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to her father's house, with the additional burden of two chi
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 perfectly safe. Everything in and about the house would be taken su _ch exce _ llent
                                                                                                                                                     care of! The gardens and shrubberies would be kept in almost as high order as they are now. You need not be afraid, Miss Elliot, of your own sweet flower gardens being neglected." "As to all that,"
                     "supposing I were induced to let my house. I have be young me
                                                                                                                                                   sure-grounds, is another thing. I am not fond of the idea of my shrubberies being always approachable; and I should recommend Miss Elliot to be on her guard with respect to her flower garden. I am very little you, be he sailor or soldier." After a short pause, Mr Shepherd presumed to say-- "In all these cases, there are established usages which make everything plain and easy between landlord and tenant. Your no tenant has more than his just rights. I venture to hint, that Sir Walter Elliot cannot be half so jealous for his own, as John Shepherd will be for him." Here Anne spoke-- "The navy, I think, who have don the comforts and all the privileges which any home can give. Sailors work hard enough for their comforts, we must all allow." "Very true, very true. What Miss Anne says, is very true," was Mr Shepherd's , soon afterwards-- "The profession has its utility, but I should be sorry to see any friend of mine belonging to it." "Indeed!" was the reply, and with a look of surprise. "Yes; it is in two points offensive to bringing persons of obscure birth into undue distinction, and raising men to honours which their fathers and grandfathers never dreamt of; and secondly, as it cuts up a man's youth and vigour most hor
ve had such a range; but what restrictions I might impose on the use of the plea
disposed to grant a tenant of Kellynch Hall any extraordinar y favour , I assure
interest, Sir Walter, is in pretty safe hands. Depend upon me for taking care that
e so much for us, have at least an equal claim with any other set of men, for all
rejoinder, and "Oh! certainly," was his daughter's; but Sir Walter's remark was me; I have two strong grounds of objection to it. First, as being the means of
ribly; a sailor grows old sooner than any other man. I have observed it all my
                                                                                                                                                                life. A man is in greater danger in the navy of being insulted by the rise of one whose father, his father might have disdained to speak to, and of becoming prematurely an object of disgust himself, than
                                                                                                                                                             en, striking instances of what I am talking of; Lord St Ives, whose father we all know to have been a country curate, without bread to eat; I was to give place to Lord St Ives, and a certain Admiral Baldwin our of manogany, rough and rugged to the last degree; all lines and wrinkles, nine grey hairs of a side, and nothing but a dab of powder at top. 'In the name of heaven, who is that old fellow?' said I to a degree, I know it is the same with them all they are all knocked about, and exposed to every climate, and every weather, till they are not fit to be seen. It is a pit
n any other line. One day last spring, in town, I was in company with two m
the most deplorable-looking personage you can imagine; his face the col
riend of mine who was standing near, (Sir Basil Morley). 'Old fellow!' crie
ily forget Admiral Baldwin. I never saw quite so wretched an example
                                                                                                                                                                    iral Baldwin's age." "Nay, Sir Walter," cried Mrs Clay, "this is being severe indeed. Have a little mercy on the poor men. We are not all born to be handsome. The sea is no beautifier, certainly; sailors of youth. But then, is not it the same with many other professions, perhaps most other? Soldiers, in active service, are not at all better off: and even in the quieter professions, there is a toil and a la
y they are not knocked on the head at once, before they reach Adm
do grow old betimes; I have observed it; they soon lose the look
bour of the mind, if not of the body, which seldom leaves a m
                                                                                                                                                                      an's looks to the natural effect of time. The lawyer plods, quite care-worn; the physician is up at all hours, and travelling in all weather; and even the clergyman--" she stopt a moment to consider wl
                                                                                                                                                       , you know is obliged to go into infected rooms, and expose his health and looks to all the injury of a poisonous atmosphere. In fact, as I have long been convinced, though every profession is nec those who are not obliged to follow any, who can live in a regular way, in the country, choosing their own hours, following their own pursuits, and living on their own property, without the torment the blessings of health and a good appearance to the utmost: I know no other set of men but what lose something of their personableness when they cease to be quite young." It seemed as if Mr Sh good will towards a naval officer as tenant, had been gifted with foresight; for the very first application for the house was from an Admiral Croft, with whom he shortly afterwards fell into company in attending
at might do for the clergyman; -- "and even the clergyman"
essary and honourable in its turn, it is only the lot of
of trying for more; it is only their lot, I say, to hold
epherd, in this anxiety to bespeak Sir Walter's
