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reluctantly, perhaps because he saw her falter, perhaps because he knew

that an interview between these two was unavoidable and had best be

"Agnes," said he, "I am glad of this

opportunity for expressing my grati-tude. You have acted like a friend and

have earned my eternal consideration

greeting, rose again. Her eyes, humid

"Why do you speak like that?" said

not every one recognize your inno

cence, and will not the whole world

soon see, as I have, that you have left

the old life behind and have only to be

your new self to win every one's re-

"Agnes," returned Frederick, smil-

ing sadly as he observed the sudden

alarm visible in her father's face at

these enthusiastic words, "you know

me perhaps better than others do and

are prepared to believe my words and

my more than unhappy story. But

there are few Agneses in the world.

People in general will not acquit me,

and if there was only one person who

doubted"-Mr. Halliday began to look

relieved-"I would fail to give any

promise of the new life you hope to

see me lead if I allowed the shadow

under which I undoubtedly rest to fall

in the remotest way across yours. You

and I have been friends and will con-

tinue such, but we will hold little in-

tercourse in future, hard as I find it to say so. Does not Mr. Halliday con-

sider this right? As your father be

"Why shouldn't we meet? Does

Frederick found his voice first.

even if we never speak again." There was a momentary silence. Het heart, which had drooped under his

with feeling, sought his face.

To Mr. Sutherland, suffering now from the reaction following all great efforts, much, if not all, of this quiet but significant display of public feeling passed unnoticed. But to Frederick, alive to the least look, the least sign that his story had not been accepted unquestioned, this passage through the town was the occasion of the most

poignant suffering.

For not only did these marks of public suspicion bespeak possible arraignment in the future, but through them it became evident that even if he escaped open condemnation in the courts he never hope for complete reinstatement before the world, nor, what was to him a still deeper source of de-spair, anticipate a day when Agnes' love and domestic happiness should make amends to him for the grief and errors of his more than wayward youth. He could never marry so pure a being while the shadow of crime separated him from the mass of human beings. Her belief in his innocence and the exact truth of his story (and he was confident she did believe him) could make no difference in this conclusion. While he was regarded openly or in dark corners or beside the humblest fireside as a possible criminal neither Mr. Sutherland nor her father nor his own heart even would allow him to offer her anything but a friend's gratitude or win from her anything but a neighbor's sympathy, yet in bidding goodby to larger hopes and more impor-tant desires he parted with the better part of his heart and the only solace remaining in this world for the boundless griefs and tragic experiences of his still young life. He had learned to love through suffering, only to realize that the very nature of his suffering

a doubt involving his life as well as his

honor, he as well as they knew that

neither the police nor the general pub-

lic were given to sentimentality and

that the question of his guilt still la

open and must remain so till his dying

day, for from the nature of things no

proof of the truth was probable. Batsy

being dead, only God and his own

heart could know that the facts of that

Had God in his justice removed in

this striking way his only witness as a

He was asking himself this question

as he bent to fasten the gate. His fa-

ther had passed in. The carriage had

driven off, and the road was almost

solitary, but not quite. As he leaned

his arm over the gate and turned to

take a final glance down the hillside he

saw with what feelings no one will

ever know the light figure of Agnes ad-

He would have drawn back, but a

better impulse intervened, and he stood

his ground. Mr. Halliday, who walked

very close to Agnes, cast her an ad-

monitory glance, which Frederick was

not slow in interpreting, then stopped

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vancing on the arm of her father.

merit its obloquy?

Agues' eyes, leaving Frederick's for forbade him to indulge in love.

And this seemed, even in this hour of public justification, a final judgment. moment, sought her father's. Alas, there was no mistaking their language. Sighing deeply, she again hung her He had told his story and been for the oment believed, but what was there "Too much care for people's opinin his life, what was there in the facts lon," she murmured, "and too little for as witnessed by others, what was there what is best and noblest in us. I do in his mother's letters and the revela-

must.

not recognize the necessity of a faretion of their secret relationship to corwell between us any more than I recroborate his assertions or to prove that oguize that any one who saw and heard her hand and not his had held the you today can believe in your guilt." weapon when the life blood gushed "But there are so many who did not from her devoted breast? Nothing, hear and see me. Besides," here he turned a little and pointed to the gar nothing; only his word to stand against all human probabilities and natural inden in his rear, "for the past week a ference, only his word and the generman-I need not state who or under ous nature of the great hearted woman what authority he acts-has been in who had thus perished. Though a hiding under that arbor watching my dozen of his fellow citizens had by every movement and almost counting their verdict professed their belief in my sighs. Yesterday he left for a short his word and given him the benefit of

> that argue, dear friend? Innocence completely recognized does not call for such guardianship."
>
> The slight frame of the young girl bending so innocently toward him shuddered involuntarily at this, and her eyes, frightened and flashing, swept over the arbor before returning

space, but today he is back. What does

to his face. "If there is a watcher there and if awful half hour were as he had told such a fact proves you to be in danger of arrest for a crime you never committed, then it behooves your friends to show where they stand in this matpunishment for his sins and his mad ter and by lending their sympathy indulgence in acts so little short of give you courage and power to meet crime as to partake of its guilt and the trials before you."

