

when Paul breaks his pledge to hold his tongue and give Torrington a fair chance, we cannot blame him. There is nothing nasty in the book in spite of the class it deals with, which is credited with possessing elastic moral regulations. D. Appleton & Co., New York, 50 cents.

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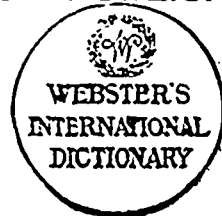
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