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"The answer to the question lies here," said Alan, suddenly throwing an envelope which he had produced from his pockeet upon the table. "You had written these letters to John Hannington not so very long before; does a woman's heart change so quickly? Rather, I am inclined to believe, you chose to say what you did not quite mean; you chose to make me think that you preferred me, so that you might not miss your chance of making what the world calls a brilliant mar-riage. Well, you had what you wished for; and now you see the result. A marriage that begins in deceit is sure to end in loveless misery."

His voice had grown so harsh, his tone so bitter, that Stella was stimulated to say a word in self-defense. "I never voluntarily deceived you,

He pointed to the envelope on the table. "Perhaps you have forgotten what you wrote there? May I ask you kindly to glance over those letters-which,

by the way, you may keep, as I have no wish to retain them.' Stella's hand closed on the envelope. She moved away from the table as if about to leave the room, but her husband's voice detained her.

"I should prefer your looking at them now, if you have no objection." Stella had an objection—she had many objections, but none of them would, she knew, prevail against the force of her husband's will. With trembling fingers she opened the envelope and took thence those two piteous little letters to John Hannington-letters written in such anguish of soul, but also in such perfect trust and love. She tried to read the words, but they

danced before her eyes.
"You have read them?" said Alan's voice at last. It had lost its momentary vehemence, and was calm and suave as usual. "You have read them?" "I remember what I said," returned Stella, with difficulty.

"And-what else You did not mean what you said, perhaps? You have also some explanation to give-some

"No," said Stella, becoming calmer as she spoke. "You are quite mistaken. These letters do not want explanation. I meant every word of them-every

Alan's face turned still more pale. "Yet you tell me that you have not deceived me?" he said, with shaking voice. "You loved this man when you married me-and you told me-You Juggle with words as all women do. The fact is plain enough; you led me to believe that your heart was free, and at the same time it was given to another man. I call that deceit; I say that you made me believe a lie."

Stella looked at him gravely, soberly, from out those beautiful eyes, the tranquility of which had always been to him their greatest charm. Her agitation had vanished; she was perfectly collected and unmoved. The shock of this unjust judgment of her had stead-

ied her trembling nerves. "You are wrong," she said, with curious quietness. "No, hear me, Alan; I must and will speak now. You have read my letters, it seems-a thing that I should scarcely have expected you to do-but I will forgive you for it if we are led thereby to a full explanation: a clearing away of the cloud that has lately hung about us. You seem to think that I wrote those letters immediately before I promised to marry you. If you look at the dates you will see that they were written a year before A year is a long time in a young girl's life, Alan. John Hannington had indeed won my girlish love, but he had cast me off when he found that I was poor: he wrote to me—rejecting the love that he had won——" A little love that he had won—" A little catch in her breath made her pause; the color mounted to her brow at the remembrance of the treatment that she had received; and Alan's brow grew black as night at the thought of it. Presently, however, she resumed, in the same tranquil voice. "I was pained-humiliated-for a time I even thought that I was heart-broken. But little by little I learned that it was not. My fancy had been touched; but I had never given my whole heart to John Hannington. I had kept that for—another-for a worthier man."

She stopped short again, breathing quickly. Alan looked at her eagerly; he even made a step towards her, but he did not speak.

"It took me some time to find all this out," said Stella, after a little pause. "I did not know—I could not tell—at once. When you asked me to be your wife, I felt that my greatest happiness would be to help you. I had lost all my love for Mr. Hannington, but I did not know-I was not surewhether I could care for anybody else in the same way. The love that I have borne to my husband has been deeper, truer than any I ever knew before; it is different in its essence from any other; I gave him - long ago-my whole heart, my whole soul."

