

John Ellery stood still, with one foot next moment he was alone. Grace Van uplifted for a step. The girl looked Horne had vanished in the gloom of out over the water and he looked at the pine thickets. her. Then a crow, one of several whirling above the pines, spied the in | walked slowly back along the path. He truder and screamed a warning. The saw nothing real, and heard nothing cracked sharply. Grace turned and him as he passed. It was not until saw him. Oh!" she cried. "Who is it?"

Ellery emerged from the shadow "Don't be frightened, Miss Van Horne," he said. "It is-er-I."

"You came to see the sunset. suppose?" she said hurriedly, as if to want?" head off a question. "So dfd I. It is

She had said precisely the same thing on that other evening, when they stood in the middle of "Hammond's Turn-off" in the driving rain. He remembered it, and so, evidently, did she, for she colored slightly and smiled.

wetting the other day"

wouldn't let me lend you the umbrella, it! Yes, sir, I done it when she got so I had that to protect me on the way

"Not then: I meant the other morn ing when Nat—Cap'n Hammond—met What'll I do?" you on the flats. He said you were wading the main channel and it was over your boots.'

"It was worse than that, a good deal worse. It might have been my last cruise. I'm pretty certain that I owe the captain my life. That part of the channel I proposed swimming was exactly where two men have been drowned, so people say. I'm not a very strong swimmer, and they were. So, you see.'

Grace cried out in astonishment she exclaimed. Then point ing toward the bay, she asked: "Out there, by the end of that leader, was

"Yes, that was it." She drew a long breath. Then, after

a moment: "And Nat spoke as if it was all

joke," she said. "No doubt he did. From what I hear of your brother, he generally refers to can't starve to death in there, can his own plucky, capable actions as jokes. Other people call them some did! Oh-" thing else."

rupted absently. "I wish he was." She sighed as she uttered the los sentence.

"No, of course he isn't your real

"Yes," rather doubtfully.

"You must be proud of him." "I am." there was nothing doubtful

this time.

uncle say about Cap'n Nat's meeting whip me. Or commit suicide. She's teered. "Uncle Eben doesn't know. Nat

boast. And uncle would be glad he er laugh, but checked himself, as he told you how nigh I come to not gethelped you. As I told you before, Mr. saw the look of absolute distress on tin' out at all. Just afore Mr. Payne Ellery. I'm not ashamed of my uncle. poor Kyan's face. He has been so good to me that I never can repay him, never! When my "We'll think of some plan to smooth that door? Well, when I was in there own father was drowned he took me matters over. I'll go home with you this afternoon the wind blew the in, a little orphan that would prob- now and we'll let her out together." ably have been sent to a home. When The little house was dark and still I was. If I hadn't had the other key behavior. He had grown perceptibly he needed money most he said nothing as they approached it. to me but insisted that I should be educated. I didn't know until after dark and quiet. So was the sitting have been a pretty mess, wouldn't it! in the housekeeper's eyes, his appetite wards of the self-sacrifice my four room. The clock ticked, solemn and He! he! he!" years at the Middleboro Academy slow. Kyan's trembling knees man-

mused. "This is why..."

"That is why I don't say 'never done nothin' and be you and hain't neither.' Yes, thank you, that's why. don't wonder you were surprised." She was soing, but the minister had

something to say. He stepped forward the dismal tick of the cleck in the Kyan shook it with enthusiasm. "Just a minute, please," he urged.

"Miss Van Horne, I do understand. I do respect your uncle. We have a mutual friend, you and I, and through her I have come to understand many

Grace turned and looked at him "A mutual friend?" she repeated. "Oh, I know. Mrs. Coffin?" "Yes; Mrs. Coffin. She's a good

"I know. I feel the same way about her. She means so much to me. I ed. love her more than anyone else in the key." world, except uncle, of course and Nat. I miss her very much since-

I wish—I hate to think I am the cause hole and threw the door open. The litwhich separates you two. It isn't my tle room was almost as dark as the fault, as you know."

choose my friends for me, people who, because of a fanatical prejudice, stand in the way of- If it wasn't for that. you might call and see Mrs. Coffin, lust as you used to do."

