

"I' saw him with my own eyes,"

malice, and waited for the answer.

her lover, whom she believed inno-

Daisie's beautiful violet eyes, now

he wish to kill your cousin to set me

to-morrow."

f yearning.

"I am so sorry!"

sign of tenderness.

hand.

given her his love in vain.

feebly, whispering:

with me to the end?"

resence of the dying man.

yes turning to the door with a look

Daisie's tender heart was touched

with pity as she gazed on the pallid

ain-drawn face, and she softly touchd his hand while she whispered:

Then she saw that they had all gone

ut into the hall, except the widow

eaving them alone with the sufferen

She felt herself pushed gently into

chair by Mrs. Fleming, who whis

"Be kind to me," echoed Royall

faintly, as his cousin withdrew to the

window, and his sunken blue eyes

searched her face wistfully for some

It was a cruel position for any girl

to be placed in. Daisie felt its pathos in the depths of her tender heart, that

ached for the dying man, who had

She whispered again, with a broke

his features, and he groped for her

She let him have it, and he pressed

"No," she answered solemnly, out

And surely he looked like a dying

nan, under the light of a flickering

"Bless you!" he murmured, in that

aint voice, and added: "You will stay

It was the same petition Mrs. Flem

ng had offered, and she started and

The widow had frankly hinted that

rembled with the same alarm.

The end! What would it be?

he had a slight chance for continu

of the depths of her pity. "Do we no

orgive everything to the dying?"

"Oh, I am so sorry for you!" A faint, tremulous smile illumined

"You are not angry now?"

"I pray you be kind to him."

that he should live.

# **REMORSE** and

#### For Daisie's Sake

CHAPTER XVIII.

"BE KIND TO ME." ter, "my duty is plain. I should de- silent so long that Mrs. Fleming ex- sray with him till the last hour, that nounce Royall's cowardly murderer claimed impatiently: to the law, and let him suffer for his "Well, what do you say? What will pects. See how humbly he sues, when, crime. But that would not restore you do?"

my poor cousin to life." "No," faltered Daisie, almost ap- dark with emotion, brimmed with pealingly, in her horror of the wo. tears as she cried piteously: man's trying to fasten such a crime . "Oh, give me a little time to de on Dallas, for she felt in her heart c'de-until to-morrow!"

"But my first thought is to soothe his crime is known, that he may es- for sweet pity's sake." my cousin's dying lours. The doc- cape!" sharply. days in misery. There is even one girl cried proudly. chance of a strong constitution tri- had he left you when you were called effort, she reiterated: umphing over his terrible wound. You home?" demanded the widow suspicscheme.

hope of your cousin's recovery. I rest. hope, indeed, that he may live."

He would rather die than live without as soon as he had taken me home;

brief silence. The hotel, and can no doubt prove where midnight near was very still. They he was at the time you thought you could hear the tide booming in upon saw him here. Oh, believe me, you the shore, the solemn, mysterious have made a terrible mistake in imvoice of the sea. To poor Daisie it puting this deed to him. Why should seemed to murmur of despair.

"Do you see what I am trying to get free, when he knew that the law at, Daisie." Do you understand me? would break my fetters so easily?" In my regret for the terrible mistake pleaded Daisie wildly. I made in uniting your fate to boy, and ney wish to secure his hap- remain his wife." piness. I am willing to make a bar- "Ah, no; for Dallas knew my love a passionate protest: gain with you—the strangest bargain too well." began Daisie; but they for the sake of his victim. Grant me door to summon them to Royall, who his life?" this boon, Daisie: Be true to Royall had awakened. for the brief span of his life-whether ong or short--give him the obedience of a wife, and I, on my part, will keep cousin. your lover's terrible secret, and let him him as long as he lives." go free, his only punishment his accusing conscience.'

