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THE Phantom Lover.

By the Author of "A Bachelor Husband."

CHAPTER XXVIII. I suppose I was a fool to imagine that I could ever make you care for me. I suppose it was conceit that led me to think I could ever cut out this phantom lover of yours...

She was staring at him now; her face was white and incredulous. "If you—if you think I'm going to believe that—" she began, in a high, unnatural voice. She stopped; she seemed to realize all at once that he was speaking the truth. She leaned towards him. Her breath came in broken gasps.



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CHAPTER XXX. A long moment of silence followed Mickey's broken confession. He dared not look at Esther, though she was staring at him, staring hard, with a curious sort of wonderment in her grey eyes.

Micky followed her out on to the platform; he felt that the last shred of his patience and tenderness had been killed. He did not believe him—whatever he said she would never believe him; it was useless to waste his breath; he might as well give up and let her go her own way.

things you would not let me say when we were last together. The one sentence caught her eye. She wondered that she had never before thought how unlike Raymond this was. Why was it she had not realized before that Raymond could never have written this?

CHAPTER XXXI. She rose and walked on again; she turned out of the garden and found herself in a street of shops. People looked at her curiously. Hardly knowing that she did so, she stopped and looked in at a jeweller's window; there were trays of precious stones. She felt her own ring beneath the glove—she had worn it so long now, she wondered how she would feel when she had to take it off.

CHAPTER XXXII. He walked quickly till he drew a breath with her, and there was a curious eagerness in his face as he stopped a little to look down at her; then he gave an exclamation of sheer amazement. "Lillie! Good heavens! What in the world are you doing here?"



feeling fine! A few days ago though, I felt pretty miserable—kind of tired and drowsy. I must have been very much run down, until someone recommended—

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CHAPTER XXXIII. And so the dream had come true after all, and she and Raymond were together in Paris. As she looked up into his handsome face it seemed to Esther that all the past hours of grief were as if they had never really existed; he was smiling down at her in the same old way.

CHAPTER XXXIV. His overwhelming conceit suddenly woke the wish in his heart to know if she still loved him, or if she had forgotten him, and a little flush crossed his face and his eyes grew tender as they met the tragedy of hers; he looked hastily round.

hoot for private woes, nor marks the groove she goes, and strives to benefit the race. The storm that killed your setting hens and from your watchdog tore the hair, removed the fever from the teats, and purified the noxious air. The flood comes raging down the creek, and drowns some seven head of swine, and you, despairing life is bleak, are ready to take in your sign.

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CHAPTER XXXV. The man passing stared at her, half stopped, went on again, then turned, paused irresolutely, and finally came back. He walked quickly till he drew a breath with her, and there was a curious eagerness in his face as he stopped a little to look down at her; then he gave an exclamation of sheer amazement.

CHAPTER XXXVI. The man gave the sparrows his last crumbs and went away. The little brown birds came hopping to Esther's feet, looking up at her with bright, eager eyes, as if expecting her to supply a further meal.

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CHAPTER XXXVII. In her heart she found it impossible to believe him; she thought of the letters she had received from Raymond, the money—the presents—why even this coat she wore had come from him; she felt that she could laugh at this man opposite to her. A little smile curved her lips; a contemptuous smile seemed to Mickey.

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