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THE CONFESSION.

band. "I do not care. She is nothing b a torment to me. Why should I wish her here. If she lives, she will com between us and wealth. If she dies Major Grant will give you half of his

immense property. Let her die?" Grant Whitney had long ago cease to love his wife, and now he felt as absolute horror of her. He muttered "Terrible creature!" and went out of the room, leaving her alone.

"There's murder in my heart t ward you!" muttered the angry wo man between her set teeth. "If eve I get the papers all right I will fine a way to keep you quiet."

Under the skillful treatment Jane, Mrs. Grant had given signs o life before the arrival of the physic ian, sent by Frank, who had tele graphed to Major Grant to return at once, adding the single word "Evan-

The major was sitting upon the piazza of his hotel that same afternoon, only an hour after Mrs. Grant's sudden illness was known, when messenger from the telegraph office placed a folded paper in his hand. He opened it and read:

"Major Grant, come immediately-Evangeline. "F.G.W." "What can it mean Something ha happened to Evangeline!" cried th distracted husband, hastening into

the hotel to make preparation for departure. The next train for the North bore him rapidly toward his home where he arrived, to find his beautiful wife, raving with fever, and calling upon him to come and save her from some great evil. He knelt beside he and his low voice soothed her mad

For many days this devoted hus band did not leave the sick room for an hour, and at length his patient labor was well rewarded. Mrs. Gran opened her eyes and gazed about her with the air of one who has long beer absent from home. Major Grant bent over her. Sh asked:

"Is little Frankie here?" "Yes, Frankie and Chrissy are both

"Has Frank Whitney gone away?" "No. He is waiting until the dar ger is over," answered her husband. "Have you been with me all the

"Yes, my sweet wife. But you mus not talk now. You are quite weak." Mrs. Grant gazed upon the care worn face of her husband, and in tha first hour of returning consciousnes came the old regret, and took up it residence in her heart. It had haunted her ever since she had first yielded to temptation, and she felt that would haunt her until the wear burden of life was vielded and she slept the sleep that knows no waking. Oh, how the memory of one sir can haunt the whole life, peering wit ghastly face upon the joyous scenes of mirth or quiet enjoyment, when the tired soul has well-nigh forgotten

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With a sickening dread of returnng life, Mrs. Grant closed her eyes with the wish that she might never vake again. Life held but one real oy for her, and that joy was rendered oitter by the memory of her one mis-

Her child was a comfort to be when he was all her own, but that was but for a few moments only. Anther, proud, revengeful, and cruel vas the ruler of that little boy, whose ery life was under a cruel hand. Her weary thoughts were merci 'ully shrouded by sleep, and not un il the next day did she awake. Her

"Is Frank here? "No, my wife. He came in and poked at you as you slept. Poor Frank, he is worn to a skeleton! He

and the dear boy actualy shed tears when he looked upon you this morn-He bent over you and kissed ou twice. You see how much thinks of you, Evangeline. Then went away, looking as though h neart would break. I am glad tha Frank and my little wife a.e on suc good terms.

The blue eves were closed now, and faint color stole into the cheeks o ne beautiful, pale invalid. Presentshe said: "Did I say anything when I was

"You talked some. Not so much as ome people do who have brain fev-

" he answered. Mrs. Grant would have given much have known what she did say, but she dared not ask. She was glad that rank Whitney was not at Laure Glade. You will miss him very much when you are able to ride and walk out,' he said to her one day, when he had grown well enough to sit up n the comfortable chair by the

She answered:

window.

'I wish for no companionship but yours, my dear husband. Frank is like a dear brother to me, and I prize his friendship; but I shall not e able to go out much this season. and I wish for a quiet winter all to urselves. We can have Frank here ia the springtime. We will enjoy the coming winter together.

Major Grant was evidently pleased with the compliment given him by he preference for his society shown y his young wife, but he replied:

'You will miss young company, Evangeline. I am so much older han you are that you would grow ired of being all alone with me hrough the winter.

