Hugh took the opportunity to leave

for he never had the patience to ex-

tract a letter in the usual way, Squire

him, starting off for a walk across

Trading Station.

are not compelled to dine every day on letter, for Hugh studiously avoided



The Bond of Sympathy Between One Woman

ect to headaches bearing dow weakness

Left alone in his sanctum, Kenneth

Kenneth stifled an oath of indigna-

hasty supper, and dashed to the sta-

opened the door of the drawing-room

hind her, looking out at the sea. She

did not turn her head as the door op-

self-possession, a thrill ran through

her nerves and the flush on her cheeks

"Won't you even look at me? Am :

"It is good of you to say so, Mercia,

though I am afraid that is not quite

have said that, will you let me ask

your forgiveness for some one else?"

He gave her a little slip of black-

edge paper. It was the last paragraph

of Lilia's letter. She recognized the

writing, and shuddered ever so slight

ly. Then she read the plea for for-

giveness which came to her thus from

a long-closed grave. She gave it back

to him in silence and looked at him

through a gathering mist of tears.

"Can you forgive her, Mercia?"

was very bitter for me!"

"Who am I that I should not for-

give? But, oh, Kenneth, Kenneth, it

"I cannot tell you how deeply I re-

gret my folly. Can you forgive me, Mercia? I beg your forgiveness for

myself, as well as for her. Mercia, I

love you. I believe I have always loved

s. while, Forgive me, dear, and let me

prove my love for you all the rest of

the girl lifted her head, and, as her

eyes met his, she held out her hands.

The next moment his arms were

the language which does not need

words to make perfect understanding.

THE END.

"For whom, Kenneth?"

"Will you read this. Mercia?"

grew brighter.

"Yes. Kenneth."

not forgiven vet?"

and announced timidly:

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"I have you to thank for that re- in love, as that possible "some one covery, indirectly," he said tersely. more worthy of her devotion." "If I have not done so before, I thank | "Good-by, and best wishes to you you now. Miss Vanderleen's 'recovery' and Miss Vanderleen." he said. "Let is the happy cause of—of her engage- me know when you return to Eng-

There was an awkward pause. Kenhad impulsively made a rather bad nervous apprehension that too much break in speaking of his friend's flau- valuable time had been wasted during the bread alone." cee, and Jarvis was annoyed with him- the foregoing interview. His suspicself for having revealed his too eager ions were confirmed when Tom, the talk like a plowboy. I tell you what it animal, a strong-looking cob, into the natronage. Nevertheless, he was not wholly displeased with the information he had received, and when Ken- eighteen this evenin', sir." eth apologized for speaking too

"Pardon me, Nevil, if I've stupidly to go in pursuit of Jarvis Nevil and and unknowingly offended you; and ask for a renewal of the invitation to own dinner remains untouched. I tell ruddy, weather-beaten face that gave please accept my sincerest congratuia- luncheon, but, on second thoughts, he you, sir, these new notions of yours him the appearance of a sea captain, tions." He leaned over and grasped the decided to attend strictly to business are abominable to me. And what is though his dress partook of the charother man's hand. "I hope you will for the rest of the day. He did so, and more, I will not suffer them. By gad, acter of a well-to-do farmer's. give me the pleasure of meeting Miss he was rewarded by Crudge's beaming we'll have you playing all-fours on

"Certainly. With pleasure," respondabout four o'clock, with the finished d Jarvis. "I say, can't you take lun- brief in his hand. Kenneth hurried cheon with us and Mrs. Edgemont, her home to his apartments, packed his sister, at the Savoy to-day? Delighted suit cases, snatched a dangerously to have you, if you'll come."

"Sorry, my dear Nevil, Fact is, I'm soing to Scarborough this morning, to in the "Scarborough Special," and fits, sirrah, wear it-wear it." pend a few days or pehraps a fort- soon after ten the next morning he You remember John Ackersley, don't you? Splendid fellow! One of the best

Jarvis, rising to depart. "Good-by Markham, and good luck to you!"

