he is engaged, but in his state of health absolute quiet and privacy is necessary. Still we want a witness to the ceremony. Will you come?" "Why, of course I will, though as the poor chap is ill it seems a pity not to put off the wedding." "He is anxious to get abroad, and

"He is anxious to get abroad, and says he must have her with him as his wife." 'I see.

"I see. And where is the wedding to take place?"

"You will no doubt be surprised when I tell you at the Eddystone lighthouse

"Are they mad?" asked Haselfoot. "No, not madder than other people," replied Ronald, drily. "But he landed at the Eddystone, and has been ill there. You must understand the whole business must be been and the whole

usiness must be kept an absolute business must be kept an absolute secret. We don't want to get the lighthouse men into trouble for having harboured him; and they have been very good to him; there are also family reasons "

"All right; I shan't say a word. How and when does the wedding take take place

"When will you be next off the Eddy-stone?"

"To-morrow night." "To-morrow night it shall be. They have a special license and can be mar-ried when and where they please."

"It is a very strange place to be pleased with." "It is. I think you have met the

"It is. I think you have met the young lady some time ago." "What is her name?"

What is her name?" "It would not reveal anything to you. I don't think you ever heard it." "Ah! I meet so many girls and for-set all about them afterwards." "Just so," said Ronald, earnestly hoping that he had forgotten his rencontre with Miss Iredale. He would not have said anything about having met her to Haselfoot, had he not in the first instance thought that no one the first instance thought that no one could forget Enid's face if he had once seen it. seen it. And there he was right, for when the time of meeting came, Hasel-foot recollected her instantly. Ar-after which the naval man announced that time was up, and he must go on board.

"To-morrow night, then," were Ron-old's parting words; you will not fail

'To-morrow "To-morrow night—Admiralty al-ways permitting. Though why," he added, sotto voce, as he went down the road, "why my presence as a wit-ness should be so desirable, and why the lighthouse mor couldn't because hess should be so desirable, and why the lighthouse men couldn't have been witnesses is more than I know. I sup-pose it's because they want it to be kept a secret. Rum start anyhow, an invalid in an out-of-the-way lighthouse! but it's no business of mine."

### CHAPTER XXII.

#### A Lonely Bride.

RONALD wrote to Enid that night,

Control of the second s Was this secrecy lever to end: ashamed to look anyone in the face? But a voice within her answered that the secrecy would not be for long. As she looked at the throngs of people in the streets she wondered if any one as happy, if everyone did not beneath a can countenance bear as much care as she was bearing. And then the words that have comforted laden souls for the last two thousand years com-torted her also, "Come unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and will give you rest." There was no such thing as worldly happiness, she still attainable. Was it possible, she asked herself, that she was the same who at Court balls and entertain-danced through life, knowing little of hearts around her. God help them!

God help them every one!" she ejaculated fervently.

It was in the bend of a quiet country lane that she perceived Ronald, who

"I had to see you," he exclaimed, who "I had to see you," he exclaimed, "for so much has to be done before to-night," and he told her of his inter-view with Haselfoot, and what had been arranged been arranged.

"Is it to be to-night?" she asked, and turned very white. "To-night, if you will. It seems too good an opportunity to be lost," and he added a few more words than he had said to Haselfoot.

"I shall be ready at the appointed time. Will Mr. Haselfoot be silent as he does not understand the necessity for silence?"

"He will be silent."

There was a long pause. "Enid," said Ronald, speaking in tones of intense emotion, and using this name for the first time, "are you sure that you will go through with this? There is time even now to draw back."

B UT she came of a race that would never draw back and would die game; the harder the task the more resolute would she be to fulfil it. "I will go through with it," she re-plied, firmly. "May God be with you," he said, earnestly, and, after a few more words, left her

left her.

She returned to her rooms feeling thoroughly exhausted. She had not one idea of joy or happiness in what was to befall her, nothing but profound compassion for Cornwallis in her heart.

She threw herself on her knees and prayed for guidance. She would sub-due her love for Ronald if possible. In and her love for kohald if possible. In marrying Cornwallis she would be sacrificing her own wishes and de-vices; was not self sacrifice always right? "He needs me," she thought; "Ron-ald is strong and does not need me."

She remembered when she was first engaged to Cornwallis how eagerly she had looked forward to being married. First there would be the joy of being with him, then the delight of wedding presents, a superb trousseau, all those things which are dear to the heart of a girl. What had she now? What would her mother think if she could only know?

"Do wishes attained always turn to bo wishes attained always turn to bitterness and sorrow?" she asked her-self. "I wanted to marry Horace be-fore anything else in life, and now I am going to marry him, and I am miserable."

But she felt ashamed of herself and her weakness, besides there was much to be done, she resolved not to give way again

She informed her landlady that she was going away that evening, unexpectedly.

"So soon, Miss?" asked the woman, with suspicion.

"I have to go to a sick friend," she replied, hating herself for these eva-sions, which, though the truth, were not the whole truth.

Then she began to wonder what she would wear. What bride's circum-stances could be more mournful? Was not black the fitting garb? It was; she felt she could not put on a coloured dress. So, instead of being surrounded with admiring relations and brideswith admiring relations and brides-maids, instead of putting on costly array, she prepared herself alone. She wore her one black dress, but

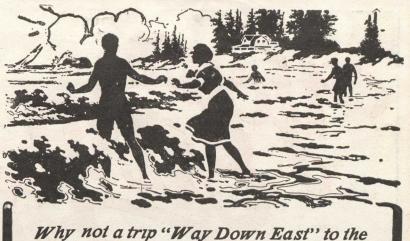
she wore her one black dress, but she put on a fichu of filmy beautiful lace, a remnant of former finery, and, knowing Cornwallis's eyes for detail, placed a few white flowers in her bosom.

(To be continued.)

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