"But it's impossible. Uncle respects and is fond of Aunt Kezish, but he

She was close to the overhangin of the bluff and the sod upo which she stood was bending beneat her feet. He sprang forward, caugh her about the waist, and pulled he back. The sod broke and rattle down the sandy slope. She would have had a slight tumble, nothing worse had she gone with it. There was r danger; and yet the minister was ver white as he released her.

She, too, was pale for a momen and then crimson.

"Thank you," she gasped. "I—I nust go. It is late. I didn't realize how late it was. I—I must go. I—: think the sunsets from this point are the finest I have ever seen. I come here every Sunday afternoon to see

This remark was given merely to cover embarrassment, but it had an nnexpected effect.

"You do?" cried the minister. The It was a strange John Ellery who

minister was startled and stepped not even the excited person who, hid back. A dead limb beneath his foot den behind the bayberry bush, hailed the unimportant affairs of this material earth. "Why! Why, Mr. Pepper!"

"Are you here? What do you gasped.

"Am I here?" panted Kyan. "Ain't a beautiful evening for a walk, isn't I been here for the last twenty minutes waltin' to get a chance at you? Ain't I been chasin' you from Dan to Beersheby all this dummed-excuse me-afternoon? Oh, my godfreys

Why, what's the matter? "You-you made me do it," guarded Kyan. "Yes, sir, 'twas you put me up "I mean it this time," she said. "I'm to it. When you was at our house glad you didn't get cold from your t'other day, after Laviny locked me up, you told me the way to get square "Oh! I wasn't very wet. You was to lock her up, too. And I'done back from meetin' this noon. I run off and left her locked in. And-and' he wailed, wringing his hands--I ain't dast to go home sence.

CHAPTER VIII.

In Which Miss Daniels Determines to

Find Out. The hysterical Mr. Pepper doubtless expected his clergyman to be almost as much unset as he was by the news of his action. But John Ellery was provokingly calm.

"Hush! Hush!" he commanded. this thing. Some one is locked up, you say. Who is it? Where-"

where I was t'other day and I slammed

"Well, then, I don't see why you "He isn't my brother," she inter can't go home and—hum—I don't like Bish, but I forgot." to advise your telling a lie, but you cident. Or, if you really mean to be good one now. Oh, well, deary me! I Annabel put down the glass and, your own master, you can tell her you must be gettin' absent-minded. I ain't heedless of her father's call, sat thinkbrother; I forgot. But he must seem did it purposely and will do it again if asked you where you've been all the

she ever tries the trick on you." Laviny; she ain't like most women. could not resist that mute appeal. "Miss Van Horne! What did your know's she wouldn't take and horse, some time, Miss Pepper," he volun-If I should tell her that she'd-I don't

said she would afore now if-if-" didn't tell anyone but me. He doesn't needn't worry." He burst into anoth- I'm sure. But, oh, say, 'Bishy! I ain't

the ell at the side of the house. This hell was almost pitch black.

"Here bere, 'tis," panted Kyan, per. do you? Listen!"

room they had left. Ellery knocked "Miss Pepper," he said; "Miss Pep mighty!

per, are you there?"

Silence, absolute. Abishal could stand it no longer. He ground and lapsed on his knees.

"She has!" he moaned. "She done it and there ain't nothin' in there but her remains. Oh. my soul!" Ellery, now rather frightened him-

self, shook him violently. "Be quiet, you idiot!" he command "We must go in. Give me the

After repeated orders and accompanying shakings, Kyan produced a key. The minister snatched it from "Since I came, you mean. I'm sorry. his trembling fingers, felt for the keyhall and quite as still. There was a distinct smell of old clothes and cam-"Yes, and I object to having others phor. The minister was going after a match, and said so. In returned with several. One of these he lit. The brimstone sputtered, burned blue and fragrant, then burst into a yellow flame.

The little room was empty. John Ellery drew a breath of relief. Then he laughed. "Humph!



