

Andrew Walter's Christmas Eve.

A STORY IN THREE CHAPTERS. Could any one wonder, reckoning up the loss he had on his brother's death, the expense ever since of maintaining the family, the cost of his son's vessel, and of the valuable cargo with which he had freighted her, that all these things together had found the end of his resources? The latest report indeed was that he had just failed to effect a further mortgage on his property; that the present mortgagee, who had given notice to foreclose at the end of the present quarter, could not be pacified or paid, and that there must be a sale.

CHAPTER II. IN TIME OF TROUBLE.

Andrew Walter's house pleasantly overlooked the town, both house and inmates being happily lifted above their neighbour's spite and unkindness. Andrew Walter was not to be too hard upon the town—we will bear in mind that it is not always the people who say the unkindest words do the unkindest deeds, and will hope that East Wykeham, too, should Andrew Walter ever have to ask it for bread, will at least not give him a stone.

If as the winter day closed in, the reader could have walked up the well-kept gravelled path, defended by choice shrubs, and could have stood at the bright window, whose panes flashed beneath the firelight, this is what he would have seen inside as snug a room as he could wish to look upon. First, a man somewhat passed the middle age, well knit, and sinewy, with a face kindly and pleasant, though not without lines of care, and at present full of perplexity.

Next, a girl of about eighteen, but looking older as if a premature responsibility had sobered her merry face. She sits at a table which is covered with evergreens, and is busy stitching ivy leaves on strips of cardboard which in a little while will be shaped into letters. This is Maggie, Andrew's eldest daughter.

Next, another girl, some four years younger, wonderfully like her sister but more like her father. She, too, is busy constructing with wire and string to help a long rope or ropes of leafy green. This is Edith, the second daughter.

Last, the wife; as Andrew often calls her, Edith, the widow's name. She is a widow maiden of only six years' old, but persuades herself she, too, is usefully busy, with needle and thread, making a necklace of the scarlet holly berries. Her name is Lucy.

The girls, it is to be noticed, are all in black, seemingly of the newest, and deepest; and there seems to be but little speaking amongst them.

One could not look upon the man without feeling that he was a man of strong passions and affections; nor on the girls without feeling they were all in all to each other and to him.

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