

years ago when you were only a child, and now you're a woman he's fallen in love with you again. If that don't convince you of his constancy, nothing will. You stop there. Don't you try to find out any more.'

"‘I mean to find out one thing,’ answers she: ‘whether he’s a man—or a cad.’

"‘That’s a severe remark,’ says I, ‘to make about your own husband.’

"‘What am I to think?’ says she. ‘He fooled me into loving him when, as you say, I was only a child. Do you think I haven’t suffered all these years? It’s the girl that cries her eyes out for her lover; we learn to take ’em for what they’re worth later on.’

"‘But he’s in love with you still,’ I says. I knew what was in her mind, but