



THE ONE WAY OUT

so overwhelming, so earthquake-like in its proportions that after the first shock the surprise was past, and everyone began to cast about for some way of escape, without stopping to reflect on the exact nature of the catastrophe.

Alice Bradnor, who was a kind soul, kissed Eve and sat by her, holding her hand and really taking part in the younger girl's happiness. The less interested members of the party left the room under more or less flimsy pretexts, and Lady Betty, after a loud laugh, bobbed up again out of the ruins, so to speak, with at least a few of her mental belongings safe in the small box of her self-possession. "Bless