

A CASE OF NECESSITY.

BY MARY E. BRADLEY. (Continued.) 'I know it, I answered, trembling with excitement and amazement at her heartlessness. 'But it's your brother who has it, you can't mean to go away and leave him like this, Miss Prissy. You can't mean it! 'Can't I? You're a fool, Helen. And that's all I've got to say to you.'

'Come here this minute, you Susan! when you're hugging the bastards for when I want you to help me with these trunks! 'The girl clung to the stair-rails, and shook her head desperately. 'I can't cum up dah, Miss Prissy, no how you can't. 'The descent of the small-pock was a deebol, an I'm gine out dis house far as I kin trabbel. I jes cum dah to tell you now. Now I'se a-gwine ter leave, double quick.'

And the vanished down the stair, heedless of the threats which her mistress, stamping with rage, screamed after her. 'Kain help it, Miss Prissy, of you des keep my waga. Might as well be dead an' de deebol got me, as gi dat cow-pock enter me. All de money in de worl' wouldn't cum me o' da.'

'I turned away in disgust, leaving Miss Prissy raging still, and walked to the end of the long passage, where a window opened upon the pleasant old-fashioned garden, and where sweet odors stole in, and peaceful nights and sounds made a strange contrast to the selfish tumult going on within the house.'

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