her mother, "and you will soon get well."

Again she slowly shook her head.

little mother," she whisnered Again she slowly shook her head. "Dear little mother," she whispered, "forgive haughty Belle for all her wild ways. You were always patient with me. Fray God to forgive me, for I'm going fast. If He's like you—I won't fear Him."

My Locelyn would have fallen on her. He awyonched elevely and troubling the comfort her when the door opened, and a haggard, unkempt man stood before them. For a second they looked at him in vague terror, for he stood in a deep shadow, and then Mrs. Jocelyn cried, "Martin!" and tears came to her relief at last. Jocelyn would have fallen on her Mrs. Jocelyn would have fallen on her child if Roger had not caught her and placed her gently on the lounge, where she lap with dry tearless eyes and all the worther heart in her wan

she lap with dry teariess eyes, and all the yearnings of the mother-heart in her wan face. Belle's eyes followed her wistfully, then turned to Mildred.

"Good-by, Millie darling, best of sisters. You will have a long-happy life-in spite

of all.

Mildred clung to her passionately, but at Belle's faint call for Roger she knelt at the bedside and looked with streaming eyes on the near approach of death.
"Roger," Belle whispered, "lift me up. "Roger," Belle whispered, "Intilie up.
I want to die on your breast—you saved me

_you know. Take care Millie—mamma—
little ones. Don't wake them. Now—tell
me_some_thing—comforting out of—the

bible."
"God is not willing that one of His little ones should perish, "said the young fellow brokenly, thankful that he could recall the words, "That's sweet—I'm—one of His—littlest ones. It's—getting—very dark—Roger. I know—what—it means. Good—by.

We'll - have - good - times-together-Then came that absolute stillness which he understood too well. He bowed his head upen the cold brow of the dead girl, and locked the door.

said, "There, Millie, I'm better. I won't give way again," and he took her in his arms and let her cry away some of the pain in her heart.

Mrs. Jocelyn still lay upon the sofa, white as marble, and wih dry, eyes. She was far beyond tears.

sumptious dinner in one of the most fashionable of the Saratoga hotels. A costly bottle of wine added its ruddy hue to his floral complexion. The waiters were to his floral complexion. The waiters were obsequious, the smiling nods of recognition from other distinguished guests of the house were flattering, and as the different courses were brought on, the man became the picture of corpulent complacence. His aspect might have changed could he have looked upon the still form of the once frolicsome, beautiful girl, who had been slain because he had failed so criminally in fidelity to his oath of office. It would not have been a pleasant task for him to estiobsequious, the smiling nods of recognition

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in fever and muttering constantly of his past life. The name, however, oftenest on his lips was that of Millie

Never before in all the troubled past did the poor girl so need his sustaining love as on the night he left her. Mr. Wentworth from the intolerate.

Belle lay still a few moments, and they breathed low in their suspense. Her mother kept her soothing touch upon her brow, while Mildred ueld her hand. At last two great tears rolled down the poor girl's face, and she said faintly, "I regirl's face, and she said fa and trying to comfort her when the door

> He approached slowly and tremblingly.
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> Mildred was about to throw herself into his arms, but he pushed her away. His manner began to fill them with a vague, horrible dread, for he acted like a spectre of a man. "Where are the children?" he asked

"We have sent them to the country. Oh, papa, do be kind and natural—you will kill mamma." "There is crape on the door-knob," he faltered. "Where's Belle?"
"Oh, oh, oh!"sobbed Mildred. "Papa, papa, have mercy on us. Can't you sus-

tain and help us at such a time as this?"

"She is dead, then," he whispered, and sank into a chair as if struck down.

"Yes, she's dead. You were the first one she asked for when she came out of her fare." "Great God! my punishment is greater than I can bear," he groaned.
"Oh, Martin," pleaded his wife, "come to me," and too weak to rise from her couch

she held out her arms to him. He looked at her with a remorse and agony in his expression that was indiscribable. "No, Nan." he said, "I'm not fit

head upen the cold brow of the dead girl, and wept as only strong men weep in their first great sorrow. Mildred almost forgot her own grief in trying to lead him away and to comfort him, but he clung convulsively to Belle's lifeless form. At last he broke almost frantically away.

