came in quick little gasps, showed the

haste with which she had sought his

door, a dark, chilly, little figure from

Mr. Delaney shook off the trance of

"Mi s Rodney, what has brought you

"I knew you would be surprised," she

"I came here to ask you to marry

side. It was cold as ice as he held it

"Aline, child, I do not understand ou. What was it you said to me?

He saw a little shiver creep over the

slender form, but she looked up at him

"I want you to marry me, Mr. De-

"To marry you, Aline? Do you then love me, my poor child?" he asked,

gazing into the clear eyes with sudden

She shook her small head gravely.

the most utter bewilderment.

"No, but I want to be your wife," she said, and the words filled him with

There she stood, a young, beautiful,

intelligent girl, usurping his sex's pre-

rogative with a calm, unblushing face

and clear, frank eyes that regarded

him with the innocent light of a child -the calmness of an unawakened

"You do not love me, yet you wish

to be my wife! Aline, are you dream-

ng, or am I?" he asked, drawing he

forward into the warmth of the bright

fire, for little shivers of deadly cold

were shaking the girlish form from

flame into the pale face. She threw out her hand with a gesture of de-

He saw a sudden, passionate pain

"No, I am not dreaming, nor are

"But, why-why should you wish-

wish to-to-" he began, and paused,

unable to continue, and feeling a

shamed consciousness of a flery, un-

controllable color overspreading his

face. To be wooed in this calm,

business-like fashion by this ridicu-

lous child was too strange, too absurd

for anything, and yet there were little

thrills of rapturous emotion tingling

along his nerves, his heart was beat-

The girl's eyes had wandered to the

"Why do I wish you to marry me?"

"You have broken your oath!" he

She stood before him in proud sil-

Gazing at the fair face a moment he

"Aline, forgive me. I see that I am

suspecting you unjustly," he said.

"I do not know," she answered.

"Angry with you?" he questioned.

that I could never take my place in

the world, in society, unless you mar-

simple directness of a child. He was

staggered by her simplicity-assurance

A look of terror came over the fair face. She glanced around her fear-

you do as I have asked you?"

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"Angry with you," she answered, a

felt that he had wronged her by the

ence, neither denying nor assenting to

leaping flames of the firelight. She

turned them back gravely to his face.

she said. "I will tell you, Mr. De-

you," she said. "I would to God that

we were! This reality is more hor-

rible than any dream!"

ing quickly with emotion.

exclaimed in sudden anger.

his affirmation.

ried me.'

me?" he said.

bravely, and repeated her words:

compassion.

head to foot.

came here to ask you to marry me

wonder that held him and went for-

pression crossed Mr. Rodney's face. morried," Aline repeated forlornly. He was cruelly tortured by this dread- said her father. ful secret, that lay, like a great inky blot, on the fair fame of his beautiful, eral who did not. There are Miss beloved daughter. "Aline, did you know that it was

A piteous look came over the sweet,

"It was hard for me to do so, but I marry must be Oran Delaney." did not know that it was wrong," she

suffered anyone to bind you to such face. a promise," he cried. "But, papa, he-I mean, I could the matter," he replied. never have come home unless I had | "Oh, papa," the young girl cried, taken the solemn vow asked of me. At and a deep color rose up all over her first I refused. I was determined to re- | face.

veal all when I reached home. I was "Well?" he said. permitted to come back unless I gave of blended shame and reproach.

away!" she replied.

tears. Mr. Rodney walked over to the ous light came into his eyes. window, and stood looking out again at the gloomy outlines of his neighbor's house. It had acquired a strange me!' he replied, bitterly. fascination for him since he had learn- Aline sat gazing at him like one ed that his daughter had been hidden stunned. All the horror of her posi-

"I wonder," he broke out abruptly, what I have ever done to Oran De-

Aline had sunk wearily into her All the native pride within her rose

him now earnestly. nothing," she said. "There are reasons groom? relating to himself that compel him She shrunk sensitively from the to wish the story of my presence in thought. Better be dead, she thought. his house unknown.'

man who has so cruelly blighted all red lips: your prospects in life, does he love Papa, I wish that Mr. Delaney had

thing like wonder at the question. "Yet yesterday he risked his life to row and a disgrace to you all."

as a reparation," she said timidly. Then it was he that sent you the ten thousand, dollars?" interrogated speak, but as he remained silent and her father quickly.

