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"I don't know," said Madeline, abruptly. "I don't know what to think about it. I am afraid to think.

TRACED BY A VALENITHE

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"Did he give you that ring?" ques-tioned Marjorie, softly, noticing that she was plucking at it flercely, as though it had been composed of red-hot metal, and was burning into her

She ceased to pluck at it as Marjorie Asked the question.
"Yes," she said dully. "He gave it
to me."

After a moment she added, with a sudden return to her former vehem-

"Marjorie, never, never love unless you are certain the man is worthy of you, and that he loves you with a passion equal to your own. If you do, you would be happier dead. Aye, better a thousand times for me to be lying in the cold churchyard than to be eating my own heart out, as I am doing now." Her voice rose almost to a wail in

her grief and passion. Marjorie's heart overflowed with pity and sympathy; but she felt a little alarmed concern as well. Could it be that Madeline's illness

had affected her reason?

Would a girl perfectly sane breatha forth such declamations?



thoughts, and, in a moment, by a strong effort, became calm again.
"I'm frightening you, Marjorie," she said, with a faint, sad smile. "Forgive

me. I am a little weak still, and I suppose that is what makes every-thing look so gloomy to me just now. Let us talk of other things. You have not told me if you will do as I wish, and go to Mrs. Thornton as soon as

and go to Mrs. Thornton as soon as she returns to England."

"If you really wish it, of course it will," said Marjerie—not cold y—she was too fond of Madeline for that—but sadly, and with some show of sur-

"I do wish it, Marjorie. I can't tell you why—not now. But some day you sou why—not now. But some day you shall know, and then you will see that I acted for your good."

"I'm sure of that; and I'll do whatever you wish, Madeline."

"My father will try to persuade you

to stay, and—and others as well," said Madeline. "But let no one persuade you, no one," she repeated vehemently, though still in that hushed tone. "Be firm, and let them see you have quite made up your mind. If you stay here,

you are-She paused abruptly, almost as though in terror.

What the word was she had arrested on her lips, Marjorie could not guess; but she saw the wild energy of her

The next moment there came a tay "It is my father," whispered Made

line. "Mind, not a word of this to him." She threw herself languidly back

among the downy cushions of her easy chair and assumed a negligent, grace-

"Come in," she called; and her father entered, and with him his neph-

"My dear, this is pleasant," was the elder man's greeting. "To see you up and dressed after these days. I'm so

glad, my love!" And he stooped and kissed her. She winced as though his lips burnt. Mar-lorie saw this and wondered. Then Edgar Hyde advanced and first

taking his cousin's hand, kissed her on

the lips.

The blood surged into her face, her whole frame trembled.

Fixing her beautiful eyes full upon his, she murmured a word or two which was inaudible to all save him, but there was no mistaking the re-proachfulness of her tone. He answered lightly, and with a

She whispered a further word or two and the blood mounted to his brow, while a look of hot displeasure fired

He dropped her hand and stood be-side the window, looking out rather

moedily.

Marjorie slipped quietly away. Sha

Marjorie slipped quietly away. She
felt she was not wanted.
Whether anyone noticed her departure or not, no one tried to stop hermot even Madeline.

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She went downstairs with a troubled heart. For one thing, she didn't want

to go to Mrs. Thornton.

She would rather have remained at Denelands—anywhere where she could be in the all too fascinating company of Charles Hyde.

And the other thing, the thing that

troubled her most of all, was that she was certain Madeline had meant to warn her against this very Charles Hyde when she had said, with such extraordinary vehemence:

"Marjorie, never, never love unless you are certain the man is worthy of you, and that he loves you with a passion equal to your own. If you do you would be happier dead!"

> CHAPTER VII. In the Wood.

As she went through the hall she put into the wood for a few minutes, she

Her mind was in such a tumult that It made her fevered and restless.
She longed to feel the fresh, frosty

aff blowing on her cheeks and brow.

She crossed the garden at the back of the house, and walker quickly up the hill to the wood. She had barely reached its outskirts when a hurrying step behind her made her turn.

Charles Hyde was coming up the hill with eggen looks. He was scarce half

with eager looks. He was scarce half

a dozen yards away. She felt the color rush into her cheeks, and then as suddenly retreat. Her heart beat very fast. She could not doubt he had followed her purpose-17. If she had doubted it, his first words would have told her the truth. "I saw you from the window," he said, quite frankly, as he came up to

her, "and I came after you. You don't mind, Marjorie?"

And he looked so frank and winning as he asked the question, gazing fully into her eyes the while, that Marjorie

could not but say "No."

A moment ago, Madaline's vague insinuations against him had had the power to fill her mind with painful doubts, but now, as she looked at him, all her doubts were gone—chased away in an instant by his sunny smile

Not that she accused Madaline of falseness—no, not even in her most secret thoughts.

She believed Miss Hyde was simply mistaken in her cousin's character. She believed that she, loving the elder brother as she did, and finding

him unworthy of her love, took it for granted that the young one must be like him, and hence wished to save her friend from a doom which had already fallen on herself.

When a girl is in love is it likely she will believe anything to the prejudice of the man of her choice, so long as there is the tiniest loophole by which

she can escape such belief?

It is not likely; and poor Marjorie was already deep in love with this young man of the smiling lips and sunny eyes. Madeline's warning had come too

As the two entered the wood, they met a tall, handsome young man, of seven or eight and twenty.

His face was clean shaven, save for a fair moustache. color, and his bearing was unmistaka-bly that of a gentleman.

There was a gun on his shoulder, a

dog at his heels.

Charles Hyde accosted him with a cheery "Good morning," as he passed.

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THE OPINION IN ST. THOMAS. Pauline, the eminent French hypnetist and mind reader, closed the most successful engagement of the season at the Grand Opera House Saturday night. He appeared every evening during the week and the audiences grew from the start until the latter part of the week. The Grand Opera House was not large enough to hold the people and hundreds were turned away. Pauline's personality was the magnet which drew the crowds, and nightly he was given an ovation. He is a careful, painstaking, conscientious worker, who loyes his profession, studies to improve and merits the generous plaudits bestowed upon upon him by his enthusiastic admirers.

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Bear Ficked the Cherries.

One day recently, Mrs. Bunstead and her sister, Miss Blanche Cook, were in the field back of the house of their father, L. B. Cook, at Cook's Lake, in the Township of Tiny, where they were engaged in picking some black berries. Hearing a breaking of branches near them they became alarned and hurried home, where they found their young brother, David Cook, and told him that they believed a bear was at the cherry trees. He hurriedly picked uphis rifle and started for the place indicated by the girls, and on arriving near the trees, sure enough, thore was a great bear. She was bushly engaged in eating the fruit off the smaller cherry trees, standing erect on her hind legs and pulling the branches down with her fore paws and devouring the cherries. on her hind legs and pulling the branches down with her fore paws and devouring the cherries. As young Cook approached towards her she ceased her occupation for a moment and regarded him with a lowered under lip, showing her glistening fangs, and then resumed her feeding. Cook took no nearer approach, but dropping on one knee he carefully took a.m and plumped a ball clean through Madam Bruin, piercing her heart. She made a spring towards him and then made off in another direction, but did not go far before she keeled over. In a little while her she keeled over. In a little while her troubles were all over. She w big brute, weighing nearly 400 and it was with some difficulty that Cook and three friends slung her on poles and carried her to the barn to remove the pelt and dross the car-cass. Bear meat was added to the menu at the Cook homestead and at the houses of their friends for severdays thereafter

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