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mean?'

out reason.

whom he loved so well.

how would it end?

the lovely dimpled face.

the tears she could not restrain.

The affair which appeared so mon- me, why do you torture me?" strous, so cruel in Florabel's eyes had He looked at her in amazement. simply came about in this way: "I torture you, Florabel?" he ex-

Florabel had scarcely quitted her room ere Miss Clavering regretted not having accompanied her; the park would be so full of equipages; and, flying quickly to her own apartments, donned one of her prettiest costumes and flew out to the steps; but Florabel had driven away a moment before. She returned to the parlor, threw off her hat and gloves, and, for want of better amusement, sat down at the piano to try the latest song Max Forrester had brought her.

As for Max, his business arrangements being concluded early in the morning, he had come home, thinking he might be in time to drive Florabel out. Finding her gone, he had stepped into the parlor, attracted there by Miss Clavering's singing.

It was only natural they should practice the new music, he had brought the day before, over together.

And perhaps it was only natural, when Max admired the great cluster of roses she wore at her belt, for Inez to laughingly offer him the sweetest and fairest, and for him to gallantly kiss the white jeweled hand that had given him the rose.

There was not much in the action, but it shot with the bitterest pain through the heart of Florabel, who had just come down, and was about to enter the parlor. It smote her with the bitterness of death; her face grew pale to the lips; she looked like one whose heart had suddenly been transfixed with a sharp sword.

ne gazed with bated breath upon ne, the memory of which never left her while her life lasted.

The long, dim parlor with its rich talking together in low whispers, adornings of pale gold and creamery and her keen eyes detected how white; the lovely girl seated at the quickly they turned away and iano, toying with the crimson roses | changed the subject as she approach-

you from me," the answered, piteous-She is trying to usurp my place, and I-yes, I may as well own it to you as to weep over it in secret -I am bitterly jealous of your attentions to her. I am not happy. Oh, Max," cried the girl, "do you not see that my heart is bleeding? Can you not see it-you who once loved me so well?"

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He looked at her for the first time in his life with bitter anger and resentment.

"Do not be angry with me," she cried; "but oh, Max! I plead with you, by the love that once was mine, to give up Miss Clavering."

He drew back, white to the lips, repeating the words:

"Give up Miss Clavering - why, claimed. "Why, my darling, what what is she to me? What have I to strange words! What can you do with her?" he demanded, haughtily-coldly. "You will not understand," she

"She talks with you; she sings said, with a bitter cry; and, turning with you; you kiss her hand. I saw away, she left him lest he should see it. Oh, Max, you must give her up," she sobbed out. "Keep away from Max soon forgot Florabel's words. Miss Clavering."

He was of a singularly bright and "I have nothing to give up," he happy temperament. He had a cerreplied, coolly. "Because a lady haptain vague idea that all women had pens to be young and beautiful, and to highly strung nerves and were never show, as Miss Clavering does, an into be properly understood. When nocent preference for my society, I Florabel said anything that was not cannot be rude to her."

quite comprehensible to him he at-"Keep away from that false, beautributed the want of clearness to the tiful woman, Max," repeated Florafact that she belonged to the sex supbel, piteously clasping her little posed to be swayed by feelings withwhite hands, and bowing her curly, golden head in dejection. "Tell her He wondered a little sadly and a you have no time to spare for her." little gravely over the word "tor-"I cannot," replied Max Forrester, tured." What could Florabel mean? proudly and angrily. "Every one

-his pretty, golden-haired Florabel would laugh. They would say that I was under petticoat government." As the days flew on the fever of dis-"But it is for my happiness," said

trust and unrest increased in Flora-Florabel. "Sometimes, when she bel's heart. Her whole life became looks up into your eyes and smiles, one dream of watching and pain. Ah! it seems to me as though my heart were burning. For my sake, Max-" We all know how the eye of jeal-"I have never wronged you in ousy magnifies the merest trifles. If thought, act or deed." he interrupt-Max looked at Miss Clavering with ed. "You are a needlessly jealous laughing eyes, paid her a compliwoman. I never dreamed you had ment, talked or sang with her Florasuch a disposition when I married bel's heart beat with the keenest you. It is intolerable to me. You

alarm. She grew pale and strange. make me wretchedly unhappy." Max was alarmed at the change in She trembled like a flower suddenly exposed to the cold, cruel blast.

