

Energy Easily Earned.

Wasted energy must be made up or the body will weaken and perhaps perish.



SOLITARY ISLAND.

A STORY OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

By John Talbot Smith, Author of "Brother Lazarus," "A Woman of Culture," "His Honor the Mayor," "Saranac," etc.

CHAPTER XII.

REJECTED.

In his luxurious room Florian was sitting, arrayed in his dressing-gown, his hands clasped idly on his lap, his gaze wandering and frightened; while before him stood the red, veiled, irritated Squire who had brought in the news of Ruth's intended departure.

me to a course of suffering that ambition alone could smother.

Her amused laugh interrupted him. "Then you smothered it with ambition?"

yet pleased by the tender tone of her voice.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE INQUIRERS.

With the flight of Ruth the second act in the comedy ended, and the curtain fell at plays, essays, and poems, and was run down on Madame Lynch's boarding-house. Very much like a deflated balloon, it floated in the days that followed.

too, some time," said Scott, and Florian thought his seriousness was intended to mask his sarcasm.

"No doubt, Scott. And you hint that I shall be able to say no more. Pshaw! I went to confession and Communion last—last spring, and I never miss Mass. I have no taint of liberalism. I object to papal fallibility, and that is not yet defined."

"When you return, Scott, you can tell them how well I am looking and how neatly my new office fits me."

"I shall try to deliver an oration at their Fourth of July turn out. And to this you can add your own opinions of me."

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