                                                                                                                                                         he had received a hint of the Admiral from a London correspondent. By the report which he hastened over to Kellynch to make, Admiral Croft was a native of Somersetshire, who having acquired a very ha is own country, and had come down to Taunton in order to look at some advertised places in that immediate neighbourhood, which, however, had not suited him; that accidentally hearing--(it was just as he Walter's concerns could not be kept a secret,)--accidentally hearing of the possibility of Kellynch Hall being to let, and understanding his (Mr Shepherd's) connection with the owner, he had introduced him
g the quarter sessions at Taunton; and indee
ndsome fortune, was wishing to settle in h
had foretold, Mr Shepherd observed,
self to him in order to ma ke parti
                                                                                                                                                             inquiries, and had, in the course of a pretty long conference, expressed as strong an inclination for the place as a man who knew it only by description could feel; and given Mr Shepherd, in his explicit ac
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                                                                                                                                                            most responsible, eligible tenant. "And who is Admiral Croft?" was Sir Walter's cold suspicious inquiry. Mr Shepherd answered for his being of a gentleman's family, and mentioned a place; and Anne, aft a rear admiral of the white. He was in the Trafalgar action, and has been in the East Indies since; he was stationed there, I believe, several years." "Then I take it for granted," observed Sir Walter, "that h
count of himself, every proof of his
er the little pause which followed, add
                                                                                                                                                                 very." Mr Shepherd hastened to assure him, that Admiral Croft was a very hale, hearty, well-looking man, a little weather-beaten, to be sure, but not much, and quite the gentleman in all his notions and terms, only wanted a comfortable home, and to get into it as soon as possible; knew he must pay for his convenience; knew what rent a ready-furnished house of that consequence might fetch; should quired about the manor; would be glad of the deputation, certainly, but made no great point of it; said he sometimes took out a gun, but never killed; quite the gentleman. Mr Shepherd observe be finding the matter own as a married man, and without children; the very state to be wished for. A house was never taken good care of, Mr Shepherd observe be in danger of suffering as much where there was no lady, as where there were many children. A lady, without a family, was the very best preserver of furniture in the world. He had seen Mrs Croft, not almost all the time they were talking the matter over. "And a very well-spoken, genteel, shrewd lady, she seemed to be," continued he; "asked more questions about the house, and terms, and ta ith business; and moreover, Sir Walter, I found she was not quite unconnected in this country, any more than her husband; that is to say, she is sister to a gentleman who did live amongst us one few years back at Monkford. Bless me! what was his name? At this moment I cannot recollect his name, though I have heard it so lately. Penelope, my dear, can you help me to the name of the ge Clay was talking so eagerly with Miss Elliot, that she did not hear the appeal. "I have no conception whom you can mean, Shepherd; I remember no gentleman resident at Monkford since the tim get my own name soon, I suppose. A name that I am so very well acquainted with; knew the gentleman so well by sight; seen him a hundred times; came to consult me once, I remember, about a o his orchard; wall torn down; apples stolen; caught in the fact; and afterwards, contrary to my judgement, submitted to an amicable compro
s face is about as orange as the cu ffs and capes of my li
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d not have been surprised if Sir Walter had ask ed more; had in
n the subject; pointing out all the circumstances of the Admiral
d, without a lady: he did not know, whether furniture might not
too; she was at Taunton with the admiral, and had been prese
xes, than the Admiral himself, and seemed more conversant w
e; she told me so herself: sister to the gentleman who lived a
ntleman who lived at Monkford: Mrs Croft's brother?" But Mrs
e of old Governor Trent." "Bless me! how very odd! I shall for
trespass of one of his neighbours; farmer's man breaking int
nt-- "You mean Mr Wentworth, I suppose?" said Anne. Mr She
ere about the year ---5, I take it. You remember him, I am sure
mber; quite unconnected; nothing to do with the Strafford fa
                                                                                                                                                                              tances more indisputably in their favour; their age, and number, and fortune; the high idea they had formed of Kellynch Hall, and extreme solicitude for the advantage of renting it; making it a g the tenants of Sir Walter Elliot: an extraordinary taste, certainly, could they have been supposed in the secret of Sir Walter's estimate of the dues of a tenant. It succeeded, however; and tho nding to inhabit that house, and think them infinitely too well off in being permitted to rent it on the highest terms, he was talked into allowing Mr Shepherd to proceed in the treaty, and author nton, and fix a day for the house being seen. Sir Walter was not very wise; but still he had experience enough of the world to feel, that a more unobjectionable tenant, in all essentials, than Ad understanding; and his vanity supplied a little additional soothing, in the Admiral's situation in life, which was just high enough, and not too high. "I have let my, house to Admiral Croft," would Mr--; a Mr (save, perhaps, some half dozen in the nation,) always needs a note of explanation. An admiral speaks his own consequence, and, at the same time, can never make a barry to have it fixed and over have the precedence. Not have been supply to have it fixed and over have the proceedings for a remark.