Again silence, and Daisie felt as if I will make no rash promises," the Daisie looked up in wonder at her the last fold of the serpent were young girl returned, with sudden little friend, faltering: wound around her, crushing her to spirit

She cried desperatcly: "Dallas did not do



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ambiguous promise to stay till the end, and he lived, what then? Would they hold her to this promise? She knew in her heart that he would do it; that he would hold her forever

And if they extorted from her this

against her beloved. So she dare not

A nervous tremor shook her form. and she faltered: "I will stay till to-morrow."

His eyes searched hers with wistful "But, dear one, I may not die to

morrow. The physician says I may go out like the flame of a candle tonight, or I may linger on for days. Can you deny me the comfort of your presence till the last hour? Can you be so cruel, when I have loved you

His strained voice broke in a gasp, and he lay looking at her pitifully. love and sorrow in his anguished eyes. It pierced her heart with pity, but Mrs. Fleming returned, with cold she dared not yield, for fear of the uncertain fut ire

Meanwhile, Daisie asked herself, in Yet she had a tender heart, and it anguish, if she could bind herself by ached with ympathy, though she had such a terrible promise—to give up to steel herself of the prayer. "Cruel, cruel!" he sighed re-

cent; her lover, whom she loved with proachfully, and the shrank as freig the passion of her life—and bind herself to Royall Sherwood for the time a blow.

"How can you be so hard and unfeeling?' demanded his cousin, ap-"And who knows but that he may recover? This woman may be de- proaching. "Do you not see how you ceiving me to gain her point." whis- excite him by your refusals? And it "Of course," continued her tormed- pered her heart; and she remained is so little that he asks-simply to as your husband, he has a right t command your obedience.'

"I do not acknowledge that claim! Daisie cried, with a flashing eye. "Nor do I urge it," Royall Sher-wood faltered quickly. "I waive all "Nor do I urge it," Royall Sher-"You wish to warn Dallas Bain that rights, if I have any, and ask your stay

That humility touched her heart as tor has told me that he may die to- "No-no, for he is innocent, and if no arrogant demands could have night or to-morrow, or Enger for accused can, no doubt prove it!" the done, and it made it all the harder "How? By an alibi? How long

"I-I really cannot stay any long see, I am quite frank with you, iously, fearing the failure of her er than to-morrow. I am compelled "Yes, and I see you have some faint But Daisie's answer set her fears at I—I—have written that I am coming." "That makes no difference," began Mrs. Fleming, but paused in con-"No, I could not prove an alibi for "You need not wish that, Daisie. Dallas, because he left me at my door sternation as a slight young figure dashed across the floor to Daisie, and a tremulous voice cried excitedly: but of course he went straight to his

"Cruel, hard-hearted girl! You shall not refuse his prayer! Will you let man die of heartbreak when your kindness would save his life?"

#### CHAPTER XIX.

It was the little, dark-eyed beauty Annette Janowitz, who had been lis-"It was jealous malice. He feared tening by the door for some minutes, Royall's, in my sorrow for my poor that Royall might persuade you to and now unable to restrain her excitement, rushed to Daisie's side with

"Would you let a man die of heartever made-to shield a cruel murderer were interrupted by a tap on the break when your kindness would save

> Annette was terribly excited. Mrs. Fleming whispered pleadingly: Her slight frame trembled with "Oh, Daisie, be kind to my poor emotion, and her large black eyes gleamed like stars out of her pale face, wasted and worn from recent "I will be kind to him, yes; how illness. Her expression was one of could I be harsh with him now? But the keenest anguish.

"Oh. Annette, how came you here "At least, promise not to hold any at this midnight hour? Who told you

communication with Mr. Bain until what had happened?" The words produced a terrible effect "I can make no promise," Daisie on the little brunette.

She gasped for breath, and turned eiterated, so resolutely that the arch schemer had to give up her point, and as ashen pale as the dying man on the proceeded in sullen silence to the bed, seeming as if about to sink to the floor, until Mrs. Fleming hurriedly He was awake and conscious, his forced her into a chair.

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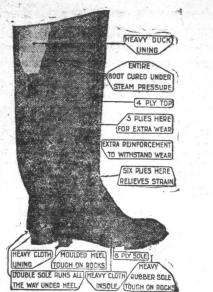
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