

Rising from my knees, I called Romper in. After caressing and shutting him in the house, I went out. Standing upon the threshold for a moment, I looked up at the stars. Without the least emotion I said:

"Good-bye, beautiful old world! You have been kindest to me, skies, trees, rivers and flowers. Farewell my birds, squirrels and fishes! All farewell!"

The beauty of the night charmed me, and I lingered.

"John—Mr. Meredith!"

"Yes, Miss Campbell!"

"Please come with me, John!"

"Where to, Miss Campbell?"

"Come, John, dear!" she said, as she gave me her hand.

Throwing open the door, I cried so joyfully, "Here Romper, come old fellow, come along!"

Led by Miss Campbell, I passed the path to the deep pool. Was it the fiend again that cried: "Fool! Coward! Coward!"

Oh, the fierceness of the spirit!

"Miss Campbell," I said as calmly as I could, "will you excuse me for a few moments. Please go on and I may follow shortly."

"Please do not leave me, John, dear, I am