'I should never grow tired of being lone with you,' she protested, 'You re older thon I am, it is true, bu from one who has seen so much of that will make me both wiser and better. You will humor this request.

know you will, Major Grant.' She spoke earnestly, and her husoank kissed her anxious face as he promised to allow her to have her own way about filling the house with young

ompany during the coming winter. Young people are quick to recover om illness, and Mrs. Grant saw the oses blooming upon her cheeks long she enjoyed many a drive about the country with her devoted husband be-

They also walked out together when e-established with the winter. He was destined to be mistaken, however, and when Christmas came he was con-

fined to his room. The doctors all agreed that it was possible to cure him. His ancest rs had all been swept away by quick onsumption, and he felt that he was o follow soon. He murmured not, alhough the thought of leaving his sweet young wife was more bitter than any thought of death.

With the conviction of approaching issolution came the desire to leave is worldly affairs in order, and Ma-Grant was startled to think that last will was in existence, and nat by that document his whole proerty would be divided between Frank and Grant Whitney. He was startled

o think he had been so careless. "Of course, Frank would never derive my widow of her just dues; nor would Grant, if left to himself; but it is best to have all things left in order." e said to himself.

Mrs. Grant had been devoted to her usband since his health had failed, and for several weeks she had not been out for a drive, and searcely an hour had been passed in the open Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, which I am convinced are the best." she knew that she was growing thin; Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents, at all dealers, or denancon, Bates & Co., Toronto.



Wishing to spare her the knowledge of the fact that he was making his derly. will, Major Grant proposed to her to leave the sick room for a while and ride to the city to make some purchases which she desired to make before the first of January.

He spoke to her about going the rom Laurel Glade. She reluctantly consented to go over to the city the ext day, if it was fine weather. Then they sat in the sunshine a long

ime, talking about their hopes and

lans for the future. Mrs. Grant did not for one momen uppose that her husband would leave her so soon, and her plans extended over a term of years. After this conversation he asked her to tell him something of her early life.

"I have been waiting for you to ask me to tell you of my life before I married you," she answered. "There may be many things connected with my life that it would pain you to hear but I will tell you all if you wish to

Major Grant assured his wife that othing would give him more pleasure han to listen to her account of her "I have always felt that there was

mystery connected with the early days of your young life. Perhaps it is from the fact that you have never spoken of your life that this feeling rises. If there is anything that you do not wish to speak of, pass it by. Do not put yourself to any trouble, or feel that you must tell me anything that will embarrass you.

"I will tell you all my life, Major Grant, and then you shall judge if I merit your love or hate." "Hush, Evangeline! Nothing could nake me hate you," he said gravely.

"Nothing?" she asked. thing make you hate me?" "No, my love. If you should tell me that you had been a murderess, or false to me, it might break my heart, but it could never cause me to hate you. I speak of the possibilities of such a thing, not because I have

thought of it, but to prove to you how perfectly I love and trust v Gathering strength from his words. Mrs. Grant commenced the story of "When I was a child I lived upon a

farm. My father and mother were he world, I cannot fail to learn much worthy people, but quite plain and humble," she said. "Your father's name, love? We

must not omit names," playfully reminded her listener. She went on without looking up: "His name was Mellen-

"Christopher Mellen is my brother. Mrs. Grant Whitney is my eldest sis-

"How can this be?" he asked. "Please do-not interrupt me, and will tell you all about it," she anbefore the frosts of winter set in, and swered; and then she told him her whole story. She did not spare herself, but told all, from her earliest recollection to the time when she had fallen ill from excitement.

"Then I have the reason why you the weather was fine, and Major Grant did not wish Frank to come back here hought his health would be perfectly this winter?" he asked, when she had

"I was not afraid to meet him: but I could not bear to have him here

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For all answer, Major Grant drew the head of shining golden curls softly down upon his bosom, and held it there while he answered:

"I do not scorn you, darling. I pity and forgive, even as I hope to obtain" orgiveness of Him who has said, 'Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.' If you had told me this when we were first married, I would have spared you many hours of unhappi ness. As it is, I will see that justice is done the child. Bring him in here, that I may see if he does resemble

"First, tell me that you forgive me ully and freely," she said. 'I forgive you fully and freely, Goldie," he answered, kissing her ten-

away to find Frankie. Mrs. Whitney was crossing the hall with the children as Mrs. Grant

went out of her own room "Will you please allow me to take lay before he wished her to be away Frankie into our room for a little while?" asked Mrs. Grant of the haughty woman who stood looking scornfully upon her. "Who wants Frankie?" was th

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ed; it is seen everywhere on gowns. hats and bags.

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