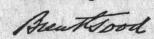
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By Mrs. M. J. Holmes...

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"If he is the noble, true-hearted man he looks to be, he will not give you up," answered Rose, and them for the first time since the meeting she questioned Margaret concerning Mr. Carrollton, and the relations existing between them. "He will not cast you of," she said, when Margaret had told her all she had to tell. "He may be proud, but he will cling to you stil.. He will follow you, too—not to-day, perhaps, mer to-morrow, but ere long he will surely come;" and listening to her sister's cheering words, Maggie herself grew hopeful, and that evening talked animatedly with Henry and Rose of a trip to the sea-side they were intending to make. "You will go, of a trip to the seaside they were intending to make. "You will go, toe, Maggie," said Rose, caressing her sister's pale cheek, and whispering in her ear, "Aunt Susan will be here to tell Mr. Carrollton where you are, if it does not come before we go, which I am sure he will."

her sleep that night was sweeter than it had been for many weeks— but the next day came, and the next, than it had been for many weeks—but the next day came, and the next, and Maggle's eyes grew dim with tears, for up and down the road, as far as she could see, there came no trace of him for whom she waited. "I might have known it; it was foolish for me to think otherwise," she sighed, and turning sadly from the window where all the afternoon she had been sitting, she laid her head wearily upon the lap of Rose. "Maggie," said Henry, "I am going to Worcester to-morrow, and perhaps George can tell me something of Mr. Carrollton."

For a moment Maggle's heart throbbed with delight at the thought of hearing from him, even though she heard that he would leave her. But anon her pride rose strong within her. She had told Hagar twice of her destination, Hagar had teld

Maggie tried to think so, too, and

in her. She had told Hagar twice of her destination, Hagar had told him, and if he chose he would have followed her ere this; so somewhat bitterly she said. "Don't speak to George of me. Don't tell him I am here. Promise me, will you?"

The promise was given, and the next morning, which was Saturday, Henry started for Worcester on the early train. The day seemed long to Maggie, and when at nightfall he same to them again, it was difficult to tell which was the morn places.

eame to them again, it was difficult
to tell which was the more pleased
at his return, Margaret or Rose.
"Did you see Theo?" asked the
former; and Henry replied, "George
told me she had gone to Hillsdale.
Madam Conway is very sick."

"For me! for me! She's sick with
mourning for me," cried Maggie.
"Darling grandma! she does love me
still, and I will go home to her at
once."

once."
Then the painful thought rushed ever her, "If she wished for me, she would send. It's the humiliation, not the love, that makes her sick. They have cast me of grandma.

They have cast me off—grandma. Theo, all, all," and sinking upon the loungs, she wept aloud.
"Margaret," said Henry, coming to her side, "but for my promise I should have talked to George of you, for there was a troubled expression on his face when he asked me if I had heard from Hillsdale."
"What did you say?" asked Maggie, holding her breath to catch the answer, which was: "I told him you had not written to me since my return from Cuba, and then he looked as if he would say more, but a customer called him away, and our conversation was not resumed."
For a moment Maggie was silent. Then she said, "I am glad you did not intrude me upon him. If Theo has sone to Hillsdale she known

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that I am here, and does not care to follow me. It is the disgrace which troubles them, not the losing me!" and again burying her head in the cushions of the loung ske wept bitterly. It was useless for Henry and Rose to try to comfort her, telling her it was possible that Hagar had told nothing. "And if so," said Henry, "you well know that I am the last one to whom you would be expected to fice for protection," Margaret would not listen. She was resolved upon being unhappy, and during the long hours of that night she tossed wakefully upon her pillow, and when the morning came she was too weak to rise; so she kept her room, listening te the music of the Sabbath belis, which to her seemed sadly saying, "Heme, home." Alas, I have ne home." She said, turning away to weep, for in the telling of those bells there came to her no voice, whispering of the darkness, the desolation, and the sorrow there was in the home for which she so much mours. and the sorrow there was in the home for which she so much mourn-

Thus the day wore on, and are another week was gone Rose injisted upon a speedy removal to the seasone, netwithstanding it was so early in the season, for by this means she hoped that Maggiejs health would be improved. Accordingly, Menry went ence more te Worcester, ostensibly for money, but really to see if George Douglas new would speak to him of Margaret. But George was in New York, they said; and somewhat disappeinted, Henry went back to Leeminster, where every thing was in readiness for their ery thing was in readiness for their journey. Menday was fixed upon for journey. Monday was fixed upon for-their departure, and at an early hour Margaret looked back on what had been to her a second home, smiling-faintly as Rose whispered to her cheerily, "I have a strong presenti-ment that somewhere in our travels we shall meet with Arthur Carroll-ton."

CHAPTER XXII.