t no more; returning, with all his zeal, to dwell on the circums
ppear as if they ranked nothing beyond the happiness of bein
ugh Sir Walter must ever look with an evil eye on anyone inte
ising him to wait on Admiral Croft, who still remained at Tau
miral Croft bid fair to be, could hardly offer. So far went his
d sound extremely well; very much better than to any mere
small. In all their dealings and intercourse, Sir Walter Elli
                                                                                                                                                                                ot must ever have the precedence. Nothing could be done without a reference to Elizabeth: but her inclination was growing so strong for a removal, that she was happy to have it fixed and ex
                                                                                                                                                                               decision was uttered by her. Mr Shepherd was completely empowered to act; and no sooner had such an end been reached, than Anne, who had been a most attentive listener to the whole, le ed cheeks; and as she walked along a favourite grove, said, with a gentle sigh, "A few months more, and he, perhaps, may be walking here." Chapter 4 He was not Mr Wentworth, the former cu
pedited by a tenant at hand; and not a word to suspend
ft the room, to seek the comfort of cool air for her flush
                                                                                                                                                                             may be, but a Captain Frederick Wentworth, his brother, who being made commander in consequence of the action off St Domingo, and not immediately employed, had come into Somersetshi ving, found a home for half a year at Monkford. He was, at that time, a remarkably fine young man, with a great deal of inte Iligence, spirit, and brilliancy; and Anne an extremely pretty girl, wit the sum of attraction, on either side, might have been enough, for he had nothing to do, and she had hardly anybody to love; but the encounter of such lavish recommendations could not fail. T
rate of Monkford, however suspicious appearances
re, in the summer of 1806; and having no parent li
h gentleness, modesty, taste, and feeling. Half
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hey were gradually acquainted, and when a
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e, received it as a most unfortunate o
                                                                                                                                                                         ne. Anne Elliot, with all her claims of birth, beauty, and mind, to throw herself away at nineteen; involve herself at nineteen in an engagement with a young man, who had nothing but himself to rec
                                                                                                                                                                        ing affluence, but in the chances of a most uncertain profession, and no connexions to secure even his farther rise in the profession, wo uld be, indeed, a throwing away, which she grieved to
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freely, had realized nothing. But he was c
knew he should be so still. Such confidenc
mind, operated very differently on her. She sa
prudence a horror. She deprecated the connexion
                                                                                                                                                                ch opposition, as these feelings produced , was more than Anne could combat. Young and gentle as she was, it might yet have been
                                                                                                                every light. Su
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by one kind word or look on the part of her sister; but Lady Russell,
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creet, improper, hardly capable of success, and not deserving it. Bu
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, and self-denying, principally for his advantage, was her chief con
ill used by so forced a relinquishment. He had left the country
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enjoyment of youth, a nd an early loss of bloom and spirits had
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he had been too dependent on time alone; no aid had been given in cha
                                                                                                                                                                                                       e of place (except in one visit to Bath soon after the rupture), or in any novelty or enlargement of society. No one had ever come within the Kellynch circle, who could bear a co
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mparison with Frederick Went
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                                                       aste, in the small limits of the so ciety around them
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                                                     wards found a more willing mind in her younger sister; and Lady Russell had lamented her
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   young man, who not long after
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                                                                                                                                                                                                       was nineteen, she would have r ejoiced to see her at twenty-two so respectably removed from the partial lities and injustice of her father's house, and discretion, never wished the past undone, she began now to have the anxiety which borders on hopelessness for Anne's being temperature.
