ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

* CHAPTER VIII. THE TELEGRAPH SÜMMONS—A GLAD SURPRISE

—THE MYSTERY STILL IMPENETRABLE—THE DEATH CHAMBER
AT ROCKSTONE.

"Wery kind in you to say so, sir. But let it be small or great, my use to him is nigh over, for, as I said afore, sir, he's a-dying, and that vagabond o' a robber has murdered him."

"How sad," murmured Annabel, in a tone of pity.

"Hos he done nothing to discover the wretch?" asked Philip. "Has he not given information to the authorities?"

"Not a bit on him, sir. He's given information to no one; and, more nor that, he charged me never to meution it. Not a soul in Rockstone knows how he came by his illnees."

"Singular—most singular!" ejaculated Philip. "The mystery seems to deepen rather than decrease. Yet it imust be near its termination now, Annabel," he added, turning to his silent companion: "In a very little while how we shall understand what it means."

"But, oh, Philip!" she whispered, "I am so sorry to know he is dying. I do hope Jim is mistaken in this."

"I wish with all my heart I was Miss Annabel; but 'tein't my opinion only; the doctor said as much this morning, and that, I take it, was why you were sent of ros oquick. I have seen it coming for aday or two back, and only wish as how we may be in time."

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"Not wery far; a matter o' twenty minutes will take us to the lodge gate. A rare grand pl.—Rockstone is, too; as mortal fine c-tote as any to be seen in Yorkshire. It's said it will come to missus when the old gen'am dies. So it will be a tidy windfall for her. Get along, Bessie lass; stretch your legs, my beauty, and you'll get at you oats all the sooner."

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"Very," assented Philip. "But the whole thing is strange, and to us at present inexplicable."

Jim had now got the black mare to go at such an accelerated pace that further conversation was impracticable. The pair therefore retreated into the silence of their own thoughts, wile every moment brought them nearer to Rockstone. Let us precede them thither, and enter the room in which the owner of the mansion lay dying.

For dying he was, as could be only too easily soon by the excessive paleness of his features, and that dread expression of countenance which tells unmistable to desirable New Dry Goods and they will be offered by pillows, to render his laboured breathing more casy. On a chair by the side of the couch sat Mr Langton anxionaly regarding him, as he was revealed by the slaced lamp which stood upon the table, surrounded by phials of medicine and a silver jug containing the draught which served to recruit at intervals the sinking energies of the departing one.

No other person was in the room, and for some minutes there was deep silence broken only by the budand heavy breathing of the sufferer. The latter was not releep, for his eyes were wide open, and ever and anon they sought the face of his filend with a wistful book.

By-and-by his breathing grow less laboured, and he whispered—
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The silver jug was held to his lips, and file partaking of its contents he revised won-leftfully. A faint colour came upon his check, his eve kindled with renewed light, and his voice became strong and distinct.

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'It is, in less than half an hour they should be here.

"Thank Providence, I feet as if i shall—lear up till then. When they came you will meet them in the next room and tell her—I am not able to do it, and I dare do it, for she might spur me when she knows, and I would rather not see her than receive her curse."

"I am sure you have no cause for such a fear," replied the merchant, "your experience of her character and disposition forbids the thought that in present circumstances she is capable of showing resentingent."

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"Oh; yes, I found her kind and good leyend expression, but she did not know to hate, despise, scorn me. If she had-

"Then," interrupted Mr. Langton, "judging by your report of her i nate kindness of mature, her gentleness, her vittie: the knowledge would but have caused her to minister to you mere tender and by devotedly."
"I wish I could think so," sighed the old man, "but oh, Joseph, I now see my credity towards her mother in all its magnitude. I deserve no forbearane from my sister's child—none—none. And yet, how I crave for it; I could die centent if I could hear her utter words efforgiveness."

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Then doubt not that you shall, could take it upon me to give you assurance on the point."

A gleam of eager hope lighted my Seyman and the best of Liquors, Wings, Clare of the Post Office, where do it is part and hobbyt. Like all who realise the extent of their cell deeds and an filled by ventures, be thought his offence had been too great for even the tender and affectionate nature of Annabel to pardon, and he feared to take into his heart the c mfort which hangton's words were fitted to impart. So the light faded from his face, and the wistfel, anxious look returned.

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