Come now over the hills to the westward. Come to the Hillsdale woods, to the stone house by the mill, where all the day long there is heard but one name, the servants breathing it softly and low, as if she who had borne it were dead, the sister, dimeyed now, and paler faced, whispering it oft to herself, while the lady, so gaughty and proud, repeats it again and again, shuddering as naught but the echoing walls reply to the heart-broken cry of "Margaret, where are you now?"

cry of "Margaret, where are you now?"
Yes, there was mourning in that household—mourning for the lost one, the darling, the pet of them all. Brightly had the sun arisen on that June morning which brought to them their sorrow, while the birds in the tall forest trees caroled as gayly as if no storm cloud were hovering near. At an early hour Mr. Carrollton had arisen, thinking, as he looked forth from his window. "She will tell me all to-day," and smilling as he thought how easy and pleasant would be the task of winning her back to her olden gayety. Madam Conway, too, was unusually excited and very anxiously she listened for the first sound of Maggie's footsteps on the stairs.

"She sleeps late," she thought, when breakfast was announced, and taking her accustofned seat, she bade a servant "see if Margaret were ill."

way, a shadowy foreboding of evil stealing over her. "She seldom walks at this early hour," she con-tinued, and rising, she went herself to Margaret's room. Everything was in perfect order, the bed was undisturbed, the cham-

Everything was in perfect order, the bed was undisturbed, the chamber empty, Margaret was gone, and on the dressing-table lay the fatal letter, telling why she went. At first Madam Conway did not see it; but it soon caught her eye, and tremblingly she opened it, reading but the first line; "I am going awfly forever."

Then a loud shriek rang through the silent room, penetrating to Arthur Carrollton's listening ear, and bringing him at once to her side. With the letter still in her hand, and her face of a deathly hue, and her eyes flashing with fear, Madam Conway turned to him as he entered, saying, "Margaret has gone, left us forever, killed herself it may beread," and she handed him the letter, herself bending eagerly forward, to hear what he might say.

But she listened in vain. With lightning rapidity. Arthur Carrollton read what Mag had written — read that she, his idol, the chosen bride of his bosom, was the daughter of a servant, the grandchild of old Hagar! And for this she had fied from his presence, fied because she knew of the mighty pride which new, in

of the mighty pride which now, in the first bitter moment of his agony, did indeed rise up a barrier between himself and the beautiful girl he loved so well. Had she lain dead before him, dead in all her youthful beauty, he could have folded her in his arms, and then buried her from his sight, with a feeling of perfect happiness compared to that which he now felt.

now felt.

"Oh, Maggie, my lost one, can it be?" he whispered to himself, and pressing his hand upon his chest, which heaved with strong emotion, he staggered to a seat, while the perspiration stood in beaded drops upon his forehead, and around his lios.

ips.

"What is it, Mr. Carrollton? "Tis something dreadful, sure," said Mrs. Jeffrey, appearing in the door, but Madam Conway motioned her away, and tottering to his side, said, "Read it aloud to me—read."

The sound of her voice recalled his wandering mind, and covering his face with his hands, he moaned in anguish; then, growing suddenly

wandering mind, and covering his face with his hands, he moaned in anguish; then, growing suddenly calm, he snatched up the letter, which had fallen to the floor, and read it aloud; while Madam Conway, stupefied with horrer, sank at his fest, and clasping her hands above her head, rocked to and fro, but made no word of comment. Far down the long ago her thoughts were straying, and gathering up many by-gone scenes, which told her that what she heard was true.

"Yes, 'tis true," she groaned; and then, powerless to apeak another word, she laid her head upon a chair, while Mr. Carrollton, preferring to be alone, sought the solitude of his own room, where, unobserved, he could wrestle with his sorrow, and conquer his inborn pride, which

and conquer his inborn pride, which whispered to him that a Carrollton must not wed a bride so far be meath him.

must not wed a bride so far beneath him.

Only a moment, though, and then
the love he bore for Maggie Miller
rolled back upon him with an overwhelming power, wille his better
judgment, with that love, came
hand in hand, pleading for the fair
young girl, whe, now that Le had
lost her, seemed a thousand fold
dearer than before. But he had not
lost her; he would find her. She was
Maggie Miller still to him, and
though old Hagar's blood were in
her veins, he would not give her up.
This resolution once made, it could
not be shaken, and when half an
hour or more was passed, he walked
with firm, unfaltering footsteps,
back to the apartment where Madame Conway still sat upon the
floor, her head resting upon the
floor, her head resting upon the
chair, and her frame cenvulsed with
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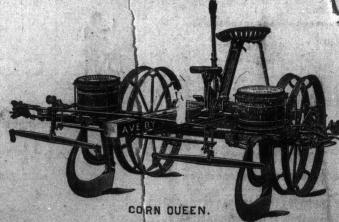
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