

A Child of Sorrow.

"Water? Here, I don't know whe

daren't give it to you without Lucy. breast. It would be more than my life's worth for she'd he like a tiger-cat over her whelp. I'll send her."

Lucy came in, pale and calm, but he looked at her long and steadily; then he turned over and closed his

unconscious all the time; for certain as may be imagined, was very little

He turned to her again, his eyes

hand cool enough now but still shaking-"vou've been an angel, not world: and there aren't many of my wife? I'm a poor, broken-down wretch, with half my life wasted, with the other- But if you'll take me for what I am, I'll be grateful, and try and make you a good husband. What do you say, my girl?"

She had sunk down beside him, her hands clasped, her lips set, her face

"No. no!" she panted. "You don't know what you say. I-I your wife? Oh, no, no! You don't mean it. You to Melbourne, say from Milda Woldon't know what you're saying-the da?" asked David Jones.

"The fever's gone, I'm sensible enough to know your worth. You are worthy of a better man, Lucy; but if

me, that you do not love me? Oh, and rode back towards Milda Wolda, well, that is easy enough to under- carefully examining the road at in

Representative.

saved twice. Come, Lucy." He tried to draw her to him, but h ther you ought to have it, and I him and drew her head upon his

of sight of the Dartford station, he quickened his pace and rode-not for

fever and weakness. "You've pulled while he was smoking his pipe with the settler, he asked a few questions tened his lips and stretched out his casually: were many people on the

> lers lately," said his host; "in fac we have had a rather slack time. like a kind of parson, and said he

> David Jones pricked up his ears Could this be the parson who had married Robert Broseley to Miss Car-

"Any ladies with him?" he asked. His host shook his head.

"No; he was quite alone; he only was in a hurry. I haven't seen a lady on the road for a goodish time."

His hand sought hers and took it Jones rose, knocked out his pipe and

"I've got to be getting on," said the little man, simply; and, thanking his

ervals; but there were no signs of

very difficult for lones seeing him. He was picking sharp eyes caught sight of something

ent or two and then he rode down norses' hoofs. But here he was faced a line at right angles. After considadv? where was the other?

question over and over, and presentdently made by the same shoes

strange!" He pulled at his grey a cry of satisfaction as she lifted the beard and rubbed his head reflective- lid. no station in this direction, A lady riding solitary and alone and

signs of weariness and he had to ride slowly; the sun was sinking, nightproblem still unsolved! Then, suded joyfully, and the little man's heart rose again; for something told him that the neigh came from the horse

had clung together, almost speech

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who first recovered her self-possession; and, reversing the usual order of things, it was she who soothed nimal, as only an Australian and an Carrie, instead of Carrie soothing

but he kept away from the station and dearest!" she assured her. "I was ode up one of the slopes which gave only frightened-oh, very frightened me, how did you come?"

> repressing a shudder as she realise how cunningly Robert Broseley had Then she told Carrie all that ha happened to herself, and, as she went

on. Carrie's threatened collapse pass

footstens and the marks of the that he could force you to marry him

The crimson flooded Maida's face and she drew a deep sigh. If Byrne

ering this problem, he decided to Carrie; "come back with that man, follow the track of the smaller hoofs the clergyman! But he can do nowhich he judged to be those of a lady's thing now, now that I am with you certain, for beside the paper was a am here. But what shall we do, Maieven if he went so far as to wrap a novel than the truth. Is there no

He was riding on as he turned this shook the heavy shutter, but it was mixed up with the marks which he fire and looked round her despairing-"And I am so hungry!" she said,

have anything to eat? I suppose he She went to the locker and uttered in silver or stamps.

we are better off than I expected." She made some tea and put out the food on the table, and persuaded Mai-

She looked round the but for

couch and caught sight of the revol-

"Why, what is this?" she exclaimed ooking at Maida. Maida coloured, and her face went

"It is his," she said. "I snatched i "You did!" exclaimed Carrie, fling-

'I shall have no scruples, as he will we've got-yes, there's the axe there.' Maida looked at it absently; then she sprang to her feet and caught u

"Carrie!" she exclaimed, her eve den hope. "The axe! And we never thought of it! Oh, how stupid women

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