He Sprang Forward and Caught Her About the Waist.

light a lamp, and let's talk it over?" The lamp was found and lighted at last. It's radiance brightened the dingy sitting room. The sound of wheels was heard in the lane by the front gate. A vehicle stopped. Then one called a hurried good night. Mr. Pepper's fear returned. "It's her!" he cried. "She's been

stand by me, Mr. Ellery. You got to. You said you would. But how on earth did she get out-"

His sister appeared on the threshold. She was dressed in her Sunday best, flowered poke bonnet, mitts, imitation India shawl, rustling black bombazine

gown. She looked at Mr. Pepper, then at the minister. "O Mr. Ellery!" she exclaimed, "be you here?"

The Reverend John admitted his presence. Miss Pepper's demeanor surprised him. She did not seem angry; indeed, she acted embarrassed and confused, as if she, and not her brother, were the guilty party. "I'm awfully sorry, Mr. Ellery,

gushed Lavinia, removing the bonnet. "You see, I was invited out to ride this afternoon and-and-I went."

dened-yes, almost blushed-and continued.

"You know, Bishy," she said, "Thankful Payne's cousin's home avisitin' her. He come about that cousin's will—the other cousin that's just died. He's a real nice man-her live cousin is-keeps a shoe store up to Sandwich, "Wait a minute. Let me understand and I used to know him years ago. When I was over to Thankful's t'other "Who is it? Ain't I tellin' you, It's got speakin' of what nice drives there Laviny, She went into that spare room was around Trumet and-and-erwell, he asked me if I wouldn't like to the spring lock to on her. Then I go to ride next Sunday afternoongrabbed the key and run. That was that's today. And a ride bein' a good in the direction of the beach. She afore three this afternoon; now it's deal of a treat to me, I said I would. saw him climb a high dune, jump a 'most night and I ain't dast to go Thankful was goin' too, but-er-erhome. What'll she say when I let her she couldn't very well. So Calebout? I got to let her out, ain't I? She that's his name, you remember, 'Bishy -he come round with his horse and And you told me to do it! You team about ha'f past three and we ister. Evidently, he had not gone

might let her infer that it was an ac- per," gushed Lavinia. "I'll get you afternoon."

"I tell her that! I tell her! O Mr. Abishai's eyes turned beseechingly Ellery, don't talk so. You don't know toward his promised backer. Ellery

"Oh. has he? Ain't that nice! He "Nonsense! She won't do that, you couldn't have been in better comp'ny, come, I was in that spare room and-

The Reverend John did not answer. aged to carry him to the little hall He could not trust himself to speak discouraging. "So you went away to school?" he leading from the sitting room toward just then. When he did it was to an His absent-mindedness was most

"Here's the door. I don't hear nothin', Miss Pepper went into the kitchen, kanah's.

about your miracles! Godfreys ain't in love, are you?" Say, Mr. Ellery, don't you The young man started, co ever tell a soul how it really was, will was plainly embarrassed. could you?"

"No. of course not." "No, I know you won't. You won't

That's a trade, hey?"

of his step.
"What?" he said, turning.

Mr. Pepper merely smiled, white and shut the door. John Ellery reflect "Well, I'm glad of that," and and shut the door. John Ellery reflect "I ain't got any grudge against Anna-Mr. Pepper merely smiled, winked, lieved. The summer in Trumet drowsed on, as Trumet summers did in those days, you. I'll say this, though, for a body when there were no boarders from the that ain't in love you certainly stay city, no automobiles or telephones or with the Danielses a long time. You "antique" collectors. The Sunday din- went there right after meetin' this she cried, tears of utter loneliness ners with the Daniels family were al. noon and now it's seven o'clock and most regular weekly functions now. you've just got home. And 'twas the He dodged them when he could, but same last Sunday and the one before, he could not do so often without tell. Been there all the time, have you?" ing an absolute lie, and this he would not do. And, regularly, when the solutime. I—I—er—went for a short emn meal was eaten, Captain Elkanah | walk."

ingly confidential and cordial. It was "muss," so Caplain I is desired work to get away, and yet, somehard work to get away, and yet, some-how or other, at the stroke of four. as usual, went home with Captain the minister always said good-by and Daniels and Annabel. Keziah returned ook his departure.

the reading of Moore's poems had room and she unlocked it, taking from mest's sudden rising and reaching for writing case, inlaid with mother-or his hat. "I don't see why you always pearl, a present from her father, who to so early. It's so every time you're ere. Do you call at any other house on Sunday afternoons?"

ing across the fields after you left walstcoat. Mrs. Coffin looked at the walk?"

