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The listeners started and looked at each other with dilated eyes. It struck them both as a strange coinc dence that Victor Fairfax had taken the boat to Richmond on the same day, and that he must certainly have seen Annie had she been on board the boat. Yet he bad not seen her, and had failed to obtain any information concerning her on his second journey to Richmond. "Oh! if you could only tell us his name!" exclaimed Elith, hopelessly. "I can't tell his name, for I don't know it; but I can tell you one thing—it was one of the two gentlemen up at Colonel Fairfax's place," said Mrs. Burns, positively.

A sharp cry broke from Edith. Rosamond sank in her straight-backed chair, white to her lips, and with a foreboding chill at her heatt.

"Are you quite sure of this, Mrs. Burns?" Edith's voice was fall of anxiety.
"I am very sure of it," said Mrs.

Burns?" Edith's voice was full of anxiety.
"I am very sure of it," said Mrs Burns, slowly, "though I only saw them once and then they were together. Your brother Clifford was out hunting with them last winter, very early one morning, and they stopped in here for a cup of hot coffes. He introduced them both to me, and I distinctly recognized the gentleman who married your sister as one of those two."

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"Was he young, dark eyed, handsome?" faltered Edith, breathlessly.

"He was all that, Miss Edith."

"Those gentlemen's names were Saville and Fairfax. Oh, Mrs. Burns,
which one was it?"

"I can't tell you. I cannot tell one
from the other by name. Oh, Miss
Edith, I am sorry I can't tell you all
you want to know about it. I'm
afraid you'll never forgive me for letting Miss Annie persuade me into aiding her in this mad runaway marriage."

"I can't blame you," Mrs. Burns.
Annie has ruled you all her life."

"She has, indeed," sighed the poor
old lady, who had never been known
to refuse a request couched in the
charming eloquence of Annie Adair's
sweet voice.

"Oaly tell me this," said Edith, rising

weet voice.

"Only tell me this," said Edith, rising and tying her hat-strings under her chin. "If you could see them both together, could you identify the one who married Annie?"

"My sight is bad, very bad," shaking her poor old head dubiously, "but I am almost sure I could—yes, I am quite certain I should know him from the other."

"Thank you; we may need your help in a day or two. In the mean-time, Mrs. Burns, if you need assist-ance, don't hesitate to send over to the

ance, don't hesitate to send over to the cottage."

"Thank you, dear. I'll just trouble you to stop at that little red house down the road and send little Biddy Smith to stay with me to night. I am feeling so poorly to-day.

"Certainly I will. Good-by."

Mrs. Burns took the girl's hand in hers, and looked entreatingly at the sad young face.

"Miss Edith, don't think hardly of me for this. I wouldn't have allowed it for my right band if I had known it was bringing so much trouble to you all."

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"It's not your fault, Mrs. Burns. Don't think that I blame you in the least for what has happened. Make your mind easy on that score," Edith answered, as she touched her lips gently to the withered old brow.

Once after they turned into the shady road they looked back and saw the feeble, aged old figure framed in the sunlight of the doorway, gazing wistfully after them.

"Poor old creature," sighed Edith, kindly, "she always idolized Annie." Rosamond said nothing. She walked on very, quietly, now and then stopping to gather a bright tinted flower and making quite a bright tinted flower and making quite a bright tinted bouquet as they passed along. After they had stopped at Mrs. Smith's and sent Biddy back to the cottage, Edith turned to her companion with a thoughtful question:

"Rosamond, where is Monsieur Saville? I haven't seen him for two weeks."

Rosamond tossed her bouquet into the grass and answered, quietly:

"He left on the same morning Victor went to Richmond to visit some acquaintances he had lately formed. He expected to join a fishing expedition down the river some where, which promised rare sport, he sa'd. He did not specify any particular time for returning.

"Then he has not returned?"

They looked at each other in silence.

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from both their eyes found voice on Eith's lips. "Rosamond, if Mrs. Burns was right, which one do you think it

right, which one do you think it was?"

"Oh! Edith."

The auguish of the trembling tone revealed more than words could have done. It was as if she had implored to be released from answering the question that was now of such absorbing interest to both.

"Tell me," Eith said, almost imperatively, "which one do you think it was?"

"Which do you think?"

"Not Saville! Ob, Rosamond! I can't think that a sister of mine could love a man like that. Brilliant and fascinating as he is, my whole soul

love a man like that. Brilliant and fascinating as he is, my whole soul revolts from him. I cannot think it is he!"
"Nor I. That man is almost hateful to me. Nobody could love him. I know it is unkind, and it hurts me to-say it, but ever since Mrs. Burns told us I have thought unceasingly of Victor."

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"And I have also; but oh! Rosamond, it is so unlike him. What motive, could he have for acting so strangely? Clifford would never have refused her hand to him."

"I know it. It is such a mystery, I cannot understand. What will you do, Edith?"

"Nothing. At least I will write to

do, Edith? "Nothing. At least I will write to Clifford, and when he returns I will follow his advice. Perhaps, with the clew we now have he may be able to throw some light on this perplexing

affair."
"I hope so. How sad it is; but here we are at the gate. I have not time to go in just now, so good-by, dear Edith."
They kissed and separated at the gate, Edith going wearily into the cottage, and Rosamond walking off in the direction of L3 Refuge."

CHAPTER X

AN ANXIOUS HEART. Rosamond walked on through the quiet woodland path with a slow and weary step. She was fatigued from her long walk, and her head ached painfully. The thronging thoughts that she could not keep back made it worse and it seemed to her as if the mile intervening between her home and Edith's would never be passed over. She wanted to get home to her own room to think, but growing intolerably weary, she turned aside from the path, and wandering into a secluded-little dell, shut in by a luxuriant growth of trees.

ant growth of trees. seated herself to rest.

It was a favorite resort of hers which she had discovered during her first week at "Le Refuge," in one of her child-ish rambles. That great mossy rock on which she sat had been dragged there by Victor-and herself in the pleasant days of their first acquaintance. Victor had brought art to the aid of nature by tumbling a variety of stones, large and small, into the brook beneath the cascade, which made it far more picturesque and musical as it sparkled and leaped from one to another in laughing rills and foamy spray. Here she had come often with a pocket edition of some favorite author, and read through the long summer afternoons. Here, too, she had composed some of her sweetest poems.

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she had composed some of her sweetest poems.

Now she sat there with the dull
throbbing in her temples lulled by the
soft sounds around her—the far off
whirr of the mill wheel, the cool splash
of the water, the rustling of leaves,
and the jubilant flood of melody that
poured from the bird choir in the tree-

poured from the bird choir in the treetops.
What an atmosphere of peace was around her! She felt, not as Edith had done, that nature's glory mocked her grief, but that she was at war with nature, and tried to throw off the borden that oppressed her and narmonize her feelings into union with the place. In vain. The haunting dread that tortured her would not loosen its grasp so say, and at last her feelings found expressions in one word that was almost a moan:

"Victor!"

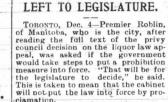
She had thought herself quite alone; indeed, she had scarcely looked around for the half-bour she had sat there with her languid gaze fixed on the distant field of waxing yellow grain, but as the name fell from her lips in a tone that betrayed her painful thoughts, a sudden step startled her, and, turning, she looked upon the owner of the name.

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