"Stella! Stella!" cried Alan, stretching out his hands. But she would not take them. She drew herself up to her full height, and let him see that her tranquil eyes could flash indignant fire. "Not yet!" she said. "Not yet—I have more to say. I did not find this out for some time, but I knew enough of my own heart to be able to say, truthfully, that there was no man who had a claim to me, no man whom I preferred. It was much less than the 374 Richmond street, opposite Masonic truth-but a woman is not bound to Temple.

give more than she has been asked for, Alan, and you—you never asked me for my love. I gave that to you un-

"You gave it to me? You loved me all the while? Stella, my darling—"
"Listen," she went on, inflexibly.
Everything must be said now if ever it is to be said at all. I loved you, I say; and you threw my love back into my face. You have distrusted me—insulted me—been harsher and crueler and colder to me than John Hannington himself; and I have not been able to bear it, Alan. I think love will bear anything but injustice to itself-disbelief in its existence. That hurts it, maims it—kills it, finally; there comes a day when you look for it and it is dead."

CHAPTER XXXII.
"Is your love for me dead, then,

Stella?" Moncrieff asked. She had sunk back wearily in her chair, and he stood before her, with arms crossed upon his breast, with a grey pallor about his lips, and a look of bitter pain in his deep-set eyes. She sighed as she made answer.

"I am afraid so." "You mean that I have killed it? I —I don't understand. I am very obtuse, I know, but—what have I done? Let me have the whole truth; I want to know the worst."

"What have you done? Can you ask the question of me? Ask yourself." "I do ask myself," said Alan, in a tone where a suppressed vehemence began to make itself audible, "and I do not see that I have much to reproach myself with." She looked at him mutely, and the silent mournfulness that had crept into her eyes cut him to the "What have I done? Are you so different from other women that I must not think of you as I have thought of them? I suppose that is my fault; I have not set you up on a sufficiently high pedestal; I have not pretended to worship; I have been too sincere—"
"What right have you to judge wo-

men as you have judged them?" Stella asked. "The right of long study, the right of a man who has been duped and tricked all his life long," Alan spoke out, passionately. "Why should I, of all men, have any faith in them? My

mother broke my father's heart. My wife married me for my money. My daughter has robbed me and run away from home. You, Stella, you-His voice broke, he could say no

"I," said Stella, gently, "have often been foolish and ill-advised, but never untrue. You have condemned me unheard all along-from your experience of other women, not from your experience of me.

He looked at her and set his teeth, but he could find no words in which to

reply.
"You have not meant to be cruel," she went on, the tears coming to her eyes; "but you have often been very cruel to me, Alan. You have been suspicious and unjust. It has been with your children as with me; you have never trusted them, or let them feel that you loved them. It was worse for them than for me-I should not say that it is the same-for they, at least, had a claim to your love; it was their right, and you hid it from them until they thought that it was not there at all. Can you wonder, then, if they distrusted you in turn?"

"It was your right, too," he said, hoarsely. "You had a wife's claim—"

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Chattelle, the murderer, still refuses spiritual consolation. Ald. Henry Smith, ex-M.P., and exmayor, is about to resign his seat at

the Chatham City Council. The employes of the Air Line division of the G. T. R. hold their excursion this year to Detroit on or about July

Mr. John Preston, of Lawrence Station, cut his throat on Monday in a fit of despondency. He was a bachelor, 50 or 60 years of age, and a shoemaker by trade. No cause is known. He may recover.

Between 70 and 80 employes are thrown out of work by the burning of the Wingham furniture works. A young man, Hugh Hamilton, jumped from the third story during the blaze, caught on the telegraph and telephone wires and fell to the ground. He was severely injured, his arm being broken in two places.

While boring for water on the farm of James Dulot, con. 10, Tilbury West, on Tuesday, a strong flow of oil was struck at a depth of about 70 feet. The oil is running away in the ditch. The well is about two miles south of Comber. The other oil wells in Tilbury West are north of the village. The Messrs. Coste struck a vein of oil be-fore reaching the rock in their well, now being drilled, two miles and a half north of the village, on Monday. The indications point strongly to a largesized oil boom here in the near future.

ALVINSTON.

"Advertiser" Agent, P. A. McDiarmid.) May 21.-Mr. Robert Ness and son, of Montreal, are in town buying horses. We understand they have bought a good number at fair prices.