"Er-er-yes, I did." "I wish you had mentioned it. I love to walk, and there are so few people that I find congenial company. Are you going for a walk now?" 'Why, no er not exactly."

"I'm sorry. Good-by. Will you come again next Sunday? Of course you will. You know how dreadfully disappointed I-we shall be if you don't." "Thank you, Miss Daniels. I enjoyed the dinner very much. Good after-

He hurried down the path. watched him go. Then she did an odd "Mr. Ellery, is that you?" thing. She passed through the situp the stairs, tiptoed by the door of her father's room, and then up anothar flight to the attic. From here a ahuntin' for me. Now I'll get it! You steep set of steps led to the cupola on the roof. In that cupola was a swered. "I'm comin'." spyglass.

rack, adjusted it, laid it on the sill on the center table. She held out her of the open window and knelt, the glass at her eye. The floor of the cupola was very dusty and she was wearing her newest and best gown, but she did not seem to mind.

Through the glass she saw the long slope of Cannon Hill, with the beacon at the top and Captain Mayo's house near it. The main road was deserted after dinner to-day. It would have been save for one figure, that of her late a real one if I hadn't walked off and caller. He was mounting the hill in long strides.

She watched him gain the crest and pass over it out of sight. Then she shifted the glass so that it pointed toward the spot beyond the curve of She glanced at her brother, red- the hill, where the top of a thick group of silver-leafs hid the parsonage. Above the tree tops glistened the white steeple of the Regular church. If the minister went straight home she could see him. But under those silverleafs was the beginning of the short cut across the fields where Didama had seen Mr. Ellery walking on that

previous Sunday. Slowly she moved the big end of the day, him and me had quite a talk. We spyglass back along the arc it had traveled. She found a speck and watched it. It was a man, striding across the meadow land, a half mile beyond the parsonage, and hurrying fence, cross another field and finally vanish in the grove of pines on the edge of the bluff by the shore.

The man was John Ellery, the minstarted. But I'd no idee 'twas so late. home, nor had he taken the short I-I-meant to tell you I was goin' cut. Instead he had walked downtown a long way and then turned in to "I'm so sorry I kept you waitin' sup- cross the fields and work his way back.

ing. The minister had deliberately deceived her. More than that, he had gone to considerable trouble to avoid observation. Why had he done it? Had he done the same thing on other "Your brother has been with me for Sunday afternoons? Was there any real reason why he insisted on leaving the house regularly at four o'clock?

CHAPTER IX

n Which Keziah's Troubles Multiply. Keziah was getting worried about her parson. Not concerning his popu-"Never mind, Mr. Pepper," he said. you remember I put a spring lock on larity with his congregation. She had long since ceased to worry about that. But what worried Mrs. Coffin was door shut, the lock clicked, and there John Ellery's personal appearance and in my pocket I don't know's I wouldn't thinner during the past month, his They entered. The dining room was have been in there yet. That would manner was distrait, and, worst of all had fallen off. She tried all sorts of

tempting dishes, but the result was nounce that he must be getting toward | acute on Sunday evenings, before prayhome. No, he couldn't stay for sup- er meeting, and after he had returned from the afternoon at Captain El-

to you? Listen!"

and Abishai saw the visitor to the "Say, Mr. Ellery," she said, on one would have let that da—that miser knew, also that the responsibility was door. Ellery extended his hand and of these Sunday evenings, "do you shie Anse Coffin come near you. I'm hers. She must go home at once, go "Wa'n't it fine?" he whispered. "Talk meals must go to your head. You

> "In love?" he repeated. "In love, Mrs. Coffin?"

