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'It is something to hear you say that it is nard,' he answered, in a smothered tone. But you don't know how cruel you are to me, or how you have grown into my life. I never meant to love; but this evening when I saw you I felt I must speak and know if you-' She laid her hand on his.

'And you have made it all the harder for me,' he said. 'If I had still thought you did not care for me I might have turned to Gertie;

'You will do what is right,' she answered, while the tears would spring to her eyes.

'Right! Is it right to marry a girl I do not 'You will learn to do so; she is so dear, you

'Cannot I? Clare, your face is the one face

for me on earth; you the one woman.' She rose, blindly, nobly wrong in her self

'I cannot listen to more,' she said, in choked voice; to her own heart she added, '

'Clare!' he rose and caught her wrists. There was no one to see; the garden was again dark and silent, except where the light streamed from the veranda. 'I only want to say good-

'What do you mean.'

'Do you think I could go on as I am doing low-see you for the next month every day, and know that you love me, and that you will never be more to me than now? It would drive me mad. No; I shall leave here by tomorrow's boat.'

'But, Percy-'

'You need not think that,' he said, with a sudden fierce burst of anger; 'if she and I were alone on this earth, I would never now marry Gertie. You have done her no goodor, rather, no harm. Dear little thing, she deserves a better fate than a husband who does not care for her.'

There was a silence; then Percy spoke again, his voice strangely humble and gentle.

'One kiss, Clare, for our good-bye; only one, my dear.'

' No,' said she and her tone was both stern

He said no more; side by side they returned to the house. Clare's heart was full with the unutterable longing to turn to the man beside her and say, 'Stay;' Percy's with a wild turmoil of anger and love. He felt dimly that his love gave him a right over Clare; that her power, 'womanlike to weave sweet words,' had been exerted wrongly; that her sacrifice was a needless one, which would mar both their lives and for no good.

A hard grasp of her hand, a low-spoken good-bye in answer to her whispered ' forgive me l' and he was gone. When would she see him again? Dizzy and faint with dull misery she sat down in the veranda.

'I think this is our dance?'

The voice woke her up, and she saw standing by her a tall man with a puffy, foolish goodnatured face.

'.I am so very tired,' she answered : ' will

'Certainly. You look faint, Miss Grattan may I get you a glass of water?'

'If you will be so kind.' The water did her good; she steadied her nerves, and gazed in through the open window at the dancers. She saw Gertie, glowing and radiant, the prettiest girl in the room, waltzing with Captain Rashton, looking utterly happy, careless and contented. For one moment Clare felt a bitter anger against this girl, for whose sake she had given up the supreme beauty and joy of life, and who would never know it. What did Gertie need more than she had at the present moment? Seemingly nothing; and yet Clare remembered the childish | building yards at Barrow are also to be carried tempest of sorrow she had witnessed a few on under the auspices of the new company, hours ago, and was glad she had been loyal Fairfield Shipbuilding Company on the Clyde, to her friend, even though at so dear a price. | as engineer."

The dance was over. The two girls climbed rather wearily up the bedroom stairs of the

'Come in here, Clare,' said Gertie, as they reached the latter's door.

Clare's wearied eyes looked piteously at her friend, as her lips repeated for the third time

that evening the excuse, ' I am so tired.' 'Only for a minute, dear. Gertie drew her

in and shut the door, and then said: 'You

'What do you mean?' asked Clare, stupidly

'He loves me,' said Gertie, pressing her small hands close against the faded pink lilies on her breast; 'he always has, and I was only a little fool to think he was flirting with Florence.'

'He! Who?'

'Robert-I mean Captain Rashton. Clare, are you ill?

For Clare's face was white, her eyes closed, the heavily cut lips closed together.

'No, Gertie; I am quite well. But I don't understand. Don't you love Per-Mr. Moray? Love Percy! I left off doing so more than year ago. I only used him as a decoyduck to draw Robert on.

'And in doing so may have unknowingly wrought evil to two people,' thought poor Clare.

Percy was to leave Jersey on the morrow; she might never see him again; he might go abroad, and never hear of the real state of things.

But she remembered it was hardly likely that a man possessing both relatives and friends in Jersey would not hear very quickly of his love's engagement to another man; and she wished Gertie happiness very warmly, and was glad in her gladness, staying with her more than half an hour, listening to her diatribes about Captain Rashton.

She was glad to be alone, though, in her own room; alone, free to thank God for the great happiness which yet might be hers.

And was; for in less than a fortnight later Clare was standing under the shade of a tall flowery myrtle, the aromatic scent of which filled the autumn air with bitter sweetness. Percy was by her, very gravely contented, and on her left hand was the shimmer of a sapphire ring she had only worn a week.

'You came back quickly,' she said. 'Were you afraid I should forget you?'

'I wanted to be sure,' he answered.

'You needn't have been afraid,' and her pale ace glowed a little, 'Percy?'

'Clare!

'Do you know, I almost think I was wrong

'I am sure you were.'

She laughed, but her tone was grave as she ' Are you angry with me?'

'Angry with you for showing how strong you were to do what seemed right to you

You must think me a brute, Clare?' 'It seemed to tear my heart out to have to deny you; and I see I was wrong now.'

'So do I; but I am not sorry for it, Clare, for it taught me'-he drew her closer to him as he spoke-' how far above me is the woman I love.'-London Society.

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