CHAPTER XII.

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Sybil Jocelyn walked quickly to the house. The squire was still sleeping in his easy chair; Irene and Violet had not returned. She went into the drawing room and paced, with quick steps, from window to door.

Anything but this. She would have pardoned Rupert if he had been angry with her, if he had reproached her, if he had ravenged himself by slandering her love, and she would not forgive him; no, not if he were dying; and sent for her.

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Her face burned, her eyes flashed, her girlish figure was drawn up to its full height. She was no longer the fair, loving child; she was transformed into an angry, outraged woman.

Opposition affected her as it does, unhappily, so many girls—it made her resolve upon blindly following her own will. She never for one moment thought or believed there was the least truth in what Sir Rupert or any one else said of Captain Ayrton.

It only angered and incensed her. She never dreamed there was truth in the

in it.

Her anger subsided as night came
on. She was too generous to overlook
entirely the pain she had inflicted
upon the noble man who loved her.
She remembered the keenness of his
disappointment, the sorrow in his
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disappointment, the sorrow in his voice, the patience and might of his love.

She was quite resolved upon neyer speaking to him again; the lips that had spoken falsely of her love should never speak so kindly to her. If he entered a room where she was, she would leave it, unless he chose to apologize, and aver what he had said was false.

Then her reverie was broken, for the squire was calling her; he wanted his songs, his darling's merry laugh, and pretty, girlish talk. And when she had sung to him until the tears stood warm and bright in her own eyes, she took her accustomed place at his feet, and the squire talked to her as he would never talk again.

She listened to him, she answered gayly; but her thoughts were far back in Glynn Woods; it was Lyster's voice that threw its glamour over her, and not the squire it was Lyster's voice that threw its glamour over her, and not the squire she would noved her all his life; he had lived by her; he had lavished wealth and aury upon her; he would have laid a gray head upon the block for her; de she had left him for one who uld never lavish real love upon her. "You are tired," he said at last, unding tenderly over her. "Kiss me, d say good-night." She raised her face and kissed him; if her warm, fresh lips upon his w; then, with a cry, buried her face is breast.

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It was noon the next day when Captain Ayrton presented himself, and received the usual reply—there was no one at home.

"I do not want to see the ladies," he said: "my business is with Squire Jocelyn, and I must see him."

He managed to find his way to the library, where the squire sat alone, he was coldly received. After a few brief words of greeting, the squire in quired what was Captain Ayrton's business with him. It all came out then, and words are weak to tell of the squire's angry, haughters and wives close their doors. You are not even an honorable man! You must be mad!"

"It is a very common madness," he replied. "I love your daughter, and ask you to give her to you."

"Am I so very bad?" asked the young man, bitterly.

"You are," said the squire, "She is the daughter of my old age; but I would ten thousand times sooner see her dead than give her to you."

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"You are," said the squire, "Soil bylall Druggists.

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eyes. The squire liked him rather the better for that.

"You are Sybil Jocelyn's father," said the young man, "or I would show you the price of such an insult to me!" "There is no need," said the squire.

"Hear my resolve, and then I shall not fear your asking for my daughter again. I swear most solemnly—and receive becomes your wife, she shall never-see one farthing of my money!—nwy, not even if she wanted bread! I am a Jocelyn, and the men of my race never broke an oath"

Captain Ayrton looked very indifferent.

We Dye to Live and Live to Dye in swear another thing," said the sire. "If Sybil Jocelyn, ever beenes your wife I will refuse to help u in any way whatsoever, let you fer what you may."

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"I can work for my wife sir!" said the young man lichtly.

"You work" said the squire, with scorn that almost blinded him. "You work" said the squire, with scorn that almost blinded him. "You work!" said the squire and without labor. Let us end it. Captain Ayrton. I refuse to give you my daughter! I forbid you to enter my house! I curse the blind folly that caused me to let my innocent child meet such a one as you!"

Then Captain Ayrton looked fixedly at the old man.

"Do you know," he said. "that your daughter loves me—lores me. Squire Jocelyn—and that if you send me from her you condemn her to misery, perhaps death?"

"Do not dare to say it!" he replied, trembling with passion. "My dead wife's child leves you! I would not believe it if she swore it herself."

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