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it was necessary, he said, for either him or Mr. Douglas to go to Cuba; and, as Rose's health made a change of climate advisable for her. George had proposed to him to go, and take his sister there for the winter. "And, Maggie," he continued, "will you go, too? We are to sail the middle of October, stopping for a few weeks in Florida, until the unhealthy season in Havana is passed. I will see your grandmother tomorrow morning—will once morrow morning—will once more honorably ask for your hand, and if she still refuses, as you think she will, it cannot surely be wrong in you to consult your own happiness instead of her preludices. I will meet you at old Hagar's cabin at the time appointed. Rose and my aunt, who is to accompany her, will be in New York, whither we will go immediately. A few moments more and you will be my wife, and beyond the control of your grandmother. Do you approve my plan, Maggie, darling? Will you go?"

Maggie could not answer him then, for an elopement was something from which she instinctively shrank, and with a faint hope that her grandmother might consent, she went back to her sister's room, where she had not yet been missed. Very rapidly the remainder of the alternoon passed away, and at an early hour, wishing to know "exactly how she was going to look," Mag commenced her toilet. Theo, too, desirous of displaying her white satin as long as possible, began to dress; while Madam Conway, in no haste to don her purple satin, which was uncomfortably tight, amused herself by wavehing the passersby, nodding at intervais in her chair.

While thus occupied a perfumed note was brought to her, the contents of which elicited from her an exclamation of surprise.

"Can it be possible!" she said, and thrusting the note into her pocket, she hastily left the room.

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and when at last she returned she was evidently much excited, paying no attention whatever to Theo, who, in her bridal robes looked charmingly, but minutely inspecting Mag to see if in her adornings there was aught out of its place. Her dress was faultless, and she looked so radiantly beautiful as she stood before her grandmother that the old lady kissed her fondly, whispering as she did so, "You are indeed beautiful." It was a long time ere Madam Conway commenced her, own toilet, and then she proceeded so slowly that George Douglas became impatient, and she finally suggested that he and Theo should go without her, sending the carriage back for herself and Mag. To this proposition she at last yielded; and when they were left alone Madam Conway greatly accelerated her movements, dressing herself in a few moments; and then, much to Mag's surprise, going below without a word of explanation. A few moments only elapsed ere a servant was sent to Mag, saying that her presence was desired at No. 40, a small private parlor adjoining the public drawing-rooms.

"What can it mean? Is it pos-

parior adjoining the public drawingrooms.

"What can it mean? Is it possible that Henry is there?" Mag
asked herself, as with a beating
heart she descended the stairs.

A moment more, and Mag stood
on the threshold of No. 40. Seated
upon the sofa was Madam Conway,
her purple satin seeming to have
taken a wide sweep, and her
face betokening the immense
degree of satisfaction she felt
in being there thus with the

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stylish, elegant-iooking stranger was stood at her side, with his deep, expressive eyes fixed upon the door expectantly. Maggie knew him in a moment—knew it was Arthur Carrollton; and, turning pale, she started backward, while he advanced forward and, offering her his hand, looked down upon her with a winning smile, saying as he did so: "Excuse my familiality. You are Maggie Miller, I am sure."

For an instant Mag could not reply, but, soon recovering her composure, she received the stranger gracefully, and then taking the chair he politely brought her, she listened while her grandmother told her that he had arrived at Montreal two weeks before; that he had reached Hillsdale that morning, an hour or two after their departure, and learning their destination had followed them in the cars, thet sie had taken the liberty of informing Mrs. Morton of his arrival, and that lady had, of course, extended to him an invitation to be present at her party.

"Which invitation I accept, provided Miss Maggie allows me to be her escort," said the young man, and again his large, black eyes rested admiringly upon her.

Mag had anticipated a long, quiet talk with Henry Warner, and, wishing the Englishman anywhere else but there, she answered coldly. "I cannot well decline your escort," Mr. Carrollton, so of course I accept it."

cept it."
Madam Conway bit her lip, but Madam Conway bit her lip, but Mr. Carrollton, who was prepared for anything from Maggie Miller, was not in the least displeased, and, consulting his tliamond-set watch, which pointed to nearly ten, he asked if it were not time to go. "Certainly," said Madam Conway. "You remain here, Maggie; I will bring down your shawl," and she glided from the room, leaving them purposely alone.

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purposely alone.

Mag was a good deal astonished, elightly embarrassed and a little provoked, all of which Arthur Carrollton readily saw, but this did not prevent his talking to her, and during the few minutes of Madam Conway's absence he lectded that neither Margaret's beauty, nor yet her originality, had been overrated by her partial grandmother, while Mag, on her part, mentally pronounced him "the finest-looking, the most refined, the most gentlemanly, the proudest, and the hatefulest man she had ever seen!"

Wholly unconscious of her orgitation, he wrapped her shawl very carefully about her, taking care to cover her white shoulders from the night air; then, offering his arm to her grandmother, he led the way to the carriage, whither she followed him, wondering if Henry would be lealous, and thinking her first act would be to tell him "how she hated Arthur Carroliton, and always should!"

