

YR CHRISTMAS REVENGE.

That revenge was such sweet that I could possibly have dreamed; and with the most revenge, as sorrow is called by the recollection. But of that anon.

He had married a puffed, wayward, beautiful girl—the only child of wealthy parents, who had by injudicious management fostered every weakness of her character.

Unfortunately for the wife, also, her husband had been taught to look up to his mother and sister as the best of women, and had fondly fancied that when his new treasure came under their control all those little weaknesses of which she had become a wearisome society than as a helpmate and friend with whom to pass through the trials and tribulations of life.

Such was the painful story, as I gathered the particulars from rare one in the world, I am quite aware, and yet sad enough as embodying the wreck of two lives. Perhaps a knowledge of the whole softened my pride toward Mr. Lee a trifle, though it by no means cured my wounded self-respect of just more at ease with myself.

It was in the month of December that one very cold and blistering morning a lady was ushered into the instruction-room by one of the assistants. She was a young and remarkably pretty woman, as I discovered at the first glance, and dressed very becomingly in the prevailing mode.

It is the mother of the lesson, that day she told me that she was married and the mother of a little boy somewhat over a year old. She hinted at troubles in connection with her marriage relations, and of late news that had caused the past night to be spent very unhappily.

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