# ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER IX.

which Philip recognised as that of Mr. Langton.

He came straight to the door of the library, opened it and entered—his face grave yet kind and frank as he came forward to where they stood—they having mechanically risen on his appearance.

"Ah, Mr. Weston, this is a sudden meeting, but we are all very much under the sway of circumstances. Miss Leighton, I am glad to have the pleasure of meeting you. I have a peculiar interest in you which you will understand presently. You have probably divined the object for which you have been sent for to Rockstone."

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The last words being addressed to
Philip, the latter replied to them.

"We have a general understanding
that it refers to our unknown friend. The
telegran [which summoned us hinted so
much, and when we met Jim Potts at the
station, the belief was confirmed."

"True, the appearance of Jim there
would surprise you not a little. You
must be a little erightened now on the
subject of his disappearance from the
warehouse, a matter which I know perplexed you not a little."

"I only understand, sir, that when he
quitted Mossley Street so unaccountably
it was to come here to enter the service of
the unknown geutleman, whose identify
has been so carefully concealed from us
and that the secrecy observed in his going
was by your direction."

"Ah—Jim told you so much on the
way up! Did he tell you the gentleman's
name?"

name?"
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Mr. Langton asked the latter question somewhat earnestly and anxiously glancing at the moment towards Annabel.

"No, sir. He said he had been specially forbidden to do so, and Jim is too faithful to break his promise."

"I might have know that," returned Mr. Langton. "Jim Potts is a fellow to be thoroughly teusted in everything, and this is why I do it? Well, it was but a part of that mystery which has noubbe puzzled you all along, but which, I am glad to say, is now to be dissipated. The time for revelation has come—at hacome sooner and in sadder circumstances than was anticipated, and as you enanot but both be full of wonder and conjecture I shall waste no time in making it. There is another reason why no times should be unnecessarily wasted. Still cannot withelraw the veil with utter abruptness. In all your conjectures, Mr. Westom, I do not think it probable that it has occurred to you that the whole of that which has looked so strange has its sole cause in Miss Leignton."

"In Annabel "oxelaine I Philip, while the latter involuntarily attested her astonishment by a violent start.

"Ah, I see no suspicion of the truth has entered the mind of either. Yet this is so; Miss Leighton has been the unconscious cause of all this mystery. It was for her sake, Mr. Weston, as well as for the great service you had rendered him, that the old gentleman interested him, tha

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