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pearle which Cleopatra is said to have disolved and swallowed was valued at nearly half a million, and one of the same value was cut into two pieces for the statue of Venus in the Pantheon at Rome. "Neither of which," said Mr. Courtney, with a long drawn sigh, " could surpass mine in size or beauty

cold ! Cheeks that are shrunken,

Thicker and faster-

body missed her; body kissed her;

are. Somebody waits for her

duor.

child I'

sentence.

Mr Marve.

face and form.

getically.

Open the gates for her, Giving delight for despair;

The great

One of these priceless gems had been found upon the prisoner; of the others she refused to say a word, and not a trac of them could be found.

Mr. Marve, a handsome young man thirty, who had just come into possessio of one the finest estates in the country, left by his uncle, old Squire Marston, ap. on paying in advance, proached Mr. Courtney, saying cheerfully,-

"Don't be downcast over your loss. As the pearls were stolen from my house when you were my guest, I shall make every effort to recover them,"

"Thank you," returned Mr. Courtney, gratefully. "I appreciate your kindness I assure you." Then, changing the con versation, "Have you heard from your cousin yet?"

" No," said Mr. Marve, regretfully. " am so sorry he did not arrive in time for the funeral. I want also to deliver the legacy which uncle left him. I only wish he could share equally with me the large fortune. I shall willingly offer to divide with him."

"You are a noble young man," said Mr. Courtney, looking at his young friend admiringly. "Such sentiments do you honor. But," continued he, doubtfully. "Your cousin is so very proud that I fear

he will refuse." "Never fear! I will make the offer

such a manner that he will not besitate to accept it; I know how to manage my proud cousin, I assure you," said Marve, with a strange look in his deep set eyes.

Notwithstanding this boast, upon the advent of Gerald Romaine, a few days later, at the old stone mansion which had been the home of his boyhood, Mr. Marve's offer was refused, as foreseen by Mr. Courtney. Gerald simply smiled at the proposition.

"I do not envy you the fortune. Richard," said he, haughtily, "and want none of it My only regret is that uncle was angry with me. I never could underhave been abroad ever since I received the dear old home. his cruel letter forbidding me the house, I never had any clew to his conduct. Du he ever inform you ?" looking searching ly at his cousin.

"He believed that you had forged his name to a check of ten thousand dollars." "Is it possible that he thought me guilty of such a deed ? And for that reason I have been an outcast, without his love and trust! I am the vistim of a plot which I am determined to unravel. Who could have been my enemy ?"

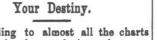
As he spoke his eyes sought these of his cousin suspiciously. But the glance was returned so frankly that his suspicions, if he had any, were disarmed.

"Do not distress yourself about the past "There goes the first bell; let us dress be prepared to meet the most beautiful gift in the world-Miss Lucy Courtney- my plans." who by our uncle's will receive one thousand dollars. She is staying here with Richard. her father till the business is completed."

"I have not forgotten Lucy," sighed Gerald. "She was always a sweet child. and undoubtedly has developed into a afterward she thoughtnoble woman. She was like a daughter to uncle, who loved her better than any thing in the world. love than I can give him."

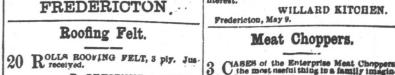
"Yes," said Richard, "she is the living firstand only love."

became troublesome, and a minute after he had gained the use of one leg he used "What a noble man he is! I am not worthy to be his wife; he deserves more it to ward off the men who were endeavoring to chain him to the posts in This great event in Lucy's own life did the ground, Mr. Forepaugh tried hard to image of her dead mother, who was his not cause her to forget the trouble of bring Chief to bay by prodding him, but others. The next day she again visited it proved useless. Two hundred odd em-









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