CHAPTER XXXV .- Continued "Blessings on you, Millie, You will on learn to return all his affection. You years before you can be married. In the mean time you will have a protector and friend who will have the right to aid you. You were slowly dying for want of air and change and hope. You worked all day, and shut yourself up in this miserable place at night, and it could not last; as your affianced he can take your part against the world, and protect Belle; and during the years while he is making ha way ubward, you will learn to love him." You will become interested in his studies, hopes and prospects. He can be our deliverer, and you can be his good angel. Your relations and long engagement may not be exactly conventional; but he is not conventional, neither is your need nor our sad fortunes. Since God has put within our reach this great alleviation of our sorrow, ought we nean time you will have a protector and

you can be his good angel. Your relations and long engagement may not be exactly conventional; but he is not conventional, neither is your need nor our sad fortunes. Since God has put within our reach this great alleviation of our sorrow, ought we to refuse it?"

"Set your mind at rest, mamma; you have made duty plain. I will, do my best, and it now all reast with Roger." Millie, you are a dear good child, said the motter brokenly, and with smile shining like light through het tears; an after a close embrace sine went out closing the door that the weary girl might rest at last.

When alone, Mildred turned her face to the wall and breathed, like the lowest and saddest note of a wind-touched harp, "Vinton Arnold, farewell forever. I must look for you no more—I must think of you no more. Oh, preserve heart, be still!"

But a decision had been reached, and her perplexed mind had at last found the rest of a fixed resolve. Then nature asserted her right, and she alept long and heavily. When ahe awoke, the immy was inshacin the one living room, from which can be sounded of an unsteady step and a life, rough voice. She trembled, for she knew that her father had come home again in toxicated—an event that was becoming terribly frequent of late. She felt the one living room, from which can be her with long, sighing breaths. "Even Mr. Atwood will turn from us in disgust, when he realizes papa's degradation," she thought. "Alas' can it be right to cloud his bright young life with such a shameful stain! Oh, if it were not selfish, I could wish to die and escape from it all."

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Mildred recalled evil thoughts by putting her arm around the young girl's neck and kissing her between the eyes. "Don't look so, Belle," she whispered.

"Where is that to end?' Belle asked, in a strange, harsh voice, pointing toward the roam. "Millie, I can't stand this life much

"Oh, Belle, don't forget there is a heaver beyond this life."

"It's too far beyond. Look here, Millie since God don't answer mamma's prayers, I haven't much faith in anything. See what undeserved trouble came upon you too. It it hadn't been for Roger you would have been in prison to-night, and we'd have been alone here with a drunken father. How can one have faith and try to be good when such things happen?

Belle, said Mildred, with a solmenity that made the reckless, discouraged girl turn pale, "you had better take a knile from that table and stab mamma than do anything wrong."

"Oh, hush!" whispered Belle, for Mrs. Jocelyn now entered with the children, whom she was glad to have away when the unnatural father returned, even they were with the wild.

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CHAPTER XXXVI.

A WOMAN'S HEART.

Mrs. Jocelyn and her daughters were silent and depressed during their meagre supper, for they never could become soustomed to the terrible skeleton in their household. When Mr. Jocelyn confined himself solely to opium he was not so revolting, but common, beastly intoxication was intended around their necks which must drog tham down to some unknown abyas of infamy. Mechanically they went terough the motions of eating, the mother and daughters forcing idown the little food they could afford, and the children ravenously devouring all thet was given to them. As Mildred saw the mother trying to slip unnoticed her almost untasted supper from her plate to Fred's, she laid a hand upon her arm and said.

"No, mamma; remember you are to the supreme court will no deubt be taken.

"He used 'sultin' language, sah."

"Huss working at his house, an' while he was on de front porch a colored gentleman came un an' sted, Is dath a colored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored gentleman came un an' sted, Is dath a colored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored gentleman came un an' sted, Is dath a colored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored gentleman came un an' sted, Is dath a colored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored gentleman came un an' sted, Is dath a colored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored gentleman came un an' sted, Is dath a colored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored gentleman came un an' sted, Is dath a colored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored lady han named Jahe? Dar's at olored lady han name

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"No, mamma; remember you are to live," she added in a low whisper, and the poor creature tried to smile and was submissive.

With a pathetic maintenance of their old-time habits, they had scarcely classed away the supper-table, put the children to rest, and made the poor little place an next and inviting as possible, when Mr. Wentworth appeared, fellowed by Roger. Mildred had been expecting the latter with trepidation, Belle with impatience; and the hard, lowering look on the face of the young girl gave way to one of welcome and pleasure, for if Bells, good moods were apt to transient, so were her evil ones, and the hearty, healthy apirits of the young fellow were contagious. Mildred was greatly relieved to see Mr. Wentworth, for while she had fully resolved to feld to Roger's suit, her heart, despite her will, welcomed delay. She was therefore more prompt even than the lift of the young servery moment, and you must take it all or why didn't you let me tank you this morning? My gratitude has been growing every moment, and you until take it all or and the poor its proper in the proper

that."

Roger's hand, usually so strong and steady, trembled. These words, warm from the heart of the girl who had hitherto been so distant and unapproachable, almost took away his breath. "Please dent," he falterawy or oppress me. I don't deserve such you oppress me. I don't deserve such thanks. Any decent man who was so thanks. Any decent man would have been glad to save one who was so good and so wronged, and I shall always regard it as the luckiest event of my life that I happened to be the one to aid you. Oh, you don't kn ow, you never can know what immense good-fortune it was." Then, as if fearing he might lose his self-control; he broke hastily away to greet

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Mrs. Jocelyn's greeting was scarcely less demonstrative than Belle's, but there was a motherly tendences in it that brought tears into the young fellow's eyes. "Blessings on you my dear good tooy," he nurmured, and a mother's blessing will do you no harm." harm."
"Look here," said Roger brusquely, "if you don't let up on a fellow I shall make a confounded fool of myself." And his lip quivered as if he were a boy in truth.

from the girl the whole story. Now you see what a simple, prosaic part I played.

Miss Joseph in Reinin up o browly through seens and warrie ce that ware perfectly horrible to her, is the heroine of the piece. By Jove!—beg your pardon, Mr. Wentworth—it was as good as a play to see how she looked her innocence into the heart and mind of the judge. I saw the how she looked her innocence into the neartand mind of the judge. I saw the judicial frost in his eyes, melting the south side the side the south side the south side the south side the side the south side the south side the side

Look! who has come for me now, father,
Standing so near to my bed?
Someone is kissing my brow, father—
Mamma, I thought you were dead!
See, she is smiling so bright to you,
Beckons for yournot to weep:
'Tis not good-by, but good-night, to you—
They can not bury me deep:

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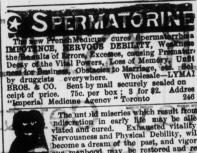
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