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THE BRIDE.

A SERTCH.

EMMA had wheeled the sofa in front of the fire, and as Charles seemed himself beside her he was certainly a happy fellow. Alas, he had as yet only drank the hubbles on the cup. Emma looked levely, for the glow of the warm coal five had given a bloom to her usually pale cheek, which heightened the lustre of her dark eyes. But there came a shade of thought over Emma's brow, and her husband instantly remarked it. It is strange how soon husbands see clouds over their hege lady's brows. It was the first that Charles ever saw there, and it excited his tenderest enquiries. Was she unwell?-did she wish for anything ?-Emma hesitated, she blushed and looked. Charles pressed to know what had east such a shadow over her spirits " I fear you will think me very silly-but Mary French has been sitting with me this afternoon" " Not that, certainly," said Charles, sinding. "Oh ! I did not mean that, but you know we began to keep house nearly the same time, only they sent by Brent to New York for carpeting. Mary would have me walk down to Brent's store this evening, with her, and he has brought two-and they are such loves " Charles bit his lip-" Mary," she continued, " said you were doing a first rate business, and she was sure you would never let that odious wilton lie in the parlor, if you once saw that spiendid Brussels-so rich, and so cheap -only seventy-five dollars.

Now the "blious wilton," had been selected by Charles' mother, and presented to them, and the color decrened on his cheek, as his animated bride continued, " Suppose we walk down to Brent's and look at it, there are only two, and it seems a pity not to recure it." " Emma," said Charles, gravely, " you are mistaken if you suppose my business will jistify extravagance. It will be useless to look at the carpet, as we have one that will answer very well, and it is perfectly new." Emma's vivacity fled, and she sat awkwardly picking her nails. Charles felt embarrassed-he drew out his watch, and put it backwhistled, and finally spying a periodical on Emma's table, began to read aloud some beautiful verses. His voice was well-toned, and he soon entered into the spirit of the writer, and forgot his embarrassment; when looking into Emma's eyes, how was he surprised, instead of the glow of sympathetic feeling he expected to meet, to see her head bent on her handevident displeasure on her brow, and a tear trickling slowly down her cheeks.

Chatles was a sensible young man; I wish there were more of them-and he reflected a moment beforo he said, " Emma, my love, get your honnet and cloak on and walk with sie, if you please." Emina looked as if she would like to pout a little longer, but Charles said " Come," with such serious gravity on his countenance, that Einma thought proper to accede, and nothing doubting but that it was to purchase the carpet, took his arm with a smile of triumph. They picture, and builds a monument to merit, but denies it crossed several streets in the direction to Brent's, until they at last stood before the door of a miserable tenement on a back street. "Where in the world; is the most subtle, yet the most meatiable of depredaare you taking me?" inquired Emma, shrinking back. Charles quietly led her forward, and lifting a latch, take all, nor can it be satisfied, until it has taken the they stood in a little room, around the grate of which world from us, and us from the world. It constantly

as the cold wind swent through the creates, in the decayed walls. An emaciated being, whose shrunk fuatures, sparkling eye, and flushed check spoke a deadly consumption, lay on a wretched low bed, the slight covering of which barely sufficed to keep her from freezing, while a spectral babe, whose black eyes looked unnaturally large from its extreme thinness, was endeavouring to draw sustenance from the dying mother.

"How are you, Mrs Wright?" inquired Charles. The woman feebly raised herself on her arm, "Is that you, Mr West? Oh how glad I am you cameyour mother ? "-" Has not been at home for a month and the lady who promised her to look after you in her absence, only informed me to day of your increased illness." "I have been very iil," she faintly replied, sinking back on her straw bed. Emma drew nearshe arranged the pillow and the bed clothes over the feeble sufferer, but her heart was too full to speak-Charles observed it, and felt satisfied. " Is that beautiful girl your bride? I heard you were married."-"Yes, and in my mother's absence she will see you do not suffer," " Bless you Charles West-bless you for a son of a good mother; may your young wife deserve you-and that is wishing a good deal for ker. You are very good to think of me, she said, looking at Emma, "and you are just married." Charles saw that Emma could not speak, and he hurried her home, promising to send the poor woman coal that night. The moment they reached home, Emus burst into tears .- " My dear Emma," said Charles, soothing to "I hope I have not given you too severe a shocked is sametimes salutary to look on the miseries of oth that we may properly appreciate our own happing Hero is a purse containing seventy-five dollars, you may spend it as you please."

It is unnecessary to say that the 'odious wilton' kept its place, but the shivering children of went were taught to bless the name of Emma West, and it formed the last articulate murmur on the lips of the dying sufferer.

TIME.

Time is the most undefinable, yet paradoxical of hings; the past is gone, the future is not come, and the present becomes the past even while we attempt to define it, and, like the flash of lightning, at once exists and expires. Time is the measurer of all things, but is itself immeasurable, and the grand discloser of all things but is itself undisclosed. Like space, it is incomprehensible, because it has no limit, and it would be still more so, if it had. It is more mysterious in its source than the Nilo, and in its termination than the Niger; and advances like the slowest tide, but retreats like the swiftest torrent. It gives wings of lightning to pleasure, but feet of lead to pain, and lends expectation a curb, but enjoyment a spur. It robs beauty of her charms, to bestow them on her a house; it is the transient and deceitful Natterer of falschood, but the tried and final friend of trath, Time tors; and by appearing to take nothing, is permitted to three small children were hovering, closer, and closer, I flies, yet overcomes all things by fight, and although