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pitiful words on her lips that the be-

'How strange it seems that law

That not a rose should bloom with.

Then from our lips so oft 'tis rude

In thy dear eyes long since I did

Yet we must part; our happy dream

Farewell, farewell, dear love! 'twas

'Low moans the wind; the heavens

O'er moor and mountain swift the

And dark as night the path before

Sad Nature's tears fall fast, a pity-

me lies; Yet an it lead to winter or fair

Of thee, dear love, I still shall

Farewell, farewell, dear love; 'twas

"I cannot see Arthur again!" she

sobbed. "I will write him a letter, and enclose his ring. He will be home

Ah me!-how eagerly she had looked

CHAPTER XVII.

It so happened that business con-

nected with the iron mills took Ar-thur Rochester to New York for a

day, which was quite contrary to his

expectations; and the first person he

met coming down the steps of the

on the fair, debonair face and the

No one knew, save himself, how he

was too proud to relent and re-

had yearned for this son of his; but

call him. And, although he received

Arthur's overtures with coldness and

lowering brow, that would have daunted any one less brave, at heart

servants' hall all in a flutter, ex-

claiming, thankfully:
"The good Lord be praised! The

old gentleman and Master Arthur are reconciled at last. He brought

young master home with him in his carriage. They are in his study."

Miss Rochester was almost over-come by the joyful intelligence, and

Elaine Granger, the heiress, old Mr.

Rochester's ward, was, to use her own expression, "beside herself with

She rang her bell hastily for her

"Patrice," she said, excitedly, "I

want you to bring my prettiest dress

at once, and help me on with it quickly. Mr. Arthur Rochester is

Patrice was becoming quite used to hearing her pretty young mistress bemoan Arthur's absence with every

Aunt Hilda went down to the

drawing-room at once, and she was

most agreeably surprised to hear the father and son talking upon the most

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day that had passed.

happy expression on it,

was well pleased.

side his father in his carriage.

too

delight."

maid.

John Rochester would have passed

Stock Exchange was-his father!

Arthur suddenly stopped short.

threatening lower;

storm-wrack flies:

The beacon-light of loving con-

woe the lines came to her:

out a thorn:

be draining

discover

stancy;

is over:

not to be!

ing shower,

weather,

think-of thee!

Heaven's will be done!

dream is over!

not to be!"

of death to her heart.

he returns,'

acquiesce in this.

called on the colonel again.

to-morrow."

Heav'n's ordaining,

trothal must be broken? She could

•*•*•*•*•*•*•*•*•*•*-*•**•**•**•* How could she meet Arthur and hand him back his ring, with the You loved me once," he said. You will learn to love me again. I

feel sure of it." "Are you content to marry me," she asked, "knowing that I despise you, that I look upon you with the st contempt?"

And he saw the tight clenching of the little white hand, and the hot flushing of the fair young face. "I will not argue the matter with you, Ione," he said, frowning dark-"Know this and let it suffice: I

would win you if I could, at whatever cost, on any terms." For some moments she was silent, evidently struggling with her anger,

and then she said, slowly: "I repeat that you are doing an unmanly thing in forcing me to marry you. You leave me no alternative. I will make those terms as difficult for you as I can," she cried, with flashing eyes. "I will be your wife because I am driven to it, though I hate you. You must know truth. You will have secured me, but you shall not even touch my hands. No word of love shall ever cross my lips to you. We shall be together, yet further part than strangers. Are you satisfied to claim me as the price of saving the poor colonel on those terms?"

He looked at her. She was so royally beautiful in her scorn, so fair in her bitter anger and defiance-so much more winning—even so than any other woman in her complaisant mood-that he could have given his

life even for that victory. She looked at him as though she were driven at bay; then took out her pretty little jeweled watch and looked at it as though to intimate that their interview was at an end.

He rose at once. He rose at once.

"I do not know that I need remain longer," he said,
"I will come again when your anger has cooled, to discuss the matter of

our marriage."
He would not notice the shudder that passed over her, and how her whole figure seemed to shrink and cower as a flower before a burning

blast of wind 'Au revoir, my dear," he said, 'not good-bye. And he laughed, and the slight inflection of maliciousness in that

laugh sent a hot, indignant flush to her face. She bowed and turned abruptly

away. Ione went at once to the library, where she could hear the colonel pac-

ing up and down. She opened the door and advanced swiftly to his side "I have seen Mr. Lyons," she said,

in a stifled, piteous voice; "our in-terview has just ended. I have promised to marry him, uncle." He could not repress the cry of joy that rose to his lips. His whole aspect changed. His cares and troubles seemed to fall from him. He forgot the terrible price, the hor-

rible cost of this girl's sacrifice. 'My darling," he cried, breaking down and sobbing like a child, "you have saved my life!"

And wrecked my own," hought. But she answered no word as he aressed her, asking Heaven to bless

'If you leave me now I shall sleep, one," he said, leaning wearily back in his chair. "And it will be the first time my eyes have closed peacefully since-since that horrible night." She kissed him, drew the silken curtains closely together and left

im. As she reached the threshold, he called to her: 'Ione, my darling," he cried, fear-

fully, "are you sure you will never regret this?" Quite sure, uncle," she replied,

cheerfully. And he sank back in his chair, content. Ione groped her way to her own room like one stricken blind, tears falling down her cheeks like rain.

"Is it a dream-a horrible dream," she murmured, "or is this miserable creature really me? What a "change forty-eight hours can bring! Only two days ago I was the happiest girl the whole world held-life seemed too short, and existence one dream gladness and of joy. Now the very

sunshine seems blotted out, and the world all cold and drear. Only two days ago I was watching eagerly for the return of my lover—and now, oh God! now I am parted from him forever. The golden future we planned

for ourselves is not to be. Ah, the pity of it—the pity of it!" She remembered the story of a beautiful young queen whom fate had parted from her love, and was forced, for political reasons, into wedding another, whom she had never seen, but whom she had heard of since she had been a little child with much dread. The feast was gotten ready, and the royal guests assembled, but the bride elect was long in coming. When they went to her room they found the door locked. They forced it open, and there on her knees they found the hapless young queen, arrayed in her bridal robes, cold and dead. In her hands they found the portrait of the lover she had loved so well, and lost. And they knew

that in bidding him a last farewell her heart had broken. The story had made a great impression on Ione when she first read it, and for many a day it haunted her memory. Would her heart break on her bridal eve like that of the hapless young queen?

The most cruel part of the affair

was that Arthur must never know why they were parted so cruelly; for had she not given her word—nay, her solemn vow—to the colonel never to divulge the cause?

Arthur had made a clean breast of telling his father all, and how lone was now not a poor working-girl, but Colonel Whitney's heiress; es, heiress to the three millions of noney which would be left her by the wealthy iron merchant of Pittsburg, who was her uncle, and whose only living relative she was. Arthur Rochester would have liked his proud old father rather better

he had not said, eagerly: "As the case now swithdraw my willing, of course, to withdraw my objections to the young lady. The who is well and favorably burg, known to me by reputation, is quite a different personage from a girl who earned her bread in the mill.

Arthur Rochester flushed to the

roots of his fair, curly hair. imagine how the light would die out of his bonny face and the gladness "My determination has never wav from his eyes. In the midst of her ered, father," he said, spiritedly. "I would have won her had it laid in my power to do so when she was only a working-girl. She refused me then—yes, that is the truth—she re-fused the millionaire's son, only to accept me when fate brought us to-And when the cup of joy we would gether again, and I hadn't a dollar, but was making my own way in the world. She knew that you had dis-

inherited me, but she never knew why, God bless her!" "I have repented of that, and have made a new will," said John Rochester, huskily. "You are still my heir, Arthur, worth quite as much as the

young lady herself." "I'm quite as much obliged, father, but I shall not accept it," said Arthur, decisively. "I have learned that I can make my own way in the world, and life seems more acceptable to a man when he earns his own

The entrance of Aunt Hilda Rochester cut short any further conver sation, and a few moments accepted with a sation and a few moments accepted with a sation and a few moments accepted with a sation and a sation accepted with a sation accepted wi gathered round the door, eager for one glimpse of "Master Arthur." It brought tears to John Roches ter's eyes when he saw and realized

how dearly his son was beloved. "I hope you have come to stay Arthur," said Miss Granger, flutter ing down into the velvet easy-chair opposite him, wondering the while is he did not hear how her heart was throbbing, and if he noticed how the color came and went in her cheeks.

"Only for a day, Elaine," he said, smilingly. "I must return to Pittsforward to his home-coming only forty-eight hours before! Now the burg at once." thought brought the bitterness He must have been blind not to see how the color faded from her That same afternoon Frank Lyons face, and her lips trembled; but the fact is, when a young man is in love with one woman, he

"Everything is perfectly satisfac-ory," he said at parting, "except "except the emotions of another. that Arthur Rochester-Ione's lover "In that case it was cruel kindness is still in your employ. As the first to come near us at all," pouted the step in the new direction he must be little heiress, striving to keep back her tears of vexation. "I have missdischarged from your employ as soon her tears of vexation. ed you so much, Arthur," she went on, plaintively; "you know I al-And, although greatly against his onscience, the colonel was forced to ways depended upon you as my cava-lier on my rides and drives."

"I should have imagined you would have found many only too glad to fill my place at your side," he said, lightly.

'Do you wish I had?' she asked, quickly, and again he might have noticed the sudden whiteness of the girl's drooping face, and the quick,

'Certainly:'' he responded. should have done so, Elaine. surprised that you did not."

his handsome, noble son by in si-lence and without recognition, but 'He has not missed my society as I have missed his," thought the girl, 'Father," he said, eagerly extendbitterly, or he could not say that.' ing his hand, "have you not one It had been a strict secret with Mr. kind thought left in your heart for Rochester and his sister as to why Arthur had left home so suddenly, Mr. Rochester's fine old face turnand Elaine never thought of connecting pretty Ione. Lawrence with the ed a shade paler. He bowed stiffly as his eyes rested for one brief instant

It had been a dear wish of Mr. Rochester's that his lovely ward would one day be Arthur's wife, but he had long since abandoned all hope of it, having been brought to a full realization of the old adage that

"Love goes where it is sent."

As the evening wore on Arthur pon-If you have anything to say to me dered long and earnestly as to you may come to the house," said Mr. Rochester, ungraciously, and only whether he should speak to the family of his betrothal to Ione, and of pleased at the scant courtesy approaching marriage, extended, Arthur took his place bewhether he had best leave that piece of news for his father to break to How the old butler's face lighted them. He concluded upon the latter up when he saw his genial young master. He hurried down to the course.

"I shall have something important to write to you very soon, Elaine," he said at parting, and those words dwelt for many a day in the girl's heart.

But the letter she looked for so long and so eagerly never came. Arthur Rochester was all impatience to catch the western bound express the next morning.

It seemed to him the train fairly crept past the little villages, the green sloping hills and vales, yet he comforted himself by the thought that every step brought him nearer

to his darling.
"I am one day late, but she will be all the more anxious to see me,' he told himself, with a smile on his

To be Continued.

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Nov. 22-Miss Minnie Budd, of Florence, who has been in town for several weeks, left for home this evening.
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