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the fire, at the opposite end of the fur hearthrug to that

that hearthrug to that

Communicate with Rice, and that that the same ingly.

had hopes of their living happily together yet."

He looked across, and saw the

To begin with, you must have more faith in other people. In myself . Brenda . Theo Trist.

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some significance. Its effect was startling. Huston's bloodshot eyes flashed angrily, his limp fingers clenched and writhed until the skin gave forth a creaking sound as of dry leather.

"D—n Trist!" he exclaimed. "I will shoot him if he comes across my path!"

In quick cars detected the sound of wars, withing drawn forcibly to behind departing footsteps.

He continued his way, without increase of speed. The person whose descent was audible came slowly to meet him, and in a few moments they were face to face upon a small stone-payed landing. mrs. Wylie did not shriek or faint, as ladies are usually supposed to do whom men give way to violent land arguage in their presence. But there

men who, meeting, recognize a face, and half await a greeting of some

the other with the hesitation of

end of the fur hearthrug to that occupied by Mrs. Wylie. This he took, sitting hopelessly with his idle hands hanging at either side.

"What am I to do?" he asked, half cynically.

Before replying, the widow looked at him—gauging him. "Do you really mean that?"

"Of course — I am helpless. A "I will," he answered simply, and leave the course of the c

CHAPTER XVII.

GOOD HEALTH.

men who, meeting, recognize a face, and half await a greeting of some description. In a moment it was too late, and they passed on—one upstairs, the other down, with unconscious symbolism — having exchanged nothing more than that expectant, hesitating stare of mutual recognition and mutual curiosity. Each was at heart a gentleman, and under other circumstances, in the presence of a third person, or with the view of sparing a hostess anxiety, they would undoubtededly have shaken hands. But here, beneath the eye of none but their God (who, in His wisdom, has purposely planted a tiny seed of divergence in our hearts), they saw no cause for acting that which could, at its best, have been nothing but a sémi-truth.

When Trist greeted Mrs. Wylie a few moments later, he detected her glance of affxlety; but it was against his strange principles to take the initiative, so he waited until she might speak.

After a few commonplaces dexterously handled, she suddenly changed her tone.

"Theo," she said with that abruptness which invariably follows

ment. Hide-and-seek is a store after a time."

"What sort of arrangement?j'

"Well . . I suggested that he should agree to leave her unmolested for a certain time, during which ed for a certain time, during which think it over."

J.—"He studies."

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A lady who had been travelling She was so refined, so well-eduo careful in avoiding all temptaons to brogue that she invariably

'the creature' !' "Most likely. I've just bought it in a pawnshop."

Teacher (to newly-arrived pupil)

'Have you your vaccination certi-"Yes, sir."
"Have you been inoculated against "Yes. sir."

'Have you been vaccinated with scarlatina ?'

"Yes, sir."
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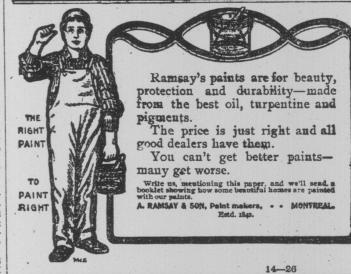
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