Good luck! The words fell like a benison upon Kenneth, as he rose and followed his friend to the door. He was glad that Nevil-not knowing the purpose of this journey to Scarborough, and evidently weary of his former suit, weary of being the rejected suitor of Mercia Reynold-could wish him luck and be happy in his own aschoice had at least removed him from the path to Mercia, and now Kenneth had no reason to fear him as a rival the whole truth. But now that you

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CHAPTER I. AFTER FORTY YEARS. Dinner had not been removed, and | entering with the evening letter-bag. the squire, who was deep in his first And the squire broke off to snatch it

bottle, looked up sharply. "Where have you been, sirrah?" he asked, frowning at the losse shooting-

jacket and gaiters. "Have you forgot-"Neither, sir," replied Hugh, drop- Darrell picked out one letter, whose

ome in at the proper time? Did you expect me to wait for you? If you did he had nearly reached the middle, he you were mistaken. I have dined, sir." threw it down and hurried to the

"I did not expect you to wait," he his mouth to call Hugh, he hurried insaid, "or I should have betn home in to the room again, and muttering "No time. I'm not hungry. Indeed, I have I'll let the malapert wait," took up had a crust and cheese at the lodge." | the letter and finished its perusal. "A crust and cheese!" snarled the That evening he had no chance of squire. "By Heaven, sir, it is well you communicating the contents of the

"I should not regret it much if I the valley and stopping to rest awhile were, sir," replied Hugh, with a short, at the blacksmith's forge. musical laugh, which was peculiar to

him. "Bread and cheese are not bad door, his eyes fixed on the shower of neth felt that in his excitement he again looked at his watch, with a fare when you have walked a score of sparks and his thoughts keeping time miles and feel hungry enough to eat to the clang, clang, of the hammer "Bah!" retorted the squire; "you at the door, and, dismounting, led his in silver or stamps.

acceptance of Lady Beaucierc's social office boy, appeared in the doorway is, sirrah, you act like one, too." shoeing stall. Hugh rose slowly-it was time to "No train to Scarborough till sixretreat.

"Bread and cheese!" growled the gaze was attracted and chained by the squire. "Another of your low notions, singular appearance of the new exvalierly, Jarvis listened with a very tion, and bade Tom secure a first-class I suppose. It befits the dignity of the comer. berth on that train. He was tempted heir of Dale to be munching bread and He was a thick-set man of about cheese with the gamekeeper while his forty, strong in the limbs, and with a

> Hugh turned sharply, his eyes flashing and his lips firmly set. "Sir_"

tion in a taxicab. That night he slept strikes home, sir, does it? If the cap against a horse, he walked up to the

Hugh smiled darkly. "You forget, sir," he replied, stern-

of his sister's house, with a hand ly, "that at present my offense is the half. Fancy it's a nail wrong. Perhaps, which might, perhaps, have been luncheon at the gamekeeper's: your Mr. Blacksmith, you'll be good enough anger for the game at all-fours on to put us right." Mercia was standing at one of the the ale-house bench might be postwindows, with her hands clasped be- poned, considering that it has never

"How do I know that?" snarled the ened, but, notwithstanding all her squire.

Hugh's face flushed again.

Bah, sir! why tear passion to tatters for nothing? I am late to dinner; the loss is mine, if loss there be. I-"

"Ah, 'tis like you, sir," retorted the "Well, it's a good old English name, father, not to be appeased. "You'd ar- and, seemingly, a good old English "You must not say that, Kenneth. gue till midnight. I say, the country village. That's the inn, I suppose-You know that I never had anything is agape at your mad tricks. I say-"

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As he passed Hugh he shot a glance face when the old man came to him, the village ale-house bench with the at his stalwart figure, and, with an almost imperceptible nod of approval, wished him "Good-even'."

"Good-evening," said Hugh. "Your cob is a little lame, is he not? Have "Ay!" roared the squire; "that you ridden him far?" and, never proof

"Twenty miles," replied the traveler. "He has only gone lame the last

ing his brow with a hugh silk hand- terial 27 inches wide. Lace, net, crepe kerchief, looked curiously up and or chiffon could be combined with "What might be the name of this

"Because I do not speak falsely, village?" he asked, without turning round. in silver or stamps.

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don't look any the worse for it." eh? Well, I suppose I don't. Now you, I suppose, have not slept out of an English bed for twenty years, eh?" "Never in my life," said Hugh.

for that," retorted the traveler, laughing grimly at the west joke and casting another approving glance at the graceful study form of the youth graceful, sturdy form of the youth.

Then, sinking on the bench beside the door, he went on, in a half-absent sort of way: "Yes, forty years since I last saw

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