THE MYSTERY OF

MR. AND MRS. PEACOCKE.

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When Mr. Peadocombe came down from the white the page of th

church together, there was cause for addi-tional unsadness.

If she had heard their conversation as they came back she would have been in no way disturbed by its tone on the score of the young man's tenderness towards her daughter, but she might perhaps have been surprised by his vehemence in an-other respect. She would have been sur-prised, also, at finding how much had been said during the last twenty-four hours by others besides herself and her-husband about the affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Peacocks.

"Not in the least; but he came up there icaking so queer, as though he certainly had come about something unpleasant."

"And then he was with paps afterwards," said Mary. "I am sure paps and mamma not coming to church has something to do with the And Mr. Pecacke hasn't been to church all day."

"Something has happened to make him very unhappy," said the boy. "He told me so even before this man came here. I don't know anyone whom I like so much as Mr. Peacocke."

"I think it is about his wife," said Mary.

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this benevolent offer, he declared with tears in his eyes, that he had come over intending to be a true brother to his sister-in law, and had simply been deterred from prosecuting his good intentions by Peacocke's austerity. Then he swore a most solemn oath that if he knew anything about his brother Ferdinand he would reveal it. The Doctor and Peacocke agreed together that the man's word was worth nothing; but that the man's services might be useful in enabling them to track out the truth. They were both convinced, by words which fell from him, that Ferdinand Lefsoy was dead; but this would be of no ayall unless they could obtain absolute systence.

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During these two days there were various conversations at Broughton between the Dootor, Mr. Peacocke, and Lefroy, in which a plan of action was at length arranged. Lefroy and the schoolmaster were to proceed to America together, and there obtain what evidence they could as to the life or death of the elder brother. When absolute evidence had been obtained of either, a thousand dollars was to be handed to Robert Lefroy. But when this agreement was made, the man was given to understand that his own uncorroborated word would go for nothing.

"Who is to say what is evidence, and what not?" asked the man, not unnaturally.

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her husband shall come back."
"Mr. Peacocke, you mean," said the

Bishop.
"Yes, my lord, I mean Mr. Peacocke,"
Soon afterwards Dr. Wortle took his

ally. "Mr. Peacocke must be the judge of

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he has acted among them as a clergyman."

"I hope the people, my lord, may never
have the gospel preached to them by a
worse man."

"I will not judge him; but I do think
that it has been a misfortune. You, of
course, were in ignorance."

"Had I known all about is, I should
have been very much inclined to do the
same." This was, in fact, not true, and
was said simply in a spirit of contradiction. The Bishop shook his head and
smiled. "My school is a matter of more
importance," said the Doctor.

"Hardly, hardly, Dr. Wortle."

"Of more imporatnee in this way, that
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as neither the morals nor the faith of the parishioners will have been hurt."
"But he has gone."
"He has gone;—bnt she remains."
"What!" exclaimed the Bishop.
"He has gone, but she remains." He repeated the words very distinctly, with a frown on his brow, as though to show that on that branch of the subject he intended to put up with no opposition—hardly even with an adverse opinion. Tinsmith and Iron Worker

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"She had, a certain charge, as I understand,—as to the school."

"She had my, lord; and very well she did her work. I shall have a great loss in her,—for the present."

"But you said she remained."

"I have lent her the use of the house till have havened shall come heat."

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