to hide the failings of another she hoped

how was Helen to keep it for her? What

tending to stay as long as it suited her

pear to suspect anything. He as well

as she was growing tired of Alice; the

increasing deference of his manner was,

weariness he felt. If Atice would only

and not let her wishes blind her to the

The rain began to fall again, and she

But it was not the first time she had

to consider the question, nor was she

able always to bring the same clear sight

and sense to bear upon it. The longer

occupations, on the contrary, lay more

in reading and writing for Percival, oc-

cupations for which silence and solitude

were almost necessary; yet Alice always

complained in a sweet, resigned way,

and in Percival's presence, if she were

left to spend an hour alone. Helen had

once a private fit of laughter at the

thought of the sitting-room which had

been fitted up for her visitor's private

use, and which she did not believe

Alice had ever entered since she open-

presence on the day of her arrival. Be-

sides, the constraint and irritation

caused by Alice's constant presence

was a feeling of being out of sorts,

brought on by the damp, close weather.

So she worried herself more than she

need have done, partly from these caus-

es, partly because there was no one to

whom to speak of her difficulty. Things

were growing worse. Alice seemed to

be slipping into a position towards Per-

cival which was not warranted by their

relationship, and Helen suffered more

than she would have believed she could

suffer from the conduct of anyone else.

Yet she and Percival never mentioned

the matter. Helen was kept silent by

an instinctive feeling of loyalty to Alice's

knew not why. She forgot that he did

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CHAPTER XIII.

OPEN WARTARE. When Awe had been at Brautwood a week Helen's peace of mind had gone; and sudeed the situation was one which might have perplexed and troubled many an older and more experienced woman. During He'en's absence from England she had torgotten Alice and her anger and jealousy; but now that she and her sisser were in the same house something happened nearly every day to remind her that they had once been rivals. Nor was this the worst. As day after day had passed by and she was convinced that Alice, too, remembered what had led to her declaration of her engagement, and again what had taken place on the night before her wedding, the unwilling conviction was slowly forced

upon her that in Alice's eyes they were rivals stil! The day on which this first dawned upon her she remembered well. Alice and she were alone, Percival had gone out after lunch. It had been wet in the early part of the morning, and Alice, always glad of an excuse for staying indoors, had settled herself to an enormous piece of fancy work, upon which she had already been engaged for nearly a year, and which seemed to promise constant employment for an itidefinite time. Helen, who had occupa tion for an hour or two in her household affairs, came at last into the room where Alice was sitting and threw herself into a chair with a little sigh of relief.

Alice had been amiability itself since her arrival at Brantwood. She had indulged in no fits of temper because everything was ordered with a view to her pleasure, and she had ceased to sit in silent disdain, while Percival and Helen talked in the light easy way in which they were accustomed to discuss even the most serious questions. She would even sometimes join in. in the same spirit, but Alice's humor was of rather a ponderous description, and generally had the effect of crushing the lighter article indulged in by her host and hostess. Words cannot describe her soft sweetness in the evening, when they sat in the drawing-room, or she challenged him to a game of billiards. All her hardness and indifference seemed to have melted away, she exerted all her powers to please: and became once more the woman who had gained a reputation for the gracious sweetness of ness; when she smiled or spoke it was with the air of a queen distinguishing her favorite subjects. Percival laughed at it, and Helen joined in his amuse-

ment, until it flashed across her mind what it meant, and then she was too angry to be amused, she knew that Alice was clever in her way, that when she strove to exert herself to study people she was generally successful. She had studied her world, the little world of two people with whom she was at present concerned, and she had not long been in finding out that part of what Percival leved in Helen was her brightness, her spontaneous graciousness and gladness of heart. If she wished to exercise any fascination over him she must forge her chains in smiles; but she felt that though she must fight Helen with her own weapons, she could never imiitate her. What would she look like, she wondered, as she sat pondering over her ways and means in her bedroom if she were to push open a French window and run across her lawn, springing in pure gladness of heart and youthful exuberance of spirits, over every little obstacle in her path; or, what would be the effect on even her grace and beauty if she were to suddenly sink down upon the rug and lean her elbow on Percival's knee, as Helen had done only the evening before. Helen, with her small slight figure had looked very graceful; she would look like a mere heap of flesh and clothing. She could never do such a thing, it would be fatal to the cause she had in hand : ane yet she must be as gay as Helen. Hence her queenly graciousness, her slow, rather weary smiles, which were to extinguish the quick brilliant ones that came lighting

heaving a sigh and saying-"That is done with for today, at any

up Helen's face all in a moment with

marvellous beauty. All these plans had

been arranged long before the wet morn-

fancy work, and Helen came in to her

"What is done with?" asked Alice, reflectively, and putting her head on one side to see the effect of a new shade

she had introduced into her work. "My domestic cares. Mrs Price insists upon consulting me about every-up and down, lest in thought. thing, and inflicting a long conversation upon me every morning. She would

"You surprise me. I should have enjoye I that kind of thing." "That is not true," thought Helen.

"I have no teste for it at all. So times it almost spoils the pleasure of having one's own house. The great attraction of hotel life is its perfect freedom from anything of that kind.

"Really you surprise me more and more. What would Percival say, I won-

"Oh, he does know, and quite under

stands, and deeply sympathizes with me of course. Alice raised her eyebrows and held her needle suspended above her work.

apparently lost in astonishment. "You don't mean to say that you talk to him about such things. I thought there was always a kind of tacit under-

There was something in her tone which sent the hot blood up to Helen's cheeks, as she replied.

"So far as I know, Percival is never go home, and that she might as well by prostration, debility, mental anxiety and hypochondria, and promotes refreshing better a start of the start of

"No, bothered was rather too strong vord, I confess; though after all, if you o on talking to him about it long

"Please do. I heve no doubt it will be of immense value to me,"said Helen, "If you want to keep Percival's affec-

ion," she began, and then pauced to she knew, only a cleak for the increasing ontemplate her work. "Yes," said Helen. "if I want to keep be an exception to the world at large,

Percival's affection-" "Do not get into a temper about it. In that respect you are really not much improved. Last night you got quite in- had to go into the house, where she furiated when we were talking about the found Percival, who had returned soonpossibility of rowing to the island in half er than he had expected him. an hour, When you had gone out of the room I said something about it to Percival, and what do you suppose his answer

"I cannot say. It would probably de- Alice stayed, the more did Helen feel pend upon the exact nature of the remark you made to him.

"He said he knew you were not perfect, but that people who were always fancy work, talknig all the time of herless fortunate friends. He said it so nicely, too, I did not feel as if I ought to disclaim being in the right, and you know I generally am." "Yes I know, of course : but what

did you say? or did you feel that silence was more eloquent than words?"

"I said that of course you had always been noted at home for having a very hasty temper, but we hoped you would conquer it in time."

"This is something quite new to me. I had no idea you cherished such a hope. What did he say?"

"He said he hoped you would. relied greatly upon time and increasing age and responsibility to help you. But I thought, you know, it was so nice of him to take it in that way, So many ceople would have thought at once that wanted to pick holes in your character, but he always understood me and did me

"Who has misunderstood you?" "Most people misunderstand me. There are very few people with whom I feel in sympathy."

"But you do with Percival?"

"Yes; we sympathised at once." "I don't remember it. Of course he feels equally in sympathy with you?" "I think so," was her answer, spoken rather slowly and without raising her womanhood, and Percival was silent she

"I am very glad to hear it," said Helen cheerfully, as she rose from her seat, "Since you feel quite sure, I do not never heard a word, of those two conmind telling you that I have sometimes doubted it, and it made me rather uncomfortable, for I hate to think people under one's roof do not agree.'

There was a pause ; then she crossed the room and Alice asked-"Where are you going?"

"Only to practice this song a little. Percival wanted me to sing it last night, and I could not. I will not disappoint ing on which Alice sat bending over her him again."

Alice smiled without speaking, and Helen sang the song through once or twice; then, on her sister's suggestion that her voice was a little husky, she left the room, ostensibly to get some lozenges, in reality to be alone.

It had cessed raining, so, she put on her hat and slipped out into the garden, that she did not doubt; she would not in a sheltered part of which she walked so far insult her husband. She was not \$3.00 a Year, 25 Cts a Number.

Alice's remarks filled her with amusoproportions, that was all; everything ment and dismay. Alice had to this would come right if only Alice would go lose all respect for me if I did not in- day done her best to hide her feelings, away. Then it was borne forcibly in dulge her weakness, but it is a great and to make Helen forget all she had apon her that not only did she wish once promised and threatened. She Alice to go—she ought to go for her ENVELOPES

was graceful and smiling and amiable; own sake. How to keep her secret and and she stabled her adversary in the yet to get rid of her unwelcome guest dark. She was trying to lower Helen she could not tell. At last an idea oc in her husband's eyes. This made Mrs curred to her.

Moore argry; amusement came in when "I will speak to her," she thought she imagined Alice picturing to herself "She is at least straightforward. There that she would succeed, repeating her will be no need to beat about the bush. little conversation with Percival in all She arranged a plan, therefore, and good faith, unable to look below the sur- determined to speak what was in her face and see the spirit which had prompt- mind.

ed his replies. Helen laughed quietly "She will probably believe it is a first as she thought of the tone in which Perster to confession that I have failed to cival would speak, of the veiled light keep Percival's affection, but I cannot there would be in his eyes, of how pre- help that."

ternaturally grave he would become as An opportunity presented itself that he realized the absurdity of the whole same evening. Percival left them after thing. She wondered he had not men- dinner to attend a meeting in the tioned it to her. She hoped, as a sud- village. Helen told him to come home den thought flashed into her mind, that early if the proceedings threatened to be he had not read Alice's purpose in her dull or to stretch over an inordinate words. The colour rushed into her face space of time, and after saying "Good as she thought of his guessing the truth. evening" he went out, and the two With the instinctive wish of one woman | were left alone.

he would not read Alice's motives aright, If Alice would not keep her own secret, A Pleasure Shared by Women Only. Malherbe, the gifted French author should she do? How act in such emer- declared that of all things that ma gency? The very nature of the difficulty possesses, women alone take pleasure forbade her to consult her husband, and being possessed. This seems generally true of the sweeter sex. Like the ivy plant, she longs for an object to cling the and love—to look to for protection A sudden longing filled her heart for Dr. Hazlitt, a man who had always helpnct to be told that Dr Pierce's Favorite standing in a house that the husband should never be bothered about anything of that kind."

ed her in her troubles. She could have Prescription is the physical salvation of told him of even such a difficulty as this, and his clear common sense would have make her life a burden,

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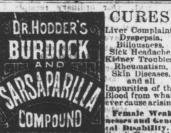
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