The Ronald Stuart Concert Company will give a concert in the music hall on the evening of May 24, under the auspices of St. John's Church. The concert given by the Alvinston Academy of Music last evening was a great success. Every part was well performed and heartily appreciated by the audience.

Miss Lettie Armstrong, of London, is visiting in town, the guest of Mrs. A. Stewart.

The celebration on May 24 promises to be bigger and better than any held A baseball match is being arranged for the morning of that day We are sorry to record the illness of Mrs. Elliott, but hope that she may soon be well again. Mr. Fenwick, of Corea, is in town at

present.

GLENCOE.

("Advertiser Agent, John McNeil.) May 21.—Rev. C. W. Brown, B.D. is attending the district meeting at Ridgetown this week.

Miss M. Edwards, of Springfield, vis ited friends here this week. The regular high school sessional examinations concluded on Tuesday. Miss M. Bloom has returned from Toronto, being unable to retain her position there on account of illness. Nearly two hundred attended the Christian Endeavor rally in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, and took part in a spirited song service. This promises well for the approaching convention.

Miss Mary Bell Adams, of Alvinston, is spending this week at her home Mr. John Graham, of Toronto, was in note the high standing taken by Mr. Graham at the recent examinations at the School of Pharmacy, Toronto.

Mrs. (Rev.) C. W. Brown is visiting her brother in Appin this week. The outlook for an enjoyable day here on her Majesty's birthday is most promising. The prizes offered for the various sports are both numerous and costly, and will no doubt attract many competitors. Music will be furnished by the Twenty-sixth Battalion Band. Mr. R. J. Younge is now fully recovered after a short illness

OIL PRICES.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 22.-The oil market opened in Pittsburg and at Oil City at \$1 75 offered. The Standard Oil Company's price for the day is \$1 67 1-2. SWALLOWED SPLINTERS OF

GLASS. Boston, Mass., May 22.—George H. Hosmer, the oarsman, is in a critical condition at the city hospital. He accidentally swallowed splinters of broken glass while drinking, and internal bleeding has set in.

LOADS OF GOLD AND SILVER. Washington, D. C., May 22.-The director of the mint, P. E. Watson, estimates the production of gold by the mines of the United States to be approximately during the calendar year 1894 to have been 1,910,800 fine ounces of the coinage value of \$39,500,000, an increase over 1893 of \$155,000, which is the largest amount produced in any year since 1878. The production of silver from the mines of the United States is estimated to have approximated in 1894 49,500,000 ounces of the coining value of \$64,000,000, showing a decrease as compared with 1893 of 10,500,000 ounces.

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Rev. M. McGregor was called to

Chesley on Tuesday to attend the funeral of a cousin. Mr. J. D. Skene and family, who have

peen residents of Tilsonburg for many years, left for Waukegan, Mich., on Tuesday last. They will make their future home in that western town. Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman entertained a number of their friends to a pleasant social evening on Tuesday

A Toronto photographer is preparing a group of all the mayors of the towns and cities of Ontario, and Tilsonburg's mayor, W. J. Wilkins, will be among the number.

The license commissioners for South Oxford have decided that the bars in the various hotels must close at 9:30 every evening, excepting Saturday. At the regular meeting of Otter Lodge, I. O. O. F., on Monday night two candidates were initiated and one given the third degree.

Mr. John Baughner, who has been employed in the Observer office for some time, left on Tuesday for Shelby, Mich., where he has secured a position in a

About a dozen of the young people of the Methodist Church drove over to Summerville on Tuesday evening, where they assisted in the organization of an Epworth League Society. Mr. E. D. Tillson is receiving a con signment of five thousand bushels of No. 1 Manitoba wheat, which was bought before the recent advance. Heavy frosts still continue to do a large amount of damage in this vicinity. Wheat, oats, barley and clover are severely injured.

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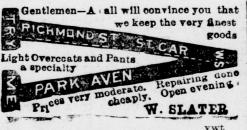
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