"Roger, Roger," cried Mildred, "where are you going? What are you going to do?"

"I don't know—I must have air or my heart will break; I'll go mad. She's just been murdered, murdered," and he rushed out. After a little while he returned, and said, "There, Millie, I'm better. I won't give way again," and he took her in his Mildred's first impulse was to restore her prostrate with a despairing cry on the floor.

Mildred's first impulse was to restore her mother, without seeking help, in the faint hope that her father would return, for she learned what strange alterations of mood opium produces; but as the sense of his words grew clearer she was overpowered. words grew clearer she was overpowered, and trembled so violently that she was com-

die?"
"Mamma," pleaded the girl, "how can you even think of leaving me?"
"Millie, Millie darling, I fear I must. My heart feels as if it were bleeding internally. Millie"—and she grasped her child's shoulder convulsively, "Millie, look in his room for for his nigto!"

"Well," continued Mrs. Wilson, "Mrs. MONEY AND TRADE. Wheaton found this in the morning paper: 'An unknown man committed suicide on the steps of No. 73—street. His remains have been taken to the morgue for identification."

For a few moments Mildred so trembled and looked so crushed that they feared for

her exceedingly. "Poor papa!" she moaned, "he was just insane from remorse and opium. Seventy-three street! Why, that was the house in which we used to live. It was there that papa spent his first happy years in this city, and it was there he went to die. Oh, how dreadful, how inexpressibly sad it all is!

"Leave hall to me," said Mrs. Wheaton. "Mrs. Wilson, you stay ere with the poor dear, an 'l'll hattend to heverything." Mildred was at last too overpowered to do more than lie on the lounge, breathing in long tremulous sighs.

Mrs. Wheaten went at once to the mergue and found that the "unknown man" was indeed Mr, Jocelyn, and yet he had so changed, and a bullet-hole in his temple had given him such a ghastly appearance, that it was difficult to realize that he was long tremulous sighs.

the handsome, courtly gentleman who had first brought his beautiful daughter to the old mansion.

Mrs. Wheaton represented to the au thorities that he was very poor, that his daughtar was an orphan and overcome with grief and that she now was the nearest friend of the afflicted girl. Her statement was accepted, and then with her

thing.

During her absence Mildred had sighed,

Oh, I do so wish that Roger Atwood were here! He gives me hope and courage when no one else can."
"Millie," said Mrs. Wilson tearfully, "for his sake you must rally and be braver than you have ever been before. I think his life now depends upon you. He has the fever, and in his delirsum he calle for you

practical good sense she attended to every-

onstantly."
At first Mrs. Wilson thought the shock of her tidings would be more disastrous to the poor girl, already so unnerved and ex-hausted, than all the terrible events which had thus far occurred. "I have brought him nothing but suffering and misfortune," she cried. "He gave up everything for us, and now we may cost him his life."

"Millie, he is not dead, and you, if any one, can bring him life."
She had touched the right chord, for the

She had touched the right chord, for the young girl soon became quiet and resolute.

"He never failed me," she said in a low voice, "and I won't fail him."

"That is the right way to feel," said Mrs. Wilson eagerly. "I now think that everything depends on your courage and fortitude. Mrs. Wheaton and I have planned it all out. We'll go to Forestville on the evening boat, and take your father's and mother's remains with us."

Mrs. Wheaton learned from the undertoker connected with Mr. Wentworth's taker connected with Mr. Wentworth's chapel that the clergyman would not be back until evening, and she told the former to tell their pastor all that had occurred, and to ask him to keep the circumstances of

Mr. Jocelyn's death as quite as possible. The man was discreet and energetic, and they were all so expeditious that the evening saw them with their sad freight on the way to Forestville, the keys of Mildred's rooms having been left with the kind wo-man who had befriended her in the sudden and awful emergency. Mrs. Wheaten parted from Mildred as if she were her comparted from Mildred as if she were her own child, and went mournfully back to her busy, useful life. Mr. and Mrs. Jocelyn were buried with a quiet, simple service beside poor Belle, and sensible Mrs. Wilson soon inspired the good-hearted village people with the purpose to spare the feelings of the stricken girl in every possibe way. Mildred caressed her little brother and sister with the tenderness of a mother added to her sisterly affection, and she was conforted to see how much they had al-

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