"Yes, in love. Annabel hasn't landtell on me and I won't tell on you. ed a male at last has she? She's a But 'twouldn't be any use. I can't do ed stealthily along that narrow path line over the side for a long time." The minister stopped in the middle. The hearty laugh with which this was received settled the question of and strode toward the door. Turning, Annabel's success. Keziah was re- he looked at her.

"Well, I'm glad of that," she said. bel, but neither have I got any against

went upstairs for his nap and the Reverend John was left alone with Annabel. Miss Daniels did her best to be and closed the door after him. entertaining, was, in fact, embarrass- Sunday was a cloudy, warm day.

to the parsonage, ate a lonely dinner "What is your hurry, Mr. Ellery?" and went upstairs to her own room Her trunk was in one corner of this een interrupted in the middle by the a compartment of the tray a rosewood had brought it home from sea when she was a girl.

From the case she took a packet of "No," was the prompt reply. "Oh, letters and a daguerreotype. The latter was the portrait of a young man in high-collared coat, stock and fancy daguerreotype, sighed, shuddered, and ng across the surface. Did you go for a laid it aside. Then she opened the packet of letters. Selecting one from the top of the pile, she read it slowly And, as she read, she sighed again. She did not hear the back door of

the parsonage open and close softly Nor did she hear the cautious foot steps in the rooms below. What aroused her from reading was her own name, spoken at the foot of the

stairs. "Keziah! Keziah, are you there?" She started sprang up, and ran out into the hall, the letter still in her hand.

"Who is it?" she asked sharply ting room, entered the front hall, went | Nat. Are you busy. Keziah? I want to see you for a minute.

The housekeeper hurriedly thrust

the letter into her waist. "I'll be right down, Nat," she ar He was in the sitting room whe Annahel opened a window a few she entered He was wearing his Suninches, took the synglass from its day suit of blue and his soft hat was

> hand and he shook it heartily Before he could speak she caught ; glimpse of his face. "What is it?" he asked

the matter?"-"Well Keziah it's trouble enough Dad and I had a fallin' out We had what was next door to a real quarre left him. Keziah, he's dead set on my marryin' Grace. Says if I don't he'll know that I don't really care a tin nickel for him, or for his wishes, or what becomes of the girl after he'

gone. Keziah was silent for a momen Then he said slowly:

"And Grace herself? How does sh feel about it? Has he spoken to her?" "I don't know. I guess likely he has. Perhaps that's why she's been so sort, of mournful lately. But neve: mind whether he has or not; I won't do it and I told him so. He got red hot in a jiffy. I was ungrateful and stubborn and all sorts of things. And I bein' a Hammond, with some of the Hammond balkiness in me, I set my foot down as hard as his. And we had it until-until-well, until I saw him got scared and feared he was goin' to



And She Cried Tears of Utter Loneliness and Despair.

keel over where he stood. You know else in this round world but you."

"Nat, I can't marry you." and such. We was promised when I nestly. goin' to have you. Coffin is dead these home to be alone and to think. She drowned off there in Singapore, all I across the fields. could say was, 'Serve him right!' And Yet if she had waited, she might him. Might's well try to put your I say it now. I come home then more have seen something else, which would ger on a fies. He's here to-day determined to get you. Say yes, and have been, at least, interesting. She gone yesterday, as the Scriptur' let's be happy. Do!"

He snatched his hat from the table "All right," he said chokingly. "All right. Good-by."

the kitchen. Then the back door slammed. He was gone. Keziah started, as if the slam of the door had been an electric shock. And in Which Captain Eben Receives

and despair.

The clouds thickened as the afternoon passed. There came a knock at the dining-room door. Keziah sprang from her chair, smoothed her hair, hastily wiped her

eyes and went to admit the visitor, whoever he or she may be. She was glad of the shadows, they prevented her face from being seen too plainly. "Good afternoon." she said. opening

"Oh! it's you, is it?" admitted Abishai Pepper standing on the stone step, and shift-ing uneasily from one foot to the other. "Yes, Keziah, it's—it's me, thank you. I only wanted to see Mr.

"I wanted to ask his advice about omethin'. It's a secret. Only him and me know about it. Good-by. I'll find Mr. Ellery."