More than once he sought a secret "Do not be angry with me, Max,' counsel with Miss Clavering, to she pleaded-oh, so piteously! "Ah! confer with her upon this alarming how unhappy I am to have brought subject. Florabel often came upon this unhappiness upon you! What a them suddenly, and found them cruel mistake has been made!" "If you mean our marriage," he re-

> plied, "you force me to agree with you." These



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1. 1 oley has moved one of his Pleasant Hills. Gray and family have movve Islands for the winter. cKim, teacher, intends going ina to teach, after vacation; the climate does not agree here-and perhaps the highhas something to do with ge. Jennie McLaughlin arrived him from me? He is mine!"

om Boston recently. Erving, a little boy nine old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse ied on Saturday, the 15th, nonia. Laura Shipley and Miss

E. Murray expect to attend achers' Institute at Great this week. ~ furray took a sleigh drive to

last week, to visit the and people as well. eeze Lodge, Lower Economy, ery interesting, as well as ve public temperance meetaturday evening, Dec. 8th. A ogramme was well carried ev. F. E. Roop and Rev. A. ave addresses on the occa-

+1 (1 Moody is running his bachall this winter again. He housekeeper in the summer, not keep her in the cold

McLaughlin is quite sick. B. Moore has a year old the woods yet, so wild that not get him out. A. M.



rge Thompson, a leading of Blenheim, Ont., states :--bled with itching piles for could scarcely walk. I tried nany remedies, but never ything like Dr. Chase's Ointcured me. ackson of the Laurie Speol t. Alexis des Monts, Que., was troubled for two years ruel disease, bleeding piles, using Dr. Chase's Ointment. I am entirely rid of it. It ire to all suffering from

Thornton, blacksmith V.T., states :- "For fifteen ered untold agony from piles, and have been un-it with well-known phy-ad 15 tumors removed, but

at her belt, and Max-her Maxbending over her with a look on his face that made her heart throb with the bitterest jealous pain. Inez was looking up into his face with those wondrous, dark Southern eyes, and a smile on her crimson lips. It was more than human nature could bear. She turned and fled through the long corridor out into the rose garden.

Over the brightness of the summer day a cloud had fallen; a funeral pall lay over the gold of the laburnum, and the purple of the lilacs; a dark mist hid the buddng roses and the lily leaves. What was this fiery, horrible pain that made her heart bleed? "He is mine," she murmured, piteously, raising her eyes to the sunlit sky. "Why should she try to take

CHAPTER IX.

The memory of that kiss was a burning pain to Florabel. It tortured her. How was she to bear it? Was his love so light that a few glances from a pair of dark, brilliant eves, and a few smiles from rosy lips, could take his heart from her?

When she returned to the house she found Max reading the morning paper in her boudoir.

She made up her mind that Miss Clavering should never know how bitterly jealous she was. She should not triumph over her. She would meet her with a smile on her lips, though the bitterness of death lay in her heart.

"What! Back so soon?" exclaimed Max, as she advanced towards him. "Why, I did not expect you to return before noon."

"I suppose not," replied Florabel. And she could not hide the sarcasm that crept into her voice.

"You should have stayed out

longer," declared Max. "The morning air has flushed those cheeks, and lent a wonderful brightness to those hazel eyes. I shall insist upon your driving out for an hour or two every morning after this." How little he dreamed that it was

suppressed emotion that flushed those cheeks and gleamed from her eyes. A strange, angry smile curved Florabel's crimson lips, and the unnatural sparkle deepened into a lurid flame in her hazel eyes.

The angry retort sprang to her lips: "No doubt you would like to have me away that you might make love to Miss Clavering."

