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CHAPTER VIII.

A CHANGE.

Shirley became impatient to begin her work.

Col. Carstone seemed to get well, and for a time appeared quite the same. But after a month or two, it became evident he was not the same. He had been an unusually calm, self controlled man before the accident that befell him on the State Line turnpike. Especially, though by nature quickly angry, he had had his temper singularly well in hand. Shirley noticed that he had become unaccountably irritable. The slightest cause, a trifle, threw him into an uncontrollable rage. The first time she observed this they were riding together in the little light carriage. Her father was driving. A boy started up before them in the road, then slunk to one side. He was the forlornest tatterdemalion of a child, a mass of rags and dirt. He was a picture to excite profound pity, being

of a child, a mass of rags and diff. He was a picture to excite profound pity, being stunted and starved looking, with stooping shoulders and narrow, hollow chest. He had large blue eyes, that looked glassy above his thin cheeks. But they were shifting furtive eyes, as if wont to glance from side to side, looking for a blow from behind, or for something to lay hands on, and make off with. He was a wee, hungry faced creat-