"I wouldn't go to the Danielses', if was you. Elkanah might not like to have you chasin' after his visitors" "Oh, the minister ain't at the Danielses', not as late's this, he ain't. I know where he is. I know where he goes Sunday afternoons-and why he goes, too. Mr. Ellery and me's good friends. We understand each other." "Look here, Kyan Pepper! What are you talkin' about?"

"I just said I knew where Mr. Ellery goes every Sunday afternoon. He don't know anybody knows, but I do. That's all there is to it. I shan't tell. "Tell? Do you mean there's some

thin' Mr. Ellery wouldn't want told? Don't you dare- I will see Laviny!" "No, no, no, no. Tain't noin' much. just know where he goes after he leaves Elkanah's and who he goes to meet. I- Lordy! I hadn't ought to said that! I- Keziah Coffin, don't you ever tell I told you. I've said nore'n I meant to. If it comes out there'd be the biggest row in the church there ever was. And I'd be responsible! I would! I'd have to go on the witness stand and then Laviny would find out how I- Oh, oh, oh!

what shall I do?" "What is it?" she persisted. "What would bring on the row in the church? Who does Mr. Ellery meet? Out with

it! What do you mean?" I mean that the minister meets that Van Horne girl every Sunday afternoon after he leaves Elkanah's There, now! It's out, and I don't give a darn if they hang me for it."

Keziah turned white. She seized Mr. Pepper by the lapel of his Sunday coat and shook him. "Grace Van Horne!" she cried. "Mr. Ellery meets Grace Van Horne on

Sunday afternoons? Where?" "Down in them pines back of Peter's pastur' on, the aidge of the bank over the beach. He's met her there every Sunday for the last six weeks-longer, for what I know. I've watched 'm. I ain't lyin'! It's so. I'll What right has he to say—" bet you anything they're there now, walkin' up and down and talkin'. What thing. But but he and uncle have would I want to lie for? You come with me this minute and I'll show 'em

to you.' Bish Pepper," she said slowly and idol. If the quarrel should grow more flercely, shaking her finger in his face, serious, I believe it would break his "you go straight home and stay there Don't you breathe a word to a livin' soul of what you say you've seen. self." Don't even think of it, or-or dream it. If you do I'll -I'll march straight be the cause of a quarrel between stagger and tremble so that I actually to Laviny and tell her that you asked me to marry you. I will, as sure as you're shakin' in front of me this minute. Now you swear to me to keep

still. Swear! "How - how'll I swear?" begged "What do you say when you Kyan. swear? I'll say it. Keziah! I'll say

anything! I'll-"All right. Then mind you remember. Now clear out quick. I want to For an instant she lay quiet in his think. I must think, Go! Get out of embrace, receiving, if not responding

ny sight! Kyan went, glad to escape, but firmly freed herself. He saw that frightened to the soul of him. Keziah there were tears in her eyes. watched him until he turned from the main road into the lighthouse lane. Then, certain that he really was going straight home, she re-entered the parsonage and sat down on the nearest chair. For ten minutes she sat there. striving to grasp the situation. Then she arose and, putting on her bonnet and shawl, locked the dining-room door and went out through the kitchen. ly, "To-morrow, then, you'll say that She was going to the pine grove by you will?" the shore, going to find out for herself if Kyan's astonishing story was

true. The pines were a deep green blotch against the cloudy sky and the gloomy keeper, Mrs. Poundberry, was anxious waters of the bay. She skirted the ly awaiting her. She wore her bonnet why I can't marry her, nor anyone outlying clumps of bayberry and beach and Sunday gown and was evidently plum bushes and entered the grove.

