"What is it, Nan?" Rolfe asked.
"You seem so strange and cold. Did anything happen at home? Are you seriously vexed about my being hindered from walking up with you? Won't you tell me just what's the matter?"
"Is anything the matter?" Nan answered in a clear, hard tone. "You need not apologize for being detained. It is hard to go away when one wishes above all things to stay. We won't have it happen again—to keep an engagement with me."
"Mr. Rolfe!"
"What is it, Nan?" Rolfe asked.
"Sating himself, he put his arm around Nan, and finding her them on their journey. There! that's them stery in outline, and I'm ready for any catechism upon details. Upon what point shall I enlarge, Nan?"
"Upon none, Peyton; but I'm glad you told me, because I feel as if the sad story were a kind of illuminated guide-book for us. For me, really, you think a great lightness in his heart to look at the disorderly excursionists. She had called him Peyton again."
"Mr. Rolfe!"

Almost A Catastropha.

On a Sunday afternoon in late September, two people on the piazza of Mr. Reed; ottage at Atlantic City were silently enjoying the waning hours of the day. Mrs. Reed, lying back, in the rinvalid's chair, looking seaward and listening to the fragments of grilland trim, in a walking dress of steely blue, already quipped for her journey, in hat and veil, and buttoning her long gloves as she came.

Mr. Reed put his arm around the traveller as she paused to hear him hat you now the piazza, one in a white home tollet, with airy ribbons, the other slim and trim, in a walking dress of steely blue, already equipped for her journey, in hat and veil, and buttoning her long gloves as she came.

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one afternoon each week we have our gallop in the Park; Sundays we spend at Atlantic City, and I see you as many evenings each week as you will tolerate me, besides. As it is, my mother and sisters complain that they get more society attention from both my married brothers than from me since my engagement, and that I'm most selfishly absorbed in my happiness."

"Yes," Nan said, with a sigh, "if I could be deceived, I suppose they could be. But they know better now. Ask Edith if she thinks you buried in devotion to me now."

"What Edith thinks about that is of little consequence beside what you think. What that is I have a right to hear from yourself. Tall me Nan, you knew Tom Have to the bad?"

"Yes; but, Peyton, I've been think ing, too, and feeling, which means a great deal more, and I knew I've been a very unreasonable, cruel girl. I din't know it was in me to be so wicked. But there's a little excuse for me. It wasn't—not much—that I really doubted you. It was that I've grown perfectly selfish about you, and all puffed up with complacency because your ways were so unlike the careless ones of men that other girls loved and were engaged to, that I had to have a fall."

"But, Nan, your excuse has rather a bitter twang to it. I do belong to beful or wasn't and to take with the tirst clause is "—he slid the ring into place, and held it an instant while he finished his sentence—" that whatever tiff you may choose to spring upon me, however abominable you may believe me, this ring is never again to be flug dramatically back to me. And held it an instant while he finished his sentence—" that a bitter twang to it. I do belong to

by parrying of no-sight, Sam. Man, we can be will know a content of the property of the content of the property of the propert

words. Give me at least a little time adieus were concluded. "Did you really not wish me to sit beside you, Nan?"

"The train's not crowded to-night, and its so comfortable to have my bags and wraps where I can get them easily," Nan answered, evasively. "A seat to one's self on an Atlantic City train is a luxury to make the most of...

"I'm sorry you think so just now." Rolfe said, patiently. "But, Nan, I must beg your pardon for being so late, and letting you come away from the house by yourself. I had no thought of being kept when I went around to Mrs. Burleigh's; but Agnes was out, and I had to wait to see her."

Nan was silent and looked out of the window.

"What is it, Nan?" Rolfe asked.

"You seem so rate least a little time for reprieve, and, if you're afraid of showing me too much niercy, talk the whole trouble over with your father or your mother."

"Can you explain to pap what you refuse to explain to me?" Nan asked, him Agnes found his misery was hers.

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"No," Rolfe answered. "I expect any sane person who knows me to do me the decency to accept my words as truth.

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Rolfe looked at her averted face for a moment, then turned himself about in house by yourself. I had no thought of being kept when I went around to Mrs. Burleigh's; but Agnes was out, and I had to wait to see her."

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"What Edith thinks about that is of little consequence beside what you think. What that is I have a right to hear from yourself. Tell me, Nan, what is it I'm guilty of."
"How can you pretend such ignorance?" the girl burst out, indignantly. "Suppose I had acted for three or four weeks as you have done in that time, do you think you would not have minded it? And it I attempted to feign unconsciousness of anything amiss, so as to brave it out with you, do you think yon would not resent that as an additional indignity?"

"I am unconscious, Nan, that any were engaged to, that I had to have a fall."

"But, Nan, your excuse has rather a bitter twang to it. I do belong to you do reckon on me, and I don't want to have a full and out a different; so why should you would wish to have different; so why should you war, and it looks now as if we were sure of bread and butter for a while to come, anyhow. And I've served my time out as a traveller for the house, and a younger man starts on the tramp. Burleighs."

"Nan, if you knew Tom Hyatt well, you know that his ruin and disgrace came upon him more because he was criminal at weak than because he was criminal at which you have done in that time, do you think you would not resent that as an additional indignity?"

"Nan, if you knew Tom Hyatt well, you know that his ruin and disgrace came upon him or ever again to be flung dramatically back to me, that I had to reach the full of the wool business had dropped clean out; but we got down to hard-pan last year, and it looks now as if we were sugged to, that I had to have a fall?

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