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"I have brought him here. But pardon me—has he no other relative than yours if who can come to him and nurse him?"

"He has no near relatives, Doctor Chanter; he was my father's ward, and always lived with us till he went to college. Will you allow me a few minutes private conversation with you?"

"And, checking May's impulsive forward movement, she left the room with the Doctor."

"You need not be afraid to trust me," she said; "as soon as she was alone with him and she shortly related May's position toward Cecil, and their late terrible grief on this account."

"Then I need not hesitate to tell you the truth," he observed, gently.

"No, no," she breathed—"tell me all."

"He is very ill," answered Doctor Chanter, gravely—"so ill that I entertain the greatest fears for him. He had greatly over-exerted himself, and was telegraphing for on business in connection with the firm in which he was a partner, and so had to resign his passage on board the Queen."

"It was a long and weary nursing; how Ethel's heart ached to hear the delicious complaints, in the strange, harsh voice of fever—the cries of May, the pleading to be taken to see her—only to see her! Once May peeped in at the door, but shrank away from the vacant eyes and harsh voice, and never again pleaded to be admitted to the room."

"She is here, dear Cecil," she told him then, "but we kept her from you while you were so ill."

"What a glad day that was when Cecil was pronounced well enough to go to the drawing-room, and the danger of infection was over, and May might see him! The kind old Doctor settled him there comfortably, and then left the room, bidding May, whom he met in the passage, to go to her room."

"I am come to you, Cecil," she answered to his look, and hurrying to his side, "forgive me!"

"An hour after the latter's meeting May began to wonder what had become of Ethel, and found her lying on the bed."

"Yes," answered May, blushing and hiding her glad face on Ethel's neck. "Oh, Ethel, I am too happy!"

"That is right, my darling. Now run away again to him, May, and let me go to sleep."

"In her room, tired and sleepy. She went to bed, and in the night, while Doctor Chanter had fastened up and knocked at Ethel's door."

"When he entered the drawing-room half an hour afterwards, his face was troubled."

"Not, Doctor Chanter? What's the matter with her?"

"Don't be frightened, dear child; your sister is suffering from over-exhaustion through her recent nursing, but I trust it will not prove serious."

"I wish it; May, my darling, don't refuse me. Oh, May, don't you see I am going to leave you?"

"Ethel! It was a cry of such love and pain that Ethel shrank at the sound."

"Oh, hush, May—don't break my heart. You will be happy with Cecil!"

ding gift to her sister. But the simplicity which she wore, and a fairer bride is seldom seen. The ceremony was over, and the newly-made husband and wife knelt beside Ethel's couch.

"Cecil," she said, "I give my charge over to you. Be gentle and tender with her; remember how young she is and how patient and loving to your husband; don't let your pride ever come between you and again."

"My face was buried in her sister's lap as she struggled to repress her sobs."

"Take her away, Cecil—she will go to her good, and I am tired and must be quiet."

"My darling, let me comfort you; I know how hard it is."

"But, oh, Cecil, it is my fault. If I had not been so proud, she would still be with you."

"I as well as you. But, May, if only for her sake, we must never allow ourselves to be separated thus again."

"Never again, my husband—never again!"

"The arrangement was soon made; and Ethel was to be installed as nurse, and May was to wait, with what patience she might, till Cecil was in a fair way towards recovery."

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The Colling Mole or "Apple worm," which in some localities is the orchardist's worst enemy. The moth, which works in the night, deposits its eggs in the blossom end of the fruit as soon as it is formed. The young caterpillar or "worm" eats its way to the center of the fruit and there lives, comes to maturity in a few weeks, and then the apple finds a hiding place, spins a cocoon, and in about two weeks comes out as a moth, which in turn goes to the fruit, lays more eggs, and thus a second brood is raised, these spin until the next next appearance of the moth. Much of the infested fruit falls, and if some are not pastured in the orchard, the fruit should be picked up and fed out, or otherwise destroyed. Many insects are thus killed; many worms may be caught by affording the "worm" a hiding place where they can spin. Several contrivances, patented and otherwise, have been proposed; the most effective and simplest is a band of woolen cloth, about five inches wide, and long enough to go around the trunk and lap sufficiently for both ends to be fastened by a single tack. Cheap straw paper, folded to make three thickness, is used by some instead of cloth. The bands should be put on, half way between the ground and the branches, in the latter part of June; the first worms will usually be found in them the first week in July; when the worms are to be crushed and the bands replaced. The bands should be taken off, examined, and the insects killed every ten days all through this month and next. If this simple remedy were closely followed up by the fruit growers of a neighborhood, the insect would soon come to be a serious pest in no way in the lot. The most effective means, there should be a combined effort.

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"Mrs. Brown handed it to Mrs. Andrews, the milliner, saying: 'That pays for my new bonnet.'"

"Mrs. Andrews said to Mr. Jordan, as she handed him the note: 'That will pay you for your work on my counter.'"

Mr. Jordan handed it to Mr. Madley, the flour, feed and lumber merchant, requesting his lumber bill.

Mr. Madley gave the note back to Mr. Brown, saying: "That pays ten dollars on my board."

Mr. Brown passed it to his wife, with the remark that that paid her twenty dollars he had promised. She in turn paid it to Mr. Black, to settle her bread and pastry account, who handed it to Mr. Madley, wishing credit for the amount on his flour bill; he again remarked that that paid for the month's board. Whereupon Brown put it back into his pocketbook, exclaiming that he "never thought a ten dollar bill would go so far."

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