"Not when they are young girls," murmured Frederick, and, casting a glance at Mr. Halliday, he stepped softly back. Agnes flushed and yielded to her fa-

ther's gentle pressure. "Goodby, my friend," she said, the quiver in her tones sinking deep into Frederick's heart. "Some day it will be good morrow," and her head, turned back over her shoulder, took on a beautiful radiance that fixed itself forever in the hungry heart of him who watched it disappear. When she was quite gone, a man, not the one whom Frederick had described as lying in hiding in the arbor, but a different one-in fact, no other than our old friend the constable-advanced around the corner of the house and presented a paper to

It was the warrant for his arrest on a charge of murder.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Frederick's arrest had been conducted so quietly that no hint of the matter reached the village before the next morning. Then the whole town broke into uproar, and business was not only suspended, but the streets and docks overflowed with gesticulating men and excited women, carrying on in every corner and across innumerable door steps the endless debate which such an action on the part of the police neces-

But the most agitated face, though the stillest tongue, was not to be seen in town that morning, but in a little cottage on an arid hill slope overlook ing the sea. Here Sweetwater sat and communed with his great monitor, the ocean, and only from his flashing eye and the firm set of his lips could the mother of Sweetwater see that the crisis of her son's life was rapidly approaching and that on the outcome of this long brooding rested not only his own self satisfaction, but the interests

own self satisfaction, but the interests of the man most dear to them.

Suddenly from that far horizon upon which Sweetwater's eye rested with a look that was almost a demand came an answer that flushed him with a hope as great as it was unexpected. Bounding to his feet, he confronted.

his mother with eager eyes and out-stretched hand.



worth all I can ever make or can ever hope to have. If it succeeds, we save Frederick Sutherland; if it fails, I have only to meet another of Knapp's scornful looks. But it won't fail. The inspiration came from the sea, and the sea, you know, is my sec-ond mother."

What this inspiration was he did not say, but it carried him presently into town and landed him in the telegraph

The scene later in the day, when Frederick entered the village under the guardianship of the police, was indescribable. Mr. Sutherland had insisted upon accompanying him, and when that well loved figure and white head were recognized the throng which had rapidly collected in the thoroughfare leading to the depot succumbed to the feelings occasioned by this devotion and fell into a wondering silence. Frederick had never looked better.

There is something in the extremity of fate which brings out a man's best characteristics, and this man, having much that was good in him, showed it at that moment as never before in his short but overeventful life. As the carrlage stopped before the courthouse on its way to the train a glimpse was given of his handsome head to those who had followed him closest, and as there became visible for the first time in his face, so altered under his troubles, a likeness to their beautiful and comnanding Agatha a murmur broke out around him that was half a wail and half a groan and which affected him so that he turned from his father, whose hand he was secretly holding, and, taking the whole scene in with one flash of his eys, was about to speak, when sudden bubbub broke out in the direction of the telegraph office, and a map was seen rushing down the street holding a paper high over his head. It

was Sweetwater. "News!" he cried. "News! A cablegram from the Azores! A Swedish sail-

But here a man with more authority than the amateur detective pushed his way to the carriage and took off his hat to Mr. Sutherland.

"I beg your pardon," said he, "but the prisoner will not leave town today. Important evidence has just reached us." Mr. Sutherland saw that it was in Frederick's favor and fainted on his son's neck. As the people beheld his head fall forward and observed the look with which Frederick received him in his arms they broke into a great

"News!" they shricked. "News! Frederick Sutherland is innocent! See, the old man has fainted from joy!" And caps went up and tears fell before a mother's son of them knew what grounds they had for their enthusiasm Later they found they were good and substantial ones. Sweetwater had remembered the group of sailors who had passed by the corner of Agatha's house just as Batsy fell forward on the window sill and cabling to the captain of the vessel at the first port at which they were likely to put in was fortunate enough to receive in reply a communication from one of the men whe remembered the words she shouted. They were in Swedish, and none of his mates had understood them, but he recalled them well. They were:

"Hjelp! Hjelp! Frun haller pa alb doda sig. Hon har en knif. Hjelp! Hjelp!" In English:

"Help! Help! My mistress kills herself! She has a knife! Help! Help!" The impossible had occurred. Batsy was not dead, or at least her testimony still remained and had come at Sweetwater's beck from the other side of the sea to save her mistress' son.

Sweetwater was a made man. And Frederick? In a week he was the idol of the town. In a year-but let Agnes contented face and happy smile show what he was then. Sweet Agnes, who first despised, then encouraged, then loved him, and who next to Agatha commanded the open worship of his

Agatha is first, must be first, as any one can see who beholds him on a certain anniversary of each year bury his face in the long grass which covers the saddest and most passionate heart that ever yielded to the pressure of life's deepest tragedy. THE END.

I SONG.

She is not fair to outward view
As many maidens be.
Her lovelineas I never knew
Until she smiled on me;
Oh! then I saw her eye was bright,
A well of love. a spring of light.
But now her looks are coy and cold,
To mine they ne'er reply.
And yet I cease not to behold
The love-light in her eye;
Her very frowns are fairer far,
Thin smiles of other maidens' are.
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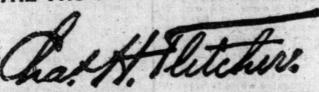
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