                                                     ppearance; and however Lady Ru ssell might have a sked yet for something more, while Anne
   s, and of good character and a
  manently near herself. But in th
                                                      is case, Anne had left nothing for advice to do; and though Lady Russell, as satisfied as ev
                                                      to enter a state for which she hel d her to be peculia rly fitted by her warm affections and do
  n of talents and independence,
                                                                                                                                                                                                        mestic habits. They knew not e ach other's opinion, either its constancy or its change, on the one leading point of Anne's conduct, for the subject we as never alluded
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  o; but Anne, at seven-and-twen
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                                                       in similar circumstances, to app ly to he r for co unsel, they would never rece
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   elt that were any young person
                                                     attending his profession, all their probab le fears, delays, and disappointments, she should yet s, she fully believed, had the usu all share, had eve in more than the usual share of all such solicitudes and suspense been theirs, without refere not to the actual results of their case, which, as it happened, wou lid have best owed earlier prosperity than
   tion at home, and every anxiety
   en in the sacrifice of it; and thi
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                                                     er would follow, had taken place. He had
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                      y, but she could not doubt his being rich; and, in fa vour of
                                                                                                                        his constancy, she had no reason to believe him married. How eloq
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                                                        fidence in futurity, against that over-an xious caution which seems to insult exertion and distrust Providence
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    achment, a nd a cheerful con
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                      unnatural beginni ng. With all these circumstances, recollections and feelings, she could not h ear that Capt a stroll, and many a sigh, were neces sary to dispel the agita tion of the idea. She often told herself it was folly, before she could harden her nerves sufficiently to feel the
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     equel of an unnatural beginni
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                         sted, however, by that perfect indiffe rence and apparent unc onsciousness, among the only three of her own friends in the secret of the past, which see med almost to dien y any recollection of it. She collection of it.
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     e was assi
                         those of her father and Elizabeth; she could honour all the better feelings of her calmness; but the general air of oblivion among them was highly
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                         new over the conviction which had all ways been most gratefu. I to her, of the past being known to those three only among her connexio and in the trust that amo
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           ng his, the brother only with whom he had b
     en residing
                          , had received any information of the ir short-lived engageme nt. That brother had been long removed from the country and being a sensible man, and, moreover, a single man at the time, she had a fond dependence on no hum
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     e sister. Mr
                        s Croft, had then been out of England , accompanying her hu sband on a foreign station, and her o
                                                                                                                                                                                         wn sister, Mary, had been at school while it all occurred;
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                                                                                                                                                                                         and the Crofts, which, with Lady Russell, still resident
                        e of it afterwards. With these supports, she hoped that the ac
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                                                                                       Chapter 5 On the moorning ap pointed for Admiral and Mrs Croft's seeing Kellynch Hall, Anne found it most natural to ta
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                       ot involve any particular awkwardness.
er; when she found it most n atural to be sorry that she ha
                                                                                                                     d missed the opp ortunity of seeing them. This meeting of the two parties proved high ly satisfactory, and decided the whole business at once. Each lady was previously
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                                                 re, but good manners in the other; and with regard to the ge
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                          and most po
                                                         lished behaviour by Mr Shepherd's a ssurances of h is being known, by report, to the Admiral, as a model of good b reeding. The house and grounds, and furniture, were approved, the Crofts were approved, terms,
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                                                           Shepherd's clerks were set to work , without there having been a sing le preliminary difference to modify of all the ofar as to say, that if his own man might have had the arranging of his hair, he should not be ashamed of
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                                                                                 through the park, "I thought we should soon come to a deal, my dear, in spite of what they told us
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bserved to his wife as they drov
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s to be no harm in him."--recipr
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se of the preceding month, ther
                                                                     e was no time to be lost in m aking every de pende nt arrangement. Lady Russel
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h they were going to secure, wa
                                                                      s very unwilling to have her hurried away s o soo n, and wanted to make it pos
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mplaints, and always in the
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