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CHAPTER XXXII.—Continued. Mr. Wentworth in sadness recognized the barrier which Mildred's pride was rearing between them, but he was too wise and exienced to be obtrusively personal. He sought earnestly, however, to guard the young girl against the moral danger which so often results from discouragement and unhappiness, and he entreated her not to part with her faith, her clinging trust in God.

"A clinging trust is, indeed, all that I have left, she had replied so sadly that his eyes suddenly moistened; "but the waves of trouble seem strong and pitiless, and 1

of trouble seem strong and pitiless, and I sometimes fear that my hands are growing numb and powerless. In plain prose, I'm just plodding on—God knows whither. In my weary, faltering way I am trying to trust Him," she added, after a brief silence, "and I always hope to: but I am so tired, Mr. Wentworth, so depressed, that I'm like the soldiers that have been described to me as marching on with heavy eyes and heavy feet because they must. There is no use of my coming to the chapel, for I haven't the heart to say a word of cheer to any one, and hollow words would hurt me, while doing ne good. I am trying your charity sorely, but I can't help it. I fear you cannot understand me, for even your Christian sympathy is a burden. I'm too tired, too sorely wounded to make any response; while all the time I feel that I ought to respond gratefully and earnestly. ought to respond gratefully and earnestly. It seems a harsh and unnatural thing to at seems a harsh and unnatural thing to say, but my chief wish is to shrink away from everybody and everything not essential to my daily work. I think I shall have strength enough to keep up a mechanical routine of life for a long time, but you must not ask me to think or give way to feeling, much less to talk about myself and—and—the others. If I should lose this stell a self-courted which I am gaining and

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inuch in shadow; here her pursuer joined her, and she soon evinced violent agitation, stopping suddenly with a gesture of indignant protest. He said something, however, that subdued her speedily, and they went on together for some little distance, the man talking rapidly and then they turned into a long dark passage that led to some tenements in the rear of those fronting on the street. About midway in this parrow alley a single gas jet burned. this narrow alley a single gas jet burned, and under its light Roger saw them stop,

and under its light Roger saw them stop, and the girl produce from beneath her waterproof cloak something white, that appeared like pieces of wound lace. The man examined them, made a memorandum, and then handed them back to the girl, who hesitated to take them; but his manner was so threatening and imperious that she again concealed them on her person. As they came out together, Roger, with hat drawn over his eyes gave them a glance which fixed the malign foatures of the man and the frightened, guilty visage of the girl on the frightened, guilty visage of the man and the frightened, guilty visage of the girl on his memory. They negarded him suspi-ciously, but, as he went on wishout looking back, they evidently thought him a casual passer by.

(\*11's a piece of villainy," Roger muttered,

"but of what nature I have no means of discovering, even were it any affair of mire. I am satisfied of one thing, however—that man's a scoundrel; seemingly he has the girl in his power, and it looks as if she had been steeling goods and he is compounding been stealing goods and he is compounding the felony with her."

If he had realized the depth of the fel-

If he had realized the depth of the fel-low's villainy he would not have gone back to his studies so quietly, for the one nearest to his heart was its object. The scene he had witnessed can soon be explained. Goods at the lace counter had been missed on more than one occasion, and it had been the hope of Mildred's enemy that he might fasten the suspicion on her. On this even-ing however he had seen the girl in ques-

must not ask me to think or give way to feeling, much less to talk about myself and—and—the others. If I should lose this stolid self-control which I am gaining, and which enables me to plod along day by day with my eyes shut to what may be on the morrow, I believe I should become helpless from despair and grief."

"My dear child," the elergyman had replied, in deep solicitude, "I fear you are dangerously morbid; and yet I don't know. This approach to apathy of which you speak may be God's shield from thoughts that would be sharp arrows. I can't help my honest sympathy, and I hope and trust that I may soon be able to show it in some helpful way—I mean in the way of finding you more remunerative and less cruel work," he added quickly, as he saw a faint flush rising in the young girl's face. Then he concluded, gravely and gently, "Miss Mildred, I respect you—I respect even your pride; but, in the game of our common faith and the bond it implies, do not carry it too far. Good-by. Come to me whenever you need, or your conscience suggests my name," and the good man went away wholly bent on obtaining some better employment for Mildred; and he made not a little effort to do so, only to find every already thronged. Meanwhile the needs and sorrows of others absorbed his time

and sorrows of others absorbed his time and thoughts.

Belle, because of her thorough liking and that the worst which could happen to

tage of one who might have it in his power to injure Mildred, and parly from the motive of adding zest to an aimless walk, he followed the man.

The girl, with another quick glance over her shoulder, at last turned down a side street, and was soon walking alone where passengers were few and the street in shadow; here her pursuer joined her, and she soon eyinced violent agitation, stopping suddenly with a gesture of indignant protest. He said something, the followed the suddenly with a gesture of indignant protest. He said something, and 144; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 146; Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 146; Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 146; Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; Dominion 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Canada 147; British America Assurance Co. 211 and 209; Cana

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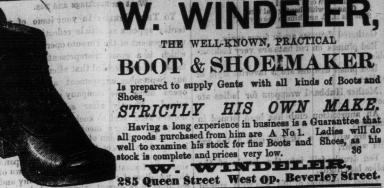
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