

order over her smooth, white brow, her large, dark-blue eyes radiant with a tender light, her lips parted in a glad, expectant smile.

"Eva! Eva! my own at last," and these two loyal hearts whose faith had been so cruelly tested, felt that the blissful joy of this moment more than repaid them for all their past sorrows.

One hour later another card was presented to Eva. "Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts," she read, wonderingly.

"Oh, yes," laughed Alan, "I had no time yet to tell you, (which was strange, considering he had been there an hour), that Ida and Jack are married. This is their wedding tour. We came together, but they, very considerably, allowed me to come an hour in advance," and soon the fond friends were clasped in each other's arms, whilst tears of joy moistened the eyes of each.

"What a happy re-union for us all," said Ida gaily, "and do you know, Eva, you've got ever so much prettier."

Ida made as much as she could of her first, and, perhaps, as she said herself, her last visit to England, and saw all that was worth seeing. Ere they left, Eva consented, at Alan's earnest pleading, that they should be married there, and so, early on the morning of departure, with Jack and Ida for witnesses, Eva once more pronounced her marriage vows, and Alan Horten thought to himself that had they not tasted so much of sorrow they would not have as fully appreciated the intense happiness which was now their portion.

Eva left "Brandonville," which had been willed to her by her late husband, in the charge of his uncle to find a tenant for it. Her last visit in England was paid to kind-hearted Mrs. Brown, who rejoiced as she saw, for the first time in Eva's face, the light of perfect happiness. During their voyage across to New York Alan explained to his wife all the particulars of Nellie Grant's death, of the stolen letters, and how he had refused to pardon her.

"Oh, Alan," she murmured, tearfully, "I think you were very hard, very merciless."

"I know, Eva. I regretted it ever since, and more so now that we are re-united. Eva, several times I was about to ask why was it you waited for a whole year to let me know that you were free?"