"It was he," she replied. "Then you were right not to accept it," he exclaimed. "Oran Delaney must make you a greater reparation he inquired. than that for the ill you have sustain-

ed at his hands." need not hope for it," Aline said, de- ask the question."

not clear the stain from your name, prefer not to do so at present." my poor child,' he answered. "You are And after a moment's hesitation he irretrievably compromised by your abruptly left the room. Aline remained stay in his house. There is but one sitting wearily in her chair, gazing inatonement he can make you, and I, as to the leaping flames of the bright coal the guardian of your honor, shall force fire with sad blue eyes that could him to that if it be at the point of the scarcely see for the thick mist of tears

she exclaimed, in horror. "I will meet him on the field of up there with her small hands folded

honor and fight him until one or both on her lap. of us are dead," Mr. Rodney answered, "It were better if I had died yester- joyment all of these "real clothes" will laney. The secret of my stay in this so resolutely that Aline shuddered. A day-aye, it were better if I had never afford the little maiden for whom the house has been discovered! vision of the scene he threatened been born," she murmured to herrushed over his mind. Oh, what a ter- self with a sudden passionate bitterrible price she was paying for the ness. willful folly of that summer day long

"Papa, you said there was one atone-

"He must make you his wife, Aline. quiet library. He must give you the shelter of his

CHAPTER XLV.

Mr. Rodney's firm and decisive de-

not been so miserable. "I do not want Again a disappointed and hamed ex- to be married, I should not like to be

> "Not all," replied she; "I know sev-Palmer, Miss Brown, Miss Robinson." "Cross old maids, all of them," Mr. be an old maid, Aline. Indeed, you heavy sight drifted over his lips. must not think of such a thing. You

"I dare say he will not want to be "I was perfectly ignorant, married any more than I do," said papa, of the dreadful consequences Aline, with unconscious hopefulness. that would follow upon my silence." A certain hard and grim expression "I wish to heaven that you had never came over Mr. Rodney's handsome

"He will not have much choice in

when I found that I would never be me unwillingly?" she asked in a tone ghost, that I was frightened."

way. I yielded. I was so homesick and He was silent a moment, and his hoarsely. wretched, papa, that I could not hold brows knitted themselves together in a straight line. Aline, gazing wist-He crossed the room to her and fully at him, saw that gray hairs had house? My God!" he cried, abruptly. took one of the cold, nerveless hands come into his brown locks that were

times I am tempted to believe in your swer you," he said. "God knows that and she came gliding in, still as a He did not answer, only stared at her innocence still, in spite of all the cir- I do not wish to force you upon any ghost, and pale as one, too, sir. And in hopeless bewilderment. cumstantial evidence to the contrary. man. But your good name is irre- she says to me weak and nervous-like, My daughter, will you swear that you trievably compromised, and nothing I must see Mr. Delaney, quick. Go me," he repeated, clearly, thinking he are as innocent and pure as when you can clear it except a marriage with left your home that dreadful day?" Can Delaney. As you are, you can He could only stare at her in blank stained the pale cheek, the white lids She lifted her white hand to heaven never hope to hold up your head in astonishment. and looked at him fearlessly with her society again. As his wife, you would soon live down the scandal that now sir, that I did not speak one word to What did she mean? Had she gone Yes, papa, I swear before heaven assails you. You would have some her, but just left her standing there mad under the stress of her great that I am as pure as when I went chance of happiness. He owes you shivering in the middle of the room, trial? this reparation, and I, as a true guar- and came away to do her bidding. He went over to her and lifted Then there was silence for a mo- dian of your happiness and honor, ment. Mrs. Rodney had fallen down shall compel him to make it. If he upon the bed, weeping bitter but quiet refuses—" he paused, and an omin-

"If he refuses," she echoed, faintly "Then I will kill him, or he shall kill

tion rushed over her.

laney that he should have done this was involved than by this dreadful, forced marriage?

chair again. She looked around at up in arms against it. Could she give herself up to be an unwilling bride "Papa, I am sure you have done forced upon an unwilling bride-

She looked at her father and said, "One thing I must know, Aline. This with a babyish quiver of the sweet,

not saved me yesterday. I should then papa," she replied, with some- have been spared all this trouble and distress. My poor life is only a sor Mr. Rodney did not answer. Per-"I think he meant that in some sort haps his troubled thoughts ran in the

> Aline waited a moment for him to abstracted, she asked timidly: "Papa, will you not tell me how you

same channel

became possessed of my secret?" "What good can it do you to know?

