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mother; you sorry now, of sees his own know what is then I'll turn ave never had ame to it."

"It's a case of sour grapes, Tom," his mother said, with a slightly sarcastic smile, assumed to hide the unspeakable bitterness in her soul. "You ought to have been happy here; but you were never fit for your position."

"If that is the case, I am but as you made me," he answered, readily. Thus did these two, absolutely without resources in the hour of adversity, hurl their taunts at one another instead of co-operating to bear their reverses with a becoming dignity.

"How do you know," he asked, presently, "that the feeling is so high in the glen? Before I left I went about a good deal, and I thought there was remarkably little interest shown in her disappearance."

"You can go out now and you'll hear a different story," she answered, sullenly. "They say that her brother is almost beside himself, and that he has sworn to trace her, and to be revenged on whoever has enticed her away."

Again Lyndon shrugged his shoulders; but the words sank into his heart, and remained there to haunt him with their unpleasant significance.

"I suppose you deluded her with a mock marriage, or something of that sort," said his mother, presently. "I always thought that she was rather a superior girl, who would not hold herself so cheaply."

"I'll tell you all about it another day, mother," he said, as if wearying of the subject. "What I am more particularly interested in now is what you are going to do. Are you going to stay here?"

"If I do not hear from O'Grady within twenty-four hours," she answered, decidedly, "I shall either write to him, or seek a personal interview with your half-brother."