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BERENICE.

She drew him to her bosom in silence, and still sobbing. His childish question had cut her heart like a knife. "Was it all right with father when he went away?"

Ah, no! it was all wrong; and now, God pity her! it was too late ever to make it right, the cruel wrong, must like through.

that it had not been entrusted to her keeping. Ben opened his handsome blue eyes in amazement.

"Why, Berenice," he said, not a bit cross, only decided, "you know I gave it to you. I always give you things I wish taken care of."
"A foolish habit, too," retorted Berenice, spitefully, "Why not take care of them yourself. And you may hereafter, I won't have my desk crowded with any such rubhave my desk crowded her words, she bish," and making good her words, she tossed the papers she had been overlooking

on the floor.

Ben looked down at the promiscuous

made matters worse.

'I shan't look another bit," she said

Month followed month, year drifted after year, and Beenice lived, and Benny grew up to a sturdy lad, never forgetting his father's parting command. He was a good boy to his mother; but all his simple, unaffected devotion, so like his father's, could not drive the unspeakable sorrow from her eyes, or the stinging remorse from her heart. And now she sat there by the blazing fire, with her thin hands clasped, and such a wistful, hungry look in her great shining eyes, that poor little Ben felt awed and frightened, and crept away to his bed in the corner, not daring even to kiss her again.

But the child could not sleep. He lay listening to the voice of the winds, as they listening to the voice of the winds, as they roared and whistled through the pine hills, and to the ceaseless moan and thunder of the sea, raising his head ever and anon to look at his mother's sad, white face, and wondering in his child's heart, if God and Whistled through the pine hills, and to the ceaseless were so good and merciful, A His angels were so good and merciful, A

strange, tetrible feeling came over him, an indescribable prescience of something to come.

[13. Additional of the content of Mrs. Chudleigh opened the door of her cottage, and came out into the midst of the gloomy, freezing cold, a wistful, anxious look on her white, wan face. Putting her thin, childish hand to her mouth, she called, "Bennie! Bennie!"

Presently there came an answer.

"Yes. I am coming, mother!"

indescribable prescience of something to come.

"Mother!" he called, gently, sitting up in his bed. "Oh, mother! what is it? I can't tell, but I feel something; indeed I do, mother!"

But she did not heed him. The old seading lifted his pointed ears and listened intently; then he arose, and nattered across

BERENICE.

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Ah, no! it was all wrong; and now, God pity her! it was too late ever to make it right—the crue! wrong must live through all time, and eternity, perhaps!

How vividly, sitting there in the ghastly glimmer of the firelight, did she remember that last parting, three years ago! Bennie was but a wee lad then, and his father, who had followed the sea all his life, was starting on a long voyage. He wanted a paper of some importance, a promissory note or something of the kind, and came to his wife for it.

Berenice, his pretty girl-wife, had taken care of all his papers, and all his money, since the first day of their happy marriage, he being a great, careless, loving, fiery hearted tellow, as sailors usually are. But Berenice was quite busy that morning, getting his ontiit in readiness; and the March winds blustered down the cottage chimney, and put her out of humor; and, perhaps, for all her sweet child ways, and rare beauty, this petted wife of Ben Chudleigh was a bit impatient and quick-tempered by nature or because of too much petting and indulgence, as is often the case. At any rate, after a hasty search for the note, she declared that it could not be found, and that it had not been entrusted to her keeping. Ben opened his handsone blue eyes in amazement.

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on the floor.

Ben looked down at the promiscuous heap. There were receipts and business papers, and amid them, old love letters and tufts of faded blo-soms, that had passed between him and Berenice in the days of their courtship.

"Why, Berry," he began, and then finding his voice unsteady, he stopped short and turned away.

His wife saw in an instant what she had done, but with the perversity of a child, instead of trying to make reparation, as her woman's heart yearned to do, she made matters worse.

Montreal Stock Market.

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yard. Bennie was playing in the doorway, and Berenice, standing breathless, heard him kiss the child and say:

"Goodby, little one! Be a good boy to mother; don't forget."

That was the last. When, after a moment of stunned bewilderment, she hurried to the door he was gone.

But he would come back. Al day long, sitting with Bennie on her knee, she said it over and over, he would come back, and they would make it up.

But pight came, and in the dusk of the March sunset a sailor came up for her husband's see chest. Berenice was too proud and sensitive to ask a question or send a message; but the long, lonely night subdued her pride. As soon as the sun rose she made her way down to the pier, where his vessel lay, but it was too late—the craft had sailed at daybreak, and her husband was gone.

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