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"Flatterers" The Shadow of the Future.

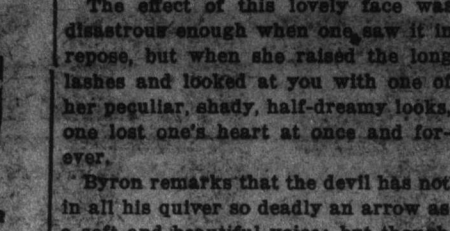
CHAPTER XXXV. SYDNEY DRIVES A BARGAIN. It was all true enough. Incredible as the change seemed at first. There were questions innumerable to ask that evening through; loose strands of the story to knit together; the homely words of Jacob's legacy to his dear master's child to read—the Draytons marveling much over that grateful fidelity, whereof the source was and will always be known to Sydney alone. There was Mr. Vaughan's satisfaction to anticipate; and that retributive quest which tracked the unscrupulous pillagers of the mine's funds to the last bold stroke in Paris to be recounted; but one and all tended to the same issue. Sydney was found, free, rich, and happy. Then Mary Drayton soon began to feel perplexed, not altogether satisfied. With wits quickened by her own new happiness, she was not slow at detecting a flaw in her friend's.

Yesterday to notice the wording of his will. Your shares in the Gradyde mine are not to be sold out till they touch a certain figure. I told him they would unquestionably reach it, and he showed his confidence in me by phrasing his legacy to that effect. Then the sum, about what your father, if prosperous, would have left you, is to be funded for your life. Anything beyond that amount you do what you choose with. But you could not possibly lay your hands on four thousand pounds yet to repay the Hurst. If you could, trusted as I have been by Mr. Chesne to guard you and your property, it would be my duty to try and dissuade you. "Which you might try," Sydney blazed forth vehemently, "and you should not do it, Mr. Drayton! Oh," dropping swiftly from this high flight into downright coaxing, "Jacob meant it for the best, but he never would wish his money to make me sorrowful. Do, dear Mr. Drayton—Mary, ask him for me, he won't say 'no' to you—do show me some way to give those thousands back to the Hurst. They were—very good to me!" This petition, coupled with a glance at his wife, took effect. "Perhaps it might be managed by degrees," answered Mr. Drayton, cautiously, "if done at all. If Miss Hurst is willing—" "She won't refuse it," Sydney said, eagerly. "And her brother can be persuaded to accept it" (no confirmation forthcoming on that point) "so much might be returned them year by year, if you are bent on doing it."

"Flowers of the Valley," MABEL HOWARD, OF THE TYRIC.

CHAPTER I. One afternoon in the merry month of May, the tall iron gates of Knighton Revels were swung open by the old lodge-keeper, and a young lady rode through. She was tall, though so admirably proportioned that there was not the slightest suspicion of "awkwardness;" slim, and as the ancient warden were fond of saying, "of graceful demeanor." In addition to a good figure, the gods—who, when they are in a good humor, are lavish—had bestowed upon her a face which falls to the portion of few of the daughters of men. Of a clear oval, almost colorless, save when excited, with large, dark eyes, shaded by long brows that swept the ivory-tinted cheeks, framed in a silk setting of soft black hair; with lips cleanly cut as a statue's—Mrs. Knighton's face was beautiful enough to have furnished a model for a Titian or a Van Dyck. But great as those painters were, in no one of their canvases is there a face so full of expression and so soul-moving.

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INTERRUPTIONS

Sometimes when I would write a poem, and I am slaving at my desk to find a theme uplifting, a fellow who would sell a cheese, a cork-screw or a swarm of bees, to my abode comes drifting. I sadly listen to his spiel and try to tell how tough I feel, that I can't patronize him; I do not say that he's a bore, while to the fact that there's a door endeavoring to wise him. And when he's gone there comes a dame who wants to have me sign my name to some absurd petition; and, smiling still across my face, I gently shove her from my place in Johnson's New Addition. And then again I take my lyre and try to warble like a choir, I punch blows into my den to say he's lost his Maltese hen, and ask me if I saw it. And this it goes some bitter days, I strive in vain to chant my lays, my chanter isn't working; and so I say, "I'll go down town and bore Smith, Robinson and Brown, and let my harp quit-jerking." I call on men who need their time and perpetrate the same old crime that made my own day dreary; they fondle me with wicker chairs or drop me down the basement stairs, and life is dark and dreary.



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