THEIR PUNISHMENTS.

The Angelus bell rang from the tower of the old abbey. Away down the broad nave, quite dark and deserted, a woman was praying.

Was she praying? Or was she merely lest in the intense melancholy of the hour and place? Kneeling on the stone, she had promised word, and her expiation had begun.

On a sign of her husband, the young man, humiliated and vilified, had departed, and her expiation had begun.

THEIR PUNISHMENTS.

In the angelus bell rang from the this creature again; that you will never see this creature again; that you will never see this creature again; that you will never see this creature again; that you will obey me in all, and that you will accept the punishment which I is accept the only two tears which she had over seen flowing from the sever eyes came down his cheeks, already cold.

These two tears were to her like the only two tears which as the had joined her lot with his and the low to his manhood was this; She had refused to marry him. He was doing well again when Muriel died, and after that he had neglected his business, and this was

a chair and went up stairs. There to the mirror, and stood there she stopped, hesitating again, before one of the doors on the first floor.

She was still beautiful.

See you," said his wife, as they ate supper.

"Why didn't he come where I was?"

Noiselessly she drew near, listening to the sick man's heavy and painful breathing, and, bending over him, she tried to see his face.

And what had become of him?

At this question she felt herself seized upon by fear; not that she little her eves growing seized upon by fear; not that she "Ye came out."

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"I am afraid so," answered his eut." Little by little her eyes growing seized upon by fear; not that she accustomed to the darkness, she would appear to him less handsome, or that she had been forgotten.

"I am afraid so," answered his wife, "and it leaves us without a home." livid features, his cheeks furrowed with red veins. His heavy eyelids unlike the image he had left in her to tell him to his face that he is a were half closed; his nose, drawn and emaciated, stood out above his blue, half-opened lips, from which came a short and whistling breath would be a stranger to her.

her mind turn once more to the stonelike. She was still beautiful, and with-in her heart sweet sentiments still have betrayed me. For years and could dwell. He, a stern and im- years I have waited with a painful perious man, was born to lead an army to battle, rather than to live by the side of a delicate and sensitive woman. His age was twice hers and they had no children. She had no one on whom she could large the state of the state lavish her tenderness, she had not a ance would come to your heart; told her he would give her an armsingle person to whom she could come to your heart, and lo! with a murdering wish you confide her dreams or illusions.

Her mother had settled in a far and as you find it too slow your and so you find it too slow your who had cast her mite of oil on

her before her judge's revolver and stern face. Everything had assumed a strange rapidity. She had faced her husband crying: "Mercy! I will promise never to be bent over the dying man, stretched her husband had man, stretched her arm to the cross der to realize on the mortgage that hung over his rillow and with the force length of the force len itated a moment; looked at m crushing them under the low but distinct voice she repeating them under the low but distinct voice she repeating them, without ed her promise:

attitude.

Suddenly the silence was broken by the thalking of a bunch of keys, which echoed through the church, while a voice cried out:

"We close!"

Hearing this, the lady rose hastily and withdrew gathering about her with as she want the long black dock which covered her tall and alender figure. She isft the church, and as she passed along the parson streets of the village the few passers-by turned to look at her with actual curiosity, but yet without leaving and the stages of despair. For avaval days of the stages of the village the same hour for despair. For avaval days of the first time, that prison where her first time, that to keep har promise, so that fate should not bring the lovers of former days together, it was necessary that she should remain exide from all, unknown, forgotten, forever.

The tomb which had opened for an instant, had closed forever, and closed in peace.—BostonTranscript, from the Italian.

would still remember her? And Joseph Downs threw down his iselessly she drew near, listen-what had become of her friends, of knife and fork and pushed his

d come at last.

The lady seated herself and let from the face which was growing

"I have loved you, I have wor-

Her mother had settled in a far away province, and her only sister was a nun.

It was the old, old story. She met a young man. Their souls blended. At first it was innocent friendship; then the storm of passion. One day her husband on temperature home, had found them to get their hands clasped!

Oh, the terrible recollection!

The thought of it made the blood rish to har heart, and she again felt the same shame, the same terrible house. Seeding the same shame, the same terrible had whelly overnowered.

We had to do the same terrible had whelly overnowered.

With her nurse, a happy little soul, who had cast her mite of oil on troubled waters.

There was a stormy interview between the two men, who had for the two men, who had once been boys together, one succeeding in his chosen profession of the law, the other failing because times had been dull and his trade at a standstill.

We had a doned her always, before and after her guilt, and she had placed the coldness of her passive obedience over against that man's passion.

Who says he failed? I say it not. Stany 36 means at hand To guide our feet to firmer land, Even though a carping world cry shame!

ich had wholly overpowered Then, before the terrible im- No effort be it nobly made

passors by turned to look at her with actual curiosity, but yet without actual curiosity ac

In star medies shock shay had bed a very quite life. They were thrown as Signor and Signors. Necoling but on their silver plate shows was a strong stall man, with an almost athleted physique, appeared, at the time of his arrival, to be about 60 years of age, his wife not more than 25.

They were never seen together. He wonth hunting or took long was a desired among the roses of her wonth hunting or took long was a desired among the roses of her wonth of the same about and every day, merning and every day merning and e

Ah! the joy of escaping from her prison, of seeking other horizons of grasping friendly hands!

Reaching the garden gate, as if fighting an inward repugnance, the lady stopped and passed by. Then she turned back and again passed the gate. At last she entered.

In the hall she found a servant, who, to the mute question of her look, answered:

"Still in the same condition, Signora."

She put her cloak and bonnet on a chair and went up stairs. There

Opening it rudely, she entered a large, dismal room. Here on an iron bed, as bed befitting a soldier, would still remember her? And

scoundrel!"

blue, half-opened lips, from which came a short and whistling breath
He was dying!

A woman who had been watching at the bedside had left the room as soon as signora had come in. And now the latter was alone with the dying man gazing on that human force that had held her in subjection so many years, and that was now fading away. This hour looked forward to for 10 years; this hour longed for, prayed for in the silent revolt of her downtrodden heart; the hour of her liberty had come at last.

*Cause I was afeerd he'd stop."

As he spoke he mechanically picked up one of the white shavings and curled it about his finger. When he rang the bell at the door of Simon Kent's fine house it still clung to his hand. It was there when he sat waiting in the square when he way to bed stopped to look at the strange man and was attracted to the pretty shaving. She had never seen one before.

"Does your little girl play with his correction of the moon, two dilated eyes gaz. It is a still clump to his hand. It was there when he sat waiting in the square when he s

"No."_ "Why dosen't she?" with the cruel persistency of childhood. "I haven't any little girl."

"Are you too poor?"
"Yes." Savagely. "Poor man; I'se sorry."

The house in which Muriel was eight of contempt; then, without ed her promise:

"I promise on the Gospel, on your ed her promise I will never see him again!"

The contracted face of the dying ed her promise I will never see him again to contracted face of the dying ed her promise in which she died!

His wife said little about it, but Downs knew she would never get over the blow. He had given her the maritime sulphite fight over the blow. He had given her the maritime sulphite fight over the blow.

"And you say he put his arm around your waist?" "No, I didn't." "What did you say, then?"

"I said he put both arms aroun "Then what?" "He hugged me." "Very hard?"

"Yep, he did. So hard that I "Why didn't you holler?"

"'Cause.' "That's no answer. Be explicit, please; because what?" "Cause I was afeerd he'd stop."-



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