It was a gay, brilliant scene which Mrs. Morton's drawing-rooms presented, and as yet the centre of attraction, Theo, near the door, was bowing to the many strangers who sought her acquaintance Greatly she marveled at the long delay of hergrandmother and Maggie, and she had just suggested to Henry that he should go in quest of them, when she saw her sister ascending the stairs. stairs.
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On a sofa across the room sat a pale young girl, arrayed in white, her silken curis falling around her neck like a golden shower, and her mournful eyes of blue scanning eagerly each newcomer, then with a look of disappointment drooping becath the long lashes which rested neath the long lashes which

neath the long lashes which rested wearily upon her colorless cheek. It was Rose Warner, and the face she sought was Maggie Miller's. She had seen no semblance of it yet, for Henry had no daguerreotype. Still, she felt sure she would know her, and when at last, in all her queenly beauty, Maggie came, leaning on Arthur Carrollton's arm, Rose's heart made ready answer to the oftrepeated question, "Who is she?"

"Beautiful, gloriously beautiful," she whispered softly, while from the grave of her buried hopes there came one wild heart-throb, one sudden burst of pain, caused by the first sight of her rival, and then Rose Warner grew calm again, and those who saw the pressure of her hand upon her side dreamed not of the fierce pang within. She had asked mer brother not to tell Maggie she was to be there. She would rather watch her awhile, herself unknown; and now, with eager, curious eyes, she followed Maggie, who was quickly surrounded by a host of admirers.

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it was Maggie's first introduction into society, and yet so perfect was her intuition of what was proper that neither by word or deed did she do aught to shock the most fastidious. It is true her merry laugh more than once rang out above the din of voices; but it was so joyous that no one objected, particularly when they looked in her bright and almost childies face. Arthur Carrollton, too, acting as her escort, aided her materially, for it was soon whispered around that he was a wealthy Englishman, and many were the comments made upon the handsome couple, who seemed singularly adapted to each other. A glance had

kept her at his side, where she was nothing loth to stay, for, notwithstanding that she "hated him so." there was about him a fascination she did not try to resist.

"They are a splendid couple." thought Rose, and then she looked to see how Henry was affected by the attentions of the handsome stranger.

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But Henry was not jealous, and, standing a little aloof, he felt more pleasure than pain in watching Maggie as she received the homage of the gay throng. Thoughts similar to those of Rose, however, forced themselves upon him as he saw the dignified bearing of Mr. Carrollton, and for the first time in his life he was conscious of an uncomfortable feeling of inferiority to something or somebody—he hardly knew what.

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feeling of inferiority to something or somebody—he hardly knew what. This feeling, however, passed away when Maggie came at last to his side, with her winning smile, and playful words.

Very closely Madam Conway watched her now; but Maggie did not heed it, and, leaning on Henry's arm, she seemed oblivious to all save him. After a time he led her out upon a side plazza, where they would be comparatively alone. Observing that she seemed a little chilly, he left her for a moment while he went in quest of her shaw! Scarcely was he gone when a slight, fairy form came flitting through the moonlight to where Maggie sat, and twining its snow-white arms around her neck, looked lovingly into her eyes, whispering soft and low, "My sister!" How Maggie's blood

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'My sister!" How Maggie's blood bounded at the sound of that name, which even the night wind, sighing through the trees, seemed to take up and repeat. "My sister!" What was there in those words thus to affect her? Was that fair young creature, who hung so fondly over her, naught to her save a common stranger? Was there no tie between them, no bond of sympathy and love? We ask this of you, our reader, and not of Maggie Miller, for to her there came no questioning like this. She only knew that every pulsation of her heart responded to the name of sister, when breathed by sweet Rose Warner, and folding her arms about her, she pillowed the golden head upon her bosom, and pushing back the clustering curls, gazed long and earnestly into a face which seemed so heavenly and pure.

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Few were the words they uttered at first, for the mysterious, invisible something which prompted each to look into the other's eyes, to clasp the other's hands, to kiss the other's lips, and whisper the other's name. name.
"I have wished so much to see

"I have wished so much to see you, to know if you are worthy of my noble brother," said Rose at last, thinking she must say something on the subject uppermost in both their minds.

"And am I worthy?" asked Maggle, the bright blushes stealing over her cheek. "Will you let me be your sister?"

"Aly heart would claim you for that, even though I had no brother," answered Rose, and again her lips touched those of Maggie.

Seeing them thus together. Henry tarried purposely a long time, and when at last he rejoined them he proposed returning to the drawing-room, where many inquiries were making for Maggie.

"I have looked for you a long time, Miss Maggie," said Mr. Carrellton. "I wish to hear you play," and, taking her arm in his, he led her to the piano.

From the moment of her first introduction to him, Maggie had felt that there was something commanding in his manner—something she could not disobey; and now, though she fancied it was impossible to play before the multitude, she seated herself mechanically, and while the keys swam before her eyes, went through with a difficult piece which she had never but once before executed correctly.

"You have done well—much better

rectly.

"You have done well—much better
than I anticipated," said Mr. Carrollton, again offering her, his arm;
and though a little vexed, those few
words of commendation were worth
more to Maggle than the most flattering speech which Henry Warner
had ever made to her. tering speech which E had ever made to her.

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