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"Are you sending me away thus

e said with a smile. "Do you thinl

will submit to such treatment, my

wn? Have you no other good-night

She hesitated for a moment; ther

he lifted her hands again and clasp

d them about his neck, and drew the

all head down to hers with a sudder

assionate tenderness. Their lip:

net in one long kiss; then she gent

y disengaged herself, and, withou

word, he passed out, leaving he

lone with the memory of that clos-

iss upon her lips as she sank down

pon her knees by the table and his

er face upon her arms. And thu

when she came in gently to tell he

hat it was almost midnight, and the

hey were waiting to go to bed. An

he face Shirley raised when the gen

le hand touched her chestnut hat

shocked and pained Lucie more tha

t had ever done in all that time c

isery, and it haunted her often af

CHAPTER XXXVII.

The promise Guy had given wa

ard to keep, for he felt anything bu

nclined to rest when he and Oswal

eft Mrs. Jackson's cottage and wall

ed toward the hotel where they ha

out up. The streets of the old-fash

oned town were perfectly quiet then

hronged them during the earlier par

of the day had dispersed homeward

Oswald glanced at Stuart more tha

once with an earnest pity and sym

"You found her changed. Stuart!

"Terribly changed, poor child!"

"Ah, but she has been ill! She wil

"Heaven grant it!" Guy said earn

estly; but the dark shadow was no

lifted from his face, and the yearn

ing sorrow in his eyes only deepened

and, when they entered the sitting

room together, the languor of hi

movements rather startled his friend

"Do you feel ill, old fellow," he ask

"Only very tired," Guy answered

"It is from want of rest and from

anxiety," Oswald answered gently

but in his eyes there was a pity and

fear he did not dare to put int words. "And you have had-perhaps

it was impossible but that you shoul

walking and writing in a kind of

ealized yet, I think, that poor Glynn

is gone. Stuart, who could have

"How do you know but that I am

the guilty one?" Guy said, restlessly

pacing up and down the room, push

ing back his thick, dark hair from his

brow, with a fevered gesture of pair

as his troubled shining eyes met Os

wald's. "How can you tell? I

done that evil thing?"

he asked, as they walked on.

soon look like herself again."

the crowds which ha

erward.

or me, Shirley?"

lack. Ask your grocer.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

"And to-night you will go straigh to bed and try to sleep?"

"Are those my darling's orders?" "They are my entreaties, Guy. cannot bear that look of unrest and suffering on your face."

"It will not be there long, Shirley Do you ever think of the sadness of your own, dear? It is the saddes loveliest little face in all the world And now"-he drew her closer to his breast, and, as she stood, she could feel his heart throbbing against he shoulder-"I must say good-night my darling."

"Good-night, Guy. You have no given me your promise yet."

"What promise, sweet?" he said his eyes lingering over the earne face as if they could not tear then selves from it.

"That you will have a good night's

"That I will do my best to obtain one?" he corrected, smiling. "Yes." "And that you will try to forget al

the trouble of the past, Guy, and to think only of the mercy which has been over us all through it all." "Our darkness but the shadow of

His wings," he quoted softly. "Ah darling child, how often that line helped me through all this troubled

His face was beautiful now with the sudden light which came into his deep gray eyes as they looked into hers, and Shirley's sweet pale lips parted into a little smile.

"I often forgot it," she whispered. "But I know you never did, Guy. And now good-night."

She unclasped her hands suddenly and released him; but Guy held her firmly and tenderly.

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strange and unreal! How was it they acquitted me to-day, Fairholme! How was it? I don't know!" There was no proof against you

old fellow. Don't talk of it, Guy," Oswald answered gently and gravely. "How could they bring you in guilty

ing of the pain and shadow in his arm chair by the fire, to sit there me guilty -I saw and felt that. In the eyes of hundreds there is no more guilty man in England than myself.

They were concerned about the disgrace which would fall upon the reginent if I were convicted."

"You no longer belong to it." "Ah, but I did belong to it!" Guy aid quickly. "Fairholme I tell you ny life is blighted and dishonored Vever more can I walk among my ellow men save with the brand of a owardly murderer, one who decoyed defenceless man to take a lonely valk and murdered him in revenge or a wrong done years ago. Ah, if I had killed him then in my first pastion, they would have excused it! But to wait—to feign friendship

"Stuart, for Heaven's sake, cease You are feverish and excited and verdone. In the morning," Oswale dded earnestly, "you will see all this n a different and a truer light."

"Shall I?" Guy said wearily. "At o, old friend! My eyes are oper ow. That poor child saw it too. She nderstood that I- But I prom sed her to try to sleep," he added And you are tired, Oswald. I was

"You promised Shirley?" Captair 'airholme said gladly. "That is good news, Guy, because you will keep "If I can," Guy answered, smiling

ince we met! Good-night dea

Their hands met in a long class xpressive of earnest friendship and ood-will and kindness; and Oswale ift Guy at the door of his room t o to his own, almost too anxious to leep, fatigued and worn out though

And, in his own room, lighted by re and lamp, Guy Stuart threw him elf into an arm chair and bowed is head upon his hands, and sat here while the hours passed and the ight wore on, sleepless, restless, feered,; anon rising and pacing the oom with quick steps, then throwig himself upon the bed to try to eep his promise to Shirley, then risig once more and going back to his yes, "not because they did not think taring with wide, weary eyes into he dying glow, only to rise again and esume his perambulations.

probbing and excited, his eyes were leepless and burning. An intense reariness was upon him; but it was weariness which repose could not rame as his. For nights and nights

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anguish should be made public, that the love which he had buried so deep in his heart should be brought to light again had tortured him with

And now, though the ordeal was over, the suffering remained. Although he had been pronounced guiltless, the shadow of evil had fal upon him: he was blighted, dishon ored, shamed! He felt to the depths of his soul how true Shirley's shrink ing from him had been-that she was right when she told him that they ought not to meet again, that, if they married now, the evidence against him would be infinitely stronger, the suspicion of his guilt infinitely dark er. And yet it was very hard, bitterly, unspeakably hard that they should suffer so intensely when they were innocent of all wrong!

The fire died out unheeded, the night hours wore on, but no rest came to the burning eyes and throbbing brain. Guy Stuart sat and thought and thought until thought became an unmeaning chaos, and his brain grew confused and bewildered. Chilly as the night was, he fell window, staggering slightly as he amps were flickering somewhat in untly. "What a trouble I have he wind which had risen during the the window frame, Guy Stuart let the and cool his aching eyes. He emained there some few minutes he reaction after his intense excitenent creeping over him slowly.

he street glanced up at the window and went swiftly on his way; but Guy staggered back with a hoarse ery of terror and pain, pressing his ands to his eyes as if to shut out ome horrible vision, and shaking with a fear which was new and trange to him. When, a minute la ter, he glanced out again, there was 10 one in sight; and he went back the fire with the wild troubled ook deepening in his eyes.

"Is my brain going?" he murmur ed, half aloud. "Am I going mad? I

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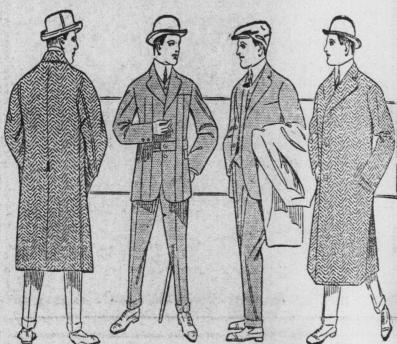
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