"None that I can think of," she replied, wearily. "It was only my nat-"He will not reveal the secret - we ural curiosity that prompted me to "At some other time, Aline, I will

"A thousand revealed secrets could tell you," said her father. "I would that filled them. Her heart ached "Would you murder Mr. Delaney?" drearily in her breast. Something like despair thrilled through her as she sat

CHAPTER XLVI.

While Aline sat gazing dreamily inly. "Will you tell me what you taciturn master of Delaney House lay languidly on a silken couch in his

The dark, handsome face had a worn proud honorable name to wash away and weary expression. It was pale, models for underwaist and petticoats, secret?" the stain he has cast upon you. In too, and the dark eyes were dim and drawers and nightdresses-for, as no other way can he make atonement heavy. His head rested wearily on a everyone knows, doll-bables should go "But only a little while ago papa came for his fault," Mr. Rodney exclaimed, crimson satin cushion, and one hand to bed and to sleep just as regularly in and charged me with it. He was

"But, papa, I do not want to be mar- the grate. Then she stood looking at dolls

ried," she exclaimed with such a him anxiously a moment. childish air of dismay and surprise "Your head aches?" she asked, questhat he could have laughed if he had tioningly.

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"Slightly," he replied, indifferently. | "I think she's in a hurry, sir, and "Can I do nothing for you?" the old perhaps she's afraid to stay down there

alone." "No; it does not matter. The pain He drew a long breath and anwill wear itself out by and by." swered: "Very well. You may show her up She looked at him wistfully a mom-

Mrs. Griffin turned the dim lamp up him to silence and repose again. The fire crackled merrily in the to a brighter flame and hastened away grate, the clock ticked softly on the to do his bidding. Oran Delaney remained standing in marble mantel. Outside, the noiseless flakes of snow fell lightly against the the center of the beautiful, lofty room, window-pane. Gradually the twilight gazing expectantly at the door. In a minute he heard Mrs. Griffin's began to fall, and shadows gathered in heavy footsteps in the hall, with light,

ent, then went out quietly, leaving here,"

Mr. Delaney lay very still and quiet, quick ones pattering beside them. The with half-closed eyes shaded by his door opened quickly, and Aline entered hand, his fine features grave even to alone. wrong for you to take such an oath?" Rodney replied. "I hope you will never sadness. In the gathering obscurity a She was wrapped from head to foot in a long, dark cloak, from which her Mrs. Griffin came back, lighted the pale face gleamed like some beautiful will have to marry, and the man you library lamp, then paused and regard- white flower. Her dark-blue eyes were black with excitement, her parted,

ed him with a strange expression. He removed his hand and looked at panting tips, from which the breath her with his heavy eyes.

"What is it?" he asked. "Oh, Mr. Delaney, there's some one presence. She stood just inside the to see you!" she exclaimed. He started up, all his gravity and which the melting snow-drops ran

calmness stirred by angry displeasure. down in little rills upon the velvet "Some one to see me? Have you carpet. forgotten my order to admit no one?" he exclaimed.

"No, sir, I have not forgotten," she ward to meet her. answered. "But she did not knock. stubborn in my refusal to submit. But | "Would you give me to one who took | She came slipping in so softly, like a back to this ill-fated house?" he exclaimed. Whom?" he exclaimed, answered, quickly. "Mr. Delaney,

"Miss Rodney, sir."

"Miss Rodney-Aline-here in this "Yes, sir, down in the kitchen, waitnot there a few months ago. Her ing to see you," said Mrs. Griffin. Oran Delaney's feet, he could not have "Aline, forgive me for asking you so heart thrilled with pain and remorse. "You see, I forgot to lock the door, and been more surprised tan he was at hard a question," he said, "for some- | "Aline, I do not know how to an- just at dark the knob turned soft like, those words from Aline Rodney's lips.

did not drop over the blue eyes that "I was so surprised and frightened, gazed at him frankly and gravely. Now, what answer shall I take back? of the white hands that hung by her He hesitated a moment, and Mrs. in the warm clasp of his own.

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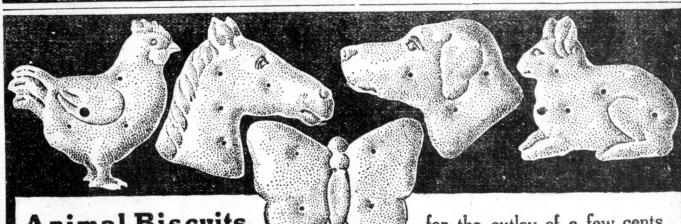
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