paul Gascoyne, fifteenth baronet.

'The wedding must be in London, of course,' Mrs. Thistleton said musingly—she

was a comfortable body of a certain age, with a maternal plenitude of face and figure; 'and Sir Paul 'll give her away himself, you may be certain. I suppose they won't want it to be at Hillborough, Charlie? I'd much rather, for my part, you should be married in London.'

'I think Faith would prefer it, too,' Thistleton answered, smiling. 'You must remember, mother dear, I've always told you they live in a very quiet way of their own down at Hillborough; and I fancy they'd rather we were married—well, away from the place, of course, where they've just lost their poor father.'

'Naturally,' Mrs. Thistleton went on, still turning over with those matronly hands of hers the patterns for her new silk dress for the occasion, sent by post that morning—the richest Lyons—from Swan and Edgar's. 'There'll be an account of it in the *World*, I suppose, and in the *Morning Post*, and the bride's dress 'll be noticed in the *Queen*. I declare I shall feel quite nervous. But I suppose Sir Paul will be affable, won't he?'

Her son laughed good-humouredly.

'Gascoyne's a first-rate fellow,' he answered unabashed; 'but I can hardly imagine his being affable to anybody. To be affable's to be condescending, and Gascoyne's a great deal too shy and retiring himself ever to dream of condescending to or patronizing anyone.'

'Well, I hope Faith won't give herself any airs,' Mrs. Thistleton continued, laying four fashionable shades of silk side by side in the sunlight for critical comparison; 'because your father's a man who won't stand airs; and I should be very sorry if she was to annoy him in any way. It's a great pity she couldn't have come up to stay with us beforehand, so that we might all have got to know a little more about her and not be so afraid of her.'

'It would have been impossible,' Thistleton replied, gazing across at his mother with an amused air. 'But I wish I could disabuse your mind of these ideas about the Gascoynes. Paul and Faith will be a great deal more afraid of you than you are of them; and as to Faith giving herself airs, dear girl! she'll be so awfully frightened, when she comes to