Then she heard low voices. As she "I know, I know. You're always crouched at the edge of the grove, two sayin' that. But you don't mean-it. figures passed slowly across the clear-You can't mean it. Why, you and me ing, along the bush bordered path and have been picked out for each other into the shrubbery beyond. John Ellby the Almighty, Keziah. I swear I ery was walking with Grace Van I ain't goin' to meetin'; I'm agoin at believe just that. We went together Horne. He was holding her hand in to Betsy E.'s to stay all night. when we were boy and girl, to parties his and they were talking very ear got a spine in her back, a the feller

first went to sea. If it hadn't been for Keziah did not follow. What would her I'd come and stay a little spell that fool row we had—and 'twas all have been the use? This was not the my fault and I know it-you never time to speak. She knew now and she peaked lately. He ain't long for this ten years. When I heard he was tiptoed back through the grove and

had scarcely reached the outer edge. He ate a little mite of supper, but no "I'd like to, Nat. I only wish I could. of the grove when another figure pass much, and then off he puts." by the bluff edge. A temale figure and Grace shut off the flow of course reading very carefully, rising to peer over the bushes at the minister and Grace. The figure of Miss Annabel Daniels, the "belle" of Trumet. And Annabel's face was not pleasant to His steps sounded on the oilcloth of look upon.

CHAPTER X.

a Caller.
At the edge of the bluff, just where the pines and the bayberry bushes were thickest, where the narrow. crooked little footpath dipped over the rise and down to the pasture land and the sait meadow, John Ellery and Grace had halted in their walk. The minister's face was pale, but set and certain that Nat had returned and determined, and he was speaking rapidly.

"I can't help it," he said. "I can't

help n. 1 have made up my mind and nothing can change it, nothing but you. It rests with you. If you say yes, then nothing else matters. Will you say it?

He was holding both her hands now,



Rising to Peep Over the Bushes at the Minister and Grace.

and though she tried to withdraw them, he would not let her. "Will you?" he pleaded "I can't," she answered brokenly " can't. Think of your church and of

your people. What would they say "I don't care what they say."

She shook her head. "Some of them might respect you." she said. "They would say you had been led into this by me and were not so much to blame. But I-"They shall respect my wife," he in terrupted, snapping his teeth together, 'or I'll know the reason why."

"I can't! I can't! My uncle-"Your uncle shall hear it from me We'll go to him together. I'll tell him myself. He worships you." "Yes, I know. He does worship me That's why I am sure he had rather see me dead than married to you, Regular, and a Regular minister. know-I know he would never c

sent. His heart is set on something else. Nat---' "Nat? Are you considering him too? Is he to stand between us! "Hush! hush! He hasn't said any quarreled, just a little, I didn't tell you, but they have. And I think ! know the reason. Nat is Uncle Eben's

of that; I should never forgive ny "You the cause? How could yo those two? Grace, think of me.' "John," she said, "it is of you I am thinking. Everything else could might be overcome, perhaps.. But

heart. I couldn't bear to be the cause

must think of your future and your life. I must. That is why---' He did not wait to hear more. He seized her in his arms and kissed her "Then you do care!" he cried joy fully. "You will marry me?"

to his careases. Then she gen "I don't know," she sobbed. I don't know! I must think-I must Wait, please wait, John. Perhaps b to-morrow I can answer. I'll try-I' try. Don't ask me again, now. Let

me think. Oh. do!" She started down the path. He hes itated, then ran after her "To-morrow?" he questioned eager

"Oh, perhaps, perhaps! I musn't promise. Good night." It was after seven when Grace reached the old tavern. The house ready to go.

"Supper's on the table and the kittle's abilin'. You better est in Your uncle he started ten minutes ago. I'm agoin' right along, too, bu Your Uncle Eben's mighty feeble an world, I'm afraid. You ought to b awful good to him, Gracie." "I know it," was the hurried reply.

"Where's Nat?" "I don't know. Can't keep track of

She reached the gate by this sation by closing the door. Then sh took a candle from the row on the d ing-room mantle, lighted it and went up to her own room. Standing before the old-fashioned bureau with its little oval mirror, she hastily arranged h hair. She did not wish to go prayer meeting at the chapel, but si felt that she must. The Come-Ou gatherings, with their noisy singing and shouting, had grown more and more repugnant to her

She blew out the candle and came out into the hall at the head of the stairs. She was about to descend when she heard voices. The door of the dining room opened and closed. She felt wondered who was with him. Then she heard her uncle's voice, speaking sharply and with unwonted sternness.

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