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CHAPTER XX.

"LITTLE JOYCE."

In the dimly lighted room, with her finger

on the handle of the closed door.

It yielded to her touch at once, and Fay's

hungry eyes tried to pierce through the

semi-darkness.

It was the oriel chamber, and Sir Hugh

lay on the very bed where, Mrs. Heron

had so lately breathed her first and last

breath. It had been found impossible to

move him, but Fay did not remember this

at the moment, with her heart, not dar-

ing to move a step.

It was very quiet and still—one of the

strange moods when the bed with her

face towards the patient, she had not

heard Fay's stealthy entrance; the next

moment Fay choked back a sob that

threatened to rise in her throat, for she

had caught sight at last of the white

changed face that lay on the pillow; and

then, regardless of everything but her love

and longing, she glided quickly to the bed

and kissing the wide, staring eyes, laid

the shaven head tenderly upon her bosom.

"Oh, my lady!" exclaimed the nurse in

a terrified voice, "this is very wrong—very

wrong indeed!"

"Hush—I am his wife—I have a right to

be here. You know me, do you not, my

darling Hugh?"

Poor Fay! she had her punishment then;

for Hugh did not know her in the least,

and seemed to shrink from her with horror;

he begged her to send Margaret to him—

his dear Margaret, and not stand there like

some white horrible statue dressed up in

grave-clothes.

"You had better go, my lady, you are

only exciting him," observed the nurse,

quietly, and Fay swung her hands and

hurried from the room. Saville found her

crouching against the dressing-room door,

with her face hidden in her hands, and

watching Mrs. Heron at once to coax her

away; but Fay hardly seemed to under-

stand their meaning; her face had a white,

strained look upon it, and Mrs. Heron put

her arm round her and led her tenderly to

her room.

CHAPTER XX.

"LITTLE JOYCE."

In the cruel fire of sorrow

Cast thy heart, do not faint or wait,

Let thy heart be firm and steady,

Do not let thy spirit quail;

But wait till the heart be over

And take thy heart again;

For as gold is tried by fire,

A heart must be tried by pain.

—Adelaide Anne Proctor.

"Oh, my lady, what did Dr. Martin

say?" exclaimed Mrs. Heron, as she almost

lifted her young mistress on to the couch,

and stood over her rubbing her cold hands.

It was a warm April evening, but Fay was

shivering, and her teeth chattering as

though with cold.

"What does it matter what he says?"

returned Fay; the girl's lips were white,

and there was still a scared look in her

eyes. "Is that why they would not let me

see him—because they have cut off his hair

and made him look so unlike himself, and

because he talks so strangely?"

"Yes, my lady, and for your own good,

and because—" but Fay interrupted her

excitedly.

"My good? as though anything could do

me good while my darling husband suffers

so cruelly. Oh, Mrs. Heron, would you

believe it? he did not know me; he looked

as though he were afraid of me, his own

wife; he told me to go away and not touch

him, and to send Margaret. Oh," with a

sob of restless despair in her voice, "who

is this Margaret of whom he always

speaks?"

Mrs. Heron's comely face paled a little

with surprise, as she told Ellerton after-

ward, she felt at that moment as though a

feather would have knocked her down.

"My heart was in my mouth," she ob-

served, feelingly, "when I heard the

pretty creature say those words, 'who is

this Margaret of whom he always speaks?'

Oh, I was all in a tremble when I heard

her, and then all at once I remembered

Miss Joyce, and it came to me a sort of

inspiration.

"Do you know who he means?" con-

tinued Fay, languidly.

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