

An Unexpected Confession;

Or, The Story of

CHAPTER XXXIX.—(Cont'

Mrs. King smiled at her com-

ion's dismay. "I supposed you knew," she said, "but if you did not your surprise is natural. Esther was married before she came abroad."

"And she never told me!" exclaimed Miss Percival, in a wounded tone.

"Do not feel hurt, my dear Madam," returned her hostess, kindly. "for the dear child was married under peculiar circumstances, a few days before she sailed for England, and as she intended to go directly to school upon her arrival here, she was very reticent upon the subject, and doubtless thought it best not to mention a fact which would involve considerable explanation, especially as she did not intend to take her proper position in the world until her education was finished."

"Humph! Where is her husband?"

"He is not living—"

"What! Do you mean to tell me that the girl is a widow?" cried the astonished woman, aghast.

"Yes, her husband died the day after their marriage."

"Well! well! I never heard of anything equal to this!" was her breathless response.

"As I told you, the circumstances attending her marriage were peculiar," Mrs. King proceeded to explain; "the gentleman was an invalid in the house where she lived—"

"In her uncle's house?" inquired Miss Percival.

"Oh, no; those people were very kind to her, and she did not remain very long with them. She took up her abode for a living, and was very well in the business," the

trou continued. "This sick man who was an Englishman, had room in the house where she lodged; had a complication of troubles, and knew he had not long to live. He

was very kind to her, and did many things to make her comfortable. Shortly before his death, he

learned, through my husband, who had been his most intimate friend before he left this country, that he

had fallen heir to some property here. He determined at once to

leave it all to Esther as a reward for her goodness to him, and because, knowing her character, he

felt sure that she would make good use of it. But he had a dissolute and unprincipled brother, who, he

feared, might make trouble for her, and so, to avoid this danger he

proposed to marry her, and thus prevent any attempt to break his

will. They were married one afternoon, and he died about thirty-six

hours afterward. My husband took

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