



"The servant entered the room and handed me a telegram."—(Page 594.)

Whether the occurrences of the morning had shaken him, or the sudden relief, coming like a shock on his over-anxious temperament, had unnerved him, I cannot say; I only know that on the utterance of my words Mr. Vinesly fell into a swoon.

I immediately summoned the servants and the nearest doctor. I forgot all about myself, my father, and the bride and bridegroom. I only remembered my promise to Angela, not to leave him.

We removed him to his bed. I officiated

as mistress of the household, issuing directions to the servants and taking the instructions of the doctor. I ministered myself to the sick man's wants and kept watch and ward over him as his attendant and nurse.

The telegram informed me that Mr. and Mrs. Arlford, despite their promise to return home, had decided suddenly to take a short honeymoon trip. Should I telegraph word of Mr. Vinesly's illness to them in order to hasten their return?