

MR. JERMYN'S RACQUET.

She wished now, looking back, that she had taken time to think. After all, it was but a trifle. After all, it was her own wicked pride which had been most to blame. What had Douglas Jermy said to her? First of all—that he was sorry. That was no excuse for such conduct.

"I will never speak to you again," she cried, passionately. "And to think that it was possible that both had kept their word until now! Ah dear! and she covered her eyes with her hands. Alas! this was the stealing process.

Just at this moment the handle of the door was turned, followed by a tattoo of knocks. "Aurora, my dear, where are you?" She started up, and stared wildly down at the racquet.

"What you want me, Aunt Janet?" "Want you, Aurora? I want to see what in the world had become of you. Excuse me, my dear, but don't you think your running away like that must seem a little funny to—Mr. Jermy, you know. Come down."

"What about the tennis match indeed! What was to be done? He had said he would play with no other racquet than his, and now he had gone. Ah, poor Aurora! As she realized the full horror of the situation, she first of all resolved to feign illness, and to go to bed; and to resolutely sleep away all night and to-morrow. Then making up her mind to the impossibility of that course, she formed the desperate design of confessing everything to the spot to Mr. Jermy, and then threw that proposition even more hastily aside than she had done the first one. And she finally swept down again to the drawing room as if nothing had happened.

It was a very beautiful woman; there was no doubt of it. The hall was crowded with hurrying comers and goers, but there was hardly one who did not turn to look back at her. Just as her foot touched the lower step, a man in a tennis suit came hastily out of a side room, started and bowed.

"Good morning, Miss Raymond! I am glad to see you down in time for the match. Your aunt mentioned that you were not feeling well. By the way, have you heard about poor Jermy?" Her face blanched.

room was in the act of closing a letter, and noticed nothing of Miss Raymond's confusion. He was resting on his elbow. "Most unfortunate, my dear, most unfortunate! Do you often have pain in your arm without knowing why? If you weren't above and beyond all the best players here, one would think you had done it on purpose."

Mr. Jermy laughed. "You might, perhaps. I am sure Miss Raymond would never be so cruel." "When did this shock come on?" continued the first speaker, getting out a stamp for his letter.

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