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ND you will be always with me,' she murmured. 'You will never leave me; we will go through life side by side. | ly. Think of that, Cyril! Does that thought make you happy? To-morrow!

I wish it would come. I long to tell them, to tell all the world that you are mine. Cyril, it will not make you love me less nor will it tempt you to think less of me-if I tell you how proudhow proud-I am of you, love?' are important. You keep the run

'Proud!' he eched, wondering. You proud of me!'

'Yes, yes,' she answered, 'I am so proud at having won you that I should tems-both well known all the the world to hear it.'

of reflection, hesitation, crossed his

ng,' he said, in a low voice, then he vision-had he been dreaming? added, suddenly, 'Leola, will you mind if we keep this secret of ours a secret still, for a little while?'

wondering. 'Why?' she asked.

at most,' he answered. 'There are reasons which I do not want to tell you now-you see how I trust in your love!' he said with a gentle smile. 'I know that you can trust me, my darling: that you will not ask me to tell you the reason, why I wish the great happiness and joy of my life kept a secret for a little while. Believe me, it is for the best. There are reasons

'The best of all reasons for me,' she said, with simple faith, 'is that you wish it to be so.'

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'I trust you with my life night,' she said, simply.

He looked down at her wistfully, and with a great love in his eyes. my past life, he said. 'You have no smile. 'You've heard good news, I doubts, no misgivings?'

perfect love and trust,' she replied. looking up at him proudly.

And with Heaven's aid I will repay such perfect love and trust, he

She did not understand the significance of his words, but she was con tent. Love asks little for all it gives -it asks but for love in return.

'It is late,' she said, wistfully; You must go now, Cyril,'

'Yes,' he said, reluctantly, 'we must part for to-night. Thank Heaven, morning will soon be here-and then I shall see you again. We will go into the park, down to the mill-any. where out of the reach of prying eyes. Good-night, my darling, my own,' and he bent his head and kissed her,

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Leola put a white hand on each shoulder, and standing on tipto, kissed him sweetly, gravely, on the lips. 'Good-night, Cyril,' she said, and drew her hands away slowly, lingering-

He went down the steps, and turning, watched her as she went into the house, looking back at him over her shoulder with a sweet, loving smile. Then the door closed, and the moon seemed to have dropped from the

Cyril bared his head and looked up at the stars, and the whole nature of the man expressed itself in one

long, silent thanksgiving. For the moment he seemed bewildered and staggered by his great hap-A sudden cloud- not of doubt but piness. It seemed unreal, illusionary. He looked back at the Abbey, at

the place where she had stood in her Vou will make me vain, my dail- soft, cream-white dress. Was it a

Then he remembered the crimson patch upon that dress, the rose, and quickly looked down; yes, there at She looked up at him gravely, his breast he wore the rose which had nestled against her bosom. It was no dream. Leola Dale, the mistress Only for a little while—a few days of Lorme Abbey, loved him!

He took the rose from the place, and kissed it reverently and walked on. As he turned in the farm gate the church clock struck eleven

'So late!' he thought, forgetting how time flies when it bears happiness on its winds, and he looked at his watch.

Mrs. Tibbett was waiting for him, and looked immensely relieved at sight of him; she dreaded that he would be out again all night.

'Oh, here you are, Mr. Cyril,' she said; 'and I've got you some soupand its all nice and hot, and - bless soul stared at him.

'Well I' said Cyril, with a short an illness in my life, barring Cape

'But-but-you look so different to what you have lately!' said Mrs. Tibbett, setting the soup before him, 'Not one word have you asked of and staring at him with a pleased should think, Mr. Cyril. You look 'No doubts, no misgivings, only for all the world like my dear Miss Leola looked when she heard the Abbey had come to her. God bless

> 'God bless her!' echoed Cyril, with such solemn and yet joyous gaiety, that Mrs. Tibbett's tears sprang to

> 'Ah, you may well say that, Mr. Cyril!' she responded. 'A sweeter, purer, better angel never lived.'

'Never!' responded Cyril, fervent-'And the man as is lucky enough

to win her will be the happiest man 'He will, he will, he is!' almost

shouted Cyril, as he rose and put his hand on Mrs. Tibbet's shoulder, and shaking her gently, laughed aloud. Whatever is the matter, Master

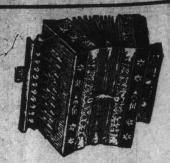
Cyril, dear?' ejaculated the good wo-Don't ask me-in case I should

tell you,' retorted Cyril, 'Give me my pipe. Mrs. Tibbett, you are a good-soul; but if you had committed all the crimes known to man I should love you because you love - ahem! Give me my pipe and go to bed.'

Dear, dear me! how strange you do talk!' murmured Mrs. Tibbett. staring at him as she lit her candle. She half thought, I am afraid, that he was intoxicated; and so he was but not with drink.

'Oh! there's a letter for you, Mr. Cyril,' she said, reaching it down from the mantel-plece. 'It came by to-night's post. It's marked 'immediate.' 1'd.'most forgot it, you talking so strange put It out of my head, and she wished him good-night.

Cyril opened his letter, and grew grave and thoughtful. He walked to the window, and throwing it open, ned out and smoked, thoughtfully,



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Suddenly, something struck him on attracted by the light; but, looking down, he saw something white lying on the ground, and, stooping, picked | question! up a piece of paper, tightly folded, and tied round a small stone.

He looked at it closely, and turned backwards and forward - as one does with anything mysterious; then pocket, and was out in the open air he picked off the twine, let the stone | before five minutes had elapsed. drop, and unfolded the paper.

It was a letter, and anonyn MR. CYRIL KINGSLEY -- If you would learn something further con cerning the mysterious visitor to the Abbey, you may do so by going to No. 13 Suffolk Street, Kingsley, and watching. There is no time to be lost. Take the advice of a friend-who is none the less a friend because he. or she, choose to advise you anonymously--and go up by the midnight

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That was all. Cyril read it, and re-read it. What should he do? Should he take this man's advice or woman's - which was it? He scanned the writing curious'y, and tried to remember it.

It was a woman's hand, Where had he seen it before? Yes! It was the shoulder, and dropped at his feet. like Cicely Stanhope's! He had seen For the moment, he thought it was her hand-writing on a piece of music. a bat or a large moth, that had been and in the Howth Album. And vet-But there was no time for con-

> jecture. Go, or not go-that is the The clock chimed the half hour. Suddenly he made up his mind, ran upstairs for his great-coat, thrust a purse and some papers into his

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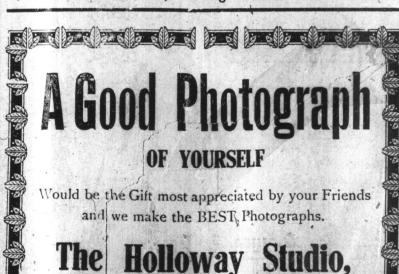
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