## A Love Affair

The light from a fire of huge logs which burned in the rude fireplace, big enough for the roasting of an ox, ten upon the face and form of a young girl. She stood with her nands loosely clasped, and her eyes fixed dreaming and salfy on the fames and growing embers as if lost in thought, but every now and again she raised ner head, and seemed to listen.

Outside was the stillness of an Australian might, in which no sound is heard but the bleating of the sheep and the hoarse, rasping cry of the wild hog. Not a breath semed stirring, not a leaf rustled; nature slept.

Inside, from the next room, separated from the one in which she stood by the wall of rough planking, came sounds both strange and mysterious. At times they resembled the whirr of a wheel, at wthers the hissing and simmering of some hot liquid. A faint odor of chemicals oozed through the chinks of the partition, and at intervals a voice, feele and erooning, joined with the noise of the wheel and the hissing of the liquid.

The girl glanced toward the partition now and again, and sighed.

An air of mystery seemed to pervade this rough log cabin in the Australian wilds, and the mystery was certainly not lessened by the fact that the young girl was extremely beautiful, and had the appearance of being a lady by birth and training.

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night, of all nights! Now, of all times, just when I am on the eve, on the moment of success! What, after all these weary months, to throw away the grand result, just as it comes within my reach! No; for your sake, I persever. Yes, for your sake! Do you think that it is for myself I am working? No, it is for you! Constance, my child—"

He broke off, some aubtle change in the vapor rising from the crucible catching his eye, and waved her away.

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He was a man of about five-and-thirty. He, too, looked of different and higher class from that to which the usual squatter belongs, and his thin, flexible hands on wall as his sharply and

Her eyes were blue, of that intense and darkening blue which one sees oftenest in the Irish type of beauty, and—Irish this, too—her hair was of a soft and raven black, which, in conjunction with the violet hue of her eyes and her exquisite expression, presented a form of loveliness which no man with a heart in his bosom could look on without a thrill of admiration.

Over the fire hung, suspended by a hook, a kettle of water, and presently she took a teapot from the hearth and made some tea.

Then she went to the rough door of the adjoining room, and knocking gently, said:

"Father, father:"

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She had to call three or four times before the answer came, and then the feeble voice replied with irritable impatience:
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"Will you not come out and have some tea, father?" she asked. "Come out, and leave your work for a little while—only a little while."

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"In an unwary moment, little desired, and when I started Nerviline, it was no time before here."

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"I am not thirty, nor hungry."

The girl sighed, and went back to the fire, and a moment afterward the old man's voice spoke again.

"Has Fenton come back, Constance," "No, father," she replied; and as she spoke her brows contracted, as if the most in the spoke her brows contracted, as if the most in the spoke her brows contracted, as if the most in the spoke her brows contracted, as if the most in the spoke her brows contracted, as if the spoke in the spoke her brows contracted, as if the spoke in the spo

In the took it and drank the tea as if he were performing a tiresome duty. There—there, Take care you do not disturb anything, one mistake, one blunder to night, and the toil of months is thrown away and lost."

As he spoke he went back to the crucible, and bent over it, forgetful and oblivious of her presence as if she had not existed.

She stood looking at him for a moment or two with sadly pitiful gaze, then stole up and put her arm around his neck.

"I am not alarmed," said Constance.

The House then adjourned.

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"I am not alarmed" said Constance.

and knees, old man as I am, in half the time. Do you think it is a matter to be trifled with? It is one of life and death. Listen, Fenton—stay, see there!"

He clutched the young man's arm, and drew him toward the bench, upon which stood the lump of jasper. Some liquid had been poured upon it since Constance had entered the rooms last, and the rock looked scorched and altered in appearance.
"Do you see?" exclaimed the old man.

"Do you see?" exclaimed the old man, with feverish impatience. "Do you see how it is altered? Feel it—Take it up! Press it with your finger! It was as hard as the nether millstone an hour ago! It is now—you see! you see!"
"I'm afraid sir—" he been her." I'm afraid, sir-

"You are blind with ignorance and un-belief. Give me the acid, and leave me to work alone. Your incredulity-and and doubt shall not dishearten me.

Go! Stay!"
"You think I have been working by "You think I have been working by guess. You regard me as a quack, a monomaniae, a kind of mad astrologer."
"Don't deny it, I see it in your face. I am not blind. She, too—Constance—begins to think that I am mad. You are wrong, both of you." He stopped a moment to bend over the crucible. "I have been working in accordance with the been working in accordance with the hard and fast of science. I am not a uack, an astrologer, young man, but hemist. It is to chemistry I look fo

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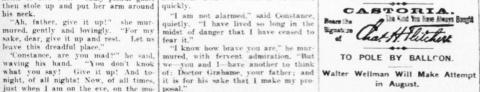
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