But she checked the words just in time. Prudence restrained her. She crossed the room, and laid her

lovely white arm round his neck. "Max," she asked, in a low voice

that sounded very like a sob, "do you really love me?" "Is it not rather late in the day to

ask that question, my darling?" he said, surprisedly. "But do you?" persisted. "Do you

love me better than any one else?" "Yes, ten thousand times better. I

I have on thought, no wish, that does Clavering, my mother's guest?" not begin and end with you, Flora- The lovely dimpled face fin

ed: She knew by instinct they had been talking about her.

Many a woman could have crept up behind them and listened. She could never have done that, even though many a night she tossed restlessly upon her pillow, vainly speculating as to what they were saying of her. She wonderend if Max were telling her that he regretted his marriage, and that he had found out, too late, how unsuited they were to each other? And was she pitying him because of his wasted life?. No wonder Florabel grew pale and thin, torturing herself with needless, foolish fancies.

One day, in speaking of the matter -the great change in Florabel-to Miss Claverng, Inez turned to him with an uneasy laugh. "Do you know, Max," she said, "I

am grieved to say it, but indeed, I believe Florabel is jealous of me." "Jealous!" cried Max. "And of you! You must be mistaken, Inez. Jealous! Why?"

"I cannot tell why," she replied; 'but many people have noticed it. I begin to think that it is a common subject of remark."

"Florabel jealous!" he cried again, "and people remarking it. ! There must be some mistake. It cannot be true. Why, I have never given her cause for jealousy. Never!" "For your sake, I wish I was mis-

taken," she replied. "Rumor says I am not." "Do you mean to tell me, Inez,' he cried, "that my wife and my domestic affairs are the subject of common gossip?"

"It is very unpleasant," she said, sympathizingly; "but I fear it is Florabel's own fault. She shows her

Max Forrester's handsome face grew white with rage. This was intolerable.

"You shall not go away, Inez, for any reason so absurd," he declared. "Stay and show the world how per-

ly. "Let the gossip die away-if die it will."

in the rose arbor.

answer." his disturbed face.

"That I will certainly do," she re-"Is that true which people are

love you with all my heart and soul. "Are you, my wife, jealous of Ines The lovely dimpled face finshed

ed in a moment of anger, that broke a loving heart.

With bitter resentment in his heart. he turned and strode away, leaving Florabel standing there among the pitying roses. Surely, the sadest. sight the golden sunshine ever shone on, for the bitter prayer was falling from her lips that angels up in heaven must have heard and wept over. She was praying to be shown which way to die, for the horrible fear that overshadowed her life-the sword which had hung so long over her-had fallen at last on her hapless head.

CHAPTER X.

From the hour poor Florabel had confessed her jealousy of beautiful Inez Clavering a coolness had sprung up between Max and herself. He was greatly annoyed. He showed it by words and looks of stern displeasure that were far harder to bear than any amount of angry words would have been.

He was one of the proudest of men, and certainly one of the most sensitive. That his young wife should have shown a feeling so paltry as jealousy of his mother's lovely guest amazed him. He was more incensed than words could express.

33 So the clouds deepened, and the bitter end drew near day by day, and 57 Freight day by day they drifted further apart. Florabel would have given up her life-poor foolish child-if he would have taken her into his arms and forgiven her and kissed her tears away. 34 But Max was polite, cold and courteous. No gleam of love or tender-26 ness ever escaped him, and her love turned upon itself and ate her heart as the canker eats the heart of the fairest bud all unnoticed.

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Suffocating fectly absurd and unfounded such a rumor is. I will go and speak to Florabel about it at once." "Better not," she replied, careless-

But Max Forrester went in search of Florabel.

He found her in her favorite nook

He went up to her at once, and sat down by her side. "I wish to ask you a plain, honest question, Florabel." he said. "You will please give me an equally sincere

She raised her clear, true eyes to

plied, timidly. "What is it, Max?"

speaking of?" he asked, abruptly

unfounded jealousy of me in public. What can you expect? And I-I-am going to draw my visit to your dear, dear mother